

"A Deadly Pasture"



Montebourg, France — June 9th, 1944

During the morning of June 9th, the US 8th Infantry Regiment was advancing through hedgerow country east of Magneville. Elements of the German 919th Grenadier Regiment were dug in on the other side of a creek between two farmsteads, the Petit Bourg and Grand Bourg farms. From these farms, the Germans had fields of fire across open pastures. Throughout the morning the Americans attacked only to be thrown back with heavy losses. By early afternoon, the Americans had fallen back to their start line.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The American Player wins at game end if the Americans control Buildings G6 and S2. Any other result is a German victory.

Board Configuration:



BFP F
BFP O

German Player sets up first	1	2	3	4	5	6
American Player moves first						

Elements of Grenadier Regiment 919 (ELR 3) (SAN 4) (Set up: on board BFP F on hexes numbered 1-7)

Remnants of 8th US Infantry Regiment (ELR 4) (SAN 3) (Setup: on Board BFP F on hexes numbered 9-10)

Elements of 8th US Infantry Regiment & Co. A, 70th Tank Battalion (ELR 4) (Setup: on Board BFP O on hexes numbered 7-10)

Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are moderate with no wind at start.
2. The stream on Board BFP O is shallow.
3. US and German units which begin the game in a hedgerow hex set up concealed.
4. Kindling is N.A.
5. The German Radio represents one module of 80mm OBA (HE only)

Aftermath: By late afternoon, the Americans had regrouped for another push. With Sherman tanks from Company A, 70th Tank Battalion, the regiment advanced forward in column of companies. After crossing the creek, the Shermans opened up on the farmsteads. Despite outpacing the infantry, the American armor succeeded in persuading the Germans in the farmsteads to surrender. With the battle won, the Americans assessed their heavy losses. The 8th had started out with 830 men and after four days of fighting had been reduced to 472 actives. The German 919th Grenadier Regiment having suffered in excess of 90% losses was effectively wiped out.

