

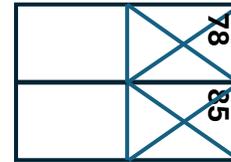
“The Beasts of Neustadt”



Neustadt, Germany— March 21st, 1945

By late March 1945, U.S. forces were driving hard through western Germany following the collapse of the Rhine defenses. On the wooded heights near Neustadt, elements of the U.S. 10th Armored Division probed German rear guard positions screening withdrawal routes and key road junctions. Opposing them was schwere Panzerjäger Abteilung 653, commanded locally by Major Rudolf Grillenberger, one of the last units equipped with the formidable Jagdtiger (12.8cm PaK 44). Though plagued by fuel shortages, mechanical failures, and limited infantry support, the Jagdtiger crews used terrain, concealment, and long-range fire to delay American advances. On March 21st, a small number of operational vehicles took up defensive positions on the heights overlooking the approaches, determined to inflict maximum damage before withdrawing or being overrun.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The American Player wins immediately if there is no Jagdtiger at Level 1 or 2 that is Mobile with functioning MA. Otherwise, the American Player wins at Game End by controlling the following locations: 85Z6, 78FF5, & 78Y9.



Board Configuration:

Boards 78 & 85 (Only Rows R-GG are playable)

American Player Moves First	1	2	3	4	5	6
German Player Sets up First						



Adhoc Elements & Schwere Panzerjaeger-Abteilung 653 (ELR 3) (SAN 3) (Set up: on Board 78 and in hexes numbered >7 on Board 85)



Elements 10th Armored Division (ELR 4) (SAN 3) (Set up: enter Turn 1 on the South Edge)

Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are Moderate with no Wind at start. Bore Sighting (C6.4) and Kindling (B25.11) are N.A
2. German Jagdtigers may set up HIP if in Concealment Terrain, but may not set up Hull Down (D4.2).
3. German MMC's may begin the game Entrenched (B27.11) in appropriate terrain.
4. The American Radio represents One Battery of 70mm OBA (HE only).

Aftermath: Major Rudolf Grillenberger placed two of his remaining operational Jagdtigers on the heights covering the roads into Neustadt. The remaining vehicles were sent back to be loaded onto railcars and transported to the rear for refitting. Grillenberger had also rounded up various Wehrmacht, Luftwaffe and Volksturm elements to provide an infantry screen for his Jagdtigers. Wary of the deadly tank killers, the US 10th Armored probed cautiously into the villages beneath the heights. Artillery support provided some offensive punch, but the Jagdtigers ruled the heights and knocked out multiple tanks, before the Americans fell back out of their LOS. Grillenberger would successfully evacuate the bulk of his command to fight another day.



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