BRASCHE ENCOUNTER

ASL SCENARIO OB3

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VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Germans win at game end by Controlling the bridge Location in oY6.

HOMYLY, FRANCE, 11 June 1940: As the drive through France continued, crossing the Seine River became a major German objective. Four squads from the *Pionier* detachment of *Bataillon II*, *Infanterie Regiment (mot.) 93* were ordered to take the bridge crossing the Seine River at Homyly. They were driven to and through the village under enemy fire, disembarking next to the woods leading up to the bridge. They quickly moved through the woods and came upon the bridge where they spied four French soldiers standing guard at the beginning of the span. In a bold maneuver the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd squads rushed the guard detachment, hoping to overwhelm them and grab control of the bridge before it was blown up underneath them.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

BALANCE:

 Add one MMG to the French Turn 2 reinforcements.



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(Only hexrows T-GG are playable)

Exchange the 9-1 leader with a 9-2 in the German OB.

TURN RECORD CHART

O FRENCH Sets Up First

GERMAN Moves First

1 2 3 4 5 END

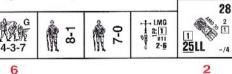


Homyly Bridge Guard Detachment [ELR: 2] set up one MMC each on the north and south side of the bridge adjacent to hex oY6; foxholes set up one each in hexes X5 and Z5; SMC/SW/? set up in any hex adjacent to oY6 (see SSR 3): {SAN: 3}





Reinforcing elements of 6ème Armée enter on Turn 2 along the north edge:

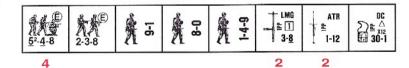


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Pioniers of Bataillon II, Infanterie Regiment (mot.) 93 [ELR: 4] enter on Turn 1 along the south edge: {SAN: 2}





SPECIAL RULES:

- 1. EC are Moderate, with no wind at start.
- 2. Place overlays as follows: St3 on Y6-Z6; B3 on V3-V4; Wd2 on BB3-BB4; Wd4 on Z8-AA9; X8 on CC9; X9 on V9. There is a two-lane stone bridge in hex oY6. The stream overlay is treated as a one-hex wide river (B21.12) that is deep with a slow current flowing west. The road from T5 to GG6 does not exist.
- 3. French concealment counters may set up in non-concealment terrain. The French armored cars may not be voluntarily Abandoned (D5.4).
- 4. German 5-4-8s/2-3-8s are Assault Engineers (H1.22).

AFTERMATH: The three squads eliminated the four soldiers and captured others on the far side of the bridge, then occupied the fortifications. French reinforcements soon arrived including two armored cars. The 4th squad dispatched one armored car when a lucky round hit the ammo storage, and Sergeant Rudi Brasche and his friend Richard Gambietz then threw grenades at the oncoming French infantry, forcing them back into the woods. An attack several hours later by three more armored cars was also repulsed leaving the *Pionier* detachment in possession of the intact bridge. The remainder of *Bataillon II* soon arrived and crossed over the Seine. For their heroic action Brasche and Gambietz were awarded the Iron Cross, Second Class; both would eventually win the Knight's Cross later in the war.