

THE CLEARING



ASL SCENARIO U39

Scenario Adaptation: Jim Stahler



HÜRTGEN FOREST, GERMANY, 10 October 1944: Day after day, American soldiers in the Hurtgen plodded through the seemingly endless forest, where constant shelling had turned most of the trees to shattered hulks. Advances were truly measured in yards as each step forward increased the threat of yet another sniper or hidden *Spandau*. Then, near the road from Richelskaul to Raffelsbrand, the GIs saw treeless sky. Without any command given, the Americans surged forward to take the high ground.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:



(Only hexrows A-P are playable)

BALANCE:

✚ Add an 8-1 leader to the German OB.

☆ Delete two Wire counters.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Americans win at game end by having ≥ 1 Good Order *squad* in any of these hexes: M5, N5, O5, or P5.

TURN RECORD CHART

✚ GERMAN Sets Up First	1	2	3	4	5	6	END
☆ AMERICAN Moves First							



Elements of **Infanterie-Regiment 983 [ELR: 3]** set up in hill hexes (using HIP if in Concealment Terrain) [EXC: mines/wire may not set up at Level 3] (see SSR 2): {SAN: 3}

8-3-8	4-6-7	4-4-7	2-2-8	9-1	8-0	5-12	3-8	
-------	-------	-------	-------	-----	-----	------	-----	--

2 6 factors



50L (75)	1+3+5	5 MPH/RPh: dr = MF CC: +1/-1	1S OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2
----------	-------	------------------------------------	---------------------------------

4 2



Elements of **60th Infantry Regiment, 9th Infantry Division [ELR: 4]** set up in hexrow B: {SAN: 2}

7-4-7	6-6-6	9-2	8-1	7-0	4-10	8-4	30-1
-------	-------	-----	-----	-----	------	-----	------

5 2 2



SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are Moderate, with no wind at start.
- Foxholes containing HIP units are revealed as if Night (E1.16); otherwise, A12.33-.34 apply normally.
- American 7-4-7s/3-3-7s and German 8-3-8s/3-3-8s are Sappers (B28.8) and Assault Engineers (H1.22).

AFTERMATH: The drive up the lightly-wooded hill gathered spontaneous momentum. The Germans fought bravely until they could see that the Americans were firmly ensconced on the heights. Then, with the GIs looking down on them, the *Wehrmacht* conscripts surrendered *en masse*. Although the forest lay as a great gray-green carpet all around them, the American troops were able to pause and regroup in this small clearing.