ASSAULTING TES

SCHWERPUNKT SCENARIO SP89

SITUATION: TES, Hungary, 21 March 1945: Colonel-General A.G. Kravchenko's 6th Guards Tank Army attacked into the flank of the Sixth Panzer Army to cut off the German's escape route to the west and open the way for the advance to the Hungarian frontier. Elements of the 12th SS Panzer Division (Hitlerjugend) occupied defensive positions in the village of Tes, blocking the Soviets. Faced with being overrun, the SS troops withdrew to the shelter of the high ground west of Tes. Herman Brand's grenadier battalion regrouped during the afternoon. General Krass ordered a counterattack to again seize Tes and restore the line. At 1700, German halftracks with triplet 20mm cannon opened preparatory fire on the hill. After four Jadgpanthers joined Brand's haftracks, the first assault went up the slope of the hill. Encountering heavy resistance, the panzergrenadiers were forced to dismount just below the crest of the hill overlooking Tes. Soviet resistance was more determined than expected. The first attempt to seize Tes was unsuccessful. A second attempt was ordered and this too failed. During the third attack on Tes, Soviet troops with hand held rocket launchers knocked out a third Jagdpanther. With this loss, the price for Tes was too high. The attack was called off and the Hitlerjugend resumed its retreat.

MISSION: The Germans win at game end if they control 19 buildings on board 48.

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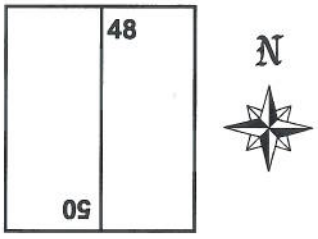
MAP ORIENTATION:



OPTIONS:

★ Exchange the Russian 9-1 for a 9-2 leader.

✠ Exchange the Russian .50 cal. for an HMG.

COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. EC are Wet, with no wind at start.
2. The Russians may set up four shellhole counters in open ground and/or road hexes on board 48.
3. Russians have panzerfaust capability as if they are June 1944 Germans (C13.3).
4. Russian OBA is 120mm (HE only) with plentiful ammunition (C1.211) directed by an Offboard Observer at Level 2 in an east edge hex of board 48 secretly recorded prior to German setup.
5. The Russian may set up the SU-100 and one SU-76M using HIP.

Sources: Reynolds, Michael, *Men of Steel* (New York: Sharpedon, 1999) pp. 236-237.
Meyer, Hubert, *The History of the 12th SS Panzer Division Hitlerjugend* (Winnipeg: J.J. Fedorowicz, 1994) p. 301.

MISSION LENGTH

★ RUSSIAN SETS UP FIRST	1	2	3	4	5	6
✠ GERMAN MOVES FIRST						

Elements of the 6th Guards Tank Army set up anywhere on board 48 and/or on board 50 in hexes numbered ≥ 8.

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6-2-8	4-5-8	9-1	8-1	.50 cal HMG (a)	MMG	LMG	ATR	?
4	10		2			4	2	8

{ELR: 3}
{SAN: 4}

SU-100	T-34/85	SU-76M
	2	2

Elements of SS Panzergrenadier Bataillon 3, SS Panzergrenadier Regiment 26, SS Panzer Division 12 (Hitlerjugend) and Schwere Panzerjäger Abteilung 560 set up on board 50 in hexes numbered ≤ 4.

5-4-8 SS	9-2	9-1	8-1	8-0	MMG	LMG	PSK	JgPz V 3/-	SPW 251/2	SPW 251/9	SPW 251/10
16					2	4	2	4			

{ELR: 5}
{SAN: 3}

SPW 251/1	SPW 251/21	9-1 Armor
6		