

SCENARIO 3

RED POPPIES



TO: 1^e and 2^e Bataillon

FROM: HQ 23^e Regiment Coloniale de
Infanterie - 5^e Colonial Brigade

SUBJECT: "Meeting Engagement"
August 22, 1914

In keeping with the doctrine of Offensive a Outrance, we will envelope the enemy and then finish him at bayonet point. First Battalion will attack north over the hill and then swing east. Second Battalion will strike east through the Bois D'Ospot and then swing north. You will link together on the other side of the village to encircle the German 87th Reserve Regiment. Expect considerable resistance, but push our advantage of surprise to the limit. The German column of march has yet to disentangle itself.

Order of Battle: Map: Neufchateau Length: 12

German: Set up first.

1 77mm Artillery Battery (0/0/7/1: +3(+5)/9/8/0) set up in hex D11.

Elements of the 87th Reserve Infantry Regiment in any road hexes on and/or within 1 hex of B05.

4 Infantry Companies (+2/2/8/3: +1/2/7/1)

1 Machine Gun Platoon in hex B05 (0/0/7/1: +2/5/8/0)

Reinforcements:

87th Reserve Infantry Regiment, enter on or within one hex of A05.

Turn 2

4 Infantry Companies

1 Machine Gun Platoon

Turn 3

4 Infantry Companies

1 Machine Gun Platoon

2 OMA Batteries at +3 with telephone mode

80th Reserve Infantry Regiment Enter on or within one hex of A08.

Turn 4

4 Infantry Companies

1 Machine Gun Platoon

Turn 5

4 Infantry Companies

1 Machine Gun Platoon

Turn 6

4 Infantry Companies

1 Machine Gun Platoon

French:

1st Battalion, 23rd Regiment of Colonial Infantry set up second in any hexes within 2 hexes of hex E08.

4 Infantry Companies (+1/2/8/3: 0/2/8/1)

1 Machine Gun Platoon (0/0/7/1: +2/5/8/0)

2nd Battalion, 23rd Regiment of Colonial Infantry set up in any hexes within 1 hex of I10.

4 Infantry Companies

1 Machine Gun Platoon

Reinforcements: 4th Battalions of the 23rd, enter on or within one hex of I10.

Turn 2

4 Infantry Companies

1 Machine Gun Platoon

2 OMA Batteries at +3 with telephone mode

Victory Conditions: The Germans win at game end if there are no French units on any hill hexes and/or there are no French units in any hex of the Bois de Ospot.

French Captain Triol
The 10th and 23rd Regiment Colonial Infantry
Sharp firefight in the Bois D'Ospot has
destroyed 2nd Battalion, retreating south in
disarray. Boche riflemen approaching bridge
from the east. Request batteries target the
western tree line of Bois D'Ospot.