

# “Dewey’s Scratch Force”



## Losheimergraben, Belgium — December 17th, 1944

As the second day of the German Ardenne Offensive began, the German 12th Volksgrenadier Division was still trying to push through the US 394th Infantry Regiment at Losheimergraben in order to open up Rollbahn C for the 12th SS Panzer Division. By late morning the 12th Volksgrenadier had managed to pass through the 394th and was emerging from the woods and toward Losheimergraben. One of the most exposed US positions in the path of the German advance was a scratch force of riflemen, jeep drivers and others. This force of barely fifty men was led by 1st Lt. Dewey Plankers. Dewey withdrew into the village and deployed bazooka teams to watch for German armor.

**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The German Player wins immediately or at game end by controlling Hexes Z5, X2, and U3. Any other result is an American Victory.

### Board Configuration:



Board 3 and Overlays Wd2 and Wd12  
Only Rows R through GG are in play.

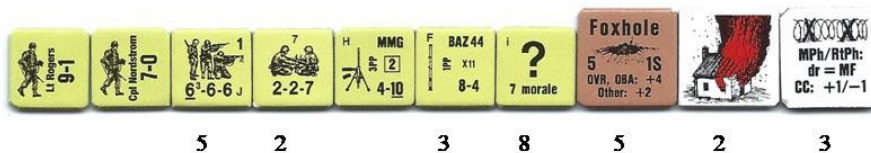
American Player sets up first	+	1	2	3	4	5
German Player moves first						



Elements of 12th Volksgrenadier Division and Pz.Jg.Ab1.1012 (ELR 4) (SAN 3) (Set up: enter Turn 1 on the east board edge)



Scratch Elements of (ELR 5) (SAN 4) (Set up: Set up on or west of Hex Row X and by SSR 8)



### Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are wet with no wind at start.
2. Kindling is N.A.
3. Place the following Overlays : Wd2 on Hexes DD4-EE4 and Wd12 on Hexes BB1-CC1.
4. Place rubble on Hexes: X3, Y6, Y8, Z1 and CC5.
5. Place shell holes in Hexes: Y10, Z9, Z8, Z5, Z4, AA5, BB7, BB6 and CC7.
6. Place burning house counters on Hexes T1 and T3.
7. US Squads with or adjacent to the US 9-1 (representing 1st Lt. Dewey Plankers) are fanatic. If the 9-1 is eliminated, the squads immediately cease to be fanatic.
8. The two US Crews are Bazooka teams and begin the game HIP.



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**Aftermath:** The Volksgrenadiers advanced into the village with the support of three Stugs. From their foxholes, Dewey’s force repulsed several assaults, while knocking out two of the Stugs and severely damaging the third. Plankers’ scratch force had helped to stall the Germans for yet another crucial day.