

# Death at the Crossroads



## THE FACE OF BATTLE

Near Nikopol, November 23rd, 1943, 0935hrs

**A**fter being destroyed at Stalingrad in Feb 1943, the 24th Panzer Division was reformed in France. ‘The Leaping Rider’ was moved in October 1943 to Nikopol, Ukraine. From October to November, First Panzer Army struggled to contain Malinovsky’s 3rd Ukrainian Front striking south across the Dnieper between Nikopol and Krivoi Rog. Scathing action and close combat occurred along the entire front. Both armies must hold vital positions. The Ukrainian Front forced costly action upon the Panzer Army as it made deep inroads into the defence.

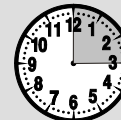
**Forces**  
German / Russian

**Location**  
Eastern Europe

**Number of Players**

**Playing Time**

4



**Game Length**  
6 turns

**Game Objective and Victory Conditions**  
Control 3 of the 5 buildings #1 to #5.



### Elements of the 24th Panzer Division - *The Leaping Rider*

#### Squad A

- 1 Obergefreiter w/MP40, P-08
- 1 Machinegunner w/MG34, P-08
- 1 Assistant Machinegunner w/Kar 98
- 1 Gefreiter w/MP40, P-08
- 1 Infantryman w/MP40
- 3 Rifleman w/Kar 98

#### Squad HQ

- 1 Leutnant w/MP40, P-08
- 1 Infantryman w/PnzFst 60, P-08

#### Panzer III *ausf M*

- 1 Commander
- 4 Crew (GLDR)

Deck 1	
Soldier	20
Crew	10
Mass Move	--
CO - LC	4
NCO - LC	2
Vehicle	10
Event	--
Special	--
Buffer	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

#### Squad B

- 1 Obergefreiter w/MP40, P-08
- 2 Infantryman w/MP40
- 5 Rifleman w/Kar 98

#### Panzer III *ausf N*

- 1 Commander
- 4 Crew (GLDR)

#### Stug F/7

- 1 Commander
- 3 Crew (GLD)

Deck 2	
Soldier	16
Crew	18
Mass Move	--
CO - LC	--
NCO - LC	3
Vehicle	10
Event	--
Special	--
Buffer	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

### Special Rules

1. Forces set up as per the map.
2. Squad B is in the barn.
3. Tank hunting infantryman carries four Panzerfaust 60.
4. Vehicle #1 is the Panzer IIIN. Arrives at the end of turn 1.
5. Vehicle #2 is the Panzer IIIM. Arrives at the end of turn 2.
6. Vehicle #3 is the Stug F/7. Arrives at the end of turn 3.
7. All tanks arrive unloaded, at a speed of 5 and unbuttoned.
8. Each tank has 2d10 HE and 1d10+2 AP rounds.
9. Each soldier starts with 2 stick grenades each.
10. The ground is frozen.
11. For a two player game, combine the decks.

### Aftermath

Following a disastrous German outcome to operation ‘Citadel’, the Eastern Front lacked sufficient armoured reserves to counter the Russian offenses. Returning from an abortive northward attack, the 24th Panzer Division under Edelshiem, arrived too late to save Nikopol. The city was lost and the German’s retreated.