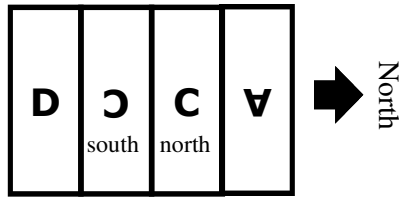


Situation No. 61-3

German Railway Gun Assault on the Maginot Line - Hackenberg Fortress (What If?)

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AVAILABLE FORCES

FRENCH

3 I 2 40 MG 0 x 1	20 H 32 40 75mm 0 x 1	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 2	Block 1	Block 2		
3 M 12 40 81mm 0 x 1	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 1	4 I 2 40 JM 0 x 3	6 A 3 40 47mm 0 x 1	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 2	Block 3	Block 4
20 H 32 40 75mm 0 x 3	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 2	3 M 2 40 LG 0 x 1	12 M 22 40 136mm 0 x 1	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 1	Block 5	Block 6
4 I 2 40 JM 0 x 3	6 A 3 40 47mm 0 x 1	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 2	20 H 32 40 75mm 0 x 3	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 2	Block 7	Block 8
12 M 22 40 136mm 0 x 1	12 M 22 40 136mm 0 x 1	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 2	3 M 12 40 81mm 0 x 1	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 2	Block 9	Block 10
3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 1	0 * 0 40 0 0 x 1	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 1	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 1	0 * 0 40 0 0 x 1	Block 11	Block 12
4 I 2 40 JM 0 x 2	3 M 12 40 81mm 0 x 1	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 1	4 I 2 40 JM 0 x 2	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 1	Block 21	Block 22
3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 2	3 M 2 40 LG 0 x 1	4 I 2 40 JM 0 x 2	3 M 12 40 81mm 0 x 1	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 2	Block 23	Block 24
20 H 32 40 75mm 0 x 1	4 I 2 40 JM 0 x 1	3 M 12 40 81mm 0 x 1	3 I 2 40 GFM 0 x 2	Block 25		
4 A 2 3 25mm 0 x 2	2 H 2 4 37mm 1 x 2	0 C 0 1 Wagon 3 x 5	1 I 2 5 RIFLE 1 x 15	8 A 6 8 Dur 8-1 6 x 3	X x 4	Set up any- where south of Board A

Germans make a frontal assault on the Hackenberg fortress in the Boulay fortified sector supported by the railway gun "Dora". Hackenberg is 15 km east of Thionville near the D60.

GERMAN

6 A 2 6 PaKw III 8 x 2	10 H 12 2 GW-1 6 x 1	2 I 2 8 RIFLE 1 x 11	3 I 2 10 10 1 x 6	3 M 12 3 81mm 1 x 2	20 H 12 2 150mm 0 x 3	20 A 20 1 88mm 0 x 4	0 C 0 1 Truck 12 x 9
0 C 0 1 Wagon 3 x 2	5 H 8 5 PaKw IV 8 x 5	2 C(I) 2 4 Halftrack 10 x 2	2 H 4 2 SdKfz 231/16 x 3	3 M 12 3 81mm 1 x 3	Stuka x 1		

Off Board Artillery : 3 - 210mm heavy howitzer attack strength 80, "H" class weapon)

3 - Stuka dive bombers 3 (I) and 30(H) or 20(A) each

1 - 80 cm railway gun "Dora", attack strength 160, "A" class weapon (see special rules below)

SET UP

French set up first, anywhere on C-north or C-south.

Germans set up second, anywhere on Board A. Germans move first.

VICTORY CONDITIONS

German player wins by breaching the Maginot Line by moving any 5 units onto Board D. Trucks or wagons do not count for victory conditions.

French player wins by simply preventing the Germans from reaching their objective.

Length of game 18 turns.

OPTIONAL RULE

Allow H or M class units with at least 12 attack strength points to fire smoke shell concentrations.

SPECIAL RULES

Same as scenario 61-1

Dora special firing rules, see next page

Germans move first

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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Dora Special Firing Rules

1. German railway gun is the 80cm (31" diameter bore) "Dora". Firing orders must be written three turns in advance. Dora can fire on Turn 1 because of photo reconnaissance, etc.
2. Die roll of 1, 2 or 3 results in a hit. Die roll of 4 or 5 hit is scattered per rules. Die roll of 6 is widely scattered with no hits. These rules apply with a unit spotting. Indirect fire scatter rules still apply if spotting unit moves away, is destroyed or disrupted.
3. Dora is off board artillery. Dora is considered an A class weapon with the anti-concrete round with an attack factor of 160. All attacks at normal attack strength.
4. Dora can only fire every third turn due to the time required to reload the cannon.

COMMENTARY

This is the classic What if? scenario concerning the major fortifications of the Maginot Line. Could the line have been breached by a concerted German effort with the proper mix of artillery, tanks and aircraft?

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