

# MICRO ARMOUR®: THE GAME - WEHRMACHT '47®

## GET A PIECE OF THE ROCK - SEPTEMBER 2, 1948

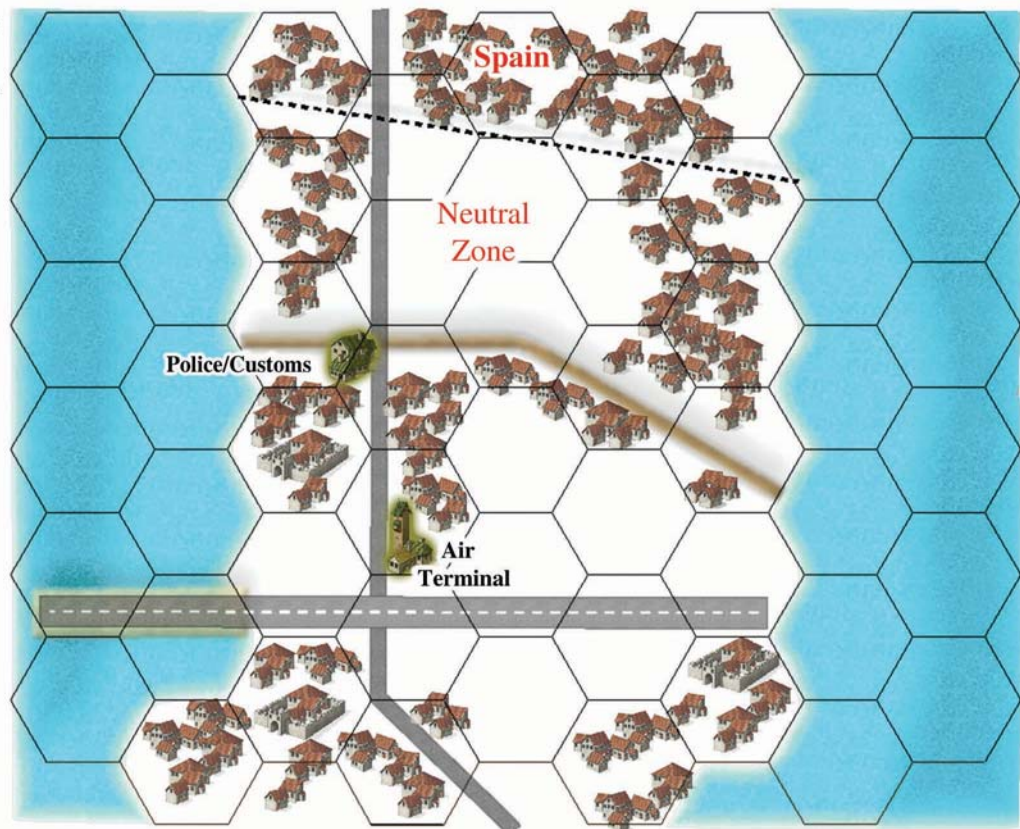
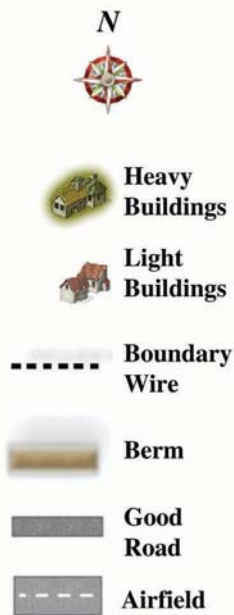
As fighting raged from Baghdad to Casablanca, Allied troops surged toward Tunis from both East and West. It soon became apparent that the next stage in their ongoing offensive would be to leap across the Mediterranean to gain a foothold on the Southern shore of Europe. This would reopen vital sea lanes from the Atlantic to the Red Sea for the first time in seven years. Standing squarely across these lanes stood several 'roadblocks'. These were Cyprus, Crete, Malta, Sicily, the Balearic Islands, and Gibraltar.

During that decisive Summer of 1947, SHQ - JAFE (Supreme Headquarters - Joint Allied Forces Europe), launched a series of Airborne/Amphibious assaults on these vital choke points. The first and in many ways the most important of these was the assault on German-occupied Gibraltar. Ever since its seizure by the Axis in the Summer of 1940, Gibraltar had been a thorn in the Allied side. U-Boats operating from pens built there in 1941 reeked havoc among Allied convoys along the West African coast as result, not to mention the damage done by Axis E-Boats and reconnaissance aircraft based there. In addition, Gibraltar was a perfect maintenance point for the deployment of extensive naval minefields, which virtually strangled Allied shipping attempting to supply their forces in Algeria and Morocco.

On the morning of 2 September 1947, German field phones began ringing off the hook from one end of 'The Rock' to the other. A powerful Allied naval armada appeared off the peninsula's East coast. Shells began to explode among the fortifications soon after, swiftly followed by the roar of high performance aircraft engines and the accompanying thud and shock of heavy aerial bombs. An hour or so later, through a pall of dense black smoke from burning fuel tanks and munitions dumps, the sky quickly filled with a blizzard of light-green 'snowflakes'. PARACHUTES! As the first 101st Airborne 'Screaming Eagles' were touching down along both sides of the 'Border Wire', the low roar of diesel engines could be heard beyond the Allied smoke-screen laid between Sandy Bay and Europe Point. Soon the first Amtrak's could be seen landing loads of 'Exterminators' from the 1st Marine Division.

Within a very few hours, the first Spanish counterattacks began feeling their way along approaches to the 'wire', meeting stiff opposition from 101st troopers. By next morning, the first members of the elite German 1st Fallschirmjäger Division began to arrive from depots in Southern France. They would be provided with armored fighting vehicles (stationed in nearby Algeiras). The fighting taking place over the next two days would be decisive!

### Gibraltar North Sector



Scale 1" = 100 meters on a 24" x 39" Skirmish

Map by Sven Lugar

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## AMERICANS

### American Airborne

2nd Battalion/  
327th Glider Inf Regt:

1x Infantry HQ, 7x Infantry[R],  
3x MMG [R],  
1x HMG[R],  
1x 81mm M.1 Mortar(2)[R],  
1x 75mm M20 RcR[R]

### American Marines

1st Battalion/  
1st Marine Regt(+):

1x Infantry GHQ,  
8x Assault Infantry,  
2x SMG Infantry,  
2x 75mm M20 RcR/Jeep,  
1x 81mm Mortar(3)/Jeep,  
3x LVT-A1, 1x LVT-A4(2),  
3 xM4A3E8,  
1x Sherman Crocodile,  
3x Truck

Air/Naval

Gunfire Support: 3x 5" Naval Gunfire(3)

Note: All Americans are equipped at TL2 Standards.

### AMERICAN DEPLOYMENT

1. 2nd Bn/327th: Deploy anywhere between 'Customs House' and the 'Boundary Wire'. All troops may be deployed in Light Improved Positions.
2. 1st Bn/1st Marines: Enter the map by road on its South edge on turn three (3).

Base Cohesion Level: 17  
Breakpoint: 39

## GERMANS

3rd Battalion/  
1st Fallschirmjäger Regt:

1x Infantry GHQ/SdKfz.351/1,  
7x Infantry[R]/SdKfz.351/1,  
2x SdKfz.351/2(1),  
1x 120mm SdKfz.351/24(2)

Note: All German forces are equipped at TL2 standards.

Base Cohesion Level: 17  
Breakpoint: 53

## SPANISH

1st Bn/Regt Andalucia:

1x Infantry GHQ/Truck,  
9x Infantry, 3x MMG

2nd Bn/Regt Andalucia:

1x Infantry HQ/Truck,  
9x Infantry, 3x MMG

9th Artillery Battalion:

3x 105mm IFH.18(2)  
OFF MAP

Note: All Spanish forces are equipped at TL1 standards.

Base Cohesion Level: 15  
Breakpoint: 55

### AXIS DEPLOYMENT

1. 3rd Bn/1st FlJäger: Enter anywhere along the North edge of the map beginning on turn one (1).
2. 1st Bn/ Andalucia: Deploy anywhere North of the 'Boundary Wire', ten inches (10") or less from the Western shore.
3. 2nd Bn/ Andalucia: Deploy anywhere North of the 'Boundary Wire', ten inches (10") or less from the Eastern shore.

## SCENARIO LENGTH

This scenario ends after the completion of turn 12

**NOTE:** The reference maps used in this scenario we provided by the Gibraltar government at the following web site, for which we are truly grateful:

<[www.gibraltar.gov.gi/about\\_gib/geography/gibmap.html](http://www.gibraltar.gov.gi/about_gib/geography/gibmap.html)>

## SPECIAL RULES

1. American 'Trucks' may be of any type (Axis or Allied).
2. Due to heavy clouds of smoke limiting visibility, all OFF MAP fire support (both Axis and American) is at a base Cohesion level of thirteen (13).
3. The "Berm" on the map is a 'Customs Barrier' intended to prevent smuggling. Treat it as a 'Ridge Crest'.
4. Only the Customs House and Air Terminal should be considered Heavy Buildings.
5. Maximum sighting distance for this scenario is twelve (12") inches.
6. American Infantry may ride tanks. See 'Tank Marines' (Rule 12.4).

## VICTORY CONDITIONS

- A. If Axis forces 'Break' the Airborne Battalion, award them a Tactical Victory.
- B. If Axis forces occupy any part of the Air Field, award them a Decisive Victory.
- C. If the Americans keep sole control of the Airfield, award them a Tactical Victory.
- D. If the Airborne Battalion finishes the Game unbroken, award the Americans a Tactical Victory.
- E. If the Americans achieve both, award them a Decisive Victory.