



ELST, HOLLAND, 25 September 1944: On the day that Operation MARKET-GARDEN officially ended, the 7th Somerset Light Infantry was ordered to capture the crossroads at the center of Elst. Supported by a troop of tanks, the Somersets jumped off at 1000 hours on either side of the main street in Elst, moving towards the Nijmegen-Arnhem highway through the dense town with its houses and small orchards. Major Knaust, however, was not yet ready to give up the town.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:



BALANCE:

⚡ Delete one Game Turn.

🎯 Add one *Sherman V(a)* to the British OB.

(Only hexes numbered ≥ 7 and ≤ 18 in hexrows BB-TT are playable)

VICTORY CONDITIONS: The British win at game end if there are no Good Order German non-crew MMC in any building on/east of hexrow LL in hexes numbered ≤ 11.

TURN RECORD CHART

⚡ GERMAN Sets Up First	🎯	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	END
🎯 BRITISH Moves First									



Elements of *Kampfgruppe Knaust* [ELR: see SSR 3] set up in hexes numbered ≤ 16:

6 ² -5-8	4-4-7	4-4-7 ²	2-2-8	9-1	8-1	7-0	HMG 3 7-16	MMG 2 5-12	LMG 1 3-8	PSK X10 12-4	AT M8 2 75L
2	4	2									



Elements of 7th Somerset Light Infantry, 214th Brigade, 43rd Wessex Division [ELR: 3] enter on Turn 1 along the south edge:

4 ² -5-7	9-2	9-1	8-1	LMG 1 2-7	PIAT B10 8-3	13 8 4 75 2/4
14			2	4		3



SPECIAL RULES:

1. *DaE* rules 1-3 are in effect. All terrain on the *DaE* map that is not in play remains in effect for offboard movement and entry (only) purposes.
2. The British have an Offboard Observer in hex OO21. LOS is drawn from that hex for observation purposes only. This observer has an 80+mm OBA module (HE/Smoke) and receives 8 black and 3 red chits.
3. Non-SS German MMC have an ELR of 3; all German leaders have an ELR of 5.

AFTERMATH: The British moved forward but were soon held up by snipers and close-range heavy machine gun fire. One of the supporting tanks almost immediately bogged down in a ditch while attempting to skirt through the countryside, and in short order an anti-tank gun knocked out the other two that were still confined to the main road. The company commander ordered his men back so that artillery could finish off what the infantry and tanks had started, after which the Tommies moved forward with ease. They saw remnants of *Kampfgruppe Knaust*, including ten armored vehicles, streaming northward towards Arnhem. It was evident that they had decided to leave Elst. The British had captured another small stretch of "Hell's Highway."