

SCENARIO 13: HEDGEHOG

This scenario represents the last stand of the French army on the Weygand Line. It simulates an attack by a Panzer division on a French village 'hedgehog' that has a 360 degree perimeter defence. A French mechanised column is hurrying to the garrison's relief. The scenario depicts the moment when all three forces clash.

FORCES

The French were using all sorts of *ad hoc* formations by this time so the French player may choose anything from the '1940 The Battle of France' selector in the *Armies of France and the Allies* supplement, with the exception of a Forward Air Observer. Both the units initially deployed and the first wave units can only be infantry and artillery units.

The German player selects from the 1940 Panzer Division selector (see page 70). I suggest using 1st Panzer Division,

which was heavily involved in combat on the Aisne. Johannes Bötter's Panzer IV may be used if 1st Panzer is chosen.

THE BATTLE

Use 'Scenario 4: Hold Until Relieved' from the *Bolt Action* rulebook for the game. Note that the German attackers can use hidden set up unlike the French defenders. This is because the Luftwaffe had total air superiority so could carry out extensive air reconnaissance while denying the French the same advantage.

VICTORY – CAMPAIGN POINTS

The winning player receives six Campaign Points for his victory. In the event of a draw, the French player receives three Campaign Points.



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LEGENDS OF GERMANY

JOHANNES BÖLTER

Johannes Bölder is all but unknown now, but was one of the highest scoring tank aces of World War II, knocking out 134 enemy AFVs. His career started in Poland in the 1st Panzer Regiment of the 1st Panzer Division. He destroyed four enemy tanks in Poland and seven in the battle of France, where he received the first of a number of wounds. After the battle of France he took part in *Barbarossa* before moving on to Tiger tanks, serving as platoon leader in Tiger Battalion 502. This unit spent the war on the Eastern front using a mixture of Panzer IIIs, Tiger Is, Tiger IIs and even Hetzers, claiming 1,400 Soviet tanks and 2,000 guns. Bölder survived the war and died in 1987.

BÖLTER'S PANZER IVB

Cost: 245pts (Veteran)

Weapons: 1 turret-mounted light howitzer with coaxial MMG and 1 forward facing hull-mounted MMG

Damage Value: 9+ (medium tank)

Special Rules:

- **Grit:** This unit ignores the first pin marker it receives in the game, which is discarded.

Skills:

- Quick Reflexes
- Deadeye
- Hair Trigger
- Battle Awareness



Char 2C and French infantry