

A HUNTER IN A HURRY



ASL SCENARIO PP7

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Northeast of TOULON, FRANCE, 21 August 1944: At 0700, the various commanders from the 2nd Battalion, 9th Colonial Infantry Division met at the Solliès-Pont railway station. The overall operational plan called for opening the road to La Farlede as soon as possible following the liberation of Solliès -Ville. 3rd Battallion, 6th Senegalese Regiment had accomplished this feat and now Group Daboval (comprised of elements of the Battalion Support Company and the 5th Company) was ordered to advance. It was to move along the right, in coordination with an adjoining battalion, while keeping its left flank securely against the Gapeau River. At 0930, the lead elements encountered stiffening German resistance from intense small arms fire. Just then, light tanks appeared from the north. Commandant Beaufort had decided 30 minutes earlier not to wait on the infantry advance before sending the tanks into battle.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

BALANCE:

☛ : In the Victory Conditions, change "40" to "45"
☛ : In the Victory Conditions, change "40" to "35"



	43
2	

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Free French win immediately by exiting ≥ 40 VP of AFV/vehicle-crews from the south edge on/between 43GG1 and 43GG6

☛ GERMANS set up first	1 ☛	2	3 ☛	4	5	6	7	8	9	END
☛ FREE FRENCH move first										

Infanteriedivision 242 [ELR: 2] set up on board 2 on/between hexrows H and U, and on board 43 on/between hexrows M and CC : {SAN: 5}
Kompanie 1, Ersatzbattalion 242 (Hauptman Ruske) (see SSR 3):



1 4'-6-7	2 4-4-7	9-1	8-0	7-0	3 7-16	1 3-8	X10 12-4	3 50 * [2-13]	Mines	7 morale
4	4								20 factors	12

Elements of Artillerie-PaK-Abteilung 1195:



M4 88L A5/2, 4/3, 4	M7 76L	2-2-8
	2	3

Elements of Groupe Armée B (see SSR 4) [ELR: 4] enter on Turn 1 along the north edge: {SAN: 2}

Elements of 5^{ème} Compagnie (Lt. Vassal), 2^{ème} Bataillon "Emouvant", 6^{ème} Régiment de Tirailleurs Sénégalais, 9^{ème} Division d'Infanterie Coloniale:

E 4'-5-8	9-1	8-1	7-0	1 2-7	44 (a) XII 8-4
8				3	2

17 37LL 2/4/2	10-2 CPI
3	

Elements of 1^{er} Peloton (Slt. Destremeau), 1^{er} Escadron (Capt. Moreau), 5^{ème} Régiment de Chasseurs d'Afrique "Pressoir", 1^{ère} Division Blindée:

Elements of Battalion Support Company (Capt. Daboval):

E 6'-4-8	2-2-8	9-2	81mm
2	2		2

17 75* 2/4/4

Attached Unit of 3^{ème} Régiment de Chasseurs d'Afrique, 1^{ère} Division Blindée:

14 75 2/4/4	9-2 1st Lt	8-1 1st Sgt
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SPECIAL RULES :

- EC are Dry, with no wind at start. All orchards and brush are olive groves (F13.5); all grain is vineyard (F13.6); no shellholes on board 2 exist. Place overlay OG3 on 43H8/I9. The 2GG5-2Y2-2U2-2U3-2U7-2Y10-43I10-43M6-43R3-43Z5-43GG5 road is paved. Kindling is NA.
- No Level 3 hill hexes exist; treat all such hexes as Level 2 hill hexes. Cliffs are NA.
- The Germans may use HIP for ≤ 2 MMC (and any SMC/SW set up with them).
- All Allied units are Free French (F.8-.9). Free French 6-4-8/3-3-8 are Assault Engineers (H1.22) and Sappers (H1.23). Use M4 counters to represent the extra M4A2s required.

AFTERMATH: Lieutenant Destremeau's platoon arrived in sight of the outskirts of La Farlede. It had been forced to run a gauntlet of German 88s to reach this point, and the German guns had stopped the accompanying infantry. Group Daboval was busy trying to dislodge the Germans from the heights, but Squadron Leader Beaufort was troubled by the turn of events. Nothing had gone as planned. Poor intelligence, hodge-podge formations, escorting infantry stripped away, and now he had no news from Sublieutenant Destremeau's point platoon. Determined to locate the lost platoon, Beaufort rushed his Shermans into battle. Carrying past more 88s and anti-tank guns, he at last made contact with Destremeau. But not without heavy casualties-- nine tanks and three platoon leaders had been lost. Lieutenant Croize had been severely wounded when his tank, "Poitiers", flipped while traversing an embankment. Captain Sequin-Pazzis, undeterred, reconstituted his remaining crews, put the available repairs teams to work patching up the four least damaged vehicles, divided the eight remaining intact AFV into two columns, and pressed onward. Leaving the supporting infantry behind, the advance on La Valette resumed.