

CRICKETS IN SPRING

ASL SCENARIO AP131

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ARANYOS-PUSZTA, HUNGARY, 7 March 1945: The Lake Balaton offensive, code named *FRÜHLINGSERWACHEN* (Spring Awakening), began on 6 March. The "Hitlerjugend" division launched its part of the attack at 0400. The first day was disappointing as the division made very little progress against the Soviet 26th Army. On 7 March, the Germans attacked again. SS-Panzer Grenadier-Regiment 25 attacked Fekete-Puszt, but gained very little ground before being stopped by heavy resistance. SS-Panzer Grenadier-Regiment 26 made much better progress in its attack since it was supported by a *panzer* battalion and part of a self-propelled gun battalion.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:



11
64
65

BALANCE:

★ Add one 4-4-7 squad to the Russian at-start OB.

♣ Add one 6-5-8 squad to the German at-start OB.

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Germans win at game end by amassing more VP than the Russians. Each side earns CVP normally, and each multi-hex building is worth 2 VP to the Controlling side.

TURN RECORD CHART

★ RUSSIAN Sets Up First [0]	♣ 1	2★	3	♣ 4	5	6	7	END
♣ GERMAN Moves First [180]								



Elements of 26th Army [ELR: 4] set up on board(s) 64/65; Infantry in suitable terrain may set up Entrenched (B27.1): {SAN: 4}

4-4-7 6	2-2-8 3	8-0 3	8-0 3	6-12 1	4-10 2	76L 3
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Enter on Turn 2 along the south/west edge(s) on/between 65Y10 and 64A5, with all Personnel as Riders:

6-2-8 6	8-2 2	2-8 2	16 11 85L 2/4
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Elements of Bataillon II, SS-Panzer Grenadier-Regiment 26, SS-Panzer-Division 12 "Hitlerjugend" [ELR: 5] set up on board 11: {SAN: 2}

6-5-8 9	8-0 2	8-0 2	5-12 2	3-8 2
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Enter on Turn 1 along the north edge, with all Personnel as Passengers/Riders:

6-5-8 3	10-2 3	3-8 3	15 75LL 3/5/2	16 37L 1/3	16 15PP AANG 1/3
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Enter on Turn 4 along the west/north edge(s) on/between 64A6 to 11Y1:

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SPECIAL RULES:

1. EC are Mud, with no wind at start. Weather is Mud (E3.6), and Mist (E3.32) is in effect. All roads are paved.

2. AFV crews may not voluntarily abandon (D5.4) their Mobile (D.7) vehicles.

AFTERMATH: Bataillon II of Panzer Grenadier-Regiment 26 began its attack on Odon-Puszt on 0440. The town was captured in a rapid attack by tanks and halftracks. Advancing further south, Bataillon II was stalled on the outskirts of Aranyos-Puszt. The Soviets launched a number of counterattacks, especially against the German right flank, but with the assistance of the tanks and three *Grillen* (Cricket) self-propelled guns supporting the defense, the Germans held. After two days of fighting, the Germans had penetrated four miles into the Soviet defenses—but at a high cost.