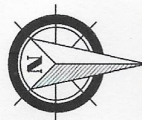




**Caen, France, July 19, 1944:** Operation Goodwood opened just after dawn on July 18<sup>th</sup> with the largest aerial ground support to date. In three waves, over 2,000 allied heavy and medium bombers bombarded the French countryside near Caen to soften the German defensive positions. The German commander, Sepp Dietrich, had lost contact with his forward units in the confusion of the allied air assault. Realizing the importance of the Bourguebus Ridge, he immediately ordered his 1<sup>st</sup> SS Panzer battalion to reinforce his lines against the advancing British VIII Corps. Arriving just in time, the German line held and beat back repeated British attacks. Richard O'Connor, commanding VIII Corps, ordered the 7<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Armoured Divisions to accept heavy casualties and drive on relentlessly. The dance for the ridge had begun.

**BALANCE:**

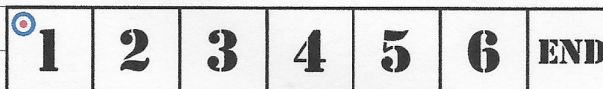
**German:** Remove one 8-0 SMC and one LMG from the British OB.

**British:** Remove four concealment counters from the German OB.

**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The British win at Game End if they Control Hex W7 or immediately upon Control of Hex U10.

**GERMAN** Sets Up First

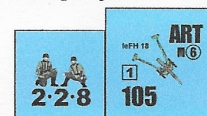
**BRITISH** Moves First



Elements of 1<sup>st</sup> SS Panzer Division and 12<sup>th</sup> SS Panzer Division set up on/between rows T and X in hexes numbered  $\geq 4$ :



Set up anywhere on or south of hexrow R:



**ELR: 5**  
**SAN: 3**

Elements of VIII Corps and 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division set up on/north of row Q on any non-road hex numbered  $\leq 6$  and/or enter on Turn 1 anywhere along the east edge and/or along the south edge from GG1-GG5:



**ELR: 4**  
**SAN: 3**

Supporting armor enter on Turn 1 anywhere along the east edge and/or along the south edge from GG1-GG5:

**SPECIAL RULES:**

1. EC are wet and the weather is Overcast, with no wind at start.
2. Place overlays as follows: **WD5** on T9-S10; **X7** on U10; **X8** on W7, **X14** on U5-V4; **X18** on Y6-X6; crest lines run along overlay hexsides and do not block LOS to/from Level-1 Locations. Buildings U4 and W7 have ground and 1<sup>st</sup> level only.
3. All German units are SS (A25.11) and the 8-3-8/3-3-8 MMC are Assault Engineers (H1.22). The first non-crew German MMC to pass a Morale Check becomes Fanatic (A10.8).
4. Increase the British Achilles TD HE Depletion number to 9. The inherent HS of the Carrier A is a 2-4-8. The British must designate one of his 6-4-8 MMC as being an Assault Engineer (H1.22) and it must possess the FT at start.
5. Hex Control is NA for AFVs and Vehicular Crews.

**AFTERMATH:** The character of Goodwood had changed dramatically from the envisioned quick armored breakthrough to a slugfest. The British tried again and again to dislodge the Germans defending Bourguebus and the surrounding villages. By dusk of July 18, the 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured captured Cagney, but lost 60 tanks and could make no further progress. During the night of July 18-19, the Germans withdrew from the Caen suburbs to the western end of the Bourguebus Ridge and reinforced the area with infantry from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> SS, relieving exhausted troops of the 21<sup>st</sup> Panzer Division. The 11<sup>th</sup> Armoured had lost 126 tanks (more than half its strength) and was forced to pull back along the Caen-Vimont railway. The British and Canadians were now forced to take the German strong points one by one. When a heavy thunderstorm drenched and mired the battlefield on the afternoon of July 20, Montgomery had seen enough and ordered his armored divisions to withdraw into reserve. Operation Goodwood was over. Maj.-Gen. Erskine, commanding 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division, thought the whole operation to be a "gross abuse of armour".