

## **VEGHEL-ERP**

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### **Background**

For five days Allied airborne forces had held a vital road necessary to send forces forward to the beleaguered paratroopers in Nijmegen and Arnhem. The Germans resolved to cut the corridor known as "Hell's Highway" by sending KG Walther spearheaded by Panzer Brigade 107 to crush elements of the US 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Div deployed between Veghel and Erp. The "Screaming Eagles", supported by British armour, were determined not to allow the route to be cut.

### **The Wargame Scenario**

The game is played on an 8' x 6' table. Woods are light. Buildings are treated as stone and start intact. The canal is impassable except at the bridges. The game is 6 moves long.

Points are awarded for eliminating enemy forces (by destruction, rout, surrender or capture) as follows: Aircraft - 10 points; Tank, tank destroyer - 6 points; Gun, HT - 4 points; truck, jeep, car - 2 points; inf - 1 point. To win, the Allies must inflict 100 casualty points and have 25 points worth of forces east of the line C-D and west of the line E-F at the end of the game. To win, the Germans must inflict 100 casualty points and have 25 points worth of forces west of the line C-D and north of the line A-B at the end of the game. If both sides achieve their objectives, or neither side does, it is a draw.

### **Sources**

"Operation Market-Garden" Command Decision Jake Strangeway ToB Games 2009

"Hell's Highway" Battleground Europe series Tim Saunders Pen & Sword Books 2001

## **Allied order of battle (infantry elite/ armour regular)**

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn 501<sup>st</sup> Parachute IR (test @ 20):

HQ - CO + 11 figs, 60mm mortar, 81mm

mortar, 3 x MMG, f'thrower

3 x Coys - each 10 figs, bzka

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn 506<sup>th</sup> Parachute IR - as per 2/501<sup>st</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn 506<sup>th</sup> Parachute IR - as per 2/501<sup>st</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn 327<sup>th</sup> Glider IR (test @ 20)

HQ - CO + 5 figs, 60mm mortar,

37mm ATG, jeep, f'thrower

3 x Coys - each 10 figs, bzka

HW Coy - 81mm mortar, HMG,

MMG, 9 figs

E Troop 408<sup>th</sup> AA Bty (British)

40mm Bofors, truck, 4 figs

165<sup>th</sup> Hvy AA Regt (British)

3.7" AA gun, truck, 4 figs

44<sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regt

A & B Sqns - each Firefly, 3 x Sherman 75mms

AT Res - 57mm ATG, jeep, 3 figs

Aircraft: Typhoon (multiple auto-cannon/8 x rocket)

### **Allied scenario rules**

Allied forces start on table as per the scenario map. The Allies move first.

At the start of each turn, a D6 is rolled for air support. On a 3 or more an aircraft appears that turn. Aircraft can attempt to target enemy forces not in woods or intact buildings. It sees a target on a D6 roll of anything but a 1.

## German order of battle (Kampfgruppe Walther)

II Bn SS Pzr Gr Regt 21 (regular) (test @ 20)	Panzer Bn 107 (poor)
HQ - CO + 3 figs, pzrschreck, lt truck	HQ - Panther, Möbelwagen (37mm)
3 x Coys - 8 figs, pzrfaust	1 <sup>st</sup> Coy - 2 x Panther
HW Coy - 9 figs, 2 x MMG, 81 mortar, truck	2 <sup>nd</sup> Coy - as per 1 <sup>st</sup> Coy
AT Plt - 3 figs, 75mm ATG, Maultier	3 <sup>rd</sup> Coy - 2 x Jgdpzr IV L70

Attached elements	107 <sup>th</sup> Pzr Gr Bn (regular) (test @ 20)
TD Plt - Jgdpzr IV L48	HQ - CO + 3 figs, SPW 251/10*
Eng Coy - 8 figs, pzrfaust, f/thrower, SPW 251/16 (F/thrower)	3 x Coys - each 8 figs, SPW 251/1, pzrfaust
Pzr Plt - Panther	81mm mortar, SPW 251/1
AA Plt - Flakpanzer (20mm)	AA Plt - SPW 251/21 Drilling*
	Gun Coy - 2 x SPW 251/9 (75mm)*
Prov Bn Gr Regt 16 (poor) (test @ 20)	* each 3 nominal crew

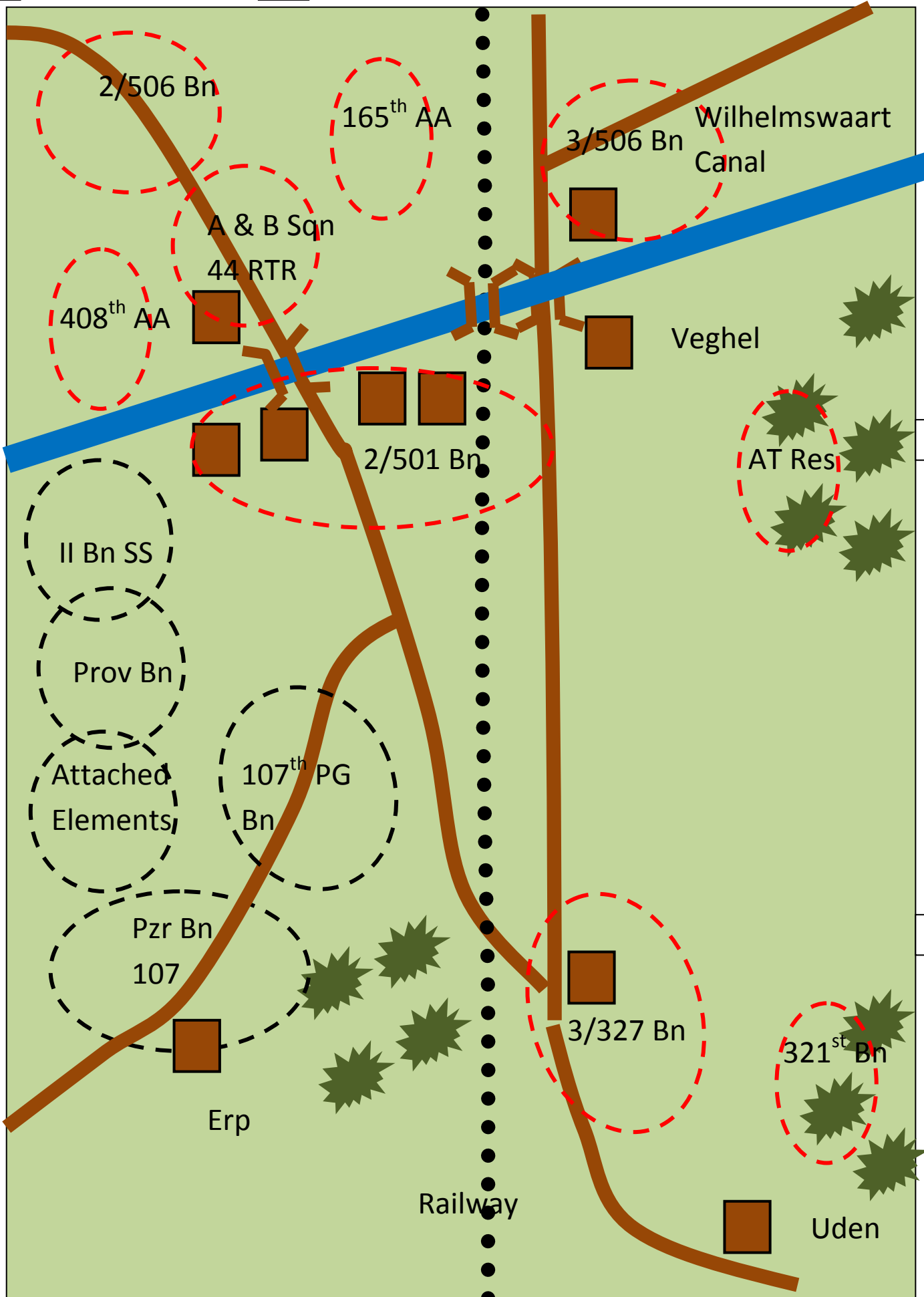
HQ - CO + 3 figs, lt truck	
3 x Coys - each 8 figs, pzrfaust	108 <sup>th</sup> Inf Div Art (off board)
HW Coy - 9 figs, 2 x MMG, 75mm gun, truck	3 x 105mm, OP

## German scenario rules

German forces start on table as per the scenario map with elements embussed/limbered. The Germans move second.

N →

A



C

D

E

F

B

Railway

Erp

Uden

Veghel

Wilhelmswaard Canal

2/506 Bn

165<sup>th</sup> AA

3/506 Bn

408<sup>th</sup> AA

A & B Sqn

44 RTR

2/501 Bn

AT Res

II Bn SS

Prov Bn

Attached Elements

107<sup>th</sup> PG Bn

Pzr Bn 107

3/327 Bn

321<sup>st</sup> Bn