

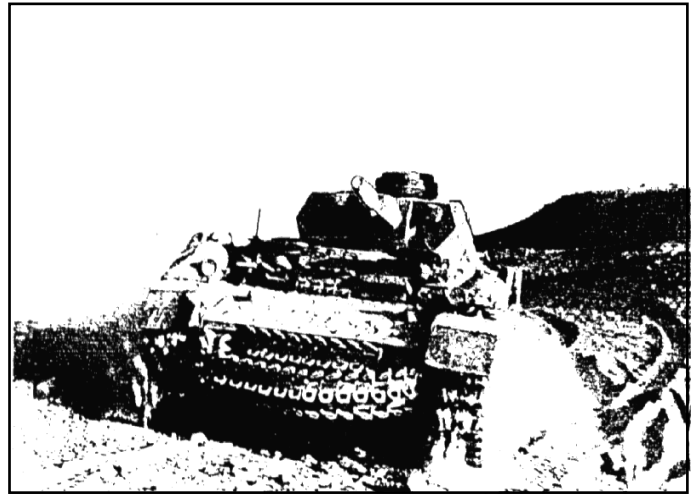
HISTORICAL ACCOUNT

LOCATION: 10 miles west of El Alamein

DATE: 31 October 1942

COMMENTARY: As the 9th Australian Division advanced westwards, a German-held salient in the north projected into their lines. To hold Rommel's attention, it was decided that the division would advance northwards to the sea to pinch out the salient. After heavy fighting, they were stopped just short of the coast, leaving a narrow tapering salient running north to south. At 1230 hours, elements of the 21st Panzer Division attacked, hoping to eliminate the threat.

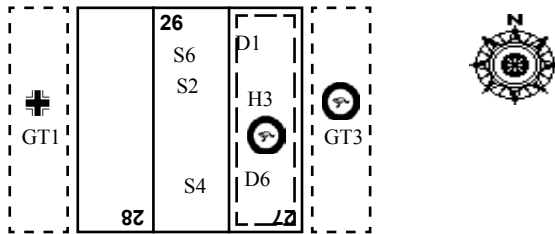
Advance elements of the 21st Panzer Division soon overran B Company of the 2/32nd Battalion, destroying it as a fighting force, but then Valentines from the 40th Royal Tank Regiment intervened, hoping to stop the slaughter. By days end, the 40th RTR had driven the 21st Panzer Division from the field, but had lost 25 tanks in the process. October 31st 1942 is recalled by those who survived it as a day of "High Danger".



TURN RECORD CHART

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| AUSTRALIAN Sets Up First [107] | +1 | 2 | 3 [Ⓞ] | 4 | 5 | 6 | END |
| GERMAN Moves First [52] | | | | | | | |

THE BATTLEFIELD AND CONDITIONS



VICTORY CONDITIONS

The Germans win by Controlling hex 27S4 at game end.

SCENARIO SPECIFIC RULES

1 Board 27 is subject to a pre-game Bombardment (C18).

Place overlays as follows: **H3** on 27S6/R5; **D1** on 27Y5/X4; **D6** on 27I6/J6; **S6** on 26X6/Y6; **S2** on 26S7/T7; **S4** and 26G8/H7. Hex 27S4 is a Hillcock summit (F6.6) hex.

EC are Dry with No Wind at start.

Intense Heat Haze (F11.621) and Light Dust (F11.71) are in effect.

Elements of 21st Panzer Division enter on the west edge on GT1.
BALANCE: add a MMG to the German order of battle.

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| 4 ² 6-8 | 8-1 | 8-0 | 1pp 3-8 | 14 6 3 75L 3/5 | 13 6 3 50L 3/5 | 14 1 4 75L +T 4/- | 16 1 1 15PP T7 AAMG -I-13 |
| ELR: 4 | | | | PzKpfw IV F2 | PzKpfw IIIJ | Marder III(O)H | SPW251/I |
| SAN: 2 | | | | | | | |

Elements of B Company, 2/32nd Battalion, 9th Australian Division set up on board 27.
BALANCE: add a MMG to the Australian order of battle.

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| 4 ² 5-8 | 2-4-8 | 2-2-8 | 9-1 | 8-0 | 1pp 2-7 | 1-12 | 7 morale | 5 1S OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2 | OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2 | 76* [6-36] | 40L |
| ELR: 4 | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SAN: 2 | | | | | | | | | | | |

Elements of 40th Royal Tank Regiment enter on GT3 along the east edge of the board.

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| 10 6 6 40L -I4 | 9-1 |
| Valentine II | |

OML 3" OQF 2-pounder