

DISTINGUISHED SERVICE

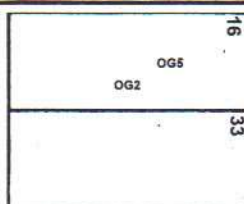


Casa della Congregazione Italy, 20 December 1944: There was no let-up. A determined Charles Foulkes met with his Division commanders within hours after the First Brigades failure on the Fosso Vecchio. New plans were drawn up for yet another joint assault between the First and Fifth Divisions that very night. The object was to force the Germans to abandon the S-shaped Fosso Munio and retire behind the Senio and the task was given to two infantry brigades, the Second and Eleventh, both using two-assault battalions. It would be a silent operation beginning at 2000 hours on 19 December with artillery support being made available after the element of surprise had been lost. The key to fighting on 19-20 December was on the right, where the Eleventh Brigade won a hard-fought battle to establish a bridgehead on the Fosso Munio. The Perth Regiment had to cross the Munio whose eight-foot high banks and ankle deep icy water was not as worrisome as the billiard-table flats that lie beyond. For more than a mile in front of the attacking battalions the area was so open that not a tree or single dwelling broke the monotony of the open space. The two assault companies were pinned along the Munio by heavy German shelling and it appeared that the Perth operation was doomed to failure. But Major Cole and A-Company slipped to the right and found a blind spot in the enemy defences and crossed the Munio working their way silently past several outposts. The Perths pushed their way towards their objective, Casa della Congregazione, a thousands yards away. The farmhouse fell to them around 0330 and Cole's company dug in for the inevitable counter-attack. The Germans did not disappoint them. While German troops and tanks repeatedly stormed Cole's isolated company, Canadian engineers worked feverishly to provide a crossing of the Munio for tanks of the Lord Strathcona's Horse. It was after 1300 when a bulldozer finally craved out a route for the Shermans, which rumbled to the rescue of the Perths who were still fighting at Casa della Congregazione. At 1535, the first Shermans rolled into the farmyard; moments after the Perths had defeated the final counter-attack. For his outstanding leadership, Major Cole was later awarded the Distinguish Service Order.

BOARD CONFIGURATION

BALANCE

- ✚ Increase Game Length 6½ Turns
- ☉ Add one 2-4-8 HS and PIAT to initial OB



VICTORY CONDITIONS:

Provided that the Canadians do not inflict ≥ 33 CVP (excluding prisoners) upon them, which will result in an immediate Canadian victory. The Germans win at Game End, if they control all buildings ≤ 2 hexes from 33Q8.

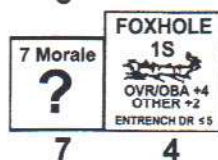
TURN RECORD CHART

☉ CANADIAN Sets Up First	✚ 1	2	3	4☉	5	6	END
✚ GERMAN Moves First							

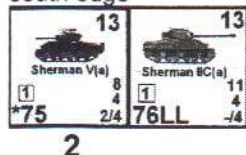
SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are Wet with no wind at start.
- Place overlays as follows; OG2 on 16O3-O4 and OG5 on 16M7-L7
- The Ground is soft and each vehicle must pay an additional MP per non-road hexside (as per E3.9) unless entering a building /woods/rubble obstacle.
- The Canadian may fortify three building locations.
- All German Pzkw IVHs have Schuerzen (D11.2).
- The German receives one module of 105mm OBA (HE & Smoke) with scarce ammunition.

Elements A-Company Perth Regiment sets up on any hex ≤ 4 hexes from 33P8



TURN 4: Elements Lord Strathcona's Horse enters along south edge

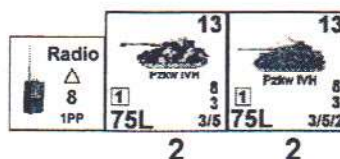


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Elements Infanterie Division 98 enters on Turn 1 along north edge



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