

# ATS SX5 Where Iron Crosses Grow – ATS Conversion 01/24/2009



**South-East of Berlin, 21 April 1945:** The Russian army was driving on the German capital, as the reign of the Third Reich drew to an end. All through April, it seemed that nothing could stop the advancing Russian juggernaut. Mixed elements of the depleted 9th division desperately tried to hold the Red Army from reaching the capital of the Fatherland. One such holding action occurred on the morning of the 21st around a farm just a few miles from Berlin. All that morning, the defenders listened to the sound of artillery shells falling behind their position. By 1000 hours, several refugees reported tanks advancing up the main road in their direction. Radio communications were in shambles, so the defenders were on their own. They wouldn't have to wait long. Several Russian T34's backed up by two companies of infantry, assaulted this knot of resistance. For the German defenders, it proved to be another long day. In the opening minutes, five of the six lead tanks were in flames and it looked like the Russian column would be turned back. But a second column of T34's appeared on the left flank, overrunning the German Machinegun position that was giving covering fire to the farmhouse. Russian assault troops had to root out the stiff German resistance hiding in the cellars of the main house, and fighting quickly turned into hand to hand. As each strong point was knocked out, Russian infantry poured through and continued their advance on Berlin. Victory was but a few days away.

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Depleted Elements of the 9th Division Set up first on any Whole Hex of board

7 5 8	6 5 7	6 5 6	2 3 8	1 1 8	1 17	MMG MG34	LMG MG34	LAT PF	LAT PsK
2	7	4	1	1	5	2	3	6	2
AP Mine Factors	Wire	Foxhole	Hedgehog	HAT Pak 40	Pz IVJ				
4	7	5	4	1	2				



Elements of the 69th Army Division Enters on turn 1 anywhere along the east edge, see SSR 4

8 2 8	5 4 7	1 1 8	1 1 7	MMG 1938	MMG 1910	LMG	T34-85
5	15	1	3	1	3	4	6

Additional Forces of the 69th Army Division: Enter turn 3 anywhere along the south or east edge of board 4

6 4 8	1 1 7	LMG	T34 76c
3	1	1	3

## VICTORY CONDITIONS

The Russian player must control ALL building locations on board 4 by game end.

## SPECIAL SCENARIO RULES

1. Spotting conditions are average
2. 2 German Squads and any Leader and L or M Weapons SW/SMC stacked with them may use Hidden set up.
3. Building P6/O6 has cellar locations. Both Ground Level locations of building P6/O6 are **Fortified** (Provides additional +1/1L to the normal terrain modifier and Friendly units cannot enter a Fortified location that is already occupied by non B/S Enemy units, even by Infiltration or via Sewer Infiltration
4. The Russian AFV's that enter on turn 1 must enter within 2 hexes of any Road Hex.
5. The Germans have 1 elite tank commander.
6. The 238 crew is in addition to the standard M or H weapon crew allotment.

## TURN RECORD MARKER

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## MAP LAYOUT



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## BALANCE

★ Reinforcements enter on turn 2  
✚ Exchange one Pz IVJ for a Pz VG