

The League of Augsburg presents.....

August 7th 1944 : Magnuzew, Eastern Poland

Counter attacking Soviet troops of the 1st Polish Armoured Division meet the advancing 19th Panzer Division head-on near the west bank of the Vistula River on August 7th 1944

Photo by Barry Hilton



The Red Army Summer Offensive **Operation Bagration** has destroyed Wehrmacht Army Group Centre and the victorious Soviet Armies have reached the Vistula River in Eastern Poland sweeping all before them.

The Germans are frantically attempting to neutralize a growing bridgehead on the river's western bank by launching furious but somewhat uncoordinated counterattacks. One such is being led by the 19th Panzer Division and is aimed directly at the town of Magnuzew near which, the Soviets are moving reinforcing troops across the river to consolidate their foothold.

Today's game is linked to two wargaming events involving the League of Augsburg. Firstly, it is the natural follow on to a campaign which we have been running for over two years, dealing with a week of **Bagration** (June 28th-July 4th). Games from this have been played in 1/285th, 1/76th and 1/48th. The second event is a weekend game we ran in May 2004 for ten gamers, dealing with the 19th PzD counterattacks at Magnuzew. It used a 16 x 16 foot table, 500 figures and 100 vehicles all in 1/48th. What you see today is a `slice' of that game condensing the most intense action.

Figures are a mixture of Foundry, West Wind ,Black Tree, Crusader, Artizan and Battle Honours. Vehicles include many conversions and `one offs'. They are from Bandai, Solido, West wind, Amazon, Corgi, Verem, Crusader, Black Tree, Battle Honours and others. All figures painted by The League of Augsburg. All vehicles by Barry Hilton. The terrain is by Barry Hilton and Phil Olley.