SAVANNAH RAIN

ASL SCENARIO AP6

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GELA, SICILY, 11 July 1943: On July 10th, the Allies landed in Sicily—the American VII Corps in the Licata and Gela area and the British at Pozzalo, east of Syracuse. In Gela, Darby's Rangers successfully fought off a counterattack by the 10-ton French tanks of Gruppo Mobile "E". The Axis command recovered quickly, however, and planned another counterattack for the next day. The Italian Livorno Division was to move toward Gela and, after its capture, move westward against Licata. Most of the German units went to face the British in the east, leaving only the Hermann Göring Division to support the Italians. The counterattack commenced at 0830 hours.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

		43
10	X14 X18 X17 X8	
		33
Be4	Be5	Be6
OC1	OC2	OC3

N (north arrow)

BALANCE:

☆ Add one 6-6-7 and one U.S. MMG to the initial American force.

✚ The German reinforcements enter on Turn 2.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Axis wins at game end if they have amassed more Victory Points than the Americans. At game end, each side is awarded one VP per building Location Controlled; additionally, the Axis receive the Casualty VP value for Axis units which are either unbroken or mobile with functioning MA *and* are on board 33 in hexes numbered ≥ 8 with a LOS to any Beach hex. The Americans Control all buildings outside of the Axis setup area at start.

TURN RECORD CHART

☆ AMERICAN Sets Up First [215]								
✚ ⤵ AXIS Moves First [184]	1	2	3 ✚	4 ☆	5	6 ☆	7	8	END

Elements of the 1st Ranger Battalion [ELR: 5] set up anywhere on board(s) 10/33: {SAN: 4}

| 6³-6-7 **9** | 7³-4-7 **4** | 3-4-7 **2** | 2-2-7 **3** | 9-1 **2** | 8-1 | 8-0 | 4-10 MMG **2** | 60* [3-45] MTR | 8-4 BAZ 43 X10 **3** | 24-1 FT X10 | 30-1 DC X12 |
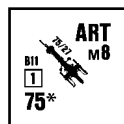
ART M8 75* **3**

Enter on Turn 4 along the west edge of board(s) 10/33:
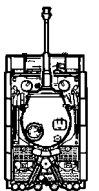
| 2-2-7 | 105 ART M7 | 28 T5 29PP |
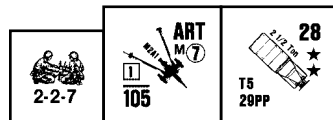
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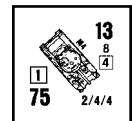
| 75 13 2/4/4 **2** |

Elements of the 33rd and 34th Regiments, Livorno Division [ELR: 3] set up on board 43 on hexes numbered ≥ 6: {SAN: 3}

| 4¹-4-7 **10** | 3-4-6 **20** | 1-3-6 **2** | 9-1 | 8-1 | 8-0 | 7-0 | 6-12 HMG **2** | 4-10 MMG **2** | 2-5 LMG **4** | 45* [2-13] MTR **2** |

Elements of Schwere Panzer Abteilung 504, Hermann Göring Division enter on Turn 3 along the north edge:
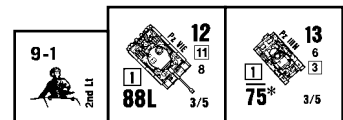
| 9-1 2nd Lt | 88L 12 3/5 **4** | 75* 13 3/5 **2** |

SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Dry, with no wind at start. All woods are brush; all orchard hexes are Olive Grove hexes (F13.5). No grain exists. All buildings are stone. Kindling attempts are NA.

2. Place Overlays as follows: **X8** on 10Y5; **X14** on 10Q4-P3; **X17** on 10T4-T5; **X18** on 10O6-P5; **Be4** with hexes 401-402 on 33GG3-GG2; **Be5** with hexes 501-502 on 466-467; **Be6** with hexes 678-677 on 572-573; **OC1** with hexes 1001-1002 on 402-403; **OC2** with hexes 2001-2002 on 1131-1132; and **OC3** with hexes 3001-3002 on 2144-2145. Beach Slope is slight (G13.21), with Hard Sand (G13.3).

3. The Americans receive one module of 150+mm NOBA (G14.6; HE and WP), directed by a Shore Fire-Control Party (G14.61); which sets up with the initial U.S. force. NOBA AR/SR/FFE may be requested/resolved only on whole hexes of board 43. Hexes of an FFE which fall outside of board 43 are not resolved. Prior to Axis setup, the Americans secretly record the location of one NOBA FFE:2 Counter on a board 43 hex numbered ≤ 4. After Axis setup, the FFE:2 is placed on board and is resolved. At the beginning of the Turn 1 U.S. player DFPh, the usual NOBA Contact, Battery Access, and other NOBA rules resume.

4. The Italian Guns in the U.S. OB are Captured (A21). All 7-4-7s/3-3-7s are Assault Engineers (H1.22). To simulate the special Pole Charges used by the Rangers, all 6-6-7s/3-4-7s may utilize ATMM (C13.7); however, placement of one adds only a -1 DRM to CC resolution.

AFTERMATH: At the time of the attack, General Patton was visiting Ranger headquarters. As he was leaving, he shouted back, "Kill every one of the goddamn bastards!" The cruiser *Savannah* opened fire with her six-inch guns, hammering the Italian infantry which was advancing under the cover of German tanks. Though stripped of its infantry support, the German armor continued advancing through the naval gunfire, forcing Darby to use makeshift crews to man captured Italian artillery pieces which engaged the German tanks a mere thousand yards from the beach. During the attack, American armor and artillery were landed and immediately used to assist in repulsing the Germans who were forced to withdraw into the hills which dominated the Gela plain.