

WITTMAN'S CHARGE (VILLERS-BOCAGE)

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Background:

As the tanks of the 4th County of London Yeomanry Regiment moved down route national 175 to an intersection with Rn 316, labled point 213 on military maps, tanks from the 101st SS Heavy Panzer Battalion was moving toward that intersection. Several tanks from the 131st Queens Hussars Battalion were the first casualties of the small group of Tigers and Panzer IV's that had been thinned out by areal attacks and destroyer fire near Normandy. All together 13 to 14 tanks and 13 to 15 transport vehicles would be destroyed and most of those by tank ace Michael Wittman in the lead Tiger. Will you fare better than history?

Objective:

Allies: You must hold the town so that the battle can be joined by other forces in the area. Hold the crossroads, point 213, and the objective on the bridge. Axis: Clear the village of Villers-Bocage, point 213 and the objective on the bridge to remove the threat of allied action against the Panzer Lehr Division, which will also secure the supply lines to other units in this sector.

Rounds

Starting Initiative: British Expansion: N
Number of Rounds: 8

Quote:

"I had no time to assemble my company, instead I had to act quickly, as I had to assume the enemy had already spotted me", Michael Wittman

Reinforcements:

The following British reinforcements arrive on the reinforcement hexes on map 26B in the status phase of the 3rd round: 3 bases with 7infantry, 4elite, 1officer, 3 firefly tanks. The following German reinforcements arrive on the light gray hexes on map 22B in the status phase of the 4th round: 2 bases with 7infantry, 1officer, 2 panzer IV tanks.

Special Rules:

If both players agree, the British player may substitute a leadership deck in place of air support deck. And the German player would then substitute a leadership deck in place of the Moral Deck. If the Moral Deck is used, removed the "Take down the beast" card. The Sherman tanks used in this scenario are Sherman **Firefly tanks with the following attributes: Move 6, Armor 5, Infantry 5 range 6 firepwr, Vehicles 6 range 10 firepwr**. Use another miniature for **Cromwell tanks and the following attributes: Move 6, Armor 3, Infantry 5 range 5 firepwr, Armor 6 range 8 firepwr. The 6 Pdr guns have the following attributes: Sem movement, Armor 2, Infantry 5 range 4 firepwr, Armor 7 range 9 firepwr**. If the tank ace tank is destroyed, do not give the victory point to either side. Wittman escaped capture.

Terrain:

Triple road hexes (B)	2	Curved road hex (B)	2
Double building hexes (B)	1	Y road hex (B)	1
Double road hexes (B)	1	Building hex (B)	3
Double clear hexes (B)	1	Building hex (N)	2
Clear hex (B)	1	Double building hex (N)	1

British

4Th CLY	Drk Tan
Squad Bases	5
Infantry	11
Elite Inf	3
Officer	2
Mortar Crew	2
Half Track	4
M4 Firefly	2
M10 Achilles	1
QF 6 Pdr Gun	1
Specialties:	
Anti-Tank	2
Engineer	

Actions per Turn: 3
Starting Strategy Cards: 2

Strategy Decks:
Artillery Deck 2
See Special Rules
American Air Support

Operations Cards:
Inspiring Leadership
Hospital
Elite Tank Crew

131st Queens HB	Lt Tan
Squad Bases	3
Infantry	9
Officer	1
Mortar Crew	1
Cromwell Tank	3
Half Track	2
Specialties:	
Anti-Tank	
Flamethrower	

Deployment

4th CLY deploy on the dark brown hexes on maps 1A and 27B. An anti-tank gun and a squad are placed in each of the entrenchments and the guns are entrenched. The 131st Queens Hussar Battalion is deployed on the light tan hexes on map 22A. The half track vehicles can be deployed with squads already being transported.

German

101 SS Heavy Pzbt	Drk Gray
Squad Bases	2
Infantry	5
Officer	1
MG Crew	1
Tiger 1 Tank	4
Panzer IV Tank	1
SDKFZ 251 HT	2
Specialties:	
Anti-Tank	

Actions per Turn: 3
Starting Strategy Cards: 3

Strategy Decks:
Supply Deck 1
See Special Rules
Morale Deck 1

Operations Cards:
Tank Ace

Panzer Lehr Div	Lt Gray
Squad Bases	5
Infantry	8
Elite Inf	3
Mortar Crew	2
MG Crew	2
Officer	1
Panzer IV Tank	1
Jagdpanzer IV TD	1
Specialties:	
Engineer	

Deployment

The 101st SS Heavy Panzer Battalion is deployed along the road in the black hexes on map 25B. The Panzer Lehr Division is deployed on the light gray hexes on maps 5A and 22A.

