

BRIDGES AT LEIPZIG

BB 18.1

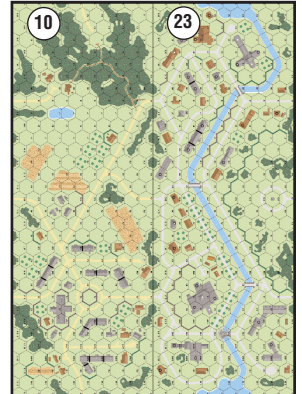
CONCEPT: DAVID ROTH DESIGN: BRIAN BLAD



VICTORY CONDITIONS: American wins by establishing a bridgehead (ssr #2) across at least 2 canal bridges. German wins by avoiding this.

LEIPZIG, GERMANY, 15 APRIL 1945:

During the closing weeks of the war in Europe, the American advance penetrated into the heart of Germany. All along the way, the badly disorganized German army threw any and all weapons and troops available into the fight, including Volksturm and Flak units. On April 15th elements of the 23rd Infantry Division moved into the outskirts of Leipzig, Germany's fifth largest city. To enter the central district of town, the Americans had to secure the three canal bridges. Company G was assigned to this mission. Captain MacDonald held 1st platoon in reserve to provide machine gun and mortar covering fire. 2nd platoon would take the first bridge, 3rd platoon would cross the take the center bridge.



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☆	AMERICANS MOVE FIRST							

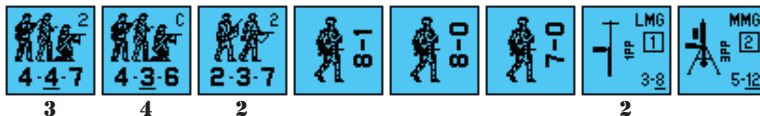
Balance:

German: add two 4-3-6 squads to the German OB

American: increase game length to 7 turns

Rearguard Units of the Leipzig Garrison [ELR 3] set up HIP East of the canal {SAN 4}:

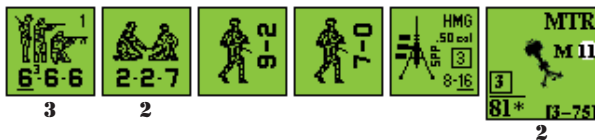
GERMAN



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Company G, 23rd Infantry [ELR 4] {SAN 2}

1st Platoon setup anywhere on board 10:



3rd Platoon setup West of the canal on board 23:



2nd Platoon setup West of the canal on board 23:



SSR:

1. EC are moderate with no wind at start.
2. A Bridgehead is considered established when at least 2 good order squads/equivalents are east of the canal within 4 hexes of any bridge by game end.
3. Boresighting is NA.
4. Building 10L3 is a 2nd level building with an inherent stairwell.
5. Place a rubble counter in hex 23BB5. The bridge is considered to have been blown.
6. Canal is deep, current is fast and is considered unfordable.

AFTERMATH:

When 2nd Platoon was delayed by German machine gun fire, 3rd platoon moved across the bridge ½ mile south meeting little resistance. Outflanked, the remaining German troops pulled out, joining their comrades in the flight eastward, leaving the city to be defended by the local police force.