

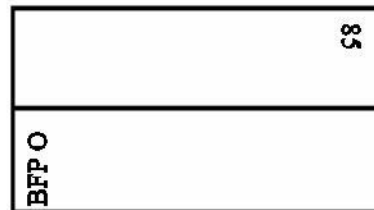
“Passing through Red Line”



Le Pont Brocard, Normandy — July 27-28th, 1944

Operation Cobra was underway. The German positions south of St. Lo had been pounded by a massive Allied aerial assault. The Panzer Lehr Division had been shattered. Into this blasted and chaotic landscape were sent fast moving American units intent on seizing key objectives deep behind the German positions in order to trap any surviving German formations attempting to retreat and recombine with other German defenses. A CCA made up of the 41st Armored Infantry and tanks of the 2nd Armored Division head south and encountered the first German resistance at Quibou, which made up the “Yellow Line” defenses of Panzer Lehr. Brushing aside the resistance the CCA passed quickly through Dangy. After Dangy they hit “Red Line” defense at Le Pont Brocard, which was defended by a small Kampfgruppe.

Board Configuration: (Boards 85 and BFP O)



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The American Player wins at game end by controlling the two Bridge Hexes on Board BFP O. However, the American Player loses immediately upon losing ≥ 60 CVP.

German Player Sets up first	★	1	2	3	4	5
American Player moves first						

Kampfgruppe - Lehr Regiment 901 and Lehr Pioneer Battalion 130 (ELR 3) (SAN 4) (Set up: south of Board 85 Road GG6-Z6-R8-J5-G7-A6)

			2	3	6	6		3		2	2

3	2		2

CCA Elements of 2/67th Armored & 3/41st Armored Infantry (ELR 5) (SAN 2) (Set up: Enter Turn 1 on the North Edge)

	2		13		3		8	2	2	5

Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are moist with no wind.
2. All hedges and stone walls are Bocage.
3. German Player may HIP one squad equivalent and any SMC or Support Weapons with it.
4. The stream represents the Soules River. The river is deep and the current is swift.
5. The ford in Hex Z5 on Board BFP O does not exist.
6. Kindling is N.A.
7. The Church in Hex R3 on Board 85 has Steeple location with both a level 1 and Level 2.
8. Slopes on Board BFP O do not exist.

Aftermath: The Kampfgruppe at Le Pont Brocard consisted of two understrength companies of the Panzergrenadier-Lehr-Regiment 901 and Panzer-Lehr-Pioneer-Battalion 130. This force had a couple anti-tank guns and a Flak 88 for support. Unbeknownst to the Americans, Panzer Lehr’s commander, Fritz Bayerlein, had his mobile HQ Bus in the nearby woods. As the Americans quickly overcame the Germans in Le Pont Brocard, Bayerlein and his staff fled to an orchard and sent out a final radio message to let the OKW know that the Panzer Lehr Division had been annihilated.

