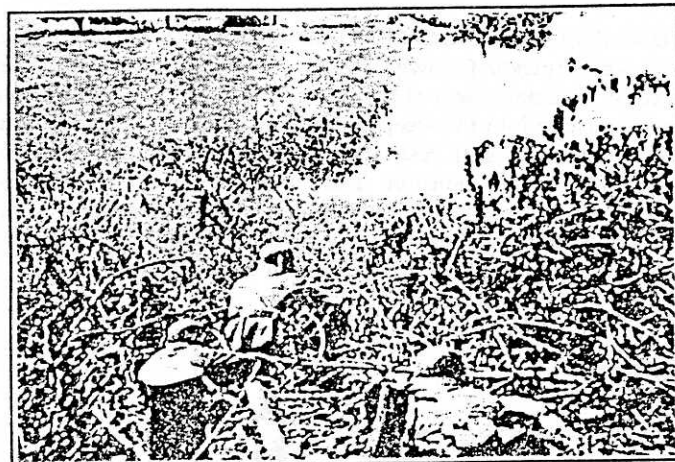


# A DESPERATE AFFAIR



## SCENARIO BB4



HERAKLION, CRETE, 20 May 1941: German intelligence had erred terribly in calculating the ability of British forces to resist an airborne attack. There were three times as many troops on Crete than was anticipated, and they were well dug in and camouflaged, being little affected by the massive pre-invasion aerial bombardments. The mission of the paratroopers approaching Heraklion was to take the town and more importantly the airfield. The invaders needed an airfield as quickly as possible, in order to land reinforcing troops of the 5th Mountain Division. As the paratroopers jumped from the Junkers 52s, each armed only with a few grenades and a pistol, they were confident of their success.

## BOARD CONFIGURATION:

### HANDICAPS:

- G3: Use G2, and replace any one MG in the British OB with one British HMG.  
G2: Use G1, and add one 4-5-8 to any one British group.  
G1: Battle Harden any one British leader.

- B1: Battle Harden any one German leader.  
B2: Use B1, and halve (FRU) the extent of error in the Drop Point Random Location DR (See SSR 3).  
B3: Use B2, and prior to setup, the Germans choose one Drop Point hex (instead of three) for their Turn 3 reinforcements.



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**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The Germans win at game end if any two adjoining half-boards are both devoid of all Armed Good Order British MMC and occupied by an Armed Good Order German MMC. Half-boards are defined as hexrows A-Q & R-GG.

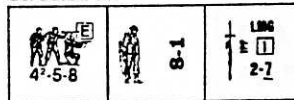
## TURN RECORD CHART

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| BRITISH Sets Up First [184] | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | END |
| GERMAN Moves First [198]    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |     |



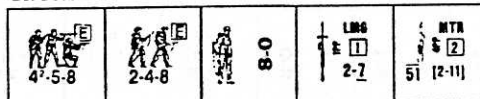
Elements of 2nd Black Watch [ELR: 4] set up in whole or half hexes of boards indicated; all MMC (and any SMC/SW stacked with them) in suitable terrain may set up entrenched: (SAN: 5)

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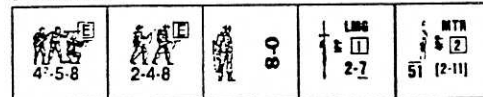
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On board 33:



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On board 9:

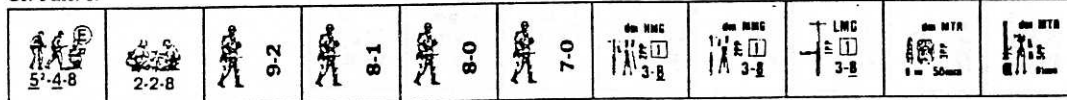


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Elements of Bataillon II, Fallschirmjager Regiment 1 [ELR: 5] enter by Air Drop (E9.) as indicated (See SSR 2 and 3): (SAN: 3)

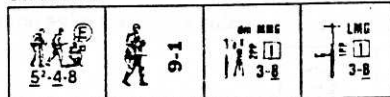
On Turn 1:



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On Turn 3:



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## SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are Dry with no wind at start [EXC: for paratroop purposes only, wind direction is from the north at start]. Gusts are NA. All buildings are single story stone structures. Grain is in season; all Orchards are Olive Groves (F13.5).
- Germans may not voluntarily Deploy prior to Landing. Pre-1942 German Paratroop rules (E9.7) are in effect.
- In lieu of the E9.12 Drop Point determination procedure, the following is used: Prior to British setup the Germans must secretly predesignate the make up of, and one Drop Point hex for, each of their three Turn 1 Wings, and three Drop Point hexes for their Turn 3 Wing; each of the six Drop Point hexes must be  $\geq 10$  hexes from any other Drop Point hex. At the start of the German Turn 1 MPh, each of the three Turn 1 Wings makes a Random Location DR (C1.41); the direction and extent of error from the Wing's predesignated hex becomes that Wing's Drop Point. At the start of the German Turn 3 MPh, the Germans

randomly select which of the three predesignated Turn 3 Drop Point hexes is used; a Random Location DR from this hex determines the Turn 3 Wing's Drop Point.

4. The British suffer from Ammunition Shortage (A19.131).

5. Unarmed units (A20.5) of both sides may reararm as per E9.7. An unarmed squad/Hs rearmed via the E9.7 method becomes a Second Line unit of the appropriate size.

**AFTERMATH:** To their horror, the Fallschirmjagers found themselves falling directly over the British troops. The British rose from their slit trenches and opened fire on the helpless men dangling from their parachute harnesses. With well aimed rifle and machine gun fire they slaughtered many before they even touched ground. Those that did reach the earth ran around frantically searching for their weapons canisters, which contained all their heavy weapons, while the British continued to pick them off, one by one. The British counterattacked against the lightly armed troops, knowing that now was the time to take them out, before they could offer serious resistance. Only a few men survived from the entire battalion; the attack against Heraklion was a total disaster.