

## **Battle Scenario**

Brent Mullins Open House 2010

### **"Clearing the Palatinate"**

#### **Part II**

**ETO 1945 19 -23 March 1945**

#### **Orders From S.H.A.E.F. 13th March 1945**

General Eisenhower now issued order to begin operations to "capture or destroy all enemy forces still west of the Rhine. He expected the breaking through of fortified lines to be a "Nasty Business."

This was an allied ETO broad front operation

#### **Actual Historical**

On March 19<sup>th</sup> 1945 the final push toward the Rhine River and into Germany began. This was a massive effort across many fronts. General Patton had committed all three of his corps and had 13 divisions committed in his sector. He faced 26 German units, many were division size. German SS units were assigned to keep the army units fighting and from withdrawing and a "take no prisoners scorch earth policy" was in effect. There were fierce fighting offensives and counter offensives through the 22nd of March.

#### **The Battle Continues Re-enactment Adaptation**

Operation "*Nasty Business part 2*" A sweep to the Rhine River  
20 March 1945

(Last year) Yesterday the Germans were pushed back and a counter attack was expected. This year, (the next day) as the allies push forward, the Germans have dug into fortifications and promise a battle to the finish. They stated they would not surrender. General Patton, upon hearing the axis state they would fight to the last man express some glee to that and stated, "We mean to hold them to that. It is far easier to kill them all off than to chase after them!" The Axis commander, upon hearing what Patton had said countered with, "Bring it on General, you will not find it so easy as we will stop you in your tracks. We are fighting for the fatherland!"

**Orders of the Day**  
**Saturday 20th March 2010**

**10 am Saturday**

Allied Axis Commanders meeting

**1 pm**

**Axis Allies Assemble**

Authenticity Check  
Weapons Safety Check

Pyrotechnics placement explanation

Health check  
Water  
Heat  
First aid  
EMS and other issues

Scenario briefing  
Question and answer period

**1:30 Re-enactors assemble in battle staging areas await opening of battle**

**1:45 Announcements prior to battle at the Bleachers**

Denny Hair (as Patton) is MC at Audience bleachers  
Welcome and announcements 1:45 to 1:55pm  
Explanation to the audience of historical scenario and what they will see. Explanation of safety do's and don'ts. Acknowledgment of special guest and dignitaries

**Order of Battle**

**Battle Start 2 pm**

Approx 45 minutes or longer

**Battle over and re-enactors assemble**

All re-enactors assemble in front of audience  
Re-enactors to Audience acknowledgements

**Weapons demonstrations**

**Notes:**

Personnel: Until a clear picture of who is attending the event, only a proposed grouping of re-enactors can be placed.

Vehicle staging (a count of available vehicles to be placed in the battle will be made on site the day of the reenactment

Pyrotechnics will need to be understood as to placement and timing long before the final troop placement and axis and allied meetings  
Armor and artillery placement will need to be determined based on numbers.

List of demonstrations and order of need to be made  
3 x 5 cards need to be made of the who what where when of the re-enactors and vehicle demonstrations

Film crew(s) and press need to be identified and placed  
EMS, Fire apparatuses and Security crews (if any) need to be located and placed