

“You will Engage the Enemy”



Awala, Papua – July 23rd, 1942

In the summer of 1942, Japanese forces were steadily advancing up the Kokoda Trail. Papua Scouts under the command of Lieutenant John Chalk had been watching their movements and reporting back to headquarters. Major William Watson, the commander of the PIB wrote a single order for Chalk on the briefing room chalkboard... “You will engage the enemy”. Chalk would assemble troops to ambush the approaching Japanese at Awala.



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Japanese Player wins immediately at the start of any Rally Phase when both Type 92 INF Guns manned by a Good Order Crew have an LOS to Hex H3 or at game end if one Type 92 INF Gun manned by a Good Order Crew has an LOS to Hex H3. Any other result is a British victory.

Board Configuration:
DASL Board I (only Rows F-O are in play.)

Japanese Player Moves First	 1	2	3	4	5	6
British/Papua Player Sets up First						



Elements of 144th Infantry Regiment (ELR 4) (SAN 3) (Set up: enter Turn 1 on the South Edge)



Elements 39th Battalion, 20 PIB, 9 RPC (ELR 4) (SAN 3) (Set up: HIP in concealment terrain on/North of Hex Row L)



Special Rules/Notes:

1. EC are Moist with no Wind at start. Bore Sighting (C6.4) and Kindling (B25.11) are N.A.
2. PTO Terrain (G.1) is in effect.
3. The building in J2 does not exit and the hex is Level 3 Open Ground.
4. British/Papua may set up Entrenched (B27.11) in applicable Terrain.
5. The British/Papua are treated as ANZAC (A25.44).
6. No Quarter (A20.3) is in effect.



Aftermath: Lt. Chalk selected positions with clear fields of fire to interdict the trail. Approaching Chalk's ambush were elements of the Japanese 144th Infantry Regiment hauling two Type 92 Howitzers up the trail towards the very heights now occupied by Chalk's men. At the head of his own first company was Captain Ogawa Tetsuo, who like many of his men came from the mountainous Kochi Prefecture in southern Shikoku. Caught in the open by Chalk's concealed force, Ogawa's force would suffer heavy losses and have their advance checked. Chalk's successful ambush would provide the Allied Forces a brief respite from the relentless Japanese advance.

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