

# Visiting Luciana

East of Livorno, Italy

July 16th, 1944

SNAFU Scenario - Medium

## Background:

3rd Battalion of the 442nd Combat team has been ordered to take Luciana. The Germans had a tight hold on the town, but a stubborn offensive by K Company and significant mortar support allowed them to wrest it from their control. The Americans also had artillery support from the 552nd, although they used it sparingly for fear of causing civilian casualties.

By this time the 442nd had become experienced combatants.

After the battle, a Nisei private was producing a captured German along. He snarled "We are of a master race!". The private, turned to his buddies and said "Eh, tough buggah, yeah?"

## Objective:

The Americans need to occupy the church of Santa Lucia at the end of 6 turns.

## Strength:

US 442nd Reg Combat Team -  
All Units Veteran Training (6 IPs)

- 1 CC (+3)
- 1 HMG team
- 1 85mm Gun (2 FMs)

K Company

- 3 platoons, 3 squads w/ 1 PC (+1) each
- 3 bazooka teams
- 1 60mm mortar (6 FMs)

16th SS Panzergrenadiers –  
All Units Regular Training (4 IPs)

- 1 CC (+2)
- 2 platoons, 3 squads w/ 1 PC (+1) each
- 2 HMG teams
- 2 StuG IIIs (3/2 ARM, 3 PEN)
- 1 off-table 88mm gun (2 FMs)

## Deployment:

Table size is 3' by 3'.

The Americans begin with the initiative and can enter anywhere on the southern table edge.

The Germans can be deployed hidden, but their MGs must be set up within 3" of the town.

## Scenario Specific Rules:

Recon By Fire: American infantry can target a terrain feature with direct fire, revealing any hidden units on a 7+. If the terrain piece is large, pick a point and anything within a 2" radius may be revealed

Hidden Deployment: Hidden units are marked before the game starts, and only revealed when moved, firing, or discovered.

Elevated Positions – The church steeple (limit one squad) and high ground north of the town all provide an additional 3" of range to defenders.

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**Map:** The map is an approximation based on descriptions of the town in soldiers' memoirs. Several trenches were dug along the ridgeline, and barricades were scattered around the town and blocked the main road. The town is entirely on the top half of the table. Buildings, woods, and hedge-lines are heavy cover, breaking LOS. Fields are light cover, do not break LOS.

### Historical Context:

16th SS is rated as regulars in this scenario, as their morale at this point reflects a mix of a stubborn ideology mixed with the weariness of a losing campaign of continued retreating through Italy.

### 442nd Losses:

Full casualties for this engagement are unknown, but it is recorded that the following men gave their lives in the fighting on July 16th and 17th.

Staff Sergeant Akia Shimatsu

Private Jimmie Taketa

Private First Class Shaw Kojaku

Sargeant Atsushu Sakamoto

Private First Class Setsuro Yamashita

