



# Bastogne Corridor East



The **Battle of Bastogne Corridor East** was a crucial engagement during the **Battle of the Bulge** in **World War II**. It occurred in late December 1944 and early January 1945, focusing on the eastern approach to the besieged town of **Bastogne, Belgium**.

**German Objective:** The German army aimed to break through U.S. defenses east of Bastogne to secure critical roads and regain momentum after their advance stalled.

**Allied Response:** U.S. forces, including the 101st Airborne and supporting armored divisions, mounted a fierce defense despite being surrounded and outnumbered. The weather improved, allowing Allied air support to deliver supplies and conduct airstrikes.

**Outcome:** The Allies successfully held the eastern corridor, repelling repeated



German attacks. This defense helped maintain the Allied hold on Bastogne and contributed to the eventual German retreat, marking a turning point in the Ardennes Offensive.

General Howizer has some observations on this battle:

The Germans threw everything they had at us—tanks, infantry, the works—but our boys, including the damn fine 101st Airborne and our armor, stood their ground like a stone wall. Surrounded? Outnumbered? Hell, that just meant we could shoot in every direction. Then the skies cleared, and our flyboys swooped in with supplies and bombs, giving the Germans a taste of hell from above.

We held that eastern corridor like bulldogs on a bone, smashed every attack they sent, and kept Bastogne in Allied hands. That stand didn't just hold the line—it broke the enemy's back and turned the tide in the Ardennes.

### **Memoir 44 Details**

**6 VP's**



**Card Balance:**

5 - 5

**Complexity:**

3

**Conditions:**

Winter



**Location:**

Belgium

**Year:**

**1944**

**Theater:**

Western Front

**Campaign:**

Ardennes (Battle of the Bulge)

**Context:**

Historical

**Strategy Summary**

**Objectives:**



6 VP's, including Exit Medals for the Axis forces

### **Terrain:**

In this scenario, the Allies control two-thirds of the battlefield at the start. Because there are scattered forests across the field of play, it makes it difficult for the Axis to push them out. But they begin the round with superior forces, while the Allies are crammed into the back of one flank.

### **Troops:**

Allies - 7 Infantry, 4 Armor, 2 Artillery

Axis - 8 Infantry, 5 Armor, 1 Infantry



## **□ Winning as Allies**

### **1. Big Picture Strategy:**

Focus on defending villages and chokepoints, leveraging defensive terrain and slowing down Axis tanks. Keep units close to key areas like the exit markers to prevent breakthroughs.

2. You have four armored units jammed together in the lower left flank. At least half of those will need to shift right to engage the enemy in the center section, to prevent Axis forces from escaping across the exit row.





## □ **Winning as Axis**

### 1. Big Picture Strategy:

Use tanks' mobility to avoid prolonged battles in forests and villages. Concentrate forces for a decisive breakthrough toward the exit markers or to capture critical objectives like villages.

2. Given the preponderance of the Allied armor on your right flank, this would be your weak flank. So be careful of launching an attack on that side unless you have a tremendous set of cards for it.

3. Also note that the Allied infantry at c6 is within a two dice attack of your no-retreat armor unit. So you will need to move that away quickly.

4. You have a lot of forces on your left flank. Spend a card to get them into the action in the center section when you can.

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Allies Won

Axis Won

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