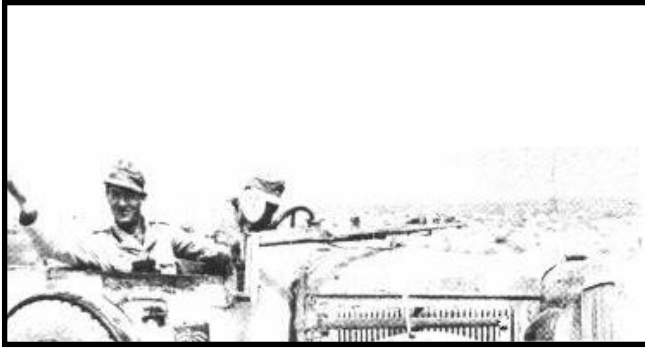


# THE FRENCH FIGHT



## SCENARIO DR5



**BIR HACHEIM, LIBYA, 9 June, 1942:** Before breaking out of the area nicknamed "the Cauldron," Rommel was determined to complete the defeat of the British 8th Army. To this end, Rommel moved strong detachments of the 15th Panzer Division south to support the 90th Light and the Italian Trieste Divisions in the assault on Bir Hacheim. The Axis forces were making slow progress in the face of determined French resistance, and the 15th Panzer was to give them the punch they needed to capture the stronghold.

**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** The German player wins the instant he controls the hillock summit AND has lost  $\leq 6$  VP more than he has gained.

### BOARD CONFIGURATION:



28	
27	
	H6 26

### TURN RECORD CHART

AXIS Sets Up and Moves First ☛ [100] ☛ [72] ☛ [158]	1	2	3	4	☛ 5	6	7	8	9	10	END
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**Elements of the 90 Light Division [ELR: 4] set up on board 28 west of row Q: {SAN: 3}**

	4 <sup>1</sup> -6-7	9-1	8-1	8-0	7-16	5-12	3-8	1-12	8
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**Elements of the Trieste Division [ELR: 2] set up on board 28 east of row Q:**

	3-4-7	8-1	8-0	7-0	4-10	2-5
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**Elements of the 15th Panzer Division enter on Turn 5 anywhere on the north edge of board 28:**

	4 <sup>1</sup> -6-7	9-2	9-1	5-12	50	13	14	16	28
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**Point Elements of the 1st Free French Brigade [ELR: 4] set up on any whole hex of board 27: {SAN: 5}**

*Scenario design: Panzer Press  
Scenario layout: Joakim Ruud*

	4 <sup>2</sup> -5-8	9-2	8-0	4-12	2-7	1-12
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**Main Elements of the 1st Free French Brigade set up on any whole hex of board 26:**

	4 <sup>2</sup> -5-7	2-2-8	9-1	8-1	8-0	6-14	4-12	2-7	1-12	8
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**Fortifications set up anywhere on board 26 or 27 (except on hillock):**

40L	40L (8)	40L	11	11	11	11	11
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### SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are dry, with no wind at start. Intense Heat Haze is in effect.
- The German receives one module of 100+mm OBA. French artillery consists of a module of 70+mm OBA. Place overlay **H6** on 26T3-U3 (summit is in V3).
- The Germans receive random air support, beginning on Turn 2.

**AFTERMATH:** The battle climaxed when Infantry from the 15th Panzer Division captured Point 186 overlooking the French position. The French now felt compelled to break out, and did so the following night. According to Major General von Mellenthin, a member of Rommel's general staff, "In the whole course of the desert war we never encountered a more heroic and well-sustained defense than Bir Hacheim."