

MARS' LAST FIGHT



SCHWERPUNKT SCENARIO SP58



VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Americans win at game end if they control all building/hut hexes.

TURN RECORD CHART

● JAPANESE Sets Up First	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	END
☆ AMERICAN Moves First									

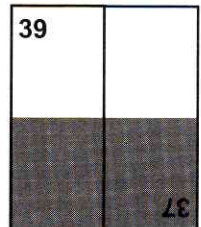
HPA-PEN, Burma, 2 February 1945: In January of 1945, MARS Force was given the task of cutting the Burma Road and harassing the Japanese traffic using it. By February, MARS Force was in a position to do just that. A joint Sino-American attack to cut the road and stop the Japanese 56th Infantry Division from escaping was planned for the 31st of January. The Chinese asked for more time to prepare and the mission was postponed until the 2nd of February. The 2nd Squadron, 124th Cavalry Regiment was moved to an assembly area near Mong Noi, a mile and a half west of Hpa-Pen. In the early hours of the 2nd of February, an artillery preparation commenced and at 6:20 the Americans moved out. Within an hour, F Troop moved out of a wooded draw and up to its objective, the high ground over looking Hpa-Pen and the Burma Road. So far, everything had been easy.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

BALANCE:

● Add a 2-3-7 HS to the Japanese OB.

☆ Add a 6-6-7 to the American OB.



(Only hexrows R-GG on board 39 and hexrows A-P on board 37 are playable.)

Elements of Yamnzaki Detachment [ELR: 4] Set up anywhere on board 37 and on board 39 in a hex numbered ≤ 3 {SAN: 4}

1 4'-4-7	1 2-3-7	2-2-8	9-1	8+1	HMG 3 6-14	MMG 2 4-11	LMG 1 2-6	MTR 2 50*(1-16)*	? 7 morale
6	2	5					2		6
AA M7 3 *12.7(12)	MTR M11 3 81* [3-75]	2+3+5	1+3+5	Trench OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2	Foxhole 5 OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2				
2		2	2	2	4				

F Troop, 2nd Squadron, 124th Cavalry Regiment, 5332nd Brigade (Provisional), MARS Force [ELR: 4] Set up on board 39 in hexes numbered ≥ 5. {SAN: 3}

6'-6-7	3-4-7	9-2	9-1	8-0	7-0	1-4-9	HMG 3 8-16	HMG 3 6-12	MMG 2 4-10	BAZ 45 X11 WP 8-5	DC X12 30-1
12	3										2
dm MTR M2 50mm											

SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are moist with no wind at start. PTO is in effect including light jungle.
- Place overlays **X13** on 37J4-K4, **X26** on 37I6-I7, **X28** on 37N4-M4, and **X29** on 37M8.
- The American 9-2 leader is Heroic (A15.21), but suffers wounds as a leader rather than a hero. He also has a -2 drm for wound severity. The provisions of A17.11 are cumulative with this drm.
- The Americans are stealthy.
- Japanese may set up concealed if in concealment terrain.

Source: Charles F. Romanus & Riley Sunderland, *Time Runs Out in CBI* (Washington D.C.: GPO, 1959) pp. 190-209.

U.S. Army, Public Information Division, *The Medal of Honor of the United States Army* (Washington D.C.: GPO, 1948).

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AFTERMATH: As F Troop moved towards its objective, two Japanese suddenly appeared on the crest of the hill. 1LT Jack L. Knight, commander of F Troop, killed them both and began the deeds that would name him hero. Leading his men over the hill, Knight found the Japanese in a reverse slope defense. Knight ordered his men to attack the Japanese emplacements with grenades and satchel charges. After destroying two Japanese pillboxes, 1LT Knight was half blinded by grenade fragments. He still continued to lead his men and while attacking a third bunker, 1LT Knight was killed by a burst of machine-gun fire. PFC Anthony Whitaker saw what happened to 1LT Knight and proceeded to fire his bazooka at the pillbox that gunned down Knight. Whitaker hit the pillbox three times; all three shots failed to explode. Whitaker then took a rifle & grenades and rushed the position. Although he succeeded in eliminating the Japanese emplacement, it cost him his life. With the commitment of G Troop, F Troop was able to hold the high ground over looking Hpa-Pen and the Burma Road. Because of their actions, 1LT Jack L. Knight was awarded the Medal of Honor while PFC Anthony Whitaker was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross. On February 2, 1945, 124th Cavalry was full of heroes.