

# ***"BATTLE OF BLOODY GULCH"***

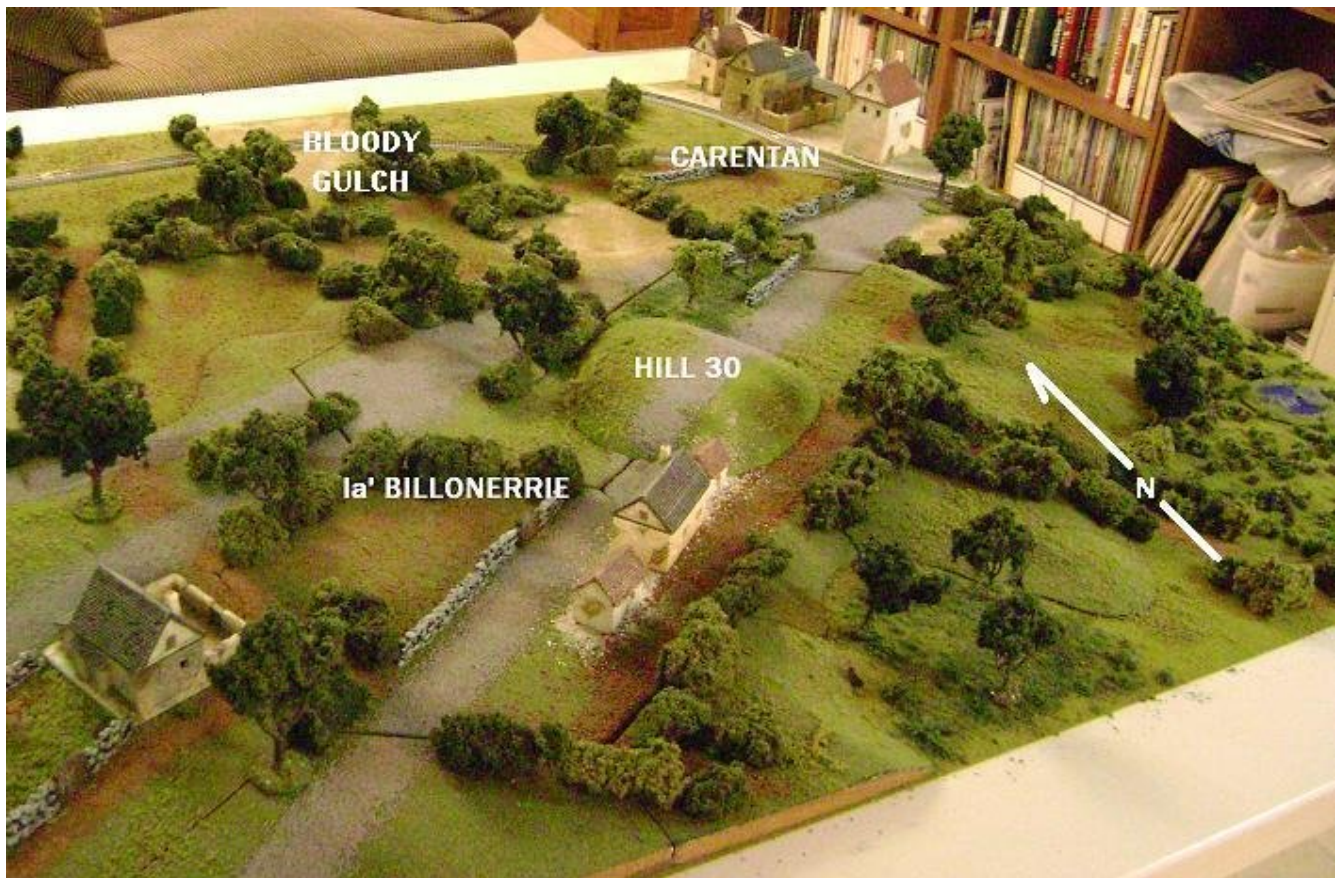
***17th SS Panzergrenadier & 6th Fallschirmjager***

**vs.**

***101st Airborne & 2nd Armored***

***13 July, 1944***

**I've been reading a lot about this battle and looking at every map, and aerial photograph, I can find in books or on the net. One that was REALLY helpful was a reproduction map of the Carentan area that is sold to WW II US Airbone re-enactors!! It had a LOT of detail on it that helped me come up with this board. I highly recommend checking reproduction maps out as a source of wargaming table information as they're available for a lot of the famous battlefields of WWII.**



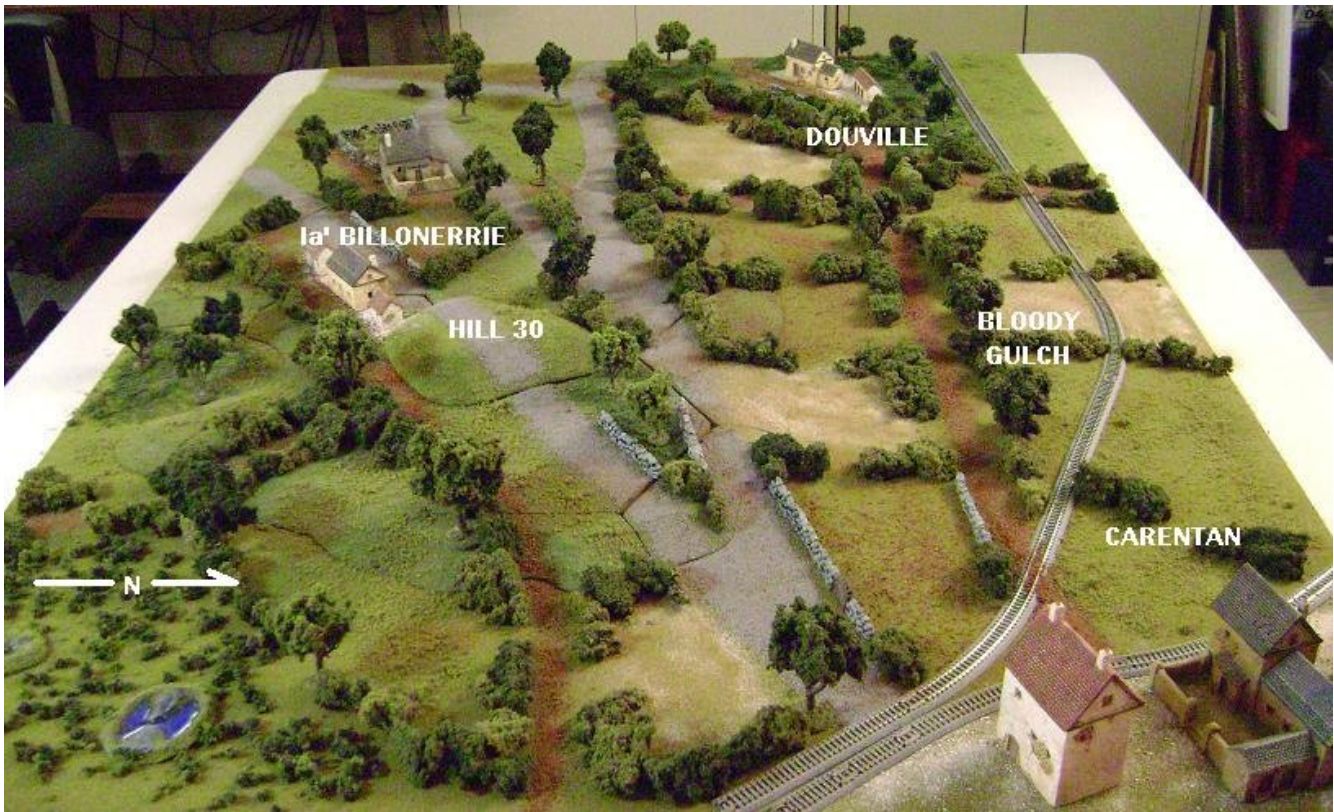
**This ground is the southwest part of Carentan and the Baupte and Periers roads leading away to the southwest. The Carentan railway line runs parallel on the northern flank of the battlefield, and there's a low marshy area to the southeast of Hill 30, the highest elevation (30 meters) in the Carentan area.**

**There was a dry streambed of scrubby bushes running south from the railroad bed that was later named *Bloody Gulch* by US Paratroopers who fought and held the line there and this gave the battlefield its name.**

**The table has primary roads of Grey, but I don't like that color. I'm thinking it'll be something a little less bright for the tourney at Louisville but you'll still**

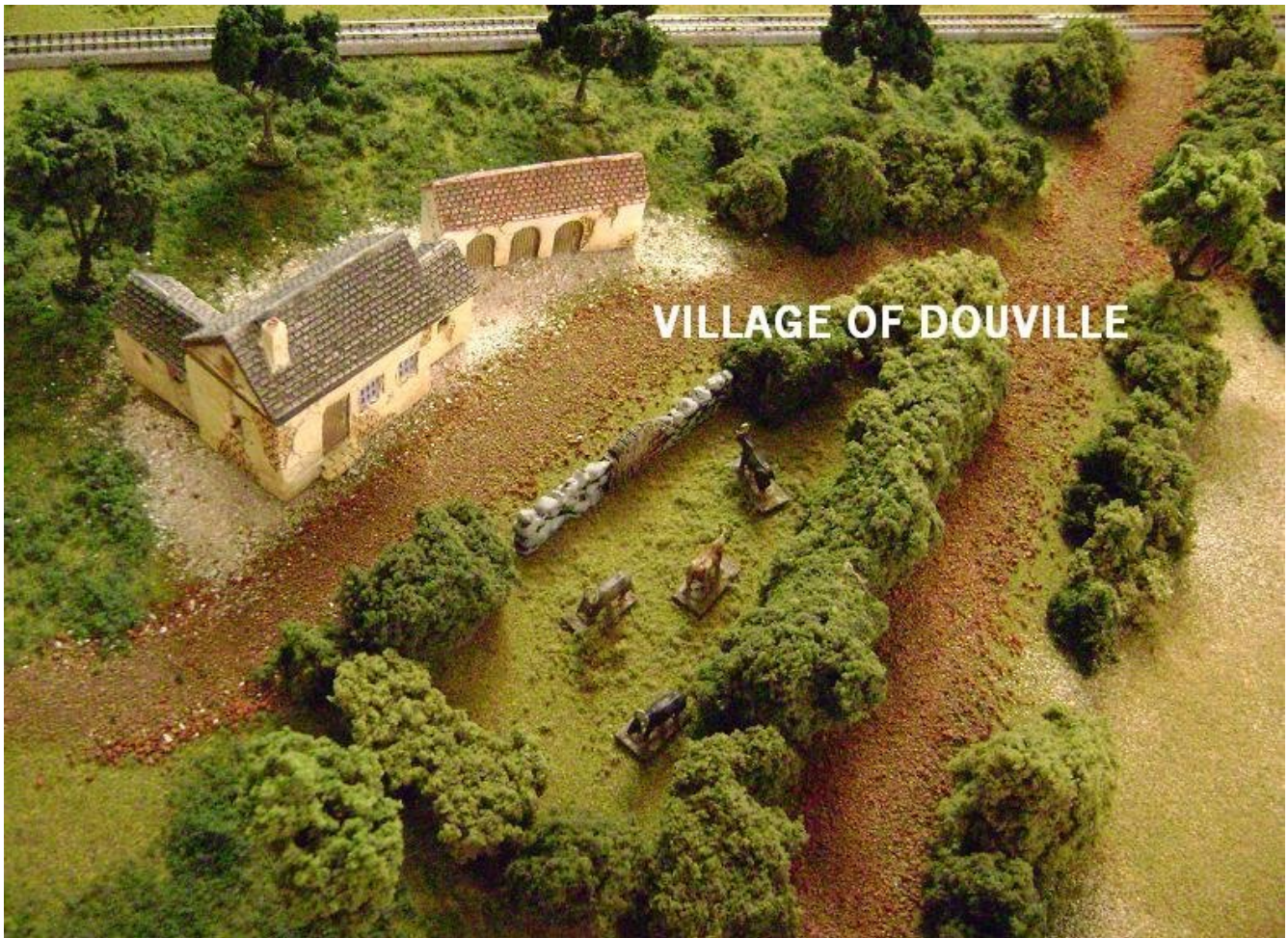
**be able to tell the types of roads apart.**

**Bocage farm trails are Brown. See the Bocage rules for these babies, as moving vehicles along them can get very tight!**



**View from Carentan looking west. I screwed the pooch on the placement of Douville.. it needs to be a bit farther south. I'll fix that for the tourney.**

**There are a few spots on the table that are too open and need hedgerows. I've got to get some more foliage clusters before coming to Louisville!**



**Douville, with it's cattle and Norman apple orchards. Mmmmm.. *Calvados* from Normandy. That's good stuff.**