MLR5 THIRD TIME LUCKY

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HISTORICAL ACCOUNT

LOCATION: St. Martin-de-Fontenay
DATE: 1 August 1944
COMMENTARY: On the evening of 31 July, Major Jacques (Jimmy) Dextraze was preparing to go to Bayeux with two other officers for dinner and a little wine. Before leaving, he heard that there was to be a Brigade 'O' Group to discuss yet another attack on the church in St. Martin. A night assault on 28/29 July by two companies of Le Regiment de Maisonneuve had failed as had a second attempt, which was supported by artillery and Typhoons. The church held a commanding position on the outskirts of St. Martin and gave the Germans ample view of the Canadian rear area. While listening to the opinions of other officers at the 'O' Group, Dextraze spoke up repeatedly suggesting how the attack should be done. After presenting one idea too many, Major Dextraze's D Company of Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal was given the job of taking the church. Dinner and wine would have to wait. Perhaps this third crack at the Germans ensconced in the church would succeed.

Major Dextraze was convinced that a swift, carefully co-ordinated attack combined with a thorough briefing of his men and reconnaissance of the area was the key to success. Dextraze explained the plan to every section leader and every man knew his roll in the upcoming assault.

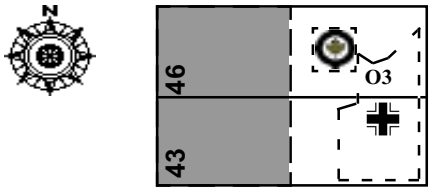
At 0530 hrs on the morning of 1 August the attack commenced, preceded by a preparatory artillery attack on the church. Several rounds fell short and un-nerved a number of Dextraze's men. The Major calmly walked across the road through enemy fire and stood by the church graveyard wall. His men soon joined their commander. Bren teams took out German machine gun positions then the Fusiliers came charging through the wall of the church graveyard. Pouring small arms fire and grenades into the church, the French-Canadians soon cleared the building of Germans. The SS troops were quick to put in a counter-attack. Securing the objective using the numerous slit trenches around the church and an adjoining orchard, the Fusiliers gunned down the first German attack as well as a second stronger one.

As the morning wore on, the Germans, realising that they had lost the church, subjected the area to intense mortar for the next 36 hours. Dextraze's careful planning had paid off. For his courage and leadership in the assault, Major Jacques Dextraze was awarded the Distinguished Service Order along with a new nickname from his fellow officers, "Mad" Jimmy.

TURN RECORD CHART

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

THE BATTLEFIELD AND CONDITIONS



Only hexrows R-GG are playable.
A Steeple Location exists in 46AA&.
Place overlay **O3** on 46CC7/D6.

EC are Moderate with No Wind at start.
Mist is in effect (E3.32) and there is a +1 LV Hindrance (E3.1).

VICTORY CONDITIONS

The Canadians win if at game end they Control building 46AA7.

SCENARIO SPECIFIC RULES:

1 Kndling is NA.
2 After all set up but before the initial Wind Change DR, all German units must take a PTC. Secretly record any unit that become Pinned in this manner..

Elements of 9th SS Panzer Division set up south and east of the perimeter 43X10-X2-Z1-46Z6-BB7-oDD6-GG3 in any non-Open Ground Ground Location.
BALANCE: exchange the 8-0 for an 8-1.

ELR: 5
SAN: 4

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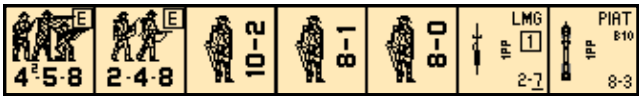
D Company, Les Fusiliers Mont-Royal set up in any non-Open Ground Location ≤ 2 hexes from 46W6
BALANCE: exchange the German MMG for a LMG.

ELR: 4
SAN: 2



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