

A REAL BARN BURNER



ASL SCENARIO J183

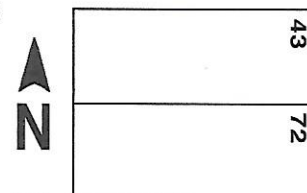
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VICTORY CONDITIONS: The French win at game end by Controlling building 43O7 and/or building 43M7, provided they have ≥ 1 Good Order MMC from the 3rd Company in building 43O7 and/or in building 43M7.

BOIS-DU-SEUIL FARM, near AMAGNE, FRANCE, 31 May 1940: In contrast to their comrades to the west, the French Aisne River front held firm against the German attacks in May. The *14ème division d'infanterie*, one of the best French units, manned the front near Rethel. On 30 May, a reconnaissance in force was launched by its 35th Regiment toward the village of Amagne held by the Germans. This attack was successful in pushing back the Germans, and afterwards the French retired to their starting positions south of the Aisne River except for a platoon commanded by Lieutenant Gehin, which remained concealed in an isolated farm. The goal was to lure the Germans into thinking the area was empty of French troops and catch them off-guard in an ambush. The plan worked well initially; but the German reaction was as quick as always, and they were soon launching an attack on the farm with first one—and then two—infantry companies, supported by a light AT gun. The barn caught fire, and the fight lasted all night. The morning of 31 May found the encircled platoon still stubbornly repulsing German attacks. At noon, the French launched an attack by *3ème compagnie* to try to rescue the last elements of Gehin's platoon.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:



BALANCE:



✚ Add one *5cm leGrW 36 MTR* to the German OB.













⊙ Add one 9-1 leader to *3ème compagnie*.

TURN RECORD CHART



⊙ ✚ ⊙ ALTERNATING Setup								
⊙ FRENCH Moves First [109]	GERMAN [103]	1	2	3	4	5	END	

Elements of Infanterie-Regiment 184, Infanterie-Division 86 [ELR: 4] set up second, ≥ 3 hexes from 43N7 and ≥ 3 hexes from 72Q6 (see SSR 2): {SAN: 3}









 1 4'-6-7	 E 2-4-8	 2-2-8	 1-6	 0-8	 0-7	 MMG 3-2 5-12	 LMG 1-1 3-8	 ATR 1-12	 ? 7 morale	 AT M12 3-37L H6[9]	 Foxhole 5 OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2
9						2			6		2







Elements of 35ème regiment d'infanterie, 14ème division d'infanterie [ELR: 3] set up as noted: {SAN: 3}

Lt. Gehin's Platoon set up first, ≤ 2 hexes from 43N7 (see SSR 3):

 E 4'-5-8	 E 2-4-8	 1-6	 LMG 1-1 2-6	 ? 7 morale
2			2	8

3ème compagnie set up third, ≤ 2 hexes from 72Q6:

 1 4-5-7	 1-8	 0-8	 MMG 2-2 4-11	 LMG 1-1 2-6	 MTR 3-3 60* [3-42]
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SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are Moderate, with no wind at start. The board 72 stream is a river. There is a Blaze in all Locations of building 43M9. These blazes cannot spread.
- The *PaK 35/36* AT Gun may not use HIP (but may still set up Emplaced).
- All units of Lt. Gehin's platoon are Fanatic (A10.8), and Gehin's squads may freely Deploy (A1.31) at setup.

AFTERMATH: The French counterattack launched from a bridge on the Aisne River, several hundred meters from the farm. It made good progress, and the last 15 defenders of the farm—many of whom were wounded—were relieved in the afternoon. The relief force also found 70 dead German *Landser* in the vicinity of the farm, a testament to the intensity of the battle. The French soon retired south of the river to prepare defensive positions for the inevitable German attacks still to come in June. Despite these efforts, France would hold on just three more weeks. On 22 June, in the same railway car in the Compiègne Forest used for the signing of the 1918 armistice, French and German representatives would sign the armistice that officially ended the battle for France.