



Hedgerow Hell



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Here's a **brief summary** of the **Battle of Hedgerow Hell** in July 1944:

- **When & Where:**
July 1944, in the dense hedgerow country of Normandy, France.
- **Context:**
After the D-Day landings, U.S. forces faced stiff German resistance in the



bocage (hedgerow) terrain, which made attacks and movements extremely difficult.

- **The Battle:**

Fighting was slow and brutal—**close-quarters combat** with tanks and infantry often forced to blast through thick hedgerows. German forces used the terrain to launch ambushes and hold up the American advance.

- **Outcome:**

Despite the difficulties, American troops adapted with new tactics and overcame German defenses, breaking out of the hedgerows and paving the way for the later launch of **Operation Cobra**.

Here is General Howitzer's comments on it:

"Listen up, men! July '44 in Normandy—**the damn hedgerows were like fighting in a jungle made of dirt and stone**, and the Germans knew every inch of it. We called it **Hedgerow Hell**, and that's exactly what it was.

We started on July 1st, smashing forward, inch by inch, day by day. Those Germans were dug in like ticks, every hedgerow a fortress, every field a killing ground. But our boys didn't back down—they learned to **blow holes in those hedgerows with explosives**, and we turned those obstacles into stepping stones.

Week by week, we kept at it—**infantry, tanks, engineers working together**, and by the end of July, we'd beaten the bastards back. We learned to fight smarter, and we learned to **hit 'em so hard they couldn't catch their breath**.

July 25th—**Operation Cobra**—that was the payoff, boys! We broke out of that green hell and took the fight back to where they didn't have those hedgerows to hide in.

So remember this—**no matter how tough the terrain or how deep the enemy's dug in, we keep pushing, keep killing, and never let the bastards stop us!**"



13 VP's



Card Balance:

Allies - 8

Axis - 10

Complexity:

5

Conditions:

Countryside





Context:

Historical

Location:

Normandy, France

Year:

1944

Theater:

Western

Campaign:

Normandy

Codename:

Summary:

Objectives:

13 VP's, plus Territorial Objective Medals for each side, and Exit hexes for the Allies.

Battlefield:

Countryside with rivers, roads, hills, and many hedgerows.

Troops:

Allies - 21 Infantry, 8 Armor and some Trucks, 3 Artillery



Axis - 14 Infantry, 5 Armor, 4 Artillery



Allied Strategy:

- 1.



Axis Strategy

- 1.

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Allies Won

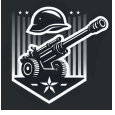


Axis Won

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