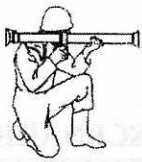


THE AWAKENING OF SPRING



SCENARIO BB12



VICTORY CONDITIONS: Prior to Russian setup, the Germans must secretly record one of the following Victory Conditions: A.) Exit ≥ 36 VP (excluding prisoners) off the east edge of board 4, or B.) amass ≥ 20 Casualty VP more than the Russians. The Germans win at game end if they have accomplished their selected VC.

South of LAKE BALATON, HUNGARY, 14 March 1945: With the Soviet Army firmly established on the Oder River and threatening Berlin, Hitler was still obsessed with taking the offensive elsewhere. Being in possession of an uncommitted reserve—the 6th SS Panzer Arme—Hitler decided to launch an attack to create a buffer zone between the Soviet forces near the Danube River and the Nagykanizsa oil fields. Operation Fruehlingserwachen (The Awakening of Spring) began on the night of 5-6 March. General Tolbukhin's main force was hit hard, and the fighting was fierce. For the next several days, the Germans ground forward adding divisions as they went. German armor battered away at the Soviet right flank where, on the 14th, General Wohler threw in his last reserve formation, built out of the 6th SS Panzer Division and fielding 200 tanks and self-propelled guns, in one final desperate push toward the Danube.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

HANDICAPS:
G3: Use G2, and add one IS-2m and one 9-1 Armor Leader to the Russian at-start group.
G2: Use G1, and the Russian reinforcement group enters on Turn 2.
G1: Add one each 4-5-8, 8-0, Russian LMG and GAZ. Mm to the Russian reinforcement group.

R1: In the German OB, replace the JgPz IV/70s with two JgPz Vs.
R2: Use R1, and add one 9-1 Armor Leader to each German group.
R3: Use R2, and the Germans may record their VC option at any time prior to the set up of the Russian reinforcements.



	16	17	4
11			

TURN RECORD CHART

★ RUSSIAN Sets Up First [87]	1	2	3★	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	END
✚ GERMAN Moves First [224]											

Elements of the 35th Guards Rifle Corps [ELR: 4] set up between the two roads that run 16A5-N4-Y4-GG5 and 17A6-G7-H6-R4-Y10-DD4-GG6: {SAN: 3}

3	6	2	2	2				2			

Elements of the 23rd Tank Corps enter on Turn 3 along the east edge of board 4:

6			3	3

Elements of SS-Panzer Division 6 [ELR: 4] set up as indicated: {SAN: 2}:

On board 11 north of hexrow Q, on hexes numbered ≤ 6 :

4	4					3	2	2	

On board 11 on/south of hexrow Q, on hexes numbered ≤ 6 :

4	4				3	2	2	

SPECIAL RULES:

- Weather is Falling Snow (E3.71), with Wet EC and no wind at start.
- All buildings are wooden and have a ground level only.
- All German 5-4-8s/2-3-8s are considered to have an underlined Morale, have their broken-side Morale Level increased by one, and to be SS for all purposes.

AFTERMATH: General Goryachev's 35th Guards, supported by the 23rd Tank Corps and two SP gun brigades from Stavka reserve, fought fiercely to hold back the German tanks from the rear defense line, halting them just short of it. On the Soviet left flank, the 30th Rifle Corps and 18th Tank Corps kept the Germans back even though outflanked to the east. The main German assault lumbered to a halt on the 15th with no great successes from the other German supporting attacks. Over 500 tanks and assault guns, 300 guns, and 40,000 men had been pounded to pieces in this last German offensive—all for no gain.