

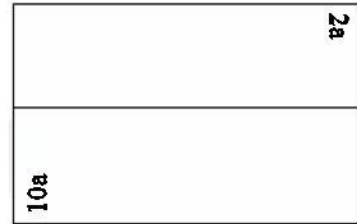
“Avenging Panther 101”



Dunaalmas, Hungary— January 2nd, 1945

As January 1945 opened, the 3rd SS Panzer Regiment, Totenkopf Division found itself driving into Hungary as part of the initial relief attempt of Budapest. Leading a column of tanks and half-tracks was Ostufaf. Anton Laackmann's armored Kampfgruppe. Totenkopf had encountered strong Soviet forces between Dunaalmas and Neszmely. This would compel Laackmann to deploy his grenadiers and fight his way through the Soviet defenses. The time was 5:00 AM and it was still dark as artillery was called in and the first tanks pushed forward. After a couple tanks were knocked out, Panther 101 would take the lead. Stufaf. Meierdress was in command of this panther. Meierdress would call a halt, jump out and conferred with other panzer leaders before continuing the attack. As the sun came up, Meierdress re-entered Panther 101 just as a shot from a hidden SU-85 penetrated the turret.

Board Configuration: (Boards 2a and 10a)



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The German player wins immediately when there are no good order Russian units in any of the 9 multi-hex buildings. Any other result is a Russian victory.

Russian Player Sets up first	+	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
German Player moves first								



Elements Kampfgruppe Laackmann, 3rd SS Panzer Regiment (ELR 4) (SAN 3) (Set up: enter Turn 1 on the West Edge)

				16	4	2	2	
6	2	2	4					



Elements of 170th Tank Brigade & 80th Guards Rifle Division (ELR 4) (SAN 4) (Setup: on Board 2a Hexes less than 16 and Board 10a Hexes greater than 4)

2	2	2	2	6	2	2	2	2	2
2	3	6							

Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are wet with no wind.
2. All buildings are wooden and single level.
3. Russian Tanks may set up in buildings. Cellars are N/A.
4. No Quarter is in effect.

Aftermath: Panther 101's driver and radio man would bail out, but the turret crew, including the popular Meierdress were dead. As word of Meierdress' death passed down the column, the remaining tanks led by Panther 103 began a hunt for the hidden SU-85. The SU-85 was destroyed in a fierce no quarter battle that would see the SS Panzermens eliminate the Soviet tanks and anti-tank guns in the village. The Panzers would be aided by panzerfaust wielding grenadiers who would claim seven Soviet Tanks. The Soviets would fall back as the Totenkopf and Wiking Divisions throttled forward. For the first time in months a major German offensive was on the move in the east.

