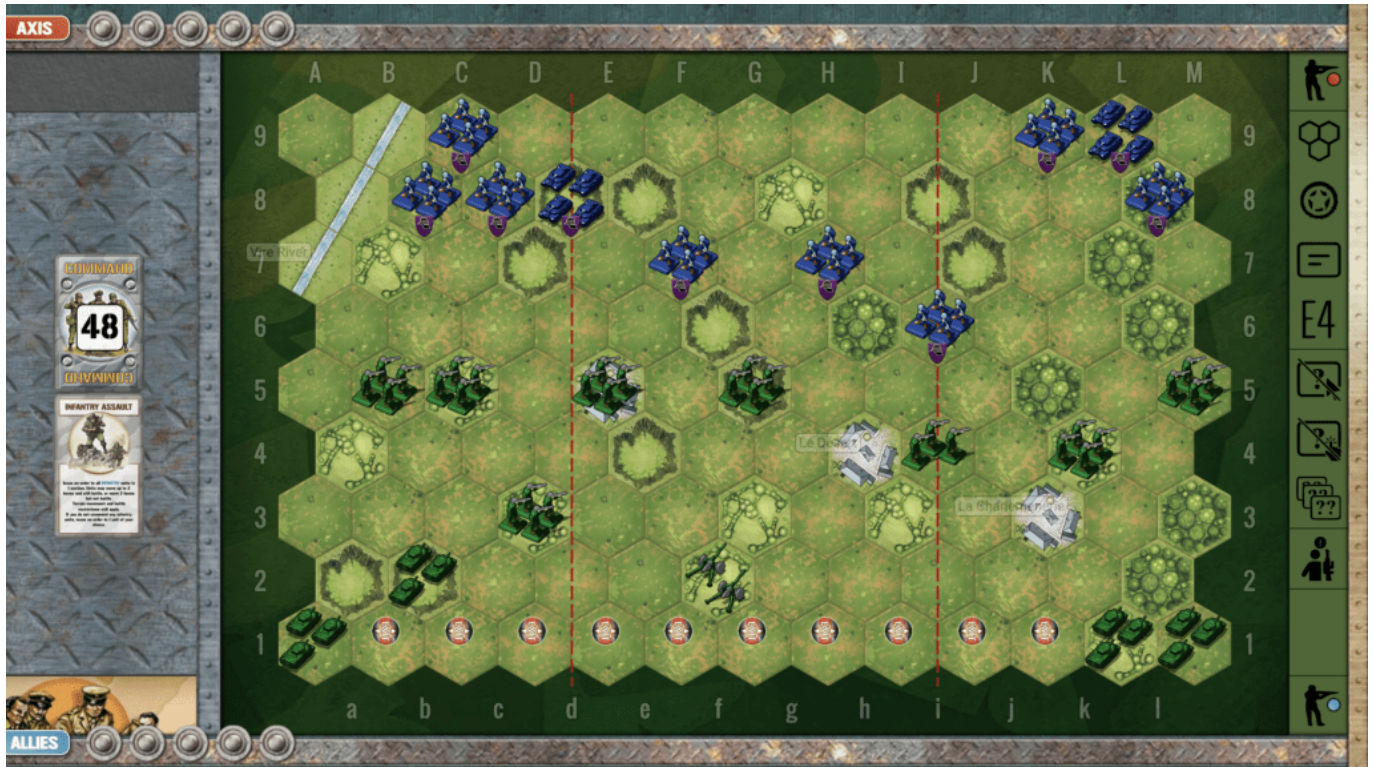




Panzer Lehr Counter-Attacks



The **Panzer Lehr Counterattacks** occurred in **July 1944** during the Normandy Campaign in World War II. The **Panzer Lehr Division**, an elite German armored unit, launched a series of counterattacks against advancing Allied forces, particularly around the town of Saint-Lô, in an effort to halt the Allies' breakout from the beachheads.

Despite their reputation and heavy concentration of tanks and mechanized units, Panzer Lehr faced overwhelming Allied firepower, including massive air support from Allied fighter-bombers and extensive artillery barrages. The division suffered heavy losses in tanks, vehicles, and personnel.

The counterattacks failed to stop the Allied advance, and the division was effectively shattered as a fighting force during the subsequent **Operation Cobra**, the major Allied offensive that broke through German defenses and led to the encirclement of German forces in the Falaise Pocket. The failure of the Panzer Lehr counterattacks marked another step in the gradual collapse of German resistance in Normandy.



5 VP's



Card Balance:

Allies - 6

Axis - 5

Complexity:

2

Conditions:

Countryside

Context:

Historical

Location:

France

Year:

1944

Theater:

Western Front



Campaign:

Normandy Campaign

Summary:

Objectives:

5 VP's, plus the a exit row medals for the Axis

Terrain:

The battlefield is scattered with hills, towns, hedgerows, and forests.

Troops:

Allies - 8 Infantry, 4 Armor, 1 Artillery

Axis - 8 Infantry, 2 Armor



Allied Strategy:

1. You have an Armor superiority, but only if you get your armor that are stuck in the right corner, out into the action. It will take two turns to get them out and mobile.
2. You have an Artillery in the center, protect it, and use it.



Axis Strategy:

1. Big Picture strategy is that your forces begin in disarray. You need to consolidate your forces, and coordinate your efforts. The Allies begin with control of two-thirds of the battlefield. They are protected by hedgerows, towns, and hills. You will need to develop a strategy to attack those units one by one with concentrated firepower until each one is eliminated.
2. Because there are a row of exit hexes which can provide additional medals for you, you should continue a relentless push deep into the enemy territory. If you can bring in your flank forces toward the center, it will make your forces unstoppable.

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