

# DEATH BOX



## ASL SCENARIO 295 (continued)



Elements of (Hungarian) 2nd Company, Budapest Police Assault Battalion, and Budapest Gendarmerie [ELR: 1] and (German) Panzergrenadier-Regiment 66, Panzer-Division 13 [ELR: 3] set up on/south-of hexrow O; Hungarian and German units /SW may not set up in the same Location, and AFV may not set up in buildings: {SAN: 3}



1 3-4-7	C 3-3-6	8-0	7-0	LMG 1 2-7	? 7 morale	BMG 1 4/-	WFP Points 13 1 0
8	4	2			8	4	10

  

E 5-4-8	1 4-6-7	8-1	MTR 50" [2-13]	? 7 morale	WFP Points
2	2			4	5

Elements of (Hungarian) Budapest Assault Company and (German) Panzer-Regiment 4 enter on Turn 5 along the south edge:

14 105	9-1 2nd Lt	13 75L 3/5/2
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	Hungarian WFP Table	
	(SSR TotR3; Purchase Point cost in RED)	
DC 1	LMG 1.5	MMG 3
	4 x ? 0.5	+1 SAN 2

	German WFP Table	
	(SSR TotR3; Purchase Point cost in RED)	
DC 1	LMG 1.5	PSK 2
	4 x ? 0.5	MMG 3

**AFTERMATH:** Following the actions of Senior-Sergeant Kulik, elements of the 36th Guards Rifle Division, in coordination with elements of their sister Corps element, the 151st Rifle Division, proceeded to evict a large portion of the Axis defenders from the eastern part of the park. On 10 January, in response to these Soviet advances and not willing to surrender this critically important area of Pest, the Axis cobbled together all available forces for a series of counterattacks aimed at securing the park. In addition to elements from Panzer-Division 13, the Axis committed to the attack the 2nd Company of the Budapest Police Assault Battalion as well as a group of Budapest Gendarmerie. Totaling some 3,000 men, the assault was also initially supported by four outdated, Italian manufactured Ansaldo tankettes. While this initial assault was successful in pushing the Soviets back to the extreme eastern edge of the park, the attack was costly in both men and material. While only losing one of the tankettes, the police unit suffered tremendous losses. By the end of the day, the police unit was pulled out of the line and replaced by arriving elements of the Budapest Assault Company under the command of Tibor Kubinyi. While initially successful in regaining a hold on the park, by 12 January a newly reinforced Soviet force succeeded in permanently capturing the Városliget. In the days to come, units like the 1st Battalion of the 683rd Rifle Regiment would see non-stop fighting with the Axis units. Led by Captain Petrosyan, the unit was credited with destroying three armored halftracks, four light anti-tank guns, seven machine guns and eliminating approximately 50 and capturing another 100 Axis soldiers. Additionally, a second Hero of the Soviet Union Gold Star would be awarded for the fighting in the park. This one was awarded to 20-year-old Corporal Vasily Chernoshein, the commander of a 37-mm anti-aircraft gun, from the 4th Battery of the 1119th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Regiment, 5th Anti-Aircraft Artillery Division. Placing his AA gun among the units on the front line of the Soviet position, Corporal Chernoshein is credited with single-handedly fixing his AA gun after it was knocked out of action by a devastating mortar attack which also killed a portion of his crew, and then using the weapon in direct fire mode to eliminate 60 Axis troops.