Situation No. 61-4
Allied Assault on the Maginot Line, 1944
(Historical)

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AVAILABLE FORCES

ALLIES

| 40 [H] 32 | 14 A 10 | 15 A 12 | 60 [H] 40 | 15 A 20 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1
| x 4       | x 2     | x 1     | x 2       | x 1     | x 3 | x 10 |
| 0          | 2 (II) 2 | 20       | 3          | 30 (II) | 3 |
| 6          | x 5     | x 3     |

GERMAN

| 12 H 22 | 6 A 3 | 3 I 2 | 40 0 | 0 |
| x 1     | x 1   | x 1   | x 1  |

December 1944, elements of the US 100th Infantry Division attack German defenses making use of the Maginot Line at Simserhof in the Rohrbach fortified sector. American heavy artillery badly damaged Blocks 1, 5 and 6 at Simserhof. Simserhof is 6km west of Bitche, between routes D35 and D35A.

SET UP

Germans set-up first, south of river, on north half of board D.

Allies move first. Set-up north of stream on Board D.

VICTORY CONDITIONS

Allied player wins by moving any 3 units onto the south half of Board D. Trucks do not count for victory conditions.

German player wins by preventing the Allies from reaching their objective.

COMMENTARY

In 1944, Allied troops also attacked the Maginot Line having been fortified by the Germans, yet it was a mere shadow of itself from 1940.

Length of game 15 turns.

SPECIAL RULES

1. Germans use French Maginot fort counters.
2. Fortifications of the same block may be stacked together.
3. Use experimental Artillery Field-of-Fire Limitation Rule XVI.B and experimental Smoke Shell Concentration rule XVI.C

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