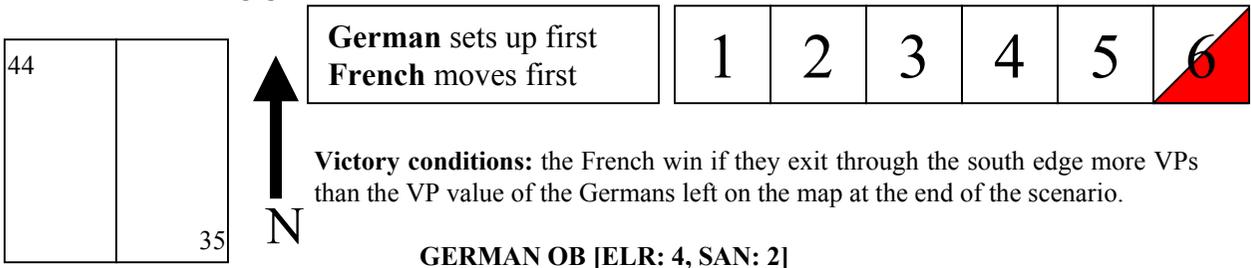




TGW 1 – Breakout (25 august 1914)

The German Second Army started attacking the French positions held by the Fifth Army around Charleroi on the 21th of august. The French have launched numerous counter attacks with no success. During the night of the 24th the French high command has sent the retreat order to the fifth army, which is in danger of being turned by the German Third Army on its east flank. The 129^{ème} Régiment d’Infanterie from Le Havre is on the rearguard of the retreat and the Germans are following right behind. During its race towards the French lines, the second company of the 129^{ème} RI comes across remnants of the 2^{ème} Zouave caught up by the Germans and fighting their last stand in an abandoned farm. This shall not be! Two platoons are sent to break through the German encircling the farm and help the brave zouaves in their disengagement.



GERMAN OB [ELR: 4, SAN: 2]

Advanced elements of the Xth corps

- On map 44:
 [1/2 platoon]: 7-0, 3 x 4-4-7 in the wood Q2-Q3
 [1/2 platoon]: 3 x 4-4-7 in the woods H3 – J1
 [platoon]: 8-0, 6 x 4-4-7 on the edge of the map between hexrow G10 and Q10

- On map 35:
 [platoon]: 8-0, 6 x 4-4-7 on the road between GG6 and Z4

FRENCH OB [ELR: 3, SAN: 3]

Remnants of the 2^{ème} Zouave

- On map 44:
 [platoon]: 8-1, 4 x 3-4-8 in the farm M3 – L2 – N1 – O2

Elements of the 129^{ème} Régiment d’Infanterie

- On map 35 and 44:
 [2 platoons]: 8-0, 7-0, 12 x 3-4-7 south of (44)V10 – (44)V1 – (35)L1 – (35)K3 – (35) A9

SSR:

- 1 - Weather dry, no wind
- 2 - The French while in the farm perimeter do not need to conform to platoon movement rules and do not suffer from the No Leader penalty
- 3 - Any Zouave MMC counts double for VP determination if exited

Aftermath:

The French infantrymen of the 129^{ème} RI charged bravely through the encircling Germans, but they ended also trapped in the farm by the arriving German reinforcements. The French resisted until they were joined at last by a second and more consequent rescue force that arrived just before nightfall.