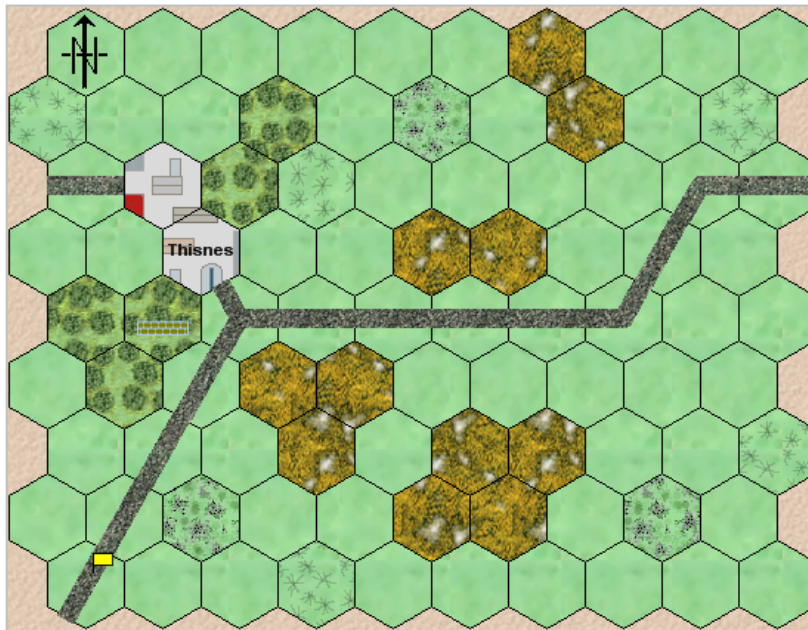


Thisnes



Board Size 10x9;
Hex orientation: vertical;
Date 1940/05/12

Description

General Hoepner was in command of the 3rd and 4th Panzer Divisions, when the Dyle-Breda diversion started in Belgium.

The 4th Panzer (Stever) attacked towards the north of the Hannut-Crehan Line where it met with fierce resistance from the 3^e Division Légère Mécanique (Prioux).

Thisnes, held by an Hotchkiss detachment, was still resisting by 17h15m at which time Hoepner decided launch a general offensive to wipe them out.

The game focuses on the 3^e DLM resistance, with its lighter tanks, to the advance of the 4th Panzer Division.

Preparation



Deploy first:

One FIF Coy in Thisnes, two platoons inside the BUA, the third on the adjacent dug-in position. The following resources within 3 hexes of Thisnes: one HQ; one 2x HMG unit; one 3x Panhard P-178 unit. One 3x H39 unit (APX turret recommended) in the yellow flag. Two FIF platoons in *ambush at will* or within 4 hexes of Thisnes. All French armour count as green due to lack of radios.



Deploy last:

Within 3 hexes of the Eastern baseline: one HQ (fine); one FIF Coy with 1x MMG and 1x MTR attached; two 3x Panzer I unit; two 3x Panzer II (b/c/A-C) units. In the Eastern baseline: one 3x Panzer III E (37mm) unit; one 2x Panzer IV C/D unit.

Reinforcements

Turn 1: GER takes one Stuka dive bomber call.

Turn 2: GER one MIF Coy with 1x MMG and 1x MTR attached on baseline (automatic entry, no DR).

Turn 3 on: FRA: one 3x H39 unit enters on the yellow flag (DR required).

Objective

Objectives are Thisnes (two BUA hexes) and the yellow flag. Maximum game length: 10 turns.

In order to **hold Thisnes** at least one INF platoon must be there and the place must be cleared of enemy.

In order to **capture the flag** it suffices to cross the yellow flag hex with any unit.

GER Standard Victory:	hold Thisnes.
GER Brilliant Victory:	hold Thisnes and capture the flag.
FRA Standard Victory:	hold Thisnes and destroy any 4 GER units.
FRA Brilliant Victory:	hold Thisnes and capture one HQ.

Any other result it's a draw.

Historical aftermath: the attack was pressing home when a counter-attack by a Somua squadron (not featured here) successfully stopped the Germans. The leader of the 35th Panzer Regiment, Lieutenant Eberbach, had to retreat leaving his disabled command tank behind.

