



# News from the Front

## The War College E-Zine for Axis & Allies Miniatures

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### General Blitzkriegs Command Directives

This month:  
Abusing the M1 81mm Mortar

Obviously, Improved Indirect Fire is a ridiculously worded SA that eliminates the need for those pesky, point wasting spotters. Rangers may be spotter in sub-type but, hey, who needs them when you can push a Greyhound along a road at 7 to 14 hexes a turn or drop in the "Screaming Eagles". In a strange spotting twist of fate you can have a U.S. aircraft spot for the incredibly merciless 16 hex range, instead of spotters calling in air support (weird huh?). What kind of a war are we fighting when fighters and bombers can spot for artillery? Every American soldier, tank, aircraft or vehicle can make this technique both effective and annoying to your opponent who must suffer the barrage of shrapnel, shredding their infantry. One of these units is despicable, two is outright, and three, well, that's just overkill...but isn't overkill what mortars are really all about? All hail the U.S. bias.

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### Unit Intelligence Report

**Unit Name:** S.S. Panzer IV Ausf. F2  
**Alignment:** Axis (Germany)  
**Points:** 32  
**Defense:** 5/3  
**Speed:** 3  
**AI Dice:** 7/7/6  
**AT Dice:** 15/13/11



#### Uses:

The F2 is one of the best axis tanks for its points. It's AI dice are as lackluster as most axis armor but the AT dice are far more favorable, especially considering the Extended Range 10. Of course, with 15 short-range dice you may want to go all in, especially if you are an aggressive player, since Battlefield Awareness forces your opponent to choose between a hefty hit or inevitable disruption. SS Determination, allowing it to move while disrupted, can get it away to allow the hit to wear off. Weak rear armor make it vulnerable to aircraft, close assault, and flanking.

### Monthly Battle Report

Why do I love the Hampsturmfurer? Three reasons I think. 1) +3 initiative 2) Exert Will 3) Everyone ignores the four SS Panzergrenadiers to shoot at it! This Sunday we had a fun tourney. We all brought an axis and ally army of 100 pts. then rolled to see which side we played. High roll played axis and, for some odd reason, I was German all day. Not once did my twin KV-1's see action, but in the end, it turned out to be a good thing. Not until the last match did the axis falter. The last battle was one hard fought with attrition on the scale of the worst battles of WW II. So what's better than Hampsturmfurer? "Built in Hampsturmfurer" of course, in the form of Hard Charger. Both sides had been slaughtered save for an SS Panzer IV and 2 "Screaming Eagle" paras dancing round the objective. One close assault missed...phew!! As long as I avoid destruction its all good...SS Determination rules! Oh, Crap! Six successes doubling my rear armor. Well that's life in the big city. General Blitzkrieg goes down and Sharpe comes out on top. Good Game.

## War College News

Soon the War College will convene near Cincinnati. The date is March 24, Yottaquest the location. If you'd like to take on the infamous General Blitzkrieg, Griggc, Sharpe and Spacepope now's your chance. Come and show us what you're made of. Kill krauts and slaughter Yankees for glory, bragging rights and prizes galore. Players from the Cincinnati, Dayton, Columbus and Indianapolis areas are invited to attend. For more info, check out the Yottaquest website <http://yottaquest.com> or the AAM boards <http://boards.avalonhill.com/forumdisplay.php?f=36> to PM Sharpe or Spacepope.

This month we have a trivia question for you. There will be no prize, because I'm poor and cheap. Actually, there is a prize...15 minuets of fame. Anyway, here it is.

This issues "Picture of the Month" is featured as the background of an AAM unit. Which one is it? Bonus question: What did the Germans call this defensive line? Answer on the boards <http://boards.avalonhill.com/showthread.php?t=17376> and in next month's issue.

### On the Horizon:

- \* Big meet at Yottaquest
- \* New Scenarios (I hope)

## Picture of the Month



U.S. troops make their way through the Siegfried Line, into the heart of Germany.