

PAPER ARMY



ASL SCENARIO S10

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SARANDOPORO RIVER VALLEY, GREECE, 3 November 1940: Mussolini's dream of becoming an equal partner in the Axis by means of waging a "parallel war" was being further fueled by his Foreign Minister and son-in-law Count Ciani, the governor-general of recently conquered Albania, who was confident that the Greek army could be subverted. Determined to present Hitler with a *fait accompli* in the Balkans, Mussolini launched another ill-advised, ill-planned, and ill-informed campaign, this time from Albania into mountains of Epirus, Pindus, and Macedonia, just in time for winter. The Italian infantry slightly outnumbered their Greek counterparts, and the Italian air force and armored units were virtually unopposed, but these strengths could not be brought to bear. Italian air-ground cooperation was negligible, and the terrain was poorly suited for armor. Misinformation and operational confusion were the bywords of the Italian leadership.

BOARD CONFIGURATION:

BALANCE:

⚡ Reduce the playing area to A-Y.

👑 Change the entry DR to 3 on Turn 2 and 6 on Turn 3.









(Only hexrows A-CC are playable)


VICTORY CONDITIONS: The Italians win immediately upon exiting ≥ 10 VP off the west edge. Each squad is worth 2 VP; each half-squad and leader is worth 1VP.

TURN RECORD CHART







⚡ ITALIANS Move First	⚡👑	②	④	⑥			
	1	2	3	4	5	6	END

⚡ Elements of 3rd Alpini Division (see SSR 1) [ELR: 2] enter on Turn 1 along the east edge:




 3-4-7	 1-3-7	 8-0	 7-0	 2 4-10	 1 2-5
10	4	2	2		2




👑 Elements of Greek Army [ELR: 3] enter on Turn 1 along the east edge having already expended 2 MF (see SSR 2):

 4-5-7	 2-3-7	 8-1	 8-0	 7-0	 1 2-6
7	3				2

Flanking elements of Greek Army (see SSR 2):

 4-5-7	 8-0	 1 2-6
3		



SPECIAL RULES:

1. The Italian MMG begins the scenario malfunctioned. No repair attempt may be made until the Italian player Turn 2.
2. On Greek Player Turns 2 through 4 the Greek player makes a dr at the start of the Rally Phase and compares it to the circled number on the Turn Record Chart. If the number rolled is less than or equal to the circled number, the Greek "Flanking elements" enter on that turn along either the north or south edge (the Greek player's choice). Once the "Flanking elements" have entered the game no further dr is needed.
3. Grain is in season.
4. Greek MMC have their broken-side morale increased by one.

AFTERMATH: The Italian offensive was launched on October 28th in a driving rain that negated any air cover. In the center of the attack, the 14,000 men of the 3rd Alpini Division advanced up the Sarandoporo River Valley. There they were met and stopped by 8,000 rifle and machine gun armed Greek mountaineers. The close coordination between the Greek units enabled them to employ classic infiltration tactics in a series of counterattacks, taking many prisoners in the process. As the Italians withdrew back down the valley, many were cut off by the Greeks who outran them along the ridges above the valley and who nearly closed the only exit. It would not be long until the Greeks had driven them back deep into Albania.