

ASL SCENARIO ROMA4

MOUNTAIN MARINES

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VICTORY CONDITIONS: Provided the Axis have amassed ≤ 8 CVP more than the Americans [EXC: prisoners do not count double for either side], the Americans win at the end of the Game Turn specified below by Controlling the indicated number of buildings on board 86:

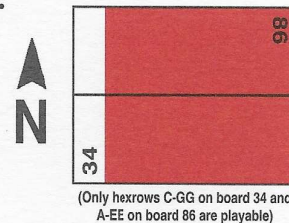
- Game Turn 4: Control ≥ 4 buildings; or
- Game Turn 6: Control ≥ 8 buildings; or
- Game end: Control ≥ 11 buildings.

TURN RECORD CHART

III 4 AXIS Sets Up First [0]	☆	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	END
☆ AMERICAN Moves First [130]					END	END				

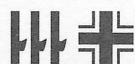
EGLIO, ITALY, 16 November 1944: The weeks-long struggle for Massa on the coastal plains of northwest Italy brought to the forefront longstanding issues of ill trust and poor morale throughout the 92nd Infantry Division, the only African American infantry division to see combat in WWII. After Massa, the 92nd was responsible for the 20-mile wide line from the sea to Barga in the Serchio Valley. The Buffalo Soldiers of the 370th Infantry Regiment conducted powerful patrols into the Tuscan hills, probing deeper into the Serchio. On 16 November, a reinforced company attacked fortified positions outside Eglio. This area of the Gothic Line was defended by Germans and German-trained Italians. Both the *Monte Rosa* Alpini Division and the *San Marco* Marine Infantry Division had been formed, equipped, and trained in Germany from ex-Italian military and northern Italian conscripts.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:



BALANCE:

- III 4 Add 6 A-P minefield factors and 2 PFZ factors to the Axis OB.
- ☆ Delete one 5-4-8 squad from the German reinforcements.



Elements of (Italian) 2nd Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 3rd Marine Infantry Division (*San Marco*) [ELR: 3] set up on board 86 in hexes numbered ≥ 3 ; Infantry in suitable terrain may set up Entrenched (B27.1) (see SSR 2): {SAN: 3}

4-6-7	2-4-7	8-0	5-12	3-8	7 morale	11	OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2	Vineyard
4	2	7	18	4	4			

Scouting Platoon of (Italian) 4th Alpini Division (*Monte Rosa*) [ELR: 3] enter on Turn 4 along the north edge per SSR 4:

4-2-6-8	4-1-6-7	8-0	3-8
2			

Elements of (German) Pionier Zug, Kompanie 4, Hochgebirgsjäger-Bataillon 4, Grenadier-Regiment 285, Infanterie-Division 148 [ELR: 4] enter on Turn 6 per SSR 4:

5-2-4-8	8-0	3-8	30-1
3			



Elements of 370th Infantry Regiment, 92nd Infantry Division [ELR: 3] enter on Turn 1 along the south edge, on/west-of 34I10: {SAN: 2}

6-3-6-6	5-2-4-6	8-0	7-0	2P	M2 60mm	8-4	7 morale
8	6	2	2	4	2	2	9

SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are Moderate, with no wind at start. All marsh are woods. All Water Obstacles are Level 0 open ground. All board 34 roads are Paths (B13.6), with no Open Ground in the woods-road portion of woods-road hexes. Kindling (B25.11) and Bore Sighting (C6.4) are NA.
- Italian squads may freely Deploy (A1.31) at setup. Fortifications [EXC: mines] may not use HIP. The Axis player may designate ≤ 1 Fortified Building Location (B23.9; Tunnels are NA). PFZ factors (B36.2) may be spent to convert eligible terrain anywhere on board 86 (excluding half-hexes shared with board 34).
- Italians use German counters and are considered German for all purposes [EXC: Heat of Battle DRM is +1; Leader Creation drm is 0], but Germans and Italians are still considered Allied Troops (A10.7).

- Prior to the start of Game Turn 2, the Axis player secretly records a single north-edge road hex for his Turn 4 and Turn 6 reinforcement groups. The selected hex need not be the same for both groups. On its specified turn of entry, each group *must* enter on/adjacent-to its pre-recorded road hex.

AFTERMATH: The particular area probed by the 370th was held by the Marines, who put up a staunch defense despite being outnumbered. The Buffalo Soldiers were able to secure Case Rossole, Case Croce, and Hill 1068, but reinforcements from other units stabilized the Marine lines, and the Americans were stopped cold by late afternoon. The next day, all Allied gains were lost to an Axis counterattack that sent the Buffalo Soldiers back to their starting positions, very reminiscent of actions at Massa.