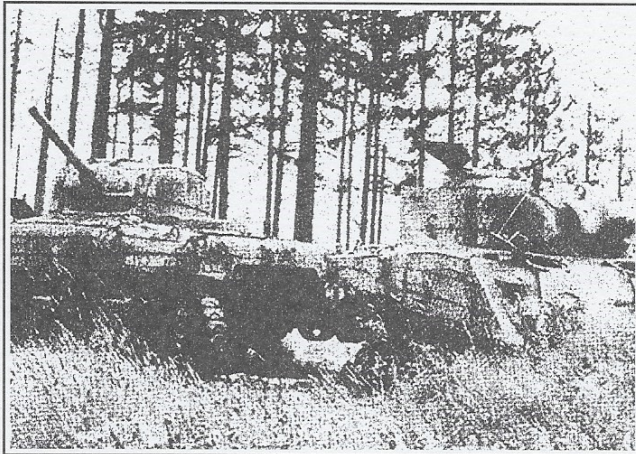


# COURAGE OF COWAN



## ASL SCENARIO J242

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**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The Germans win at game end by Controlling  $\geq 5$  building/rubble hexes within 3 hexes of E3.

**JANSBACH CREEK, BELGIUM, 17 December 1944:** After a tough struggle, *Kampfgruppe* Muller from SS-Panzer-Division 12 "Hitlerjugend" pushed aside American infantry from the inexperienced 99th Infantry Division. The American strategy was to delay the German advance long enough to prepare a strong defense at Elsenborn Ridge. To this end, the veteran doughboys from the 2nd Infantry Division deployed along Schwarzenbruch Trail, supported by Shermans. The lead element of the *kampfgruppe* commanded by former Hitler aide *SS-Obersturmbannführer* Richard Schulze-Kossens was again called upon to make a breakthrough. His SS panzergrenadiers, supported by assault guns, crossed Jansbach Creek and struck the American infantry along the woodline.

### BOARD CONFIGURATION:



	O5
32	OW1

### BALANCE:

☆ Add one 6-6-6 squad to the American at-start OB.

✚ Exchange one MMG with one HMG in the German OB.

### TURN RECORD CHART

☆ AMERICAN Sets Up First	1	2	3 <sup>☆</sup>	4	5	6	END
✚ GERMAN Moves First [165]							



Elements of Company I, 23rd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division [ELR: 3] set up west of the O10-Q9-U3-W1 dry stream, concealed if in Concealment Terrain: {SAN: 3}



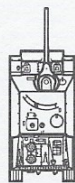
6 <sup>3</sup> -6-7	6 <sup>3</sup> -6-6	9-1	8-1	8-0	1-9	4-10	8-4	60° [3-45]	7 morale	5 OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2
4	5					2	3	2	6	8

3rd Platoon, Company C, 741st Tank Battalion enter on/after Turn 3 along the north/west/south edge(s) on/between G1 and G10:

15 76L 2/4/4	15 75 2/4/4
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Elements of Bataillon II, SS-Panzergrenadier-Regiment 25 and Kompanie 1, SS-Panzerjäger-Abteilung 12, SS-Panzer-Division 12 "Hitlerjugend" [ELR: 5] set up in woods/woods-road hexes within 3 hexes of W6: {SAN: 3}



6 <sup>3</sup> -5-8	5-1	8-1	8-0	5-12	3-8	12-4	30-1	13 75L 1/-
11	2			2	3		2	3

### SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are Moist, with no wind at start. Ground Snow (E3.72) is in effect. Place overlays as follows: O5 on H1-I1; and OW1 on L8-M9. All buildings have a ground level only.
- Foxholes are revealed as if Night (E1.16).

**AFTERMATH:** Schulze-Kossens' Bataillon II of SS-Panzergrenadier-Regiment 25 pursued the retreating elements of the 99th Infantry Division across Jansbach Creek. As the SS grenadiers deployed across the creek, they ran into the positions occupied by the experienced men from Company I, 23rd Infantry Regiment. Captain Charles MacDonald's men repelled five German assaults. The SS brought up assault guns and attempted to outflank the left of the American line. In a semi-orderly fashion, the GIs fell back westerly to a new position and received the support of two Shermans. PFC Richard Cowan's efforts were crucial in covering the retreat. Despite being stunned by a tank round, Cowan's machine gun opened up on the advancing Germans, inflicting numerous casualties. For his efforts, he was awarded the Medal of Honor.