

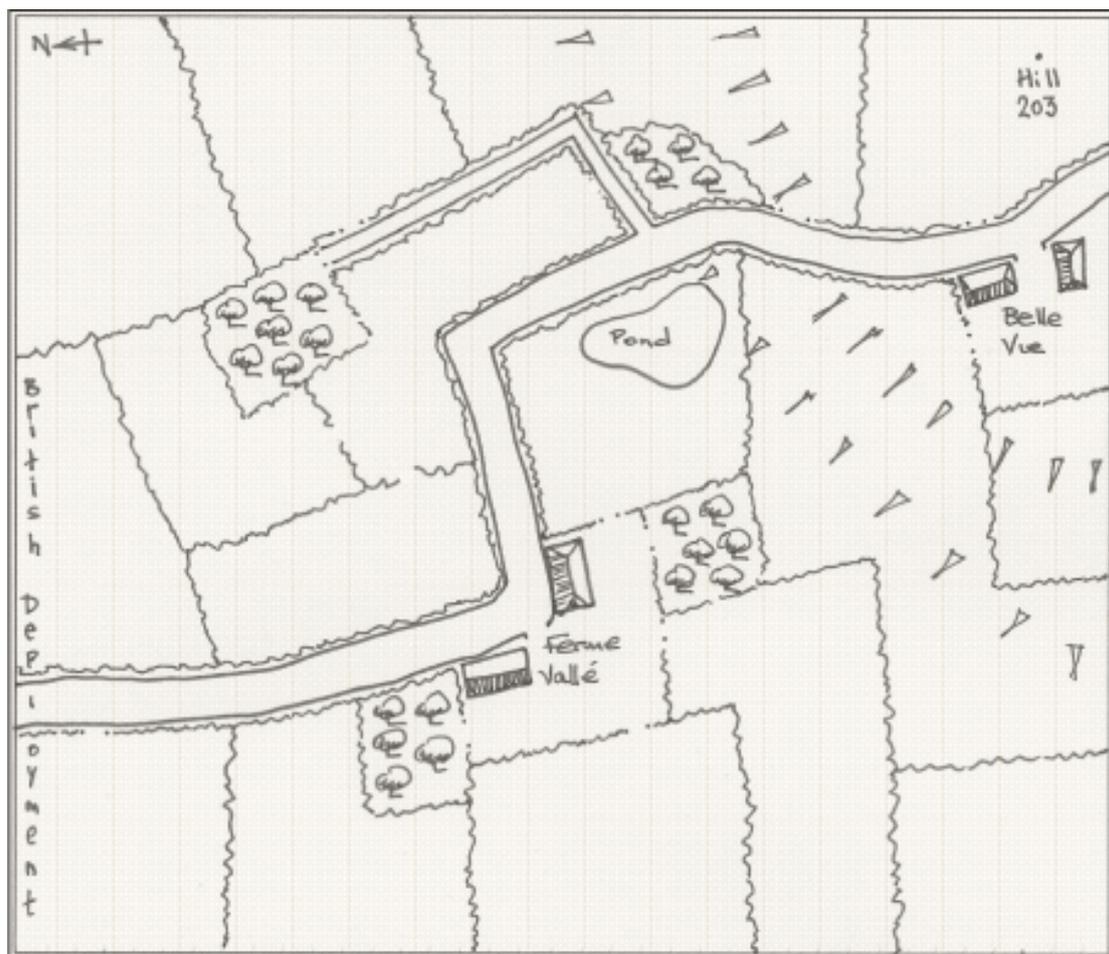
GERMAN BRIEFING

It is June 1944, and the Allies have invaded Normandy, set on destroying the great dream of a united Europe. In the Reich all energies are being trained on throwing this enemy back into the Channel in order that the great liberating crusade against bolshevism can continue in the east.

You are commanding a company of the newly raised 12th SS Panzer Division, Hitlerjugend. Two years fighting in the east with Nordland has made you a tough soldier, and you worry for the young volunteers that surround you. Two weeks fighting around Caen has seen you slow down the Allied advance to a snail's pace, and cause losses that you are sure they cannot endure for long.

Now your Company, reduced to two platoons, is responsible for holding the critical Hill 203. Little more than a ridge, this formerly insignificant piece of French farmland is now of strategic importance and must be held at all costs. Thus far you have repelled three Tommy attacks. The bocage country in which you are operating limits Tommy armour to a single track that runs up the hill, you will hold firm against any fresh attacks.

Your men are in good spirits, the fresh influx of volunteers have found their feet thanks to the experienced cadre within the group. You may call upon a battery of four 105mm artillery pieces if you require support; A FOO of the 328th Artillery Regiment has been allocated to you to act as a spotter if needed. All artillery will be called in through him. You have no vehicles, all have been withdrawn due to allied air activity.



Remnants of 1st Company, 12th SS Panzer - Hitlerjugend

Company Commander

1 x CO (+2)

1st Platoon

1 x Platoon Leader (+2)

6 Rifle Stands (3 Squads)

NB Each Rifle Stand has 1 x Panzerfaust 30

2nd Platoon

1 x Platoon Leader (+2)

6 Rifle Stands (3 Squads)

NB Each Rifle Stand has 1 x Panzerfaust 30

Support Weapons (Attach to a platoon or the CO)

2 x MMGs

Anti-Tank Platoon

1 x 75mm PaK 40 AT gun (4 crew)

1 x Panzerschreck (2 crew)

Artillery Support (Attach Spotter to a platoon or the CO):

1 x Forward Observer (Can be attached to a platoon or operate independently)

4 x 105mm Artillery Missions

DEPLOYMENT

The Germans can deploy anywhere more than 12" from the British start line (see map). They use Hidden Placement.

Note the panzerschreck is attached to the AT Gun platoon as an integral part of that unit, therefore must remain within 6" of it at all times.