

Crossing the Two Canals – Part One/Two

Scenario 01 – 0430hrs, Day One

NATO OPERATIONS REPORT	
UNIT	21 Panzer Grenadier Battalion and 24 Panzer Battalion, 2 Panzer Grenadier Brigade, 1 Panzer Division 22 Armoured Brigade, 1 st Armoured Division
DATE	Day One, 4 August 1985
TIME	0400hrs, dawn from 0500, light at 0600
REGION	Junction of Mittelland Kanal and Zweigkanal West of Braunschweig
TERRAIN	Flat, agricultural area, intersected with waterways. Town sectors at 3000m centres, Heavily forested in area South West of the Kanal Junction.
	Both Kanals have reinforced banks and cannot be exited by Amphibious vehicles unless at a prepared point (which is created as if it were a road block Rule 15.4) Both Kanals are deemed to be less than 1 ¼" but cannot be spanned using Armoured Vehicle Launched Bridges (MTU-20/MT-55 Chieftain/Biber Bridge layers)
WEATHER	Clear, becoming cloudy by 1200. Normal visibility
AIR SUPERIORITY	Soviets have AS.
ELECTRONIC WARFARE	Normal EW rules apply
SCENARIO	Counter Attack
DEPLOYMENT	22 Armd Bde deployed late last night and initial cross attachment has already occurred 1 WG holds the Northern Sector bridges but is handing over responsibility to elements of 1 German Corps 3 RGJ is south west of the junction of Mittellandkanal and Zweigkanal.. QOH and 1 RTR are North of the MittellandKanal and are moving South to conduct a counter attack North of the Kanal is 1 German Corps with 1 Panzer Div anchoring its right flank on the Kanal

ORDERS

<p>22 Armoured Brigade is to destroy all enemy forces within boundaries. 1 WG hold bridges until QOH and 1 RTR have crossed then assist in counter attack. The Armoured Units cannot move through 1 WG until 0500 hrs. 3 RGJ in defence holding the kanal as an obstacle QOH and 1RTR conduct forward passage of lines through 1 WG to defeat the en air assault units 21 Pz Grenadier Battalion defeat any enemy entering sector</p>

ORDER OF BATTLE

3 RGJ	Mech Bn Less A Coy (to 1 RTR) With C Sqn from 1 RTR Engineer Sqn from Div Engineer Regt	In location for 3 hours
1 WG	Mech Bn Complete	
QOH	Type 57 Armd Regt (less one Sqn)	
1 RTR	Type 57 Armd Regt Less C Sqn (to 3 RGJ) With A Coy (from 3 RGJ)	
21 Pz Gr Bn	Pz Gren Bn Reinforced with 2 Companies from Div Engr Bn	In location for 3 hours
24 Pz Bn	Pz Bn – 3 Companies	In location for 3 hours

INDIRECT FIRE AND AIR SUPPORT ASSETS		
1 RHA	Abbott In Regiment Support	Arty May only fire in support of own nationality
4 Regt RA	M109A2 in Divisional Support	
45 Regt RA	M109A2 In Divisional Support	
1 Regiment AAC	2 Sqns assigned to the Brigade if air situation permits	May only support 22 nd Armd Bde
25 Pz Arty Bn	M109G in Brigade Support	Arty may only fire in support of own nationality

This scenario is played in two parts, Firstly 22nd Armd Bde (less 3 RGJ) is conducting its counterattack from Peine against an airlanded parachute formation commencing at 0400 hrs. Once the Bde has reduced the air landed formation to less than 50% of its starting strength it may then move to support 3 RGJ and 2 Panzer Grenadier Brigade. The rolling clock mechanism is used to determine the time taken to reduce the parachutists and an additional 30 mins is added until 22 Armd Bde may move onto table 2

The second part of the scenario is the defence of the obstacle by 2nd Panzer Grenadier Brigade and 3 RGJ who hopefully will hold on until relieved. The rolling clock mechanism is also in force for this scenario

