

"The Beresti Drift"



Beresti, Romania — April 5th, 1944

Early April 1944 on the Russian Front saw heavy fighting around the Ungheni Targ Bridgehead. During the course of the fighting, the Panzer-Pioneer-Bataillon "Grossdeutschland" had been encircled near Beresti. After sustaining heavy casualties, the unit was in a critical situation and attempted a breakout by crossing the Pruth Rverto their west and pull back to the south. By early AM on the 5th, the crossing attempts had failed and the Pioneers urgently requested help. Help would come in the form of Hauptmann Koppe's Panzer-Aufklärungs-Abteilung 23, (PAA23). After clearing a minefield belt, Koppe set out with 8 SPW's, 2 Assault Guns and roughly 60 Panzergrenadiers.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The German Player wins immediately upon tracing a continuous Road from Q6 to either GG6 or GG16 with no good order Ukrainian MMC's adjacent to the road. Any other result is a Ukrainian victory.

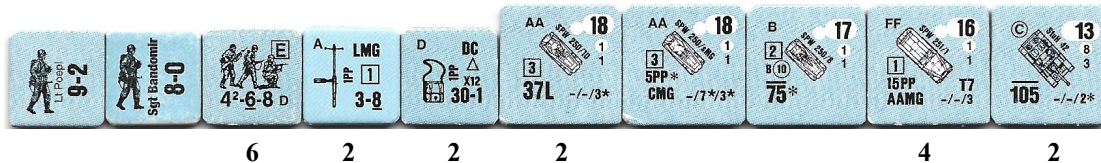


German Player moves First	+	1	2	3	4	5	6
Ukrainian Player sets up First							

Board Configuration:
Board 1b



Koppe's PAA23, Sturmgeschuetz-Batterie 1017 & 5/Marsch-Bataillon Kothe (ELR 4) (SAN 3): Enter Turn 1 on the North Board Edge & SSR 3)



Elements of Ukrainian Hiwis Conscripted into Soviet Service (ELR 2) (SAN 4) (Set up: On Board 1b south of Row Y)



Special Rules/Notes:

- EC are Snow (E3.7) with a Mild Breeze from the East, Deep Snow (E3.73) & Drifts (E3.75) are in effect. Place Drift counters in the following Hexes: R13, S6, S14, T4, T6, T14, V5, V7, V13, W8, W13, X13, Y7, Y9, Y11 and Z4.
- Kindling (B25.11) is N.A. and Bore Sighting (C6.4) is N.A.
- German vehicles must enter through the G6 Road Hex.

Aftermath: As Koppe neared Beresti, he was forced to stick to the main road due to high snow drifts on either side. Koppe's force swept into the village of Beresti and engaged the Soviet defenders. The village had only been partially occupied and was quickly cleared with minimal loss. The ring around the Grossdeutchlanders had been pierced and they made good their escape. After interrogating captured Soviets, Koppe learned that Beresti had largely been defended by recently conscripted Ukrainians, who had only recently acted a a HIWI's supporting the Germans.

