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Springtime for (*SS Leibstandarte Adolf*) Hitler

April 12, 1941

We are high up on the pass, and it is bitterly cold and raining. March four miles and dig in. Then march about five miles and dig in ... We try to sleep, but rain turns into sleet and ice. Our blankets and clothes are wet through. Hard luck: we move again and dig in for the third time in one night, and no sleep for two nights.

- Dick Parry,

White Over Green

Yugoslavia had fallen to the Germans, Greek forces in Eastern Macedonia had surrendered the territory, and now the Germans had taken the city of Florina. The 9th Panzer Division and *SS Leibstandarte Adolf Hitler* (*LSSAH*) continued on toward the towns of Vevi and Kleidi, there to secure the Klidi Pass to permit their southward advance. The Greek and British forces in Western Macedonia were ordered to withdraw to the more defensible Olympus–Aliakmos Line, but they would need time. Greek, British, Australian, New Zealand infantry, engineers, artillery, and tanks of the Mackay Force were to hold the Germans at bay long enough to complete the withdrawal. But the

assigned troops—especially the ill-equipped Aussies and Kiwis fresh from North Africa—were already exhausted, and struggled in the freezing weather. In spite of this, they did manage to repel the Germans' initial forays into the area. However, on the morning of April 12, with the ground freshly blanketed in more than a foot of snow, the German onslaught *really* began.



Oberst-Gruppenführer Joseph "Sepp" Dietrich, *LSSAH* commander, Greece 1941. (Pictured with General Franz Böhme, left.)



Members of the Australian 2/1st Anti-Tank Regiment resting, 13 April 1941, after their withdrawal from the Vevi area.

COMMONWEALTH FORCES

2/8 Battalion, Australian 19th Brigade:

Deploy within 12" of Kleidi

Headquarters: 1 x Command

2nd Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery

2 x Batteries: @ 1 x Command
@ 1 x 15cwt Truck
@ 2 x 25pdr Mk II Gun/Crew
@ 2 x Quad Prime Movers

2/8 Battalion, Australian 19th Brigade

Deploy within 6" of A, B, or C.

4 x Infantry Companies: @ 1 x Command Infantry/
AT Rifle
@ 2 x Infantry/AT Rifle

1 x Support Company: 1 x Engineer
1 x 3" Mortar
1 x LMG
1 x Recon Carrier
1 x 2pdr ATG/Crew
1 x Lloyd Carrier

2/1 Battery, 6th Australian Division:

Deploy within 12" of point D.

1 x Command Infantry
3 x 2pdr ATG/Crew

Elements, New Zealand

27th Machinegun Battalion: 2 x MMG

Elements, 9th King's Royal Rifle Corps:

Deploy within 6" of point E.
1 x Command
2 x Infantry
1 x Recon LMG
1 x Recon Carrier

Notes

1. The Australian player deploys first.
2. No more than one Australian company may deploy within 6" of point "A." No more than two Australian companies may deploy within 6" of point "B" and point "C."
3. The stands of the support company should be apportioned among the infantry companies with no more than two support stands per company.

Victory Conditions

The Commonwealth forces win if the Germans cannot meet their own victory conditions.

GERMAN FORCES

KAMPFGRUPPE WITT

Deploy anywhere within 12" of the northern edge of the board.

Headquarters: 1 x Command

Headquarters Company: 1 x Staff Radio Truck

I./LSSAH

Headquarters: 1 x Command

5 x Rifle Companies: @ 2 x Command Rifle
@ 2 x Rifle
@ 1 x Infantry

Heavy Company: 1 x Command Engineer
1 x PaK 37mm ATG/Crew
1 x 75mm Infantry Gun/Crew
3 x Light Trucks

V./LSSAH

Sturmgeschutz Batterie: 1 x Command StuG IIIB
1 x Command Panzerjäger 1B
1 x Panzerjäger 1B

REINFORCEMENTS

On turn 2, deploy anywhere on the northern edge of the board.

Pioneer Battalion, LSSAH

Headquarters: 1 x Command

3 x Pioneer Companies: @ 1 x Command Engineer
@ 2 x Engineer

OFF-MAP ARTILLERY

Light Artillery Battalion

1 x Battery (dedicated to the L/LSSAH):
1 x 105mm Howitzer

2 x Batteries (general support): @ 1 x 105mm Howitzer

Medium Artillery Battalion

1 x Battery (general support): 1 x 105mm Howitzer

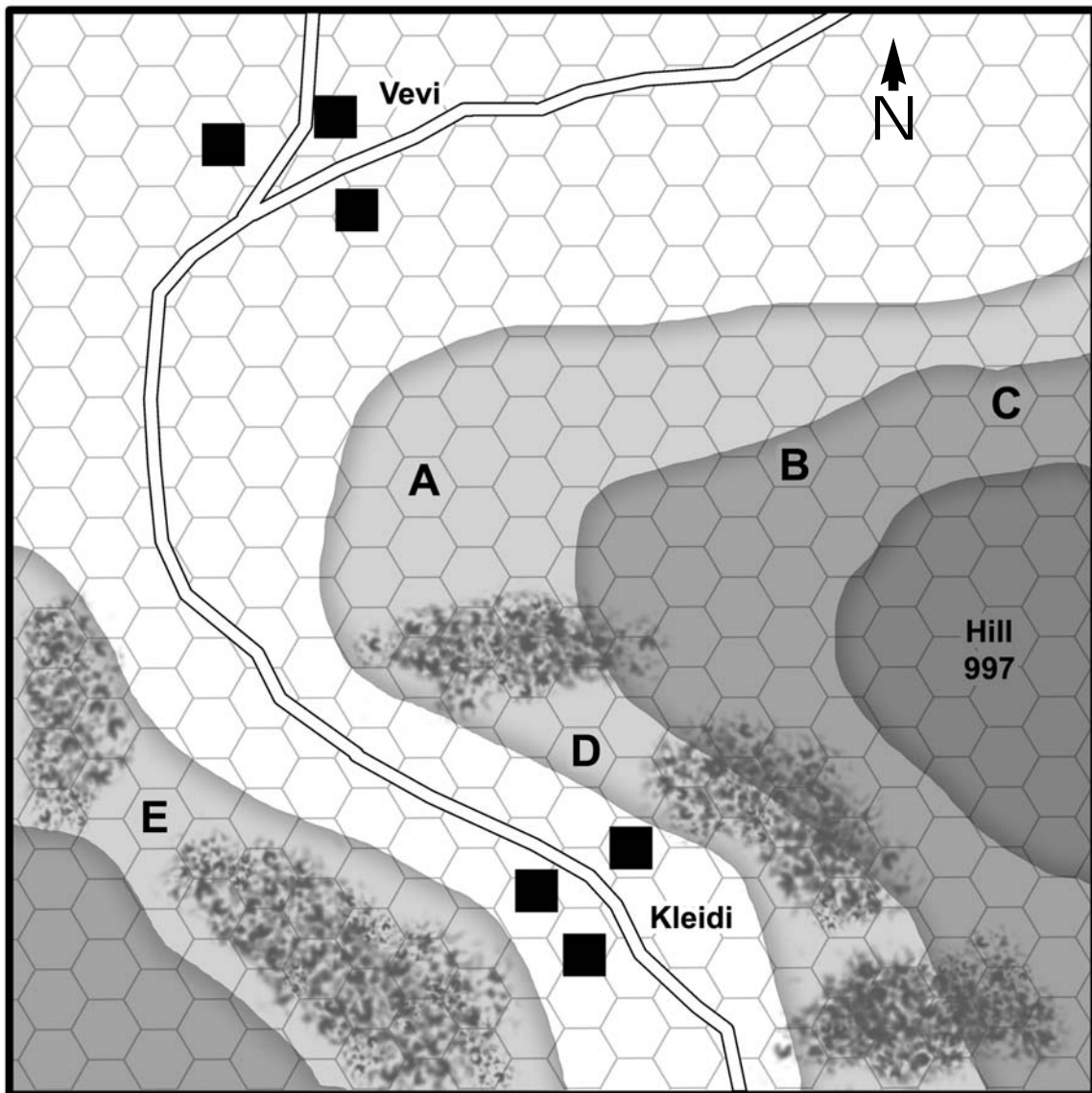
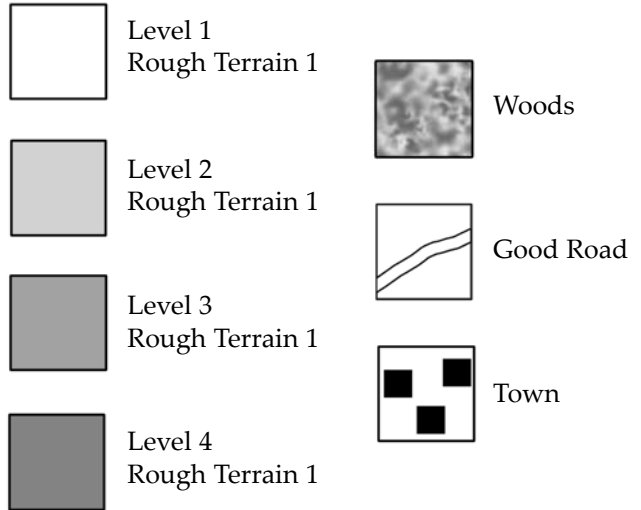
Victory Conditions

The Germans must control two of the following: the summit of Hill 997; Kleidi; and point "E."

THE KLIDI PASS

TERRAIN

- Each hex is 4 inches from top to bottom.
- The landscape is covered with snow; all “clear” terrain is treated as Rough Terrain 1.
- Wheeled vehicles are permitted on only Level 1 terrain.
- Tracked vehicles are permitted up to Level 3 terrain.



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