

AMBITIOUS ASSAULT

ASL SCENARIO S9

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AVOLA, SICILY, 10 July 1943: Operation Husky got off to a terrible start as gale-force winds greeted the poorly-trained transport pilots flying in the paratroopers and glidermen of the British 1st Airborne Division and the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment of the American 82nd Airborne Division. Instead of dropping behind the Allied beaches and seizing key bridges and strongpoints, they were scattered all over the southern half of the island. One such group of men landed near the coastal town of Avola with Lt. Sammon the ranking officer. After a brief council with the remaining officers, he ordered this ad hoc group of 75 paratroopers armed only with light weaponry to attack Avola in order to assist the British whose seaborne invasion of Sicily was starting to land.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

BALANCE:

III Add one MMG to the Italian OB.

☆ The Turn 4 reinforcements enter on Turn 3.



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VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Allies win at game end if there are no unbroken Italian MMC ≤ 7 hexes from S6.

TURN RECORD CHART

III ITALIAN Sets Up First	☆	1	2	3	4	5	6	END
☆ ALLIED Moves First								



Elements of 146th Regiment, 206th Coastal Defense Division [ELR: 1] set up ≤ 7 hexes from S6:

1 3-4-6	1 1-3-6	8-1	8-0	7-0	3 6-12	2 4-10	1 2-5
10	2					3	



Elements of 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment [ELR: 5] enter on Turn 1 along the north edge:

E 7 ³ -4-7	E 3-3-7	9-2	9-1	8-0	2 4-10
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Elements of the 50th Infantry Division [ELR: 3] enter on Turn 4 along the south edge:

1 4 ² -5-7	9-1	8-0	2 4-12	1 2-7
7			2	

SPECIAL RULES:

1. British 1st Line MMC do not Cower (3.2.2).
2. Allied Leaders incur a +1 DRM penalty when attempting to rally or direct units of a different nationality.

AFTERMATH: A town the size of Avola, with its 22,000 inhabitants and hundreds of stone buildings, would normally be the objective of a reinforced battalion with armor and artillery support. The 75 paratroopers quickly overwhelmed a few outlying machinegun nests, and reached the edge of the town. From there long streets ran downhill towards the sea about a mile away. Lt. Sammon divided up his officers and assigned each group a street to attack down, with the rendezvous being the shoreline on the other side of the town. The assault went well until early afternoon when the Americans reached the town square, which was heavily defended by dozens of machine guns. The paratroopers quickly realized how ambitious their plans had really been. Suddenly, however, they let out a cheer. While the Italians had been preoccupied with the attack from inland, the British had surged up from the sea. That was enough for the Italians, who threw down their guns and fled.