

# MEN FROM MARS



## SCHWERPUNKT SCENARIO SP 19



**VICTORY CONDITIONS:** Japanese win if they control a majority of the hut hexes on board 38 at game end.

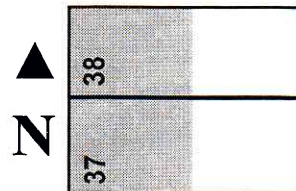
**Mo-hlaing, Burma, 9 December 1944:** During November the Japanese 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was reconstituted after its action with Merrill's Marauders. Subsequently, LTG Eitaro Naka moved his division to the area of Mongmit to prevent the Allies from driving a wedge between the 15<sup>th</sup> and 33<sup>rd</sup> Armies. Meanwhile, the Chinese 22<sup>nd</sup> Division advanced south to the Village of Tonkwa where the 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 66<sup>th</sup> Infantry established a series of outposts. A strong force from the 18<sup>th</sup> Division crossed the Shweli River on 6 December with the mission to knock the Chinese out of Tonkwa. The Japanese struck Tonkwa early on December 8<sup>th</sup>. Supported by artillery, the Japanese forced the Chinese 2<sup>nd</sup> battalion to withdrawal nearly three kilometers north to Mo-hlaing. There the Chinese joined with an American Intelligence and Reconnaissance (I&R) Platoon and established defensive positions to hold Mo-hlaing until the rest of Task Force Mars could be brought to bear.

### BOARD CONFIGURATION:

### BALANCE:

☉ Add a 3-3-7 to the Chinese OB.

● Add a 4-4-7 to the Japanese OB.



Only Hexrows A-P are playable.

### TURN RECORD CHART

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



Elements of 3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, 66<sup>th</sup> Regiment, 22<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division [ELR: 2] set up on board 37 in a hex numbered ≤ 5 and or anywhere on board 38. {SAN: 4}

3-3-7	9-1	7-0	2 4-10	1 2-7	3 50 * [2-13]	5 OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2
11				6	10	



Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 475<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 5332<sup>nd</sup> Brigade (Provisional) "Task Force Mars" [ELR 4] set up on board 38.

6-6-7	9-1	2 4-10	5 OVR, OBA: +4 Other: +2
2			2

Elements of Company E, 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 475<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment, Task Force Mars enter turn 4 on any outside edge of board 38. All must enter on the same edge.

6-6-7	9-1	8-1	2 4-10
6			2



Elements of the 55<sup>th</sup> & 56<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiments, 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division [ELR: 3] enter turn 1 on the south edge {SAN: 3}

4-4-7	2-2-8	9-1	9-0	8-0	8-1	3 6-14	2 4-11	1 2-6	2 50 * [1-16] *	8
15	2							3	2	

### SPECIAL RULES:

- EC are wet with no wind at start. PTO terrain is in effect.
- Place overlay 1 on 38D2-D1. Kindling is NA.
- A road exists from 37P10-37P5-37H4-37I1-38oJ7-38oF4-38oI1.
- Japanese OBA is 70mm (HE only) with plentiful ammunition (C1.211).
- Allies may set up two squad equivalents (and any SW/SMC stacked with them) using HIP.
- Small arms PBF/TPBF and MG attacks will not create Flame (G5.6).
- Before play begins, the American player must designate the board edge on which his reinforcements will enter.

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**AFTERMATH:** The Japanese moved north on both sides of the Tonkwa road. Confident the Chinese had already pulled out of Mo-hlaing they were surprised to find the village defended. Caught off balance at first, the Japanese immediately deployed and launched a hasty attack with about five platoons of infantry. Japanese pressure was too great and soon the Chinese perimeter cracked. American and Chinese soldiers fought side by side, often sharing the same foxhole. Determined not to lose the village, the Chinese and Americans doggedly held their ground. Americans from Task Force Mars counterattacked in an attempt to restore the situation. Fierce hand to hand fighting raged throughout the morning. With more Americans filtering into the area, the Japanese elected to suspend the attack on Mo-hlaing. The next few days were tense as the Japanese continued to harass the defenders with artillery fire and probe the village with patrols. Chinese forces finally pulled out of Mo-hlaing after receiving a new mission. Despite losing their Chinese comrades, the men of Task Force Mars managed to retain control of Mo-hlaing.