

GRUCHY, France - 7 June, 1944

A quick little scenario for Rapid Fire!

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The original scenario site: <http://digilander.libero.it/signiferclub/gruchy.html>

Normandy Campaign - German Briefing

Historical information:

After the landings in Normandy, when 3rd Canadian Infantry Division began its push inland toward Caen, its men found the vanguard of 12th SS Panzer Division. Newly arrived in this zone of operations, lead elements of 12th SS were driving hard for the beaches to force a wedge between the invading Allied forces.

The Battle:

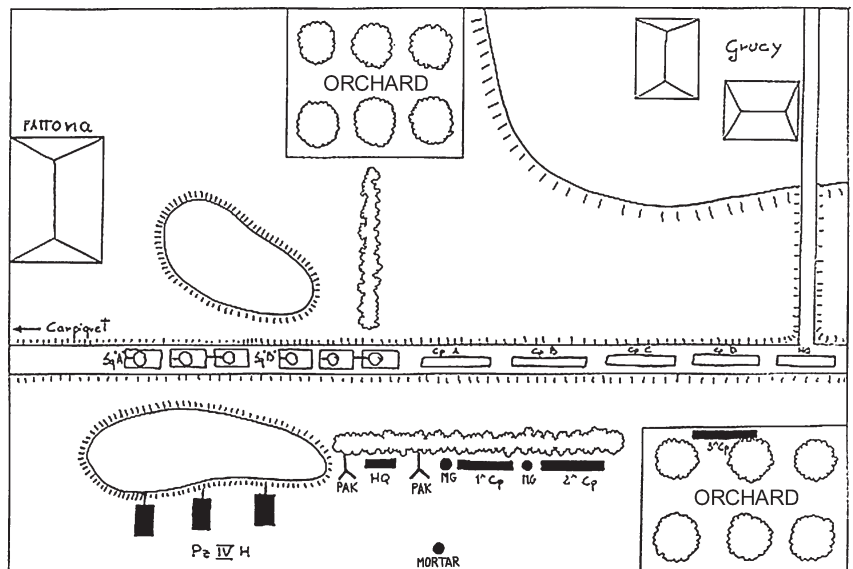
The Canadian 9th Infantry Brigade, supported by the tanks of 27th armored regiment, was tasked with the objective of the airport of Carpiquet when unexpectedly, they were counterattacked by 25th regiment SS Panzergrenadier. In the close confines of the area of Gruchy, the 2nd Motorized Battalion encountered the "North Nova Scotia Highlanders" and their accompanying tanks, inflicting a hard lesson on the Canadians. The North Nova's were nearly swept away by the violence of the attack. Only the participation of the reserves and the intense obstruction of the artillery prevented the boys of the "Hitlerjugend" smashing through the Allied lines.

The Scenario:

The Canadians are in column along the road leading to Carpiquet, with the tanks in the lead and the infantry following. The Germans are lined up along the edges of the road. The first turn is up to the Germans; they win if they succeed in occupying the hamlet of Gruchy by the 10th turn; at least one figure in the first building of the village.

The Canadians win if they prevent the German victory conditions.

Scenario Map



Special rules: (Germans)

- The hedgerows count as "hard cover" to line-of-sight, and as "soft cover" in combat.
- The orchards do not impede movement of the infantry, but limit the visibility to 6" through the orchard and count as "soft cover" in combat.
- The edges of the road offers "soft cover" to the infantry
- The hills block LOS for the tanks in contact to the tanks on the road

German order of battle:

- *Motorized battalion "elite"*
HQ CO+3 Panzerschrek (20)
Company 1 - 8 figures - Panzerfaust (25)
Company 2 - 8 figures - Panzerfaust (25)
Company 3 - 8 figures - Panzerfaust (25)
Company MG - 9 figures - 2xMMG42 1x81mm mortar (47.5)
Company support - 6 figures - 2x75mm PAK (95)
- *Armored company "elite"*
Company 1 3x Pzkw IV H (270)