

## SCENARIO BRIEFING

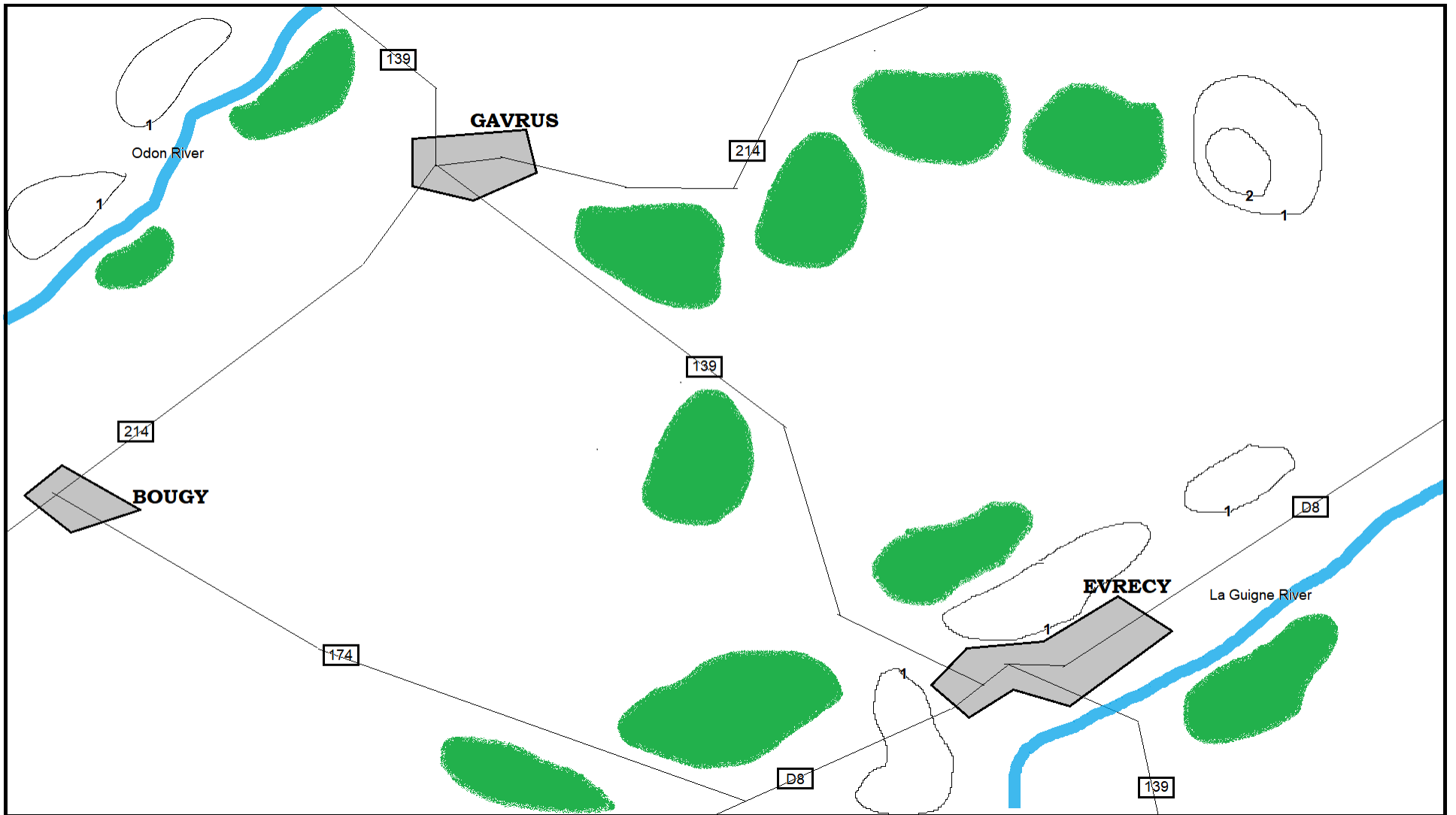
Following D-Day, the primary British objective in Normandy remained the town of Caen, which would form an anchor of a defensive line protecting the left flank of the US First Army and provide a jump-off point for an eventual advance southwards to capture Falaise. Unfortunately, the British were unable to achieve their D-Day objective, and a brutal slogging match ensued for the next several weeks, against a variety of Wehrmacht opposition. Operations EPSOM and JUPITER, in late June and early July, were fought for limited objectives and did not create a breakthrough which would lead to the capture of Caen, but these operations had the side effect of forcing the German defenders to divert forces intended for use against the US First Army in the west. Therefore, the crux Normandy campaign would occur in the east as the British continued to deploy limited operations to hold the German forces in place, while the US forces built up for their planned offensive (Operation COBRA) on 19 July.

To this end, the British planned two preliminary operations to prevent Panzergruppe West from deploying its lately-arrived reinforcements into the US Army's area of operations. The first of these was Operation GREENLINE, which took place beginning on 15 July. In this operation, XII Corps was to attack the Odon River salient, with the objective of taking the town of Evrecy (which itself would serve as a jumping-off point for the second operation).

Operation GREENLINE itself began with a spoiling attack towards the crossroads at le Lochur by the 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade and elements of the 24<sup>th</sup> Tank Brigade, which pulls German defenses towards that area. Tanks of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Schwere SS-Panzer Abteilung and tanks of the 2<sup>th</sup> Panzer Regiment reinforce the area, and the attack bogs down. However, the forces defending Evrecy – the primary objective of this operation – were successfully drawn off, leaving behind I Battalion, 21<sup>st</sup> Panzergrenadiers, to hold the town.

It is into this weakened defensive line that the British will make their decisive attack.

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## BRITISH BRIEFING

At 0745 hours, elements of the 11<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division's 29<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade will prosecute and attack on Evrecy, spearheaded by the motorized infantry of the 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion and the 3<sup>rd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment.

We believe that the enemy has remaining only about a battalion of dismounted Panzergrenadier infantry in the area, supported by minimal artillery sections a few kilometers behind the line. Most German forces have been dispatched to the west to reinforce against 15<sup>th</sup> Brigade's attack on le Lochur. We have confirmation that one zug (platoon) of the 102<sup>nd</sup> Tiger Battalion has been sighted in that area. The 102<sup>nd</sup> is assigned to assist as needed to both the 10<sup>th</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Panzer divisions, and the 10<sup>th</sup> PzrDiv has pulled back for refitting, leaving only the 2<sup>nd</sup> PzrDiv in the immediate area. If the 102<sup>nd</sup> has moved to le Lochur, it is highly likely that the 2<sup>nd</sup> PzrDiv has also dispatched units into that area to support them, likely leaving Evrecy nearly undefended and vulnerable to our assault.

## OBJECTIVES

Attacking elements will assemble north of Gavrus, and advance as needed to capture the town of Evrecy. German defending forces within 12" of the town must have taken at least 50% casualties, at least 4 stands of British forces must occupy the town, and there must be more British stands than German stands by the end of the game. It is recommended, but not required, that at least 1 infantry company be dispatched to hold either Gavrus or Bougy to secure your right flank.

### ORDER OF BATTLE

Battalion HQ, 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Rifle Brigade

- x3 MG Platoon
- x2 6-pdr AT Gun sections (towed)
- x3, 3-IN mortar sections (off-table)
- x1 air support request (No.6 Squadron of Hurricane IIDs)
- x3 Recce Teams (universal carriers)

A, B, and C Companies, 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Rifle Brigade

- 3 platoons of 3 sections each
- A Company equipped with M5 halftracks for all sections

### ORDER OF BATTLE

A Squadron, 3<sup>rd</sup> RTR

- 3 troops of 4 Sherman IV ea. (incl. x1 Sherman IVC Firefly per troop)

**REINFORCEMENTS AVAILABLE** (each entry become available turn after sufficient minis have been freed up)

D Company, 8<sup>th</sup> Battalion, Rifle Brigade

B Squadron, 3<sup>rd</sup> RTR

- 2 troops of 4 Sherman IV ea. (incl. x1 Sherman IVC Firefly per troop)

## DEPLOYMENT

British forces must deploy within 8" of the north board edge, and no further than 12" from the crossroads in Gavrus. British AT guns (only) have the option to deploy on the northwestern hills on the far side of the Odon River.

Reinforcements may enter along a road along the north board edge only. Reinforcements entering the board along a road may enter using Strategic Movement and may move within 10" of an enemy stand (on the turn they enter the board only) during their move, but not into close combat with the stand.

British reinforcements may also enter from the east or west board edges, up to 18" towards the south, and not along a road. A British unit which chooses to enter this way may not enter the board within 10" of an enemy stand IF that enemy stand has a valid LOS to the reinforcement unit's position.

## GERMAN BRIEFING

Yesterday afternoon, British forces attacked the crossroads at Le Lochur in force. I Battalion (277 Infantry Rgt) called for immediate assistance, and both I and II Abteilung 2<sup>nd</sup> Panzer Rgt and III Battalion of SS Panzergrenadier Regiment Deutschland responded, reinforced by 102 Schwere SS-Panzer Abteilung. However, the II Abteilung 2<sup>nd</sup> Panzer and the III Kompanie 102 Schwere SS-Panzer were forced to turn back, when the bridge over the Odon River at Ragny collapsed under the weight of a 102 Panzerkampfwagen VI Tiger, and are in the process of returning to cantonment south of Evrecy.

This occurrence allows for the possibility of an immediate counterattack – using those returning forces – against oncoming British 11<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division forces in the area of Gavrus-Evrecy.

The town of Evrecy is held by an understrength battalion of 21<sup>st</sup> Panzergrenadier. The II Abteilung, 2<sup>nd</sup> Panzer Regiment, supported by 2/III 102 Schwere SS-Panzer, will perform a hasty counterattack against the British attacking force.

## OBJECTIVES

Hold the town of Evrecy at the end of the day by denying the British control of the town. Destroy as many attacking units as possible, while preserving as many German armor formations as possible, particularly your Tiger tanks. Take Gavrus if possible to cut off British forces south of the Odon River.

### ORDER OF BATTLE

Battalion HQ, 1 Battalion, 21<sup>st</sup> Panzergrenadier

- x2 MG Platoons (may begin entrenched in Hasty Infantry positions; must be on the forward slope of the Evrecy ridgeline)

- x1 Wespe Battery (off-table)

- x4 Recon Team (SdKfz 251/D)

II and III Kompanie, 21<sup>st</sup> Panzergrenadier

- x3 platoons of x3 Zugs each (up to 3 platoons may begin the game entrenched in Hasty Infantry Positions; must be on the forward slope of the Evrecy ridgeline)

### ORDER OF BATTLE

II Kompanie, II Abteilung, 2<sup>nd</sup> Panzer Regiment

- x1 Zug of x5 Panzer IV Auf H

- x1 Zug of x3 Panzer IV Auf H

- x1 Zug of x5 STuG III F

### ORDER OF BATTLE

2 Zug, III Kompanie, 102<sup>nd</sup> Schwere SS-Panzer Abteilung

- x2 Tiger I

### REINFORCEMENTS AVAILABLE (each entry can become available turn after sufficient minis have been freed up)

VII Kompanie, 21<sup>st</sup> Panzergrenadier

- x1 platoons of x3 Zugs

III Kompanie, II Abteilung, 2<sup>nd</sup> Panzer Regiment

- x1 Zug of x3 Panzer IV Auf H

- x1 Zug of x3 STuG III F

## DEPLOYMENT

All on-board 21<sup>st</sup> PzrGren units must deploy north of the La Guigne River, and no further than the ridgeline north of Evrecy. Recon teams can deploy up to 12" north of the ridgeline.

Incoming armor Panzer units enter the board during Movement of Turn 2, along the south or east sides of the board. They must deploy in coherency, but the Tiger Zug has no HQ and therefore has no penalties for being out of coherency with any other units besides itself. If they enter along the east side, they may enter up to 6" north of the south edge, OR may enter along the 214 road. German forces may not use Strategic Movement to enter the board.

Panzergrenadier reinforcements must enter the board along the 139 or D8 roads on the south board edge. Armored reinforcements enter as described in the paragraph above.