

## Klingersburg

Placed on the crossroad between N5 and ITN12 roads, Klingersburg is an Irradiation Point of strategic importance. The BAOR command tasked Sub-Group 02-24 to take the village. Driving along ITN12, the British forces planned to scatter near Klingersburg, a MecInf platoon entering the left woods and the two armoured platoons giving rear support.



The approach went as expected. The Reece platoon entered the village as dealt the enemy Reece successfully. Next came an intense fire fight opposing MecInf platoons, both forces taking similar casualties.



The infantry duel in Klingersburg went on inconclusively.

Gradually both parties revealed their tanks but in the ensuing fight the British took slightly higher casualties. It must be stressed, though, that while the British could hardly cover their machines, the Russians were well entrenched in a small hill, their tracks well protected from enemy projectiles.

Therefore, a Challenger platoon placed near ITN12 was almost wiped out by 125mm APFSDS and Sagger shots. Nevertheless, the Russian T90's suffered a similar fate.

By this time, the pressure made by the MecInf platoon in the woods but threatened the left flank of the Russian infantry in Klingersburg. Despite the severe losses for both sides, the Russians were badly beaten and had to retreat.

**Lessons to be learned:** The British advance was limited to the issued orders. This hindered the ability to send a tank platoon to a flanking, more protected position with an excellent control of the field. As it came to be, that same platoon, exposed in open field, became an easy target;

The main British thrust should have been made from the right flank. The Reece forces, placed in the woods, would have easily finished off any enemy forces within range, thus paving the way for the 2<sup>nd</sup> infantry platoon;

Unlike the British, the Russians used their artillery with expertise.



In general, a tactically challenging game, definitely not for beginners.  
Congratulations to all.