

Scenario 41 - Höhn's Rampage – 20th April 1918



Background: The early evening of 20 April 1918 found Ltn. Höhn looking for his second balloon victory of the day. At 1405 hrs. he had brought down a French balloon South of Noyon. At 1900 hrs. he found one South of Chemin des Dames and attacked, bringing down the French gas bag bringing his total to six, two aircraft and four balloons. During this attack he was critically wounded in the knee, not returning to duty until August 1918.

He would then continue to score victories against the Aéro-nautique Militaire until 3 October 1918 when his luck would finally run out, not even his dual mirrors and teddy bear mascot could protect him. His final score was 21, 11 aircraft and 10 balloons.

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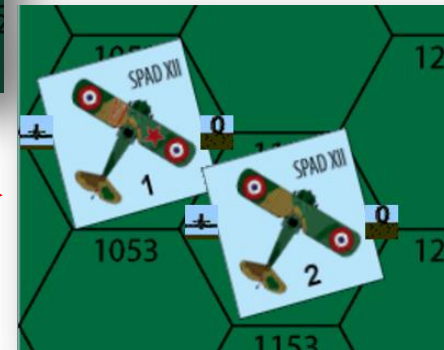
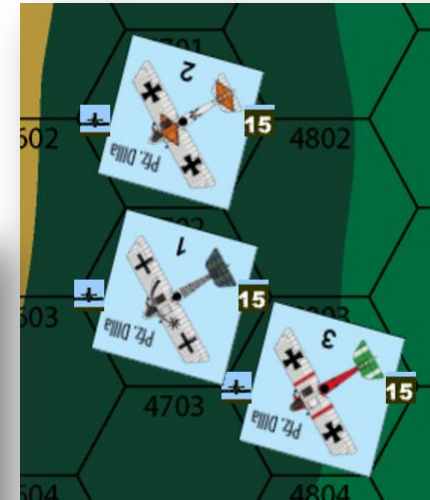
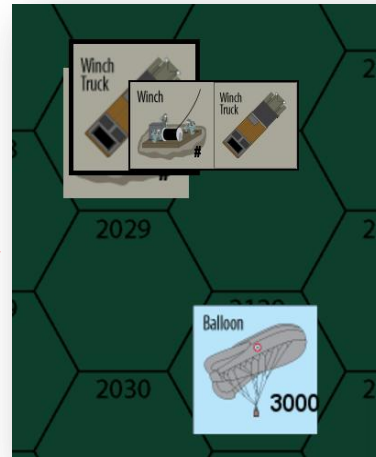


Initial Positions

3 Pfalz DIIAs

Balloon

2 Spad XIIs



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Aircraft	Location	Heading	Altitude	Bank	Nose Arc	Speed	Throttle
Pfalz DIII - 1	4702	NNW	3500	0u	15 degree dive	7.4(0.8)	2/3
Pfalz DIII - 2	4701	NNW	3500	0u	15 degree dive	7.4(0.8)	2/3
Pfalz DIII - 3	4803	NNW	3500	0u	15 degree dive	7.4(0.8)	2/3
Spad XII - 1	1052	SE	3800	0u	0	7.8(0.2)	2/3
Spad XII - 1	1152	SE	3800	0u	0	7.8(0.2)	2/3
Balloon	2129	-	3000	-	-	-	-

All Pfalz DIIs are equipped with incendiary ammunition in both guns
Both Spads have Constantinesco Sync/Int gear

Aircraft	Pilot/Gunner	Quality	BSA	Combat Modifier
Pfalz DIII - 1	Ltn Fritz Höhn	Vet	7	+20 (ace)
Pfalz DIII - 2	Pilot 2	Reg	6	0
Pfalz DIII - 3	Pilot 3	Reg	6	0
Spad XII - 1	Pilot 1	Vet	6	0
Spad XII - 2	Pilot 2	Reg	6	0

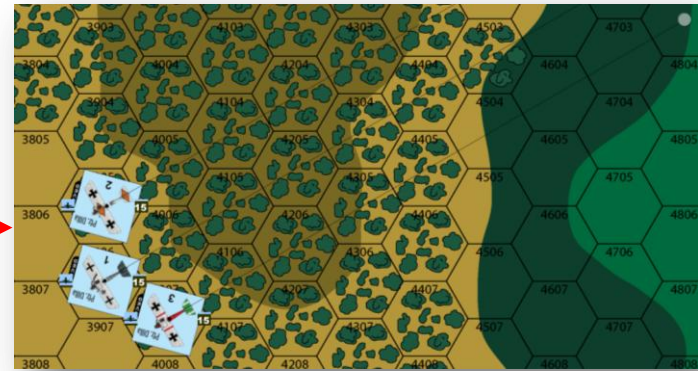
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Turn 1

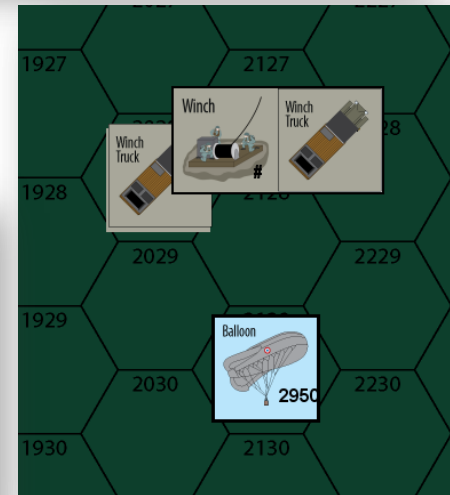


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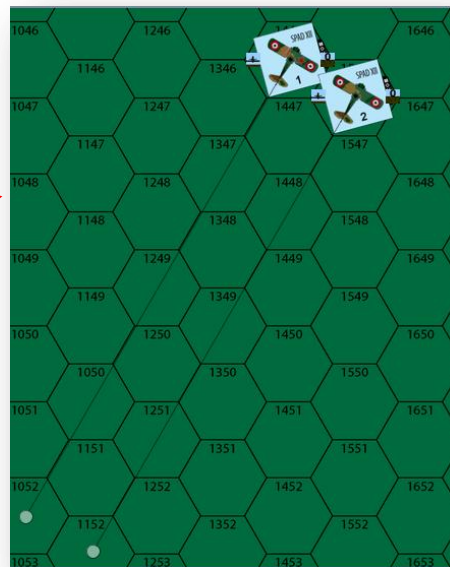
Pfalz DIIIAs



Balloon



Spad XIIIs



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Aircraft	Location	Heading	Altitude	Bank	Nose Arc	Speed	Throttle
Pfalz DIII - 1	3906	NNW	3400	0u	15 degree dive	7.1(0.2)	2/3
Pfalz DIII - 2	3905	NNW	3400	0u	15 degree dive	7.1(0.2)	2/3
Pfalz DIII - 3	4007	NNW	3400	0u	15 degree dive	7.1(0.2)	2/3
Spad XII - 1	1446	SE	3800	0u	0	7.9(0.0)	2/3
Spad XII - 2	1546	SE	3800	0u	0	7.9(0.0)	2/3
Balloon	2129	-	2950	-	-	-	-

Both sets of aircraft power straight towards the balloon which starts to slowly winch down. Archie opens up but is inaccurate.

The German plan is for Pfalz DIIs – 2 and 3 to engage the Spads while Lt Höhn will go for the balloon.



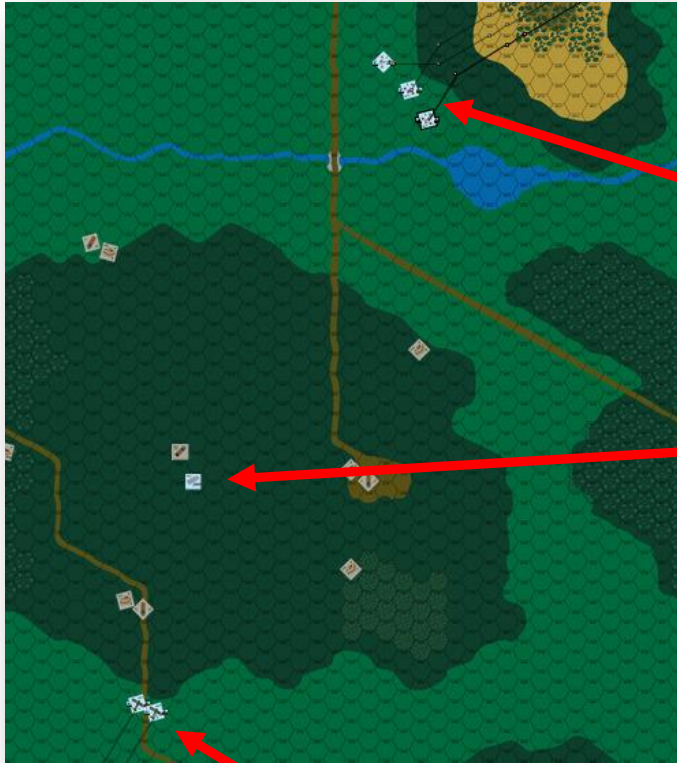
Spad XII

Lt Höhn's Pfalz DIII



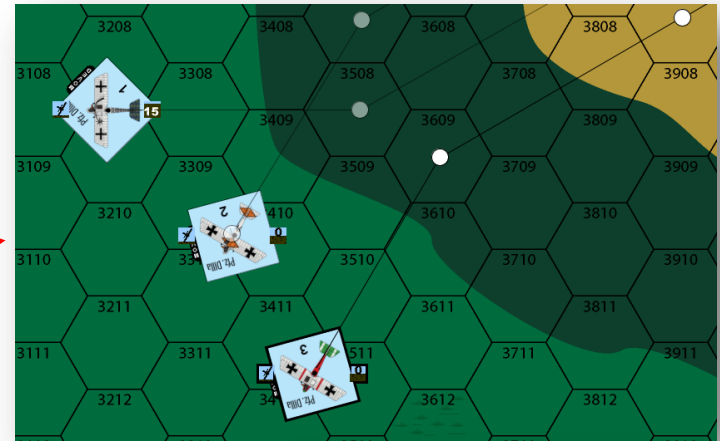
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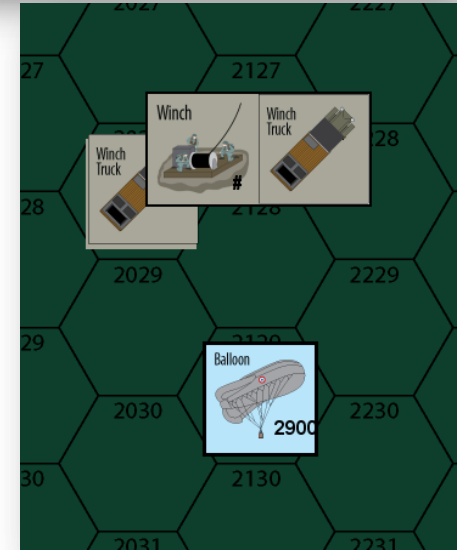


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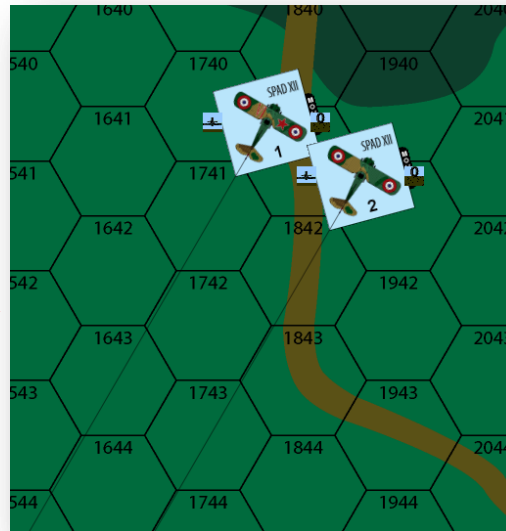
Pfalz DIIIAs



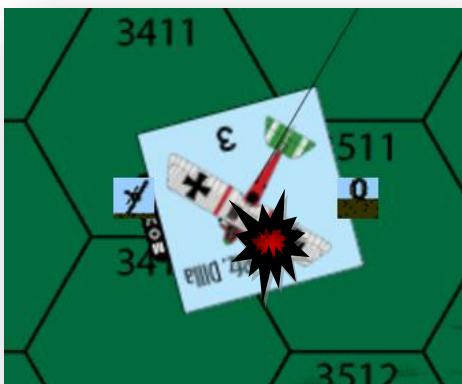
Balloon



Spad XIIs



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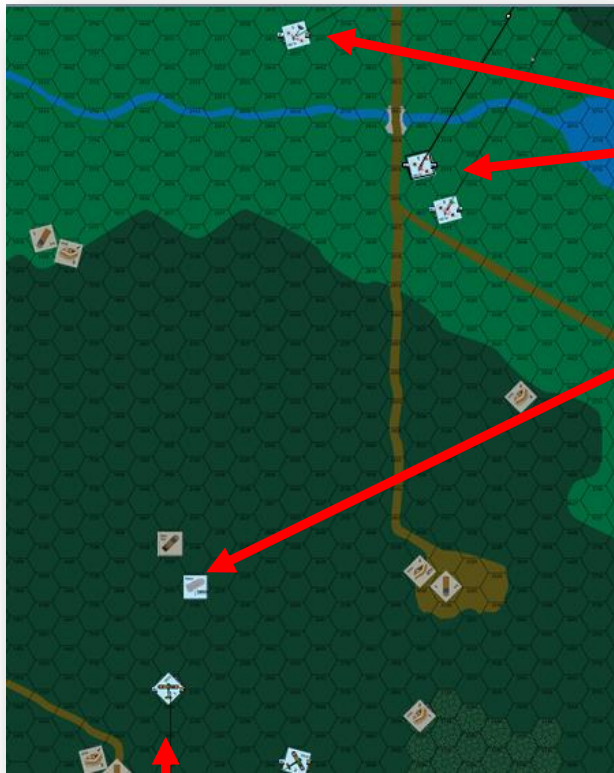
Pfalz DIIIa – 3 is hit by a 47mm anti-aircraft shell.

The tail skid is damaged, holes appear along the fuselage and a crack from the wing signifies a wing spar problem.

Aircraft	Location	Heading	Altitude	Bank	Nose Arc	Speed	Throttle
Pfalz DIII - 1	3208/3209	N	3300	L60u	15 degree dive	7.0(0.3)	F
Pfalz DIII - 2	3309/3410	NW	3300	L60u	0	7.2(0.3)	F
Pfalz DIII - 3	3411/3511	NW	3300	L60u	0	7.2(0.3)	F
Spad XII - 1	1740/1841	SE	3800	0u	0	8.4(0.9)	F
Spad XII - 2	1841/1941	SE	3800	0u	0	8.4(0.9)	F
Balloon	2129	-	2900	-	-	-	-

The Germans split, with LtH Höhn turning North before turning back to the west again. The other two Pfalz turn towards the hill and will aim for the Spads. The Spads are still flying together and approaching the central hill at high speed; their aim is to get to the Pfalz before they get to the balloon. The balloon continues to descend.

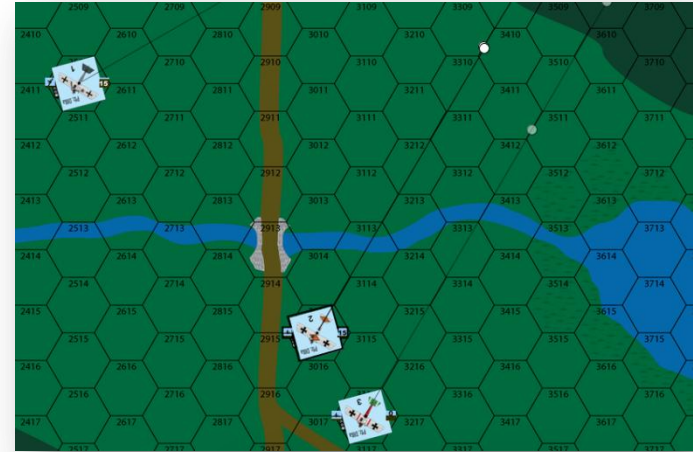
Turn 3



Positions

Pfalz DIIIAs

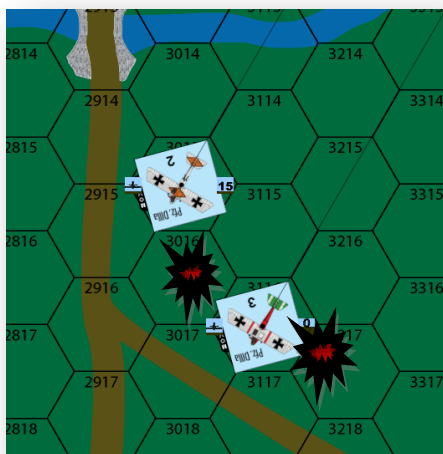
Balloon



Spad XIIs



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Explosions fill the air around the jinking Pfalzs and although close, none hit home.

Aircraft	Location	Heading	Altitude	Bank	Nose Arc	Speed	Throttle
Pfalz DIII - 1	2510	NW	3200	L60u	15 degree dive	7.4(0.3)	F
Pfalz DIII - 2	3015	NW	3300	0u	15 degree climb	6.3(0.5)	F
Pfalz DIII - 3	3116	NW	3300	0u	0	6.6(0.5)	F
Spad XII - 1	2033	E	3800	0u	15 degree dive	7.2(0.3)	1/2
Spad XII - 2	2535	SSE	3800	0u	15 degree dive	7.2(0.3)	F
Balloon	2129	-	2850	-	-	-	-

This turn the Spads split with one heading towards Ltn Höhn and the other turning to engage the other Pfalzs. They also enter shallow dives. Pfalz DIIs – 2 and 3 both jink to put off the 47mm gunners; which helps as shells burst around them.

Turn 4

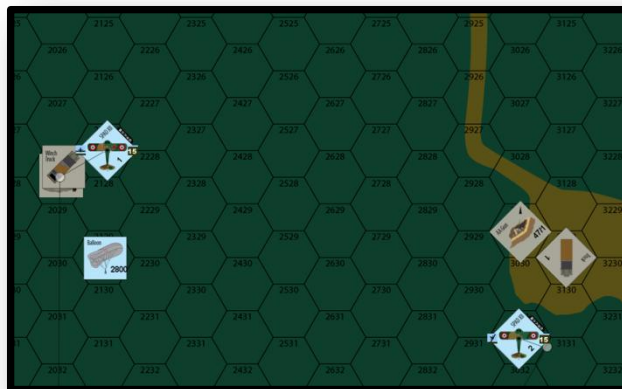
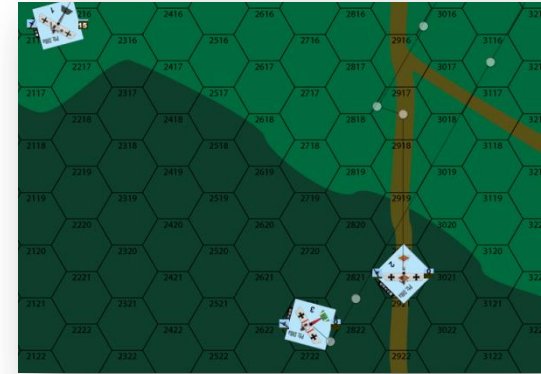


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Pfalz DIIIAs

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Anti aircraft shells continue to explode around the two Pfalz but no hits.

Aircraft	Location	Heading	Altitude	Bank	Nose Arc	Speed	Throttle
Pfalz D.III - 1	2216	NW	3100	L60u	15 degree dive	6.8(0.7)	F
Pfalz D.III - 2	2920	W	3400	L60u	0	6.1(0.8)	F
Pfalz D.III - 3	2721	NNW	3300	R30u	15 degree dive	6.3(0.1)	F
Spad XII - 1	2127	E	3550	0u	15 degree dive	8.1(0.5)	2/3
Spad XII - 2	3031	E	3550	L60u	15 degree dive	8.5(0.5)	F
Balloon	2129	-	2800	-	-	-	-