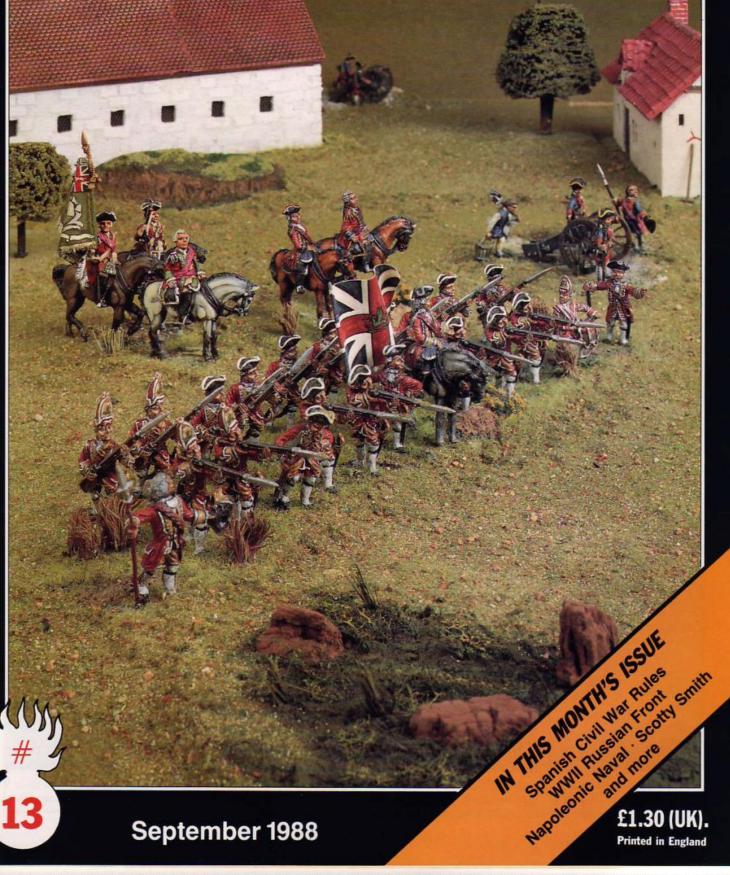
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# **WARGAMES Illustrated**



# **Opening Shot**

It is very obvious from the late influx of adverts into this issue, rather like a horde of Huns bursting through Europe's back door, that the hobby is coming out of its summer recess.

The Stratagem Desert Fox, having spent the summer hull-down in his fox-hole, also has his armour rolling again. Thanks to a healthy POL situation (profuse offerings, literary), we can embark on a second wave of Blitzkrieg. So, published alongside Wargames Illustrated No.14 on Thursday, 15th September, will come

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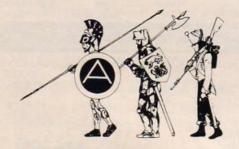
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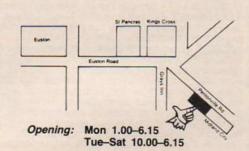
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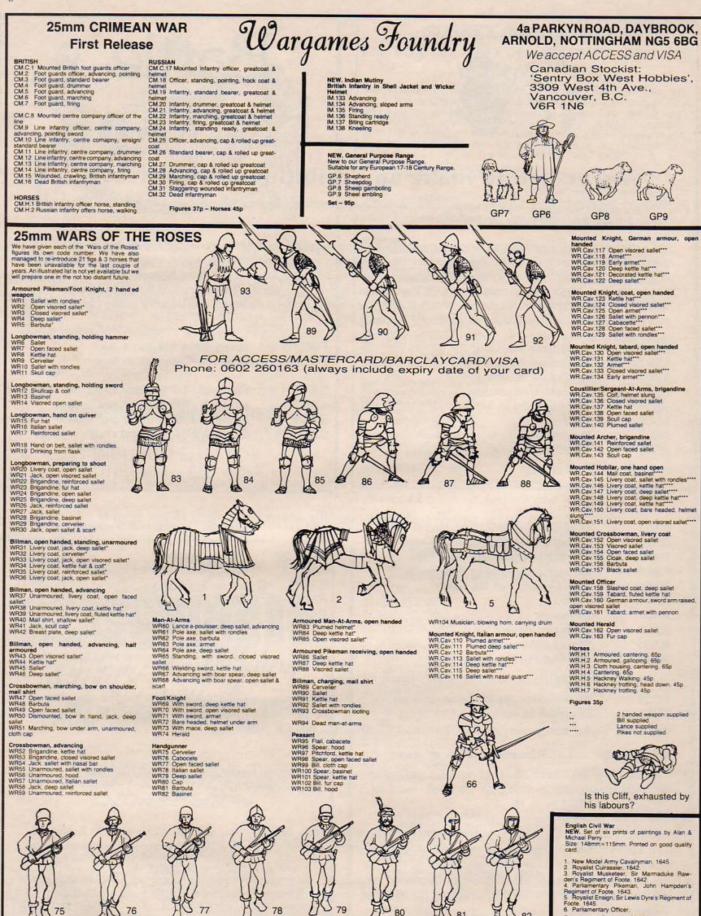
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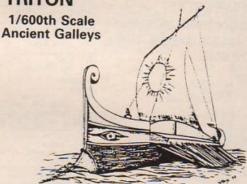
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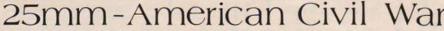












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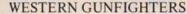


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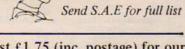
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## **CRIMEAN SMALL ACTIONS - 4:**

# Kurudere

by Stephen Allen

Background - Tsar versus Sultan

The campaign in the Caucasus from 1853 to 1855 remains one of the least-known aspects of a little-known war. Because they did not involve British troops, operations outside the Crimea itself have tended to be ignored by many British historians, from Kinglake onwards. Yet the fact that Russia was obliged to deploy troops along its frontiers from the Baltic to the Caspian in order to counter both real and potential threats had a major impact on her ability to bring her theoretically overwhelming numerical superiority against the Allied forces besieging Sebastopol.

In a sense, the war between the Russian and Turkish Empires that later spread to involve either directly or indirectly all the powers of Europe should be viewed in the context of the rivalry between Tsar and Sultan which dated back over two hundred years. Expanding southwards, Russia coveted the European and Trans-Caucasian provinces of the Sublime Porte. In the summer of 1853, Russian invaded the Danubian Principalities of Moldavia and Wallachia hoping thereby to intimidate 'the Sick Man of Europe' into accepting her demands to be the legitimate protector of the Sultan's Christian subjects and, by extension, to play a primary rôle in Balkan affairs. Confident of the support of the western powers, Turkey declared war and immediately went on to the offensive in the Balkans and the Caucasus. Heavy fighting had occurred on both fronts by the time the Russian naval attack on a Turkish squadron at Sinope in November of that year brought Britain and France into the war.

The Turks concentrated considerable forces along the Caucasian border. The Russians, on the other hand, focussed their attention on the Danube where Allied intervention was expected and where the attitude of Austria-Hungary was giving cause for concern. Nevertheless, despite the initiative shown by the Turks, by the end of the campaigning season they had been defeated at Bashgedikler and were in full retreat towards the fortress of Kars. Russian success was mainly due to the efforts of the experienced General Prince Bebutov.

With the arrival of the British and French fleets in the Black Sea, the Russian Viceroy in the Caucasus, Prince Woronzov, called urgently for reinforcements. He received elements of two infantry divisions by the end of the year and in early spring 1854, three dragoon and six Don Cossack regiments. However, given the rapidly-deteriorating situation on the Danube and the very real possibility of an Allied invasion of Russia itself, it was clear that no more troops could be expected.

The Russians faced a two-fold threat: to their front from the Turkish army, and to their rear from the Muslim hill tribes in the central and eastern Caucasus who refused to recognise the rule of St. Petersburg and who conducted a constant guerrilla war against Russian forts and communications in the lowlands. Among them the Sultan had found a useful ally: Shamyl, a Dagestan chieftain who had become something of a legend amongst his own people. Because of Shamyl's activities, Bebutov was unable to follow up his victory and was forced to withdraw on his base at Aleksandropol.

#### The issue of battle

A decision in the campaign of 1854 was to be found neither on the flanks nor in the rear but on the main front between Kars and Aleksandropol, where the bulk of the forces of the respective combatants were concentrated. Bebutov had just over 20,000 troops available to him (13,000 infantry, 3,000 regular cavalry and some 4,000 mounted irregulars) together with 68 guns. His eight grenadier battalions and the dragoon brigade were among the best troops in the Russian army, far superior to any which the Turks could bring against them. However, the army of Zarif Pasha, including the 6,000 strong garrison at Kars, was almost three times as large as the Russians. The Turkish commander could put into the field some 35,000 infantry, 3,000 regular cavalry and 14,000

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Map 1: Durudere and the Russo-Turkish border, 1843

irregulars, plus 80 guns. A number of European officers were attached to Zarif's staff.

At the beginning of May the Turkish army was concentrated around Kars with advance guards at Haciveli on the 'Kuru-dere' (Dry Valley). Bebutov, preoccupied by questions of supply, did not move out of Aleksandropol until the middle of June. The Russians then established their camp to the south of the Kars river between Poldervan and the village of Kurudere. A month later, the Turks had moved forward to Haviveli. The two armies remained in observation for almost three weeks without any action except for some skirmishing between cavalry patrols. Both commanders felt doubts about the outcome of a pitched battle and seemed content to await the approach of autumn in order to retire on their respective bases. But neither Tiflis nor Constantinople was satisfied with this continued inactivity, and finally Zarif's foreign officers persuaded him to try the issue of battle.

On the night of the 3rd to 4th August, Russian patrols reported the movement of Turkish baggage trains in the direction of Kars. Interpreting this as the beginning of a Turkish withdrawal, and wishing to put an end to the criticism levelled against him, Bebutov decided to pursue. At dawn on the 5th the Russians began a general advance; they soon encountered the Turks, also on the march.

The Anglo-Hungarian soldier of fortune, Guyon, who had prepared the plan of battle at Bashgedikler the previous year, was again responsible for overall planning for the Turkish forces and once more attempted to make use of their numerical superiority to crush the Russian flanks. He proposed first to take the isolated Russian observation post on the Karayal hill with a surprise attack by Bashibouzouks. Four battalions of rifles would then hold the position supported by the advance of 16 Syrian battalions, two regular cavalry regiments and 32 guns under the command of Kerim Pasha. It was intended that Kerim should attract the attention of the main Russian force while Colonel Kmety, moving to the left with 16 Anatolian battalions, two more regular cavalry regiments and 18 guns, was to attack the Russian right across the low ground between the Karayal and the two villages. At the same time, the Kurdish irregular cavalry was to outflank the Russian right in the neighbourhood of Poldervan. Zarif himself held 12 battalions and 30 guns in reserve.

The weakness of Guyon's plan was that the Turkish forces wee divided into three widely-separated groups. Before Kmety could come into action, Kerim would have to sustain the whole weight of the Russian resistance, while the Russian superiority in the quality of their cavalry and horse artillery might allow time for Bebutov to engage each attacking force in turn.

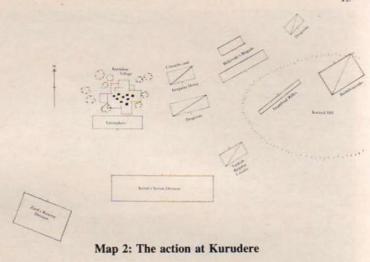
The Russian commander was by now aware that a major battle was imminent and hastily began to deploy his troops. However, for some obscure reasons, he assumed, wrongly, that the Karayal hill had already been reinforced. The Bashibouzouks therefore were able to seize it without difficulty and the Turkish riflemen were able to entrench themselves on it in such a way that they could enfilade the Russian line. Belyevski's brigade together with a battery of guns was ordered to counter-attack; four squadrons of the Novorossiysk Dragoons were also sent to engage the Kurds on the

To the right of Belyevski was a body of cavalry consisting of the Tver Dragoons, six squadrons of the Nizhegorodski Dragoons, Cossacks and Muslim irregular horse, and a mounted battery. Further on, covering the main artillery park of five batteries, the Grenadier Brigade was deploying in front of Kurudere. Bebutov was under the impression that the grenadiers were facing the Turkish centre whereas in reality they had before them only the left wing of Kerim's division. Kmety was already beginning his movement against the Russian right flank which at that moment was only protected by the remaining squadrons of the Novorossiysk Dragoons plus some Cossacks and other irregulars and a horse battery. The only reserve available to the Russians was two battalions of infantry, the rest of the irregular cavalry and one more battery.

Fierce fighting soon developed around Karayal hill. The attack of the rifle battalions forced Belyevski to swing his left flank back while, at the same time, Kerim's Syrians, supported by two batteries, assaulted his exposed right. Because of this, the Russian was obliged to abandon his task of retaking the hill in order to maintain his own position. A well-timed charge by the Tver Dragoons broke the impetus of the attack and overran the batteries, although the Turks were able to recover eight of their guns. Kerim brought up reinforcements. The rifles began to advance down from the Karayal to envelope Belyevski's left and a Turkish cavalry regiment boldly charged a Russian battalion in square. Russian dragoons and Cossacks, backed up by artillery, renewed the attack on Kerim's infantry, but the Syrians fought on stubbornly, at one point capturing four Russian guns. Despite heavy losses, the charges of the Nizhegorodski Dragoons gave the Russian infantry time to recover. The Turks on the other hand now began to retire to the south, the rifle battalions also withdrawing from the Karayal, pursued by the Novorossiysk Dragoons. As the regulars broke, the Bashibouzouks and Kurds dispersed. It was still only 8am, but the fighting on their left flank had definitely turned in the Russians' favour.

As soon as the position on the left seemed sufficiently stable, Bebutov undertook an attack on the right which he intended should be decisive. In front of Kurudere the grenadiers had deployed in two lines supported by the fire of five batteries. To prop up Kerim's wavering division, Zarif threw in the whole of his infantry and artillery reserve. The Russian batteries soon began to knock out the Turkish guns while the grenadiers advanced in dense columns. The Turks put up a dogged resistance, decimating a battalion of Georgian Grenadiers during one counter-attack. Then, suddenly, the Turkish battalions recoiled and ran. Gunners began to limber up and pull out also, covered by the remaining cavalry.

Meanwhile, the Turkish left under Kmety was continuing its now useless flanking movement. To counter the swarms of irregular cavalry which appeared around Poldervan, Bebutov ordered forward the Cossacks and Muslim horse from his reserve. This proved sufficient to hold the Turks in check until shortly after 8am when Kmety's Anatolian Division came up. The Russian commander sent in what remained of the reserve (two battalions and one battery). Heavy fighting ensued, the Russian cavalry easily routing the Bashibouzouks and Kurds, then going on to break Kmety's regular cavalry brigade, capturing a horse battery in the process. The Anatolians attacked in waves but were held by the two Russian battalions while their dragoons threatened the flanks. At about 10am Bebutov was able to transfer a further two battalions and a battery from his left. Kmety, now informed of the defeat of the Turkish right and centre, began to fall back. The Russians, too exhausted to pursue, watched them go, unmolested.



The bulk of the Turkish Army retired on Kars in good order. In the absence of any effective pursuit, they were able to save most of their artillery. However, their losses had been considerable: over 8,000 killed and wounded, over 2,000 prisoners and 16 guns lost. About 10,000 irregulars deserted to their villages. Russian losses too were fairly high: around 3,000 in all, nearly 15% of the troops engaged. With his modest forces thus reduced, Bebutov was not prepared to undertake an operation against Kars. Instead, he retired across the frontier to Aleksandropol.

Guyon's plan of battle was a logical one, but had failed to take into account the lack of training of the majority of the Turkish troops. Compared to this, Bebutov, in spite of neglecting to occupy the Karayal in strength, demonstrated his experience, his capacity for observation and his grasp of fast-moving events on the battlefield. The Russian commander moved his forces to the right place at the right time and had taken full advantage of the 'interior lines' that his position allowed. The battle was made up of three separate consecutive actions in each of which the Turks were defeated. The Turkish infantry, in particular the Syrians, fought with great courage; the fire of the new rifle battalions was excellent; the new regular cavalry regiments attacked boldly; and the artillery was served competently, if with a lack of mobility. It was clear to the Russians that the reorganised Turkish Army was soon likely to prove a redoubtable enemy.

#### Orders of Battle

The respective forces of the two sides engaged at Kurudere can be summarised as follows:

#### Russian:

Gruzhinski Grenadiers Erevanski Grenadiers Belevski Infantry Rgt) Belyevski's Brigade Tulski Infantry Rgt Ryazhski Infantry Rgt (2 bns only) Novorossivski Dragoons Nizhegorodski Dragoons Tverski Dragoons 2 Cossack Rgts

2 Rgts Muslim Irregular Horse

6 Field Batteries

21/2 Mountain (Horse) Batteries

Right flank: (Kerim Pasha)

4,000 (approx) Bashibouzouks

4 bns Istambul Rifles

16 Syrian Bns

2 Regular Cavalry Rgts

32 Guns

Left flank: (Col. Kmety)

10,000 (approx) Kurdish Irregular Horse

16 Anatolian Bns

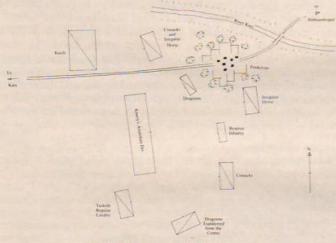
2 Regular Cavalry Rgts

18 Guns

Reserve: (Zarif Pasha) 12 Infantry Bns 30 Guns

Russian line infantry and grenadier regiments had four battalions of approximately 800 men each. Dragoon regiments had ten squadrons of, in theory, around 150 sabres; in practise, on campaign, all regular Russian cavalry were grossly understrength: here, the dragoons averaged about 120 per squadron. Since the Cossacks and other local irregular horse totalled around 4,000, it will be convenient to assume 1,000 sabres for each regiment. In this action, artillery batteries each had eight guns.

Information concerning the Turkish Army at the time of the Crimean War is by no means easy to find. The state archive in the Topkapi Museum apparently has bales of documents which have never been catalogued, mainly because they were written in Arabic script which is no longer used in Turkey. Since the disastrous campaigns against the Russians and Egyptians in the 1820s and 30s, the Imperial Ottoman Army had been (reluctantly) undergoing a transformation from an Asiatic army of the 18th century to one approaching a European army of the post-Napoleonic period. By the early 1850s, regular infantry battalions numbered on average 600 men, with four battalions forming a regiment. Although higher formations such as the brigade existed on paper, in reality battalions tended to be grouped together in ad-hoc divisions. Thus, at Kurudere, Zarif's forces were split into three divisions of four, four and three regiments respectively, plus the four battalions/one regiment of rifles. Regular cavalry regiments had either four or six squadrons, depending on whether they were lancers or light horse, each approximately 120 strong. Because in this particular engagement the Turkish regular cavalry numbered some 3,000, it is probably safe to assume that the four regiments were light horse. Turkish artillery batteries each had six guns, either six or nine pounders.



Map 3: The action at Poldervan

#### Wargaming

The inclusion of the battle of Kurudere in a series on Crimean 'small' actions is perhaps stretching a point somewhat. However, the battle can in fact be broken down into several parts, each of which is capable of being reproduced as a wargame in its own right. For the moment, though, we will concentrate upon the main action between the bulk of the Russian forces and Kerim's men, supported towards the end by the Turkish reserve under Zarif Pasha.

The following game is structured for four players, two Russian and two Turkish, and at least one umpire to keep track of things.

A figure scale of 1:100 is probably the most convenient, giving Russian battalions of eight figures and Turkish battalions of six; all regular cavalry squadrons are represented by one figure. Artillery batteries can be represented by one model gun and either three (Turkish) or four (Russian) crew, each figure indicating two actual pieces.

Kerim and Zarif had been forced to retreat by about 9.30am. If we assume that dawn was about 5.30am, the game can be divided into 18 moves of fifteen minutes each. It will start with the Bashibouzouks overrunning the Russian outpost on the Karayal

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hill. In order to simulate this surprise move, Kerim may place his troops directly on the hilltop. At the same time, the Istambul Rifles are placed at the foot of the hill; they will take up their position on Move 2. Bebutov will be warned of the Turkish attack by the sound of gunfire from the Karayal. On Move 2 he will throw an Average Dice to determine how long he will take to react and send orders to Belyevski: 2 = 1 move, 3/4 = 2 moves, 5 = 3 moves. Belyevski may begin his counter-attack as soon as the requisite number of moves have elapsed. Meanwhile, Kerim's Syrians will have been steadily advancing from their base-line.

Bebutov must remain with the Russian left (perhaps coordinating the cavalry) until this situation is stabilised. Just before 8am (Move 12; the Grenadier Brigade will have completed its deployment and may begin its attack on Kerim's left flank. Zarif will also have ordered his reserve forward by this time in order to reinforce the Syrian division. At 8.30am, Bebutov must withdraw the Tverski Dragoons, come what may, and transfer them to his right, now threated by Kmety.



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Victory conditions are straightforward: the Russians will have won if they recapture the Karayal hill and force their opponents to retreat before Move 18. If the Turks can keep possession of the Karayal and withstand the Russian counter-attacks until that time, they will be able to claim a victory since it is assumed that this, together with Kmety's outflanking manoeuvre, will force Bebutov to retire.

An interesting alternative to the 'main action' described above would be to wargame the Turkish attack on the Russian right flank. The Russians, under the command of General Bagavout, would have to defend the village of Poldervan with some 1,600 Dragoons, 3,000 Cossacks and other irregular cavalry, two battalions of infantry and two batteries against Kmety's 16 battalions, three batteries and over 11,000 cavalry which outnumbered them by nearly four to one.

The action here would begin about 8am. Kmety must capture and hold Poldervan by 10am (Move 9, say) in order to claim a personal victory. He must, in any case, attempt to withdraw at 10.30 since by then he will have been informed of the defeat of Zarif and Kerim. An umpire is probably essential in this game in order to feed in Russian reinforcements at the appropriate time and to keep both players in the dark about events elsewhere on the field.

Terrain for both games will be fairly open although, as its name indicates, the 'Kuru-dere' was very likely an arid enough spot. Trees and vegetation will tend to be grouped around the villages with the remainder of the landscape dotted with patches of scrub. The river Kars near Poldervan probably flowed at the bottom of the gully, as do most water courses in the region.

The battle of Kurudere presents the wargamer with an unusual situation within the context of the Crimean War: high quality Russian troops pitted against a large number of Turks many of whom were themselves well-motivated if not particularly welltrained. To my mind, one of the more appealing aspects is the participation, albeit perfunctory, of the Bashibouzouks and the like. Suitable figures can be found in the Renaissance and Colonial ranges produced by many manufacturers; I use a variety of figures from Peter Laing's Turkish and Mameluk ranges, though virtually any irregular-looking horseman wearing a turban and pyjamas will do at a pinch.

The best way to cope with this wide range of troop types is, once again, to use some form of combat rating system. Draw one up for this engagement rather than use one applicable to the Crimea as a whole since neither Russians nor Turks can be said to have given an outstanding performance there. Commanders too should be rated, Bebutov especially, although his subordinates, Belvevski and Bagavout, were also capable men. The Turks can be considered as average, with Kerim having the edge over Zarif and Kmety given that he and his men took the brunt of the fighting for most of the time. All these ratings should be tied into morale and reaction tests and even into determining the results of fire-fights and mêlées.

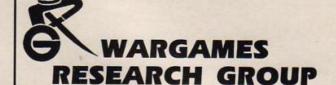
All things considered, Kurudere was more like a Napoleonic battle than one of the mid-19th century: both sides manoeuvred and fought in columns, and were armed with smooth-bore guns and muskets.

#### Conclusion:

The victory of Kurudere had immediate repercussions in relieving Russian problems both in the mountains and along the Persian border. Shamyl was impressed by the failure of his allies, and throughout the following winter and the campaigning season of 1855 maintained a policy of 'wait and see'. Negotiations between Russian and Persia, which had been dragging on for over a year, were rapidly concluded. A secret convention was signed under which the Persians confirmed their neutrality and the Russians waived a long-standing indemnity. In fact, the pendulum soon swung the other way: within nine months of the signature of the Treaty of Paris in February 1856 which brough the Crimean War to an end, Britain found herself at war with Persia.

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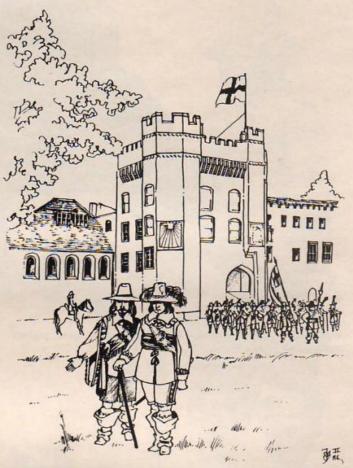
by John Tincey

For many people knowledge of the English Civil War is limited to the battles of Edgehill, Marston Moor and Naseby. The wargamer who does not want to fight imaginary battles may think that the period has little to offer apart from these few epic actions. In fact from the view point of the ordinary soldier battles of this kind were rare events. By examining the fighting career of a Civil War regiment I hope to provide a more balanced view of the war.

The regiment I have chosen is "Colonel Samuel Jones' Regiment of Foot" which formed the garrison of Farnham Castle in Surrey from July 1643 to November 1645. There are several good reasons for this choice: as the garrison regiment of Sir William Waller's supply base at Farnham castle, Jones' provided contingents of men to all of the armies that Waller commanded in the west and south of England after mid 1643. This gave Jones' a notable and varied battle record, but because it had a stable base to fall back on the regiment survived in good order despite the rigours of campaigning. Secondly we know a good deal about the history of the regiment, thanks both to the surviving documents of the period and to the efforts of the re-enactors who have reformed Jones' Regiment and researched its past. These articles will not attempt to tell the whole story of the war or even of the regiment, but will focus on four different types of combat which made up the war as experienced by ordinary soldiers. We shall examine a skirmish with the nearby Royalist garrison, see Jones' march out to victory at Cheriton and then to defeat at Cropredy Bridge. In part four we shall look at the long running struggle to capture Basing House as a typical small siege. Before we turn to these events we must discover more about the men of Jones' regiment and find out why they were at Farnham Castle in the first place.

The first major battle of the Civil war was fought at Edgehill in October of 1642. Contrary to the expectations of both sides the battle ended not in a devastating victory, but rather in a confused and muddled draw. Many who had taken up arms in expectation of a short and victorious campaign returned home. The King's forces proved inadequate to capture London and, as winter set in, the Parliament at Westminster and the Royal Court, newly established at Oxford, began to set about the business of raising troops for a long and desperate war. The main qualification for command on both sides was the ability to pay part of the cost of raising a regiment out of one's own pocket. On 5th February 1643 Samuel Jones, a wealthy London merchant was granted a commission to raise a regiment of Foot in the City and on 21st April Parliament granted £2189 to purchase arms for the soldiers. The intention was that Jones' Regiment should reinforce the main Parliamentarian Army led by the Earl of Essex which was guarding the Western approaches to London. However, Royalist gains in Hampshire led to a change of plan and in July the Regiment, with only five of its ten companied formed, was order to march into Surrey to complete its recruiting there. Farnahm Castle was second in importance only to Windsor Castle in the defence of the approaches to London and it was decided that it should become the headquarters of Jones' greencoated regiment. Farnham town was an important market for foodstuffs and othe goods destined for the capital while its strategic position blocked any enemy advance from the West Country and commanded the vital road to the naval base at Portsmouth. Also in need of protection were the gunpowder mills in the nearby Tillingbourne valley, as their output was vital to the supply of the Parliament armies. During 1643 Jones' rarely mustered more than 600 men so the regiment must have been sorely stretched to maintain the necessary garrison, mount patrols to protect roads and mills and at the same time send troops to support Waller's army in

Samuel Jones' Regiment consisted of ten companies and followed the standard practice of having more men in the



Samual Jones' regiment at Farnham Castle, (drawing by Les Prince, courtesy of Partizan Press).

companies commanded by the field officers. Therefore Colonel Jones' own company had a nominal strength of 200, Lt Colonel Baines' company 160 men and Major Nathaniel King's company 140 men. The remaining companies were each commanded by a captain and in theory consisted of 100 men. As can be seen from the accompanying muster lists the actual strengths of the various companies often widely varied from the nominal figure and from each other. However by comparison with many Civil War regiments Jones' remained a strong unit throughout its service. The Regiment was dressed in coats made of green cloth supplied by the Surrey committee and it is possible that this was the Kersie cloth made locally around Farnham. The Regiment carried one flag for each of its ten companies and contemporary sources tell us that they were white. The device used to differentiate the captain's colours is not known, but as a fixed system for the design of foot ensigns was in use during the Civil War we can say that Colonel Jones' company would have carried a plain white flag and Lt Colonel Baines company a white flag with a St George's Cross in the first canton a third of the size of the hoist and a third of the length, (the flags were approximately six feet six inches square).

It is unlikely that Samuel Jones took a large role in the running of his regiment, for as Military Governor of Farnham he was also responsible for tax gathering and overseeing the town's trade and wellbeing. In practice the running of the regiment was in the hands of the Lieutenant Colonel, Jeremy Baines. We know more about Baines than any other officer in the garrison because his pocket books is preserved in the British Library. It proves him to have been a religious and well educated man, who took a serious interest in

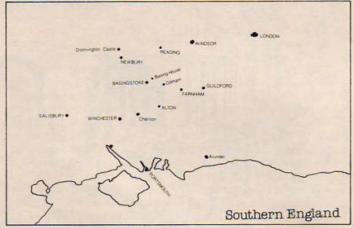


A pikeman of Jones' regiment in the 'charge for horse' posture, (drawing by Shaun Hart).

A musketeer of Jones' regiment 'gives fire', (drawing by Shaun Hart).







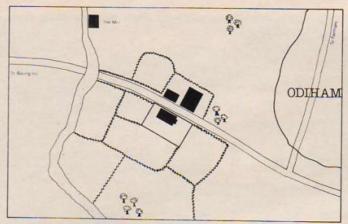
military matters as well as in mathematics and geometry. Before the war Baines had been a brewer living in Horsletdown near Southwark on the south bank of the Thames. His first command was as a Captain in a London regiment of Dragoons and he was promoted to Major in November 1642. By the time he became second in command of Jones' Regiment he would have been regarded as something of a veteran amongst the amateur soldiers of the Civil War. Given his interest in military matters and the fact

that he was later appointed to the post of Quartermaster – General to Waller's army, it seems likely that the regiment would have been well drilled and equipped.

The action at Warnborough Mill

As Farnham Castle guarded the counties loyal to Parliament, so Basing House was a bastion for the areas occupied by the Royalists. The garrisons of both fortresses sought to control the tax assessment from as many of the surrounding towns and villages as possible and this inevitably led to conflict. One such skirmish occurred during the period when Lt Colonel Baines had taken four companies of Jones' Regiment to reinforce Waller's army for the ill-fated Midlands campaign. The Royalist Colonel Rawdon, serving as Governor of Basing House, in command of his own regiment and that of the Marquis of Winchester, took note of the detachment of a large part of the Farnham Greencoats and decided to try to capture a small outpost which Colonel Jones had set up in the village of Odiham. A contemporary Parliamentarian pamphlet records Rawdon's orders to his men as being:

- "1. That Forces should be drawn out, and set forth to fall upon Colonel Norton, and Colonel Jones their quarters at Odyam.
- That they should give no quarter, but put all to the sword.
   That two men should go along with them, one with a dark Lanthorne, and the other with Torches to fire the Towne of
- Odyam.
  6. That they should have all the plunder of the Town for the same.



suggested wargames terrain for the fight at Warnborough Mill

5. That they should have each man five shillings before the march." (The numbering of the paragraphs is as printed in the original pamphlet!)

At eleven o'clock on the night of Saturday 1st June 1644 (old style) Rawdon drew out most of the garrison of Basing House and began his silent march to surprise the outpost at Odiham. His men were spurred on by the news that a Troop of Horse commanded by Colonel Norton, which was also at Odiham, had just been paid and would have shillings in their pockets ready to be plundered.

One mile north west of Odiham the river Whitewater is fordable near the village of North Warnborough. The ford is only four miles from Basing House but seven from Farnham Castle and Rawdon planned that his raid would overwhelm the outpost before help could reach it. The raiders reached the mill and ford at Warnborough at about two o'clock the following morning, but the noise of their splashing and cursing as they crossed the stream alerted a trooper of Norton's Horse. He hailed them requesting the watch word which, for that night, was "God with us". Hearing instead the Royalist's cry of "Honour" the trooper galloped back to Odiham and raised the main guard. The guard hurried back to the mill and caught the Royalist Horse confined in a lane. Fighting against great odds Norton's troopers were forced to retire, but they were able to win enough time for the men of Jones' regiment to line the hedges that enclosed the land around the ford. Rawdon's men stumbled forward not knowing which grey mass looming in the darkness might turn out to be a harmless hedge or a body of enemy Horsemen ready to cut them down. Only the glowing matches, which the musketeers used to fire their muskets, gave away their positions and with Jones' men hidden amongst the hedgerows the warning often came too late.

Colonel Norton had used the time that his guards had earned for him to assemble the rest of his Horsemen and to lead them into the open fields outside the town. Finding his enemy in confusion as they cautiously advanced, Norton ordered his men to charge. Rawdon's men had on previous encounters noted that Norton's troopers were well equipped, and had been looking forward to gaining their fine buff coats as plunder. Now they had reason to wish that Norton's men were less well armed as they were hurled back into the Whitewater. With the river at their backs many Royalists had no option but to surrender. Six officers, three Gentlemen at Arms, three Sergeants, three drummers and seventy five common soldiers were captured as well as weapons for 100 Foot soldiers. It seems that the captured cavalry horses and equipment were kept by those who took them as they were not accounted for. It is clear from the numbers of prisoners that the action had been hotly contested yet the Royalists lost only four dead and the Parliamentarians only one dead. Many were reported wounded on the Royalist side but only seven or eight of the victors were hurt. Considering the large detachment of Jones' men at Odiham that night, the Royalists may have been correct in their later claims that their plans had been betrayed.

#### The Wargame

The scene of the battle at Warnborough Mill has changed a great deal over the last three centuries. The M3 crosses the high ground to the north of the site and both Odiham and North Warnborough have expanded in recent years, although they both retain something of their original characters. Perhaps the most noticeable change was one of the earliest, for the construction of the Basingstoke Canal and the resulting diversion of the A32 over new bridges has re-shaped the landscape. However one can still visit the ford over the Whitewater tucked away down a 'pedestrians only' lane. The map shows a possible layout for the wargames table based on the contemporary accounts, the Ordnance Survey map and a visit to the scene.

As a wargame the Warnborough action has several unusual features which will need special rules to reproduce. The numbers involved are as follows:

ROYALISTS (based on BM Harleian MSS 986, Richard Symonds Diary giving the Basing garrison for November 1644).

The Marquis of Winchester's Regiment of Foot.
Colonel's Company (John Paulet, Marquis of Winchester)
Lt Colonel's Company (Sir Robert Peake)
Major's Company (John Cuffaud)
1st Captain's Company (Peregrine Tasbury)
2nd Captain's Company (William Payne)
In all some 200 men.

Sir Marmaduke Rawdon's Regiment of Foot.

Colonel's Company

Lt Colonel's Company (Thomas Johnson) Major's Company (William Rowsewell) 1st Captain's Company (Isaac Rowlett) 2nd Captain's Company (Robert Amery) In all some 200 men.

The Marquis of Winchester's Regiment of Horse. Colonel's Troop (Lieutenant Francis Cuffaud) Lt Colonel's Troop (Sir Robert Peake) In all some 100 men.



Jones' horse and foot escorting supplies into Farnham town, (drawing by Les Prince, courtesy of Partizan Press)

#### **PARLIAMENTARIANS**

Colonel Samuel Jones' Regiment of Foot.

A detached force of some 200, possibly,

Colonel Jones' own Company (140 men), commanded by Jones in person,

Captain Lieutenant Poole and Ensign Shephard.

Captain Joyner's Company (90 men). Lieutenant William Thornehill and Ensign Anthony Shorlyfe.

#### Colonel Richard Norton's Regiment of Horse.

Colonel's Troop, some 60 men.

A regiment of Foot was in theory composed of one third pikemen and two thirds musketeers, although Royalist regiments may have had a higher proportion of pikemen due to their difficulty in finding firearms. Norton's Horse were well armed and I suggest they be equipped with buff coats, armour back and breast plates, sword, two pistols and a carbine. Winchester's troopers should be un-armoured and have only one pistol each. The cavalry troops can fight as individual units, but at this time a Company of Foot was an administrative rather than a combat formation. However this does not mean that each regiment must remain as a single unit as, particularly in small actions, a commander would divide up his regiments into a number of "divisions" containing both pike and musket and possibly also separate groups of "commanded" musketeers. Therefore before the start of the action both players should divide their forces into such groups and appoint an officer to command them.

A major factor in the course of the action is that it took place in the dark! This will be a great advantage to units which are not moving and can thus hide behind walls and hedges and keep their tell-tale burning match out of sight.

#### Players' objectives

Colonel Rawdon's objective is to capture the town of Odiham and hold it for two game moves while his men set fire to the town. He must then get his force back over the ford with not more than 50% casualties as he must still provide a garrison for Basing House on his return.

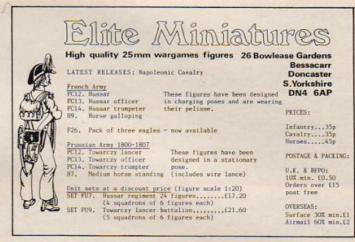
Colonel Jones' objective is to defend Odiham or to destroy at least 50% of the raiding force. Jones may call on another 200 Greencoats and his own Troop of 30 Horse from Farnham, these should not arrive sooner than two hours after the action begins and players should arrange a random dice throw for their arrival depending on the rules and scales used.

As the Royalists will begin the battle on the march and the Parliamentarians in their guard positions, Jones' and Norton's units should not be placed on the table, but a marker laid out for each unit. Two false markers can be used for every real unit. A marker is revealed when the unit it represents moves (Civil War armour and musketeer equipment made a lot of noise when a unit moved) or when an enemy unit observes it. Maximum visibility is equal to maximum musket range. To observe a marker at long musket range throw a 5 or 6 on a normal dice, 4,5 or 6 at medium range of 3,4,5 or 6 at short range. Deduct one from the dice throw if the marker is behind cover. The reduced visibility should also be borne in mind when charges are declared and for morale. Friendly units will only count as support if they are visible, but invisible unfriendly markers should be counted to reproduce the tension of not knowing what is out there in the darkness.

In playing this game we have found that Rawdon had a hard fight to reach Odiham, but that Colonel Jones' relief column arrived too late to save the town. Our wargames are fought with the excellent Front Rank 25mm figures and using Partizan Press Forlorn Hope rules which are the first set of rules that I have come across which give a satisfactory period feel to an ECW wargame. No longer does one find the musketeers of a regiment routing while the pikemen head off in the opposite direction following up a routed enemy. Buy them and see!

#### **RE-ENACTING THE CIVIL WAR IN 1988**

The modern day members of Samuel Jones' not only study the history of the regiment, but also seek to re-create its appearance, drill and life-style. Using historically accurate replicas of matchlock muskets and pikeman's armour, Jones' are the only ECW



re-enactment unit to practise contemporary weapon drills in their entirety. Training methods in these complicated, but practical, drill motions are taken from an original drill book surviving from the Civil War and owned by one of the regiment's veteran musketeers. It is not easy to learn to use these weapons exactly as a Parliamentarian or Royalist soldier would have done, but if you would like to experience the Civil War first hand, then please send for a free illustrated booklet to: Samual Jones', 3 The Orchard, Off North Drive, Hounslow, Middx. TW3 1PS.

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#### Appendix to the Farnham Greencoats (Part One).

Selected muster returns of the rank and file strengths of the companies of Colonel Samuel Jones' Regiment of Foot. (From SP 28/135, see *The Farnham Greencoats* listed in sources.)

COMPANY	12 Sept 1643	27 Oct 1643	27 Nov 1643
Colonel Jones	155	134	138
Lt Col Baines	106	110	119
Major Forbes	?	100	=:
Capt. King	97	75	75
Capt. Hanson	60	40	69
Capt. Claridge	75	75	77
Capt. Joyner	-	52	59
Capt. Bancks	-	50	50
Capt. Brewer			?
	493	636	587
COMPANY	1 March 1644	27 June 1644	20 Jan 1645
Colonel Jones	145	148	109
Lt Col Baines	120	120	104
Major King	118	119	120
Capt. Hanson	69	71	41
Capt. Claridge	?	96	69
Capt. Joyner	115	90	65
Capt. Bancks	64	64	69
Capt. Brewer	62	79	79

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# SPANISH CIVIL WAR WARGAMES RULES

by Bob Cordery

#### Introduction

When, on 18th July 1936, some of the leading Generals of the Spanish Army led their troops into a revolt against the Republican Government they expected that after some initial opposition they would be the new rulers of Spain within a matter of days. The supporters of the Government proved, however, to be much stronger than expected and as a result Spain had to experience three years of bloody Civil War.

It was a war of contradictions and political in-fighting. Both sides experienced problems in retaining the support of groups or political parties who were often at variance with one another.

The Republic had the support of the Socialists, the Communists, the Anarchists, the Trade Union movement, the Catalan Nationalists, the Basque Nationalists (who supported the Government despite the fact that the Government was anti-Clerical and the Basques were fervent Catholics), most of the Navy's Seamen (but not the Officers), a large part of the Air Force, part of the Peninsular Army, some sections of the Civil Guard (the national police force), and a majority of the Assault Guards (the national riot police). They had some material help from the French Socialist Government in the early stages of the war and considerable help, in the form of weapons and advisors, from the Russian Government. This was particularly true once the Left-wing nature of the Republic was established and a large part of the Spanish Gold Reserves were safely housed in Moscow!

The Nationalist forces had the support of the Army of Africa (which contained the most battle-hardened units in the Spanish Army), the remainder of the Peninsular Army and the Civil and Assault Guards, the Falange (a Right-wing National-Syndicalist Party), the Monarchists (who supported a return to a Bourbon Monarchy), the Carlists (who supported a different claimant to the throne), and (with the exception of the Basque Region) the Catholic Church. They also received help from Hitler's Germany and Mussolini's Italy; both countries sent weapons and troops to support the Generals' cause.

The Spanish Civil War was a war of ideals fought by soldiers who thought that God or History was on their side. It foreshadowed many aspects of the Second World War whilst at the same time harking back to an earlier age; in many ways it was a war of Medieval ferocity fought with Twentieth Century technology.

These rules are aimed at providing a fast and interesting game which reconstructs the sort of fighting that took place during the Spanish Civil War. The Players are faced with the problems encountered by a Brigade Commander; these include dealing with units which may not obey you because of polical differences! The rules are intended to be used with 1:300 scale models mounted on bases which represent platoon sized units.

#### **Pre-Game Organisation**

1. Set up the Terrain and the Scenario

#### 1.1 Terrain

Spain is a very varied country in terms of its climate and terrain. It can vary from hot tree-less plains to almost Alpine conditions; it has grasslands, vineyards, mines, industrial areas, forests, mountains and rolling hills; it has areas where a single farmhouse may be the only building for miles, and large towns and cities. It follows, therefore, that a vast range of terrain can be set up and that whatever is chosen will provide a challenging game.

#### 1.2 Scenario

The operations by both sides during the early stages of the war were dominated by the desire to gain or hold ground. This manifested itself in the need by the Generals to capture Madrid and the other major cities whilst the Republic sought to retain them. Encounter battles between somewhat hastily organised forces seem to have predominated as well as operations by the Nationalists to relieve their besieged supporters in such places as the Alcazar in Toledo. Later, as both sides settled down to fight a sustained war the traditional attack/defend/counter-attack battle became the order of the day.

2. Organise and set out both sides forces.

 Using the Troop Type and Combat Value Tables allocate Experience and Combat Values to each unit. Throw a D10 and read off the result.

#### **Troop Type Table**

Troop Type	Elite	Veteran	Tested	Green
Foreign Legion (N) Regulares (N) International Brigades (R)	4-9	2,3	1	0
Carlist Militia (N) Falange Militia (N) Basque Militia (R) Communist Militia (R) Regular Army Infantry (N/R) Para-Military Police (N/R)	6-9	4,5	2,3	0,1
Socialist Militia (R) Anarchist Militia (R) Other Infantry (N/R)	9	6-8	3-5	0-2
All Artillery All Cavalry	6-9	4,5	2,3	0,1
All Armoured Units	5-9	2-4	1	0

#### Combat Value Table

Troop Type	Elite	Veteran	Tested	Green
Infantry	6	5	4	3
Artillery	6	6	6	6
Cavalry	6	5	4	3
Armoured Units	7	6	6	5

#### General Rules and Playing Equipment

- Nothing may be done contrary to what could or would be done in actual war.
- 2. A D10 (marked 0-9) is used throughout these rules.
- The game is intended to be played with 1:300 scale models mounted on platoon bases; these are, in turn, organised into companies, battalion-sized units and Brigades. The base sizes for the platoons are –

Unit Type	Base Size	Fixed to Base
Infantry	25mm x 15mm	3 Figures
Machine Guns	15mm x 20mm	1 MG + 2 Figures
Artillery (including Anti-Tank Guns)	15mm x 20mm	1 Gun + 2 Figures
Armoured Vehicles	15mm x 25mm	1 Vehicle
Transport	15mm x 25mm	1 Vehicle

 A set of order chips is required to play the game. These are marked as follows –

Mark	Meaning	Mark	Meaning
F	FIRE	1	MOVE
L	LIMBER	Ü	UNLIMBER
M	MOUNT	D	DISMOUNT
+	UNPIN		

5. A set of numbered move chips is required by both sides to play the game. It is recommended that neither side has more numbered move chips than it has companies in its Brigade.

#### A Republican Militiaman

#### A Nationalist Foreign Legionnaire

A set of Will-to-Combat Test Markers is required to play the game.

#### The Game

Each move (or bound) in the game is organised into a series of Phases and Sub-phases.

#### 1. Order Phase

Both sides place the order chips for their units face down in front of the units. No unit may be given more than 2 order chips per move; a unit may, however, be ordered to undertake the same operation twice during a move (e.g. a unit may be ordered to fire twice at the same target or to move twice). Units which are 'pinned' or become 'pinned' are not permitted to move unless they have been ordered to undertake an 'unpinning' and have been successful; likewise Republican units failing the Cooperation Test (see 2.2) may not move but will obey other orders given. Once the Order Phase is complete no order chips may be changed in any circumstances

#### 2. Move Phase

Both sides place the numbered move chips by each unit to signify the order in which the units will turn over their order chips. Starting with the first unit on each side turn over the order chips and go through the following Sub-Phases –

#### 2.1 Unpinning Sub-phase

Units which have been 'pinned' during the previous move or have remained 'pinned' from earlier moves may, if so ordered, try to 'unpin' themselves. In order to do so throw a D10 and read off the result from the Unpinning Table.

#### **Unpinning Table**

Unpinning value = Combat Value + Modifiers + D10			
Unpinning Value =	Modifiers		
8 + 0-7	Unit is unpinned Unit remains pinned	Unit is – In trenches –2 In woods –1 In town –1	

#### 2.2 Movement Sub-Phase

Units which have been ordered to move must, if they are Republicans, take a Co-operation Test before moving. To do so throw a D10 and read the result from the Republican Cooperation Table.

#### Republican Co-operation Table

Commander is – Troop Type	Communist	Socialist	Anarchist	Regular	Basque
Communist	A	В	D	A	В
Socialist	В	A	D	В	C
Anarchist	D	D	В	D	D
Regular	В	С	D	A	В
Basque	D	C	D	В	A
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#### Movement Table (all distances are in cms)

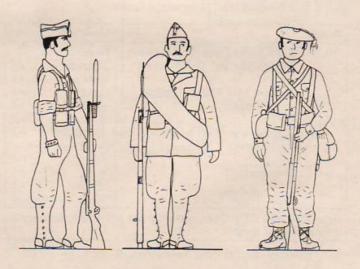
Full Move	Cross C	ountry	Road	
Unit	'Under fire'	'Tactical'	'Under fire'	'Tactical'
Infantry	5	10	8	16
Artillery (limbered)	5	10	10	20
Artillery (unlimbered)	2	4	3	6
Cavalry	8	16	12	24
Tanks	15	20	25	30
Armoured Cars	10	18	30	40
Lorries	8	16	30	50

Elite Units add 4cms to their move; Veteran Units add 2cms to their move; Green Units deduct 2cms from their move

Artillery limbered to Lorries move at Lorry rate

Pinned Units may not move

Units 'Under fire' are those which have been fired upon during the last move or during this move



#### 2.3 Fire Sub-phase

Units which have been ordered to fire must declare the target they are engaging. The range is then measured. To obtain the result of the units' fire consult the appropriate Fire Table.

#### Rifle and Machine Gun Fire Table (all distances are in cms)

Roll a D10 for every 6 stands firing at the target – M.G.s count as 2 stands

Weapon	Range	Res	ults	Modifiers	
Rifle	25	0,1	Lose 1 stand and receive	Target is – In trenches	10
M.G.	30		two Will-to-	In woods	+2
M.G.	50		Combat Test	In town	+1
			Markers	Armoured	+3
				Pinned	-2
		2,3	Receive two	Enfiladed	-2
			Will-to-Combat	Firing Unit is-	
			Test Markers	Pinned	+2
				Green	+1
		4-8	Receive one	Veteran	-1
			Will-to-Combat	Elite	-2
			Test Marker	For every stand than 6 firing a	t the
		9+	No effect	target'	+1

Rifles and M.G.s may only fire at targets which are in a direct line of sight

#### Artillery Fire Table (all distances are in cms)

#### Roll a D10 for each Gun firing at the target

Resul	ts	Modifiers	
0,1	Lose 1 stand and receive two	Target is -	
	Will-to-Combat Test Markers	In trenches	+3
		In woods	+1
2,3	Receive two Will-to-Combat	Intown	+1
	Test Markers	Armoured	+1
		Pinned	-2
4-8	Receive one Will-to-Combat	Enfiladed	-3
	Test Marker	The Range is	-
		0-20	-3
9+	No effect	21-120	-1
		121-240	+1
		241+ out of	range

Artillery may only fire at targets which are in a direct line of sight from a friendly unit

#### Anti-Tank/AFV Gun Fire Table (all distances are in cms)

Roll a D10 for each Gun firing at the target

Results		Modifiers	
0,1	Lose 1 stand and receive two	Target is -	
	Will-to-Combat Test Markers	In trenches	+3
		In woods	+1
2,3	Receive two Will-to-Combat	Intown	+1
	Test Markers	Armoured	+1
		Pinned	-2 $-3$
4-8	Receive one Will-to-Combat	Enfiladed	-3
	Test Marker	The Range is -	
		0-5	-3
9+	No effect	6-30	-1
		31-60	+1
		61+ out of r	ange

Anti-Tank and AFV Guns may only fire at targets which are in a direct line of sight

#### 2.4 Close Combat Sub-phase

Units which have come into contact with an opposing unit or units are deemed to be in Close Combat. In order to resolve the Close Combat both sides throw a D10 and read the result from the Close Combat Table. The winner of the Close Combat is the unit or units which achieve the highest Close Combat Value.

#### **Close Combat Table**

Unit's Close Combat Value = (Combat Value + Modifiers + D10) x No. stands in contact				
Difference in Stands Lost Close Combat Values Winner/Loser		Modifier	rs	
0-20	1/1	Unit is -		
		In trenches	+3	
21-40	1/2	In woods	+3	
		In town	+1	
41-60	0/3	Armoured	+1 -2	
		Pinned	-2	
61+	0/4			

Once all the units on both sides have, in sequence, turned over their order chips and completed the Unpinning, Movement, Fire and Close Combat Sub-phases play proceeds to the Will-to-Combat Test Phase.

#### 3. Will-to-Combat Test Phase

Any unit which has received Will-to-Combat Test Markers during the previous Move Phase must now test to assess its reaction and/or the effects upon its Will-to-Combat. In order to do so throw a D10 and read the result from the Will-to-Combat Test Table.

#### Will-to-Combat Test Table

Will-to-Combat Value	= Result	Modifiers
0	Unit carries out an immediate advance and adds 2 to its Combat Value if it becomes involved in a Close Combat as a result of	Unit is – Elite –2 Veteran –1 Green +1
1-3	its advance	
4-8	No effect	
	Unit is 'pinned'	
9-11	Unit retires ½ move at once and ends facing the enemy	
12+	Unit retires full move at once and ends facing away from the enemy	

Once all units subject to a Will-to-Combat Test have assessed their reaction and/or its effects upon their Will-to-Combat the move (or bound) is completed and the Order Phase for the next move (or bound) may commence.

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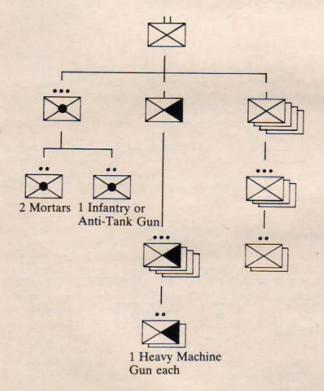
#### Some typical Spanish Civil War Units

### Symbols Infantry Division Infantry Heavy Weapons Brigade Armour Regiment Cavalry Battalion, Bandera, Tabor or Grupo Armoured Cars Company Engineers Platoon **Infantry Support** Section Artillery Artillery

#### **Infantry Battalions**

Anti-Tank

Artillery



#### Notes -

This Battalion formed the basis for most of the Infantry units used by both the Nationalists and the Republicans although few ever achieved full strength e.g. many had only three Infantry Companies and a Machine Gun Company of three platoons.

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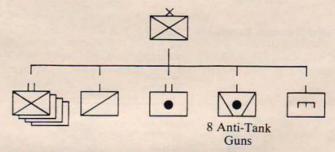
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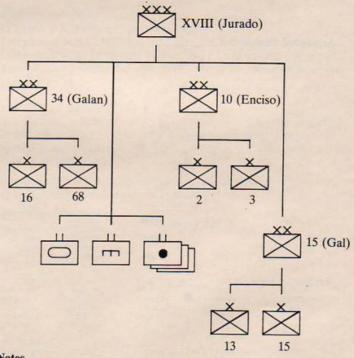
#### Some typical Spanish Civil War Units Infantry or 'Mixed' Brigades



#### Notes-

Both sides adopted all-Arms Brigades (or 'Mixed' Brigades) during the course of the War. The Republic was the first to do so but, as a rule, their Brigades were often unable to achieve a strength of more than three Infantry Battalions and a Battery of Artillery.

#### Republican XVIII th. CORPS at the Battle of Brunete



#### Notes -

The 13th. and 15th. Brigades were International Brigades.

# 26 Bandere (Foreign Legion) 1 Heavy Machine Gun each Tabor (Moorish Regulares) 1 Heavy Machine Gun each **Armoured Battalion** 5 Tanks each **Artillery Grupo**

4 Guns each

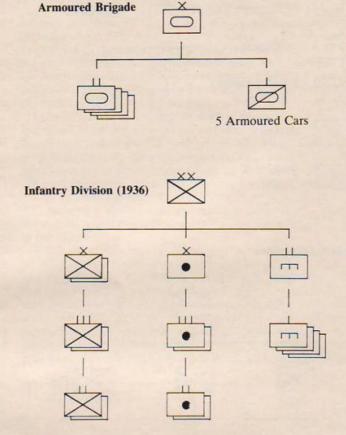


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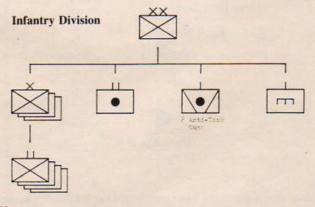
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Notes –
This cumbersome Divisional organisation was not used after the outbreak of the Civil War



#### Notes -

Nationalist Divisions were generally stronger than Republican Divisions. Republican Divisions often comprised two Brigades of three or Four Infantry Battalions, a Grupo of Artillery and a Troop of Anti-Tank Guns.

# THE ROAD TO BERLIN — 2

### A WW2 game fought at Divisional level and above

by David Harrison

#### Introduction

In the first part of this game the battlefield and Russian forces were described: we now continue with the German defenders.

The Germans have been worn down to the point of exhaustion by continual Soviet offensives that have been launched since February 1945. Now, having retreated back over the last great river barrier protecting German soil and hoping to finally halt the Russians they have been surprised by a small Soviet force that has managed to establish a bridgehead. A half-hearted counter attack was repulsed by the Russians who rapidly built a pontoon bridge over the river and began reinforcing their embattled troops. Both sides now realised the importance of the bridgehead. The Germans hurriedly scraped together a scratch Panzer Division from the remaining demonstration units and armoured schools around Berlin and sent it to the front to eliminate the Russians. The Russians, having sent a tank corps and the best part of two infantry divisions across the river, discovered that there was little to oppose their advance on the Reich capital and launched an attack which they hoped would end the war. Opposing them are an infantry division and the remains of an SS Panzer Division, these and the newly formed Division are all that stand in the path of the Russians, if they can only hold out for some twelve hours then reinforcements will reach Berlin . . . .

For this you will have to refer to the map in the July edition of WI. The two 'line' divisions, the 196th and 12th SS Panzer are deployed between lines 'A' and 'C'. All (including artillery) have to be positioned by the German players. Despite having time to fortify the area little has been done, although what is available also has to be positioned by the players. These should also be between 'A-C', but marked on a map so that their locations are not known to the Soviet players. The newly formed Panzer Division is not yet 'on table', with the exception of the recce units which can be positioned up to line 'C'.

#### Orders

The Führer has decreed that you push the Russians back into the Oder. The high command takes a more realistic view and tells you to hold on for 24 hours and (if possible) destroy all Soviet forces south of the river. You will be happy if you can delay them for 12 hours (150 moves) - that is your objective . . . .

#### Fortification/Prepared Defences

2000 linear metres of slit trench (sufficient for 200 infantry or infantry support elements such as HMG, 50mm or 81mm mortars). 17 emplacements for heavy weapons such as A/T guns, Flak, Mortars.

12 vehicle emplacements.

1000 linear metres of barbed wire entanglements.

600 linear metres of minefield at 100 metres wide (or equivalent area subject to a minimum size of 50m × 50m).

6 demolition charges, 3 required per bridge, 4 for the Autobahn bridge. They can also be used for cratering roads, one charge is sufficient to put a 30m crater in a two vehicle wide road, one charge per carriageway for the Autobahn.

#### German Forces

The 196th Infantry Division.

Having sustained heavy casualties in the retreat to the Oder it was reorganised once it was across. The survivors of its nine infantry battalions being filled out with Hitler Youth and regrouped into three full battalions. Most of the Division's heavy equipment was also lost and what is available it held by the HQ Company and is allocated as necessary (by the players).

Each of the three Infantry Battalions has:

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HQ Battalion Con	Ist Platoon nmand Company	2nd Platoon	3rd Platoon	4th Platoon
4 Cmd gps 2 Rifle gps	Cmd gp 6×120mm Morta	irs		
2 Rifle Compa	nies with:			
Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp
LMG	8 Rifle gps	6 Rifle gps	6 Rifle gps	2 Rifle gps
	4 LMG	3 LMG	3 LMG	2 HMG
	2 Pz'schreck	2 Pz'schreck	2 Pz'schreck	2×81mm mortars
2 Rifle Compa	anies each with: (the	se include the Hitler	Youth, count as -1	on morale)
Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp
LMG	6 Rifle gps	6 Rifle gps	6 Rifle gps	2 Rifle gps
	3 LMG	3 LMG	3 LMG	6 Panzerfaust
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The three battalions are organised into one regiment, the regimental HQ has, because of losses, been combined with the Div HQ Company.

Divisional assets consist of:

#### Divisional Headquarters Company with

8 Cmd gps, 8 Rifle gps, 4 LMG, 4 HMG. Remaining transport: 17 Opel Blitz lorries, 4 Horch field cars, 23 Kubel, 2 SdKfz250/1. 1 SdKfz250/3, 2 Sd251/10, 11 Sd251/1, 4 Sd7 tractors, 7 Sd11 tractors, 5 Sd10 tractors and 8 motorcycle combinations.

#### Anti-Tank Battalion (a new unit just attached)

HQ with 2 JagdPanzer 38(t) Hetzer

1 Company with 12 Hetzer (in three platoons each of 4)

1 Company with 6×75mm PaK40 A/T guns

#### Anti-Aircraft Battalion

HQ with 1 Kubelwagen and 1 Cmd gp.

1 Battery with 3×quad 20mm flak mounts

1 Battery with 4×88mm Flak 36 A.A. guns

#### **Engineer Company**

HQ with Cmd gp, 2 Pioneer gps, 2 Pz'schreck.

1 Platoon with Cmp gp, 4 Pioneer gps, 2 man pack Flamethrowers. 1 Platoon with Cmd gp, 2 Pioneer gps, 2×81mm mortars, 2 LMG and 2 Pz'schreck.

#### **Artillery Battalion**

HQ with 1 Kubelwagen and Cmd gp.

1 Regiment with 12×105mm field guns, 2 Cmd gps and 3 observers. 1 Regiment with 8×150mm Howitzers, 1 Cmd gp and 1 observer. Tractors and vehicles for observers have to be allocated from the Division assets.

#### The 12th SS Panzer Division

Not really a division anymore, the remnants of this once powerful formation amount to little more than a battlegroup. Despite this, morale is still very high, all units getting a '+1' and some units (where noted) a '+2'.

The three Infantry Battalions are very well equipped with a variety of equipment, including some captured vehicles.

Panzergrenadie	r Battalion 12 - 1			
HQ	1st Platoon	2nd Platoon	3rd Platoon	4th Platoon
Battalion Com	mand Company:			
2 Sd250/3	2 Sd250/7	2 Sd251/22		
4 Cmd gps	Cmd gp	Cmd gp		
2 LMG	Rifle gp	LMG		
No. 1 Company				
1 Sd251/10	2 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/1
2 Sd251/1	3 Sd251/1	3 Sd251/1	3 Sd251/1	1 Sd250
1 Sd7 Flak	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	2 Sd250/9
Cmd gps	4 Rifle gps	3 Rifle gps	3 Rifle gps	3 Sd250/7
81mm mortar	4 LMG	3 LMG	3 LMG	Cmd gp
2 LMG	4 Pz'schreck	3 Pz'schreck	3 Pz'schreck	LMG
No. 2 Company				
1 Sd251/1	1 Sd250/1	1 Kubel	1 Light truck	1 Horch
1 Sd251/22	2 Opel Blitz	2 Opel Blitz	3 Opel Blitz	4 Opel Blitz
Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp
LMG	6 Rifle gps	5 Rifle gps	6 Rifle gps	4×81mm mortars
Pz'faust	4 LMG	2 LMG	3 LMG	4 HMG
	2 Pz schreck	1 Pz'schreck	1 Pz'schreck	2 LMG
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No. 3 Company				
1 Sd250/9 1 Sd7 Flak 37	1 Kubel 2 Opel Blitz	1 Kubel 3 Opel Blitz	1 Kubel	1 Sd250/1
Cmd gp			2 Opel Blitz	1 Sd11
LMG	Cmd gp 4 Rifle gps	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	1×75mm A/T gun
Line	2 LMG	6 Rifle gps 2 LMG	5 Rifle gps 5 LMG	Cmd gp LMG
	2 Line	2 LNG	3 LMG	LMO
No. 4 Company	(this company has -	+ 2 morale)		
1 Tiger 1	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/22	1 Sd250/9	1 Sd250/1
1 Sd250/3	4 Sd251/1	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/10	2 Sd7 Flak 20
Cmd gp	Cmd gp	3 Sd251/1	2 Sd251/1	4 Sd250/7
LMG	4 Rifle gps	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp
	4 LMG	3 Rifle gps	3 Rifle gps	LMG
	4 Pz'schreck	6 LMG	4 LMG	
		2 Pz'schreck	2 Pz'schreck	
	r Battalion 12 - 2			
HQ	Ist Platoon	2nd Platoon	3rd Platoon	4th Platoon
	mand Company			
2 SD250/3	1 Sd250/1	1 Sd250/1	1 Sd250/3	
2 Sd250/1	4 Sd250/7	2 Sd251/22	2 Sd7 Flak 20	
2 Cmd gps	2 Sd251/9	1 StuG III G	1 Sd7 Flak 37	
2 Rifle gps	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	
No. I Company	(this company has	+2 morala)		
1 Sd251/22	1 Sd251/10	2 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/9	1 T34/85
1 Sd251/10	3 Sd251/1	2 Sd251/1	3 Sd250/1	
1 Panzer IV H	1 Sd10 Flak 20	2 Opel Blitz	2 Opel Blitz	2 Sd250/7 2 StuG III G
Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	2 Sd250/1
81mm mortar	3 Rifle gps	6 Rifle gps	5 Rifle gps	2 Cmd gps
LMG	3 LMG	5 LMG	3 LMG	2 LMG
1 Pz'schreck	3 Pz'schreck	1 Pz'schreck	2 Pz'schreck	2 Flamethrower
	2 Pz'faust	6 Pz'faust	3 Pz'faust	2.1 milletinower
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No. 2 Company	Transport of the second			
1 Kubel	1 Kubel	1 Horch	1 Kubel	5 Opel Blitz
Cmd gp	4 Opel Maultier	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp
Rifle gp	Cmd gp	7 Rifle gps	6 Rifle gps	8×81mm mortars
LMG	9 Rifle gps	4 LMG	3 LMG	2×150mm mortars
	4 LMG	1 HMG	3 Pz'faust	1×75mm A/T gun
	5 Pz'faust	2 Pz'schreck		2 HMG
No 2 Common				
No. 3 Company 1 Sd250/1		12.44	1 0 12000	
2 Kubel	1 Sd251/1	1 Kubel	1 Sd250/1	3 Opel Maultier
Cmd gp	1 Horch 3 Opel Blitz	4 Opel Blitz	2 Opel Blitz	1 Kubel
81mm mortar	Cmd gp	Cmd gp 6 Rifle gps	Cmd gp	Cmd gp
LMG	6 Rifle gps	3 LMG	5 Rifle gps 3 LMG	4×120mm mortars
	3 LMG	1 Pz'schreck	2 Pz'faus	1×75mm Inf gun 3LG
	2 Pz'schreck	4 Pz'faust	# 1 6 THIS	1 HMG
	Battalion 12 - 3			
HQ	1st Platoon	2nd Platoon	3rd Platoon	4th Platoon
Battalion Comm				
1 Sd250/3	1 Sd250/1	I Kubel		
3 Sd251/1	2 Sd250/7	2 Opel Maultier		
2 Cmd gps	2 Sd251/9	2×75mm PaK 40		
2 Rifle gps 2 LMG	Cmd gp 2 LMG	Cmd gp 2 LMG		
- 1.00	* Lato	- LMO		
No. 1 Company				
1 Sd251/9	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/22	1 Sd251/9
1 Sd251/1	4 Sd251/1	2 Sd251/1	2 Sd250/1	1 Sd251/16
Cmd gp	Cmd gp	1 Sd250/1	Cmd gp	2 Sd7 Flak 20
Rifle gp	6 Rifle gps	Cmd gp	4 Rifle gps	2 Opel Blitz
LMG	4 LMG	4 Rifle gps	2 LMG	2×120mm mortars
	2 Pz'schreck	3 LMG	1 Pz'schreck	Cmd gp
	1 81mm mortar	4 Pz'faust	4 Pz'faust	2 HMG
No. 2 Company				
1 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd250/1	1 Sd251/1	1 Sd251/9
1 Sd250/3	1 Sd251/1	3 Opel Blitz	3 Opel Blitz	4 Opel Blitz
1 Sd10 Flak 20	2 Opel Blitz	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp
Cmd gp LMG	Cmd gp	6 Rifle gps	6 Rifle gps	4×81mm mortars
81mm mortar	6 Rifle gps 3 LMG	3 LMG	3 LMG	2×75mm Inf guns
orman mortar	6 Pz'faust	6 Pz'faust	6 Pz'faust	2 LMG
	o re must			
No. 3 Company				
1 Sd251/22	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/10	4 Sd251/1	1 Horch field car
1 Sd250/3	3 Sd251/1	3 Sd251/1	Cmd gp	2 Sd11 tractors
Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	4 Rifle gps	2×75mm PaK 40
Rifle gp	6 Rifle gps	4 Rifle gps	4 LMG	2 Opel Maultier
LMG	3 LMG	3 LMG	4 Pz'faust	2×120mm mortars
	3 Pz'faust	3 Pz'faust		Cmd gp
				CONTRACTOR MANAGEMENT

The three battalions are organised into one Regiment. The Regimental Command Company consists of

2 Sd250/3, 2 Sd251/9, 4 Sd251/1, 2 PzIVH, 2 Westwind, 4 Cmd gps, 4 Rifle gps, 4 LMG and 2 motorcycle combinations.

The Infantry Infantry Battalion 'Frundsberg' 1 (Morale factor - 1)

4 Pz'faust

HQ	1 Platoon	2nd Platoon	3rd Platoon	4th Platoon
Battalion Com	mand Company			
1 Kubel	Kubel	Kubel		
1 Sd250/3	4 Opel Blitz	4 Opel Blitz		
2 Cmd gps	Cmd gp	Cmd gp		
2 Rifle gps	4×120mm mortars	4×75mm PaK 40 A/T guns		
3 Companies e	ach with			
1 Kubel	1 Kubel	1 Kubel	1 Kubel	1 Horch
2 Opel Blitz	4 Opel Blitz	4 Opel Blitz	4 Opel Blitz	4 Opel Blitz
Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp
2 Rifle gps	6 Rifle gps	6 Rifle gps	6 Rifle gps	2×81mm mortars
21 MG	LIME	LIMC	LIME	2-150 1

4 Pz'faust

2 HMG

4 Pz'faust

HQ	1st Platoon	2nd Platoon	3rd Platoon	4th Platoon
Battalion Comm	and Company			777
2 Sd250/3	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/10	1 Horch	
Sd250/1	2 Sd251/22	4 Sd251/17	4 Opel Maultier	
2 Cmd gps	2 Sd251/9	2 Sd7 Flak 20	4×120mm mortars	
2 Rifle gps	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	
LMG	LMG	LMG	Observer gp	
Companies ea	ch with			
Sd251/9	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/1
Sd251/17	3 Sd251/1	3 Sd251/1	3 Sd251/1	2 Sd250/7
Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	2 Sd251/9
Rifle gps	3 Rifle gps	3 Rifle gps	3 Rifle gps	2 Sd251/17
LMG	4 LMG	4 LMG	4 LMG	Cmd gp
×81mm mortar	3 Pz'schreck	3 Pz'schreck	3 Pz'schreck	2 LMG
Panzergrenadier	Battalion 'Frunds	berg'4 (Morale factor	+ 2)	
HQ	1st Platoon	2nd Platoon	3rd Platoon	4th Platoon
Battalion Comm	and Company			
As Frundsberg	2 & 3)			
Companies eas	ch with			
Sd250/3	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd251/10	1 Sd250/1
Sd251/1	3 Sd251/1	3 Sd251/1	3 Sd251/1	2 Sd251/1
Sd251/17	1 Sd251/9	1 Sd251/9	1 Sd251/22	4 Sd250/7
Cmd gps	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	Cmd gp	2 Sd251/22
Rifle gps	4 Rifle gps	4 Rifle gps	4 Rifle gps	Cmd gp
LMG	4 LMG	4 LMG	4 LMG	6 Pz'schreck
	2 Pz'schreck	2 Pz'schreck	2 Pz'schreck	2 LMG

The rest of the Divisional assets comprise

**Divisional Headquarters Company** 

3 Sd250/3, 2 Sd251/22, 4 Sd251/1, 3 Kubel, 2 motorcycle combinations, 2 Opel Blitz, 2 PzIVH, 2 Tiger II, 4 Sd7 Flak, 2 75mm PaK40 A/T guns, 4 Cmd gps, 6 Rifle gps, 6 LMG, 3 HMG and 2 × 81mm mortars.

Panzer Brigade

HQ with 2 PzIVH

1 Battalion with 14 PzIVH

1 Battalion with 16 PzIVH

1 Heavy Battalion with 8 Tiger II and 3 Ostwind

StuG Brigade (this unit has +2 morale)

HG with 2 StuG IIIG

Assault gun company with 8 StuG IIIG and 2 StuG IIIH Infantry Platoon with 1 Sd251/9, 3 Sd251/1, Cmd gp, 3 Rifle gps, 2 LMG, 4 Pz'faust

#### **Anti-Tank Battalion**

HQ with 2 Jagdpanther

1 Battery with 3 Jagdpanther

1 Battery with 5 Jagdpanzer IV/70

1 Battery with 6 × 88mm PaK A/T guns with Sd7 tractors

#### **Anti-Aircraft Battalion**

HQ with 2 Ostwind

1 Battery with 4 Ostwind

1 Battery with 3 Ostwind

1 Battery with 3 Wirbelwind

#### Artillery Brigade

HQ with 2 Sd250/3, 2 Cmd gps, 2 LMG

1 Battery with 6 captured Katyushka rocket launchers with enough rockets for three salvoes, observer in Kubel, Cmd gp in Kubel 1 Battery with 8 Hummel SP 150mm, observer in Sd250/1, Cmd in Kubel

2 Batteries each 6 Wespe SP 105mm, 1 observer in Sd250, 1 observer in Kubel, 2 Cmd gps each in Kubel

This Division has no recce battalion

#### The 'Reserve' Panzer Division

Formed from the training schools around Berlin it possesses one thing that was very rare at this stage of the war, first class fighting troops. Most of the troops were instructors from the Berlin area. Having heard stories about Russian atrocities to German civilians they are determined that the same will not befall the people of the Reich Capital. The Division has been given the name *Frundsberg* and is very well equipped, although some of its infantry has had to be drawn from the Hitler Youth and Volksturm. Morale is generally high and units of very high (or low) morale are noted.

The Division is off table at the start of the game (except for the Recce units) and can enter anywhere along the southern edge of the

table on bound 20 or any thereafter as decided by the German playes. Prior to the move it is considered to be very well hidden in woods just off the table's edge and has not been spotted by Soviet air recce and so cannot be attacked by the Soviet air force.

The four Battalions form two Regiments, each with a command Company.

**Regimental Command Company** 

2 Sd250/3, 2 Opel Blitz, 4 Sd7 Flak 20, 2 Kubel, 4 Cmd gps 8 Rifle gps, 6 LMG, 4 HMG and 2 Sd251/22.

Panzer Division 'Frundsberg' - Divisional Assets Divisional Headquarters Company with

2 Tiger II, 4 Panther, 3 Ostwind, 2 Wirbelwind, 4 Sd250/3, 2 Sd250/1, 2 Sd251/9, 6 Sd251/1, 2 Sd251/17, 4 Sd251/22, 4 Kubel, 4 Opel Blitz, 4 motorcycle combinations, 8 Cmd gps, 8 Rifle gps, 4 LMG, 4 81mm mortars, 4 HMG and 4 panzerschreck.

**Armoured Regiment** 

HQ with 5 Tiger II, 5 Panther, 2 Sd251/17, 2 Sd250/3, 4 Cmd gps, 4 LMG.

1 Panzer Battalion with 27 Panther

1 Panzer Battalion with 28 Tiger II

Assault Gun Brigade (Morale factor at + 2)

HQ with 2 StuG IIIG.

1 Battery with 8 StuG IIIG, 4 StuG IIIH

1 Battery with 14 StuG IIIG

1 Infantry Platoon with 1 Sd251/9, 3 Sd251/1, Cmd gp, 3 Rifle gps, 3 LMG, 3 Pz'schreck

1 Infantry Platoon with 1 Sd250/1, 2 Sd250/7, 2 SD251/16, Cmd gp, Rifle gp.

#### **Anti-Tank Battalion**

HQ with 2 Jagdtiger

1 Company with 12 Jagdpanther

1 Company with 18 Sd251/22 (formed into three batteries each of six guns)

#### **Anti-Aircraft Battalion**

HQ with 1 Sd250/1, 1 Sd7 Flak 20, Cmd gp, LMG

1 Company with 4 Sd7 Flak 20

1 Company with 6 Sd251/17

1 Company with 4 × 88mm Flak 36 towed by Sd7 tractors.

**Artillery Battalion** 

HQ with 1 Sd250/3, 2 Sd250/1, 3 Cmd gps, 3 LMG, 3 Panzerfaust. 1 Battery with 6 Hummel, 1 observer in Pz IIIM, Cmd gp in Sd250/1.

3 Batteries each with 4 Wespe, 1 observer in Sd250/1, Cmd gp in Sd250/1.

1 Battery with 8 Nebelwerfer towed by Opel Blitz, 1 observer in Kubel, Cmd gp in Kubel.

#### **Recce Battalion**

HQ with 1 Sd250/3, 4 Sd250/1, 3 Cmd gps, 2 Rifle gps, 2 LMG, 2 Pz'schreck.

4 Platoons each with 2 Sd234/1, 2 Sd234/2 (Puma) armoured cars.

2 Platoons each with 2 Sd234/1, 2 Sd234/4 armoured cars.

2 Platoon each with 3 Sd234/3 armoured cars.

5 Platoons each with 1 Sd251/9, 3 Sd250/1, Cmd gp, 6 Rifle gps, 3 LMG.

**Engineer Company** 

HQ with 1 Sd251/9, 2 Sd251/1, Cmd gp, 4 Pioneer gps, 2 LMG 1 Platoon with 2 Sd251/9, 2 Sd251/1 (each with 6 heavy rockets), Cmd gp, 5 Pioneer gps, 4 LMG

1 Platoon with 4 Sd251/16, 1 Sd251/10, 1 Sturmtiger, Cmd gp, 2 man pack flamethrowers, 2 Rifle gps, 2 LMG, 4 Pz'faust.

That concludes the ground forces, all that is left is the Luftwaffe. Based on the airfields around Berlin there are:

5 Ju87G Stuka tank busters armed with 37mm Cannon.

2 Me109G fighters

2 Fw190D fighter/bombers.

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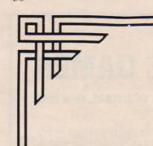
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Who will win? The Russians have the advantage at the start by being able to concentrate their forces for the attack. If they select the correct spot then they will be half way across the battlefield before the German reserve actually gets into 'the field'. The Germans best hope is to slow the Soviets down by careful positioning of the few fixed defences and by positioning the 'line' SS Panzer Division so that it has a freedom of movement to enable it to be brought into action 'en masse', preferably against the flanks of the Soviet spearheads. To do this will require co-operation with the 196th Inf. Div. to locate the main line of attack. This is especially important as the 12th SS has no recce units of its own. The key points to watch for are the bridges over the small river. If the Russians cross the river by move 35 then the Germans have to do a lot of hard fighting to stop them. If the Russians have not crossed the river by bound 100 (don't forget that they could cross the table in 75 bounds - cross country) then they have an uphill struggle to achieve their objective. The odds seem to favour the Russians, but I won't be taking any bets . . . .

#### Footnotes:

The game is obviously designed for 1/300, although small actions can be fought in 1/200 or even 1/76. If the game is being fought as a mini-campaign then it may add to the uncertainty of the outcome by extending the playing area by another couple or three tables in each direction and increasing the forces available by a further Soviet Tank Corps and a German Panzergrenadier Div (suitably depleted of course). You could always continue down the road to the gates of Berlin itself – but that's another story . . . . Have fun and good luck!

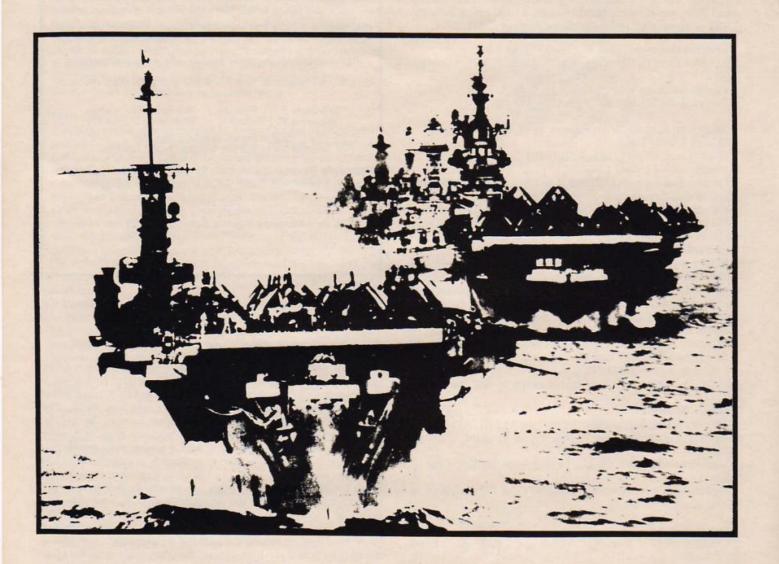




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# **SCOTTY SMITH**

#### South Africa's Robin Hood

by Mike Bell

Until now all the bandits and outlaws covered in this series of articles\* have been either American or Australian and each article has had a specific gunfight or series of gunfights as its focal point. This article is different for two reasons. In the first place we are looking at a South African outlaw, one of the few about whom there is any documentation. In the second place although Scotty Smith was hunted by various forces during the course of his long and eventful career he managed to avoid any of the disastrous gunbattles that characterised the careers of our earlier subjects. Smith's outlaw career also differs from those of earlier subjects in this series in that although he was frequently wanted because of his illegal activities, on other occasions he was an outlaw to one nation while legitimately in the service of another.

#### Early years

Scotty Smith was born George St. Leger Gordon Lennox in Perth, Scotland, 22nd November 1845. Almost nothing is known of his childhood, but as a young man he joined the army and served with the cavalry in the Umbela campaign in India in 1864-65. The story goes that during the campaign a small force, including Lennox, was engaged in a skirmish with the natives. The officer commanding the force was killed and the retreat sounded but Lennox assumed command and led the men in a charge which, although costly, took their objective. Unfortunately as a result of the heavy casualties sustained Lennox was court-martialled and cashiered for disobeying the order to retreat. Although the decision was later reversed Lennox decided that he had had enough of the army and secured his discharge.

Lennox returned to Scotland but did not stay long. After a dispute with his father he joined a ship going to Australia. It was while he was on the ship that Lennox acquired the name Scotty Smith. There were two thoroughbreds on board, one of which badly needed shoeing. Lennox, having served in the cavalry, was able to carry out the task and was promptly nicknamed Scotty the Blacksmith, a nickname which was quickly shortened to Scotty Smith.

Scotty had not been in Australia long before he got into trouble. He intervened in a fight between a miner and a youth and had to shoot the miner when he drew a revolver. To avoid prosecution Scotty took to the bush and later went to America where he spent some time in New York. Exactly how long he was in Australia and America is unknown, but by 1870 he was in Europe fighting for the French in the Franco-Prussian war and stayed to fight for the Carlists in Spain in the war of 1872-76. In 1877 he decided to move on again and enlisted in the Frontier Armed and Mounted Police for service in South Africa.

#### South Africa

Smith arrived in the Cape in time to take part in the ninth Kaffir war and in the suppression of the Galeka-Gaika rebellion later in 1877. For three years he seemed settled with the frontier force, again seeing action in the Griqua rebellion of 1880. For much of his time he was based in Kokstad as a military farrier. Sometime in the early eighteen eighties Smith was moved to King William's Town and for reasons which he never fully explained decided to desert and become a full-time stock thief. It may be that Scotty, like the Dalton brothers in America, decided that the rewards of a criminal career greatly outweighed the hardships, risks and low pay of the police force. From then on Scotty made his living as a scout, mercenary, highwayman, stock thief, diamond smuggler and gun runner.

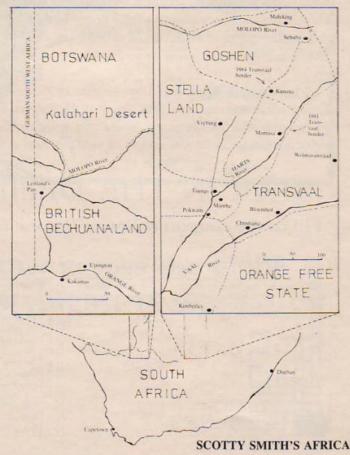
He began his criminal career in the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, where he was safe from pursuit by the Cape authorities. Before long however he extended his activities over the border back into the Cape and had several narrow excapes. He moved three hundred miles north to the tiny frontier town of Zeerust in the Transvaal where he fell in with a band of horse and cattle thieves. Within a few months, however, he was on the move again, this time going south-west.



Scotty Smith, 1845-1919.

#### Freebooting

For the next few years Scotty operated in an area bounded roughly by the townships of Taungs, Vryberg and Mafeking, and west through the Kalahari desert to the border of German South-West Africa. When Smith arrived the area was in a chaotic state. Most of the land was arid desert but the eastern part included a fertile strip of land running roughly north to south where the townships were situated. Along this strip ran the Missionaries' Road, one of the few passable routes to the interior and therefore of great significance to those who sought to extend their power into these lands, including Cecil Rhodes and the British government. The fertile lands around the Missionaries' Road were also coveted by the land-hungry Boers, looking to expand the Transvaal and the Orange Free State.



Fifty years earlier the Bechuana tribes who had originally lived in the area had been defeated by the impis of the Matabele chief Mzilikazi. The surviving Bechuanas fled into the desert, only to return when the power of the Matabele was broken in the 1840s. Slowly the Bechuana chiefs began to rebuild their power, some with the support of the British in the south, others with the support of the Boers to the east.

In the north were two Baralong rivals for power. Chief Montsioa of Sehuba was supported by the British, while Chief Moshette of Kunana was supported by the Boers. To the south was another pair of rivals, the pro-British Chief Mandaroane of the Batalapin tribe in the vicinity of Taungs and the pro-Boer Chief David Massouw of the Korana, based at Mamusa. All four chiefs recruited white mercenaries, known as freebooters, to bolster their own forces. They also relied heavily on white gun runners for their supplies of firearms and ammunition. For several years these native and mercenary forces engaged in a guerilla war. During the early 1880s the Transvaal freebooters supporting Moshette and Massouw had the upper hand. Massouw had set up his base in a natural rock fortress on a west bank of the Hartz river at Mamusa and garisoned it with a combined Korana-Hottentot force. Despite the apparent impregnability of the fortress, Mankaroane and his white allies attacked it in October 1881 and were badly beaten. Massouw took advantage of this victory by offering a farm and half of any booty taken to any whites who joined him, an offer the Boers and many others could not refuse. Before long Massouw had recruited a force of over four hundred freebooters led by Sarel Petrus. Further north things were also going well for the pro-Boer Moshette. In 1882 his forces defeated Montsioa and sacked

Celliers and his men laagered near Manthe and proceeded to raid Mankaroane's herds at will. Mankaroane was now in serious trouble. He had fallen out with his ally Montsioa, the British refused to aid him directly and he was being challenged by Gasibone, a rival Batalapin chief. He attempted to stop the rot by launching another attack on Massouw but was defeated at Faurie's Gap.

This was the situation when Scotty Smith arrived in Taungs in late 1881 or early 1882. Although a wanted criminal in the Cape, Smith's loyalties always lay with the Empire and therefore he joined Mankaroane's forces. He recruited a force of about thirty white mercenaries and nearly sixty natives to raid the Boer freebooter camps. Smith was so successful in these raids that before long the Transvaal had put a price of £500 on his head. Boer freebooter bands, led by Groot Adriaan de la Rey, Gey van Pittius and Gert van Niekerk, tried to catch him. There were several skirmishes between the rival freebooter forces but Smith always got away.

Mankaroane's problems were partially solved by Scotty's success and by the death of his rival, Gasibone, but Massouw's freebooters were too numerous to be held at bay indefinitely. In July 1882 a peace treaty was negotiated as part of which Mankaroane ceded a huge tract of land to the Boers. This area became the republic of Stellaland, with its capital at Vryburg. In 1883 another area of land further north became the republic of Goshen. This tiny republic had its capitol at Rooigrand, a farm not far from Mafeking. Although the two republics were nominally independent states they had close ties with the Transvaal and the British regard them as little more than a haven for freebooters.

The establishment of the two republics caused alarm in the Cape and in London. The new republic straddled the Missionaries' Road and the British feared that if the new republics were annexed by the Transvaal their access to the fertile interior that later became Rhodesia would be cut off. There was also the possibility that the Boer republics and the Transvaal might link up with the Germans, who were consolidating their hold in south west Africa.

In 1884 the new president of the Transvaal, Paul Kruger, negotiated the treaty of London with the British. This made concessions to British concerns in the area, including the joint policing of the frontier area. Almost immediately, however, there were problems. A British commissioner, John MacKenzie, was sent to the republics and almost caused a war. He demoted the president of Stellaland, Gert van Niekirk, and declared that the republic was now British and that Goshen was a British protectorate. The Boers were enraged at Mackenzie's actions and the British were alarmed. All the efforts to achieve a peaceful solution to the problem had been jeopardised by his premature action.

MacKenzie was recalled, but Stellaland and Goshen unified as a first step to incorporation into the Transvaal. Cecil Rhodes, architect of British policy in South Africa, moved swiftly. He took over MacKenzie's role as commissioner and went to Vryburg to meet the Stellaland Boers. When the enraged Boers arrived they were talking in terms of blood flowing. Rhodes calmed the situation by suggesting that they all have breakfast before they talked of blood. Rhodes managed to placate the Boers and got them to accept British rule in exchange for which they would be allowed to keep the farms and lands they had been given by the native chiefs.

An uneasy peace descended on Stellaland, but in the north the fighting continued. Montsioa was badly beaten and forced to surrender all his lands to the Boer commander, Gey van Pittius. Pittius declared the area to be part of Goshen and in September 1884 announced that the republic was part of the Transvaal. On the same day the president of the Transvaal, Paul Kruger, announced the annexation of Goshen. This was too much for the British to tolerate and a force of five thousand men under Sir Charles Warren was despatched from the Cape. Warren's men marched into Vryburg in early 1885. Warren, Rhodes and Kruger met at Fourteen Streams and the Boer leader, not wishing to push his luck too far, withdrew his annexation of Goshen. The British now stamped their authority on the region, annexing the southern part of Bechuanaland, including Stellaland and Goshen, as a Crown Colony. The lands to the north became a British protectorate. Ten years later the whole area was absorbed into Cape Colony.

In some areas, however, the fighting continued. In the north David Massouw continued to hold out and the British insisted that he be dealt with. A commando was sent from the Transvaal, led by Piet Joubert. When the commando reached Massouw's base at Mamusa Joubert began to negotiate with the recalcitrant chief. As the negotiations proceeded some of the more impetuous members of the commando, led by Piet Cronje, stormed Massouw's stronghold, killing the chief and one hundred and fifty of his followers.

#### The Orange River

The changes in power in the region did little to affect Scotty Smith's operations. Although he was basically pro-British he was fundamentally concerned with making a profit for himself, regardless of governments. Shortly after Warren's expedition arrived in Vryburg Smith moved his base to Kheis on the Orange river. Here he built a store and a farm as a base for his cattle and horse stealing raids into Cape colony and Bechuanaland. He also smuggled guns into Basutoland, which had been annexed by the Cape in 1871. In 1880 the Basutos rose in rebellion and were only defeated after three years of fighting, but in the mid-eighties they were still restless and eager to buy more guns from any source. Scotty Smith obliged, but these activities made him less than popular with the Cape and Free State authorities.

Many of the anecdotes about Scotty stem from this period. They tell of his arrests and escapes from gaol and of his skill in stealing horses. They also include a tale which in one form or another is told about almost every outlaw the world over, including Robin Hood, Butch Cassidy and Jesse James. In brief, the tale goes that the outlaw comes across a widow who cannot repay a debt or mortgage and is due to lose her house and land the next day. The outlaw-hero goes out and steals the appropriate funds and gives them to the widow. When the villainous landlord or banker arrives the next day he is surprised to find that the debt can be repaid in full. He leaves, cursing in his moustaches, only to be waylaid by the outlaw-hero who relieves him of all his money. A nice tale, but wholly untrue.

The reality of Scotty's activities in the Orange river area is indicated by the fact that he had only just arrived when he was arrested for highway robbery and in March 1885 was sentenced to four years in gaol. By being a model prisoner he managed to obtain a release in 1886. Like so many other outlaws, the experience of prison did little to deter Scotty, who returned to his stock thieving, gun running and highway robbery with a vengeance. He was not alone in these activities – other notorious outlaws with whom he worked from time to time included Snowy Ward, who had a ranch on the Molopo river, Big Mick O'Connor, Jack O'Reilly and 'Wild' Jacobs.

The opening of the diamond fields in Griqualand West and the discovery of gold in the Witwatersrand in the mid-eighties brought an increase in road traffic between Kimberley, Johannesburg and Cape Town and a new source of profit to Scotty and his cronies. By 1886

Gibson's Red Star Line was running fourteen stage coaches a week each way between Kimberley and Pretoria and these were often held up by highwaymen, including Scotty.

#### Wolmaranstaad, Leitland's Pan and the Hottentot Wars

By 1889 the operation of the Cape and Free State Police were becoming too much even for Scotty and he moved on again, this time to Wolmaranstaad. Once again Scotty gathered a gang around him and they preyed on the stagecoaches, attacking the Gibson and Freeburg lines, particularly in the Christiana and Bloemhof districts. Scotty did not neglect his gun running operations either, selling arms to the Hottentot and half-breed rebels in German South-West Africa, of which more in a moment.

At some point in the late eighties or early nineties Scotty was captured again and sentenced to two years for cattle stealing. He escaped from custody while being taken to gaol and moved yet again, this time to Leitland's Pan on the Molopo River in British Bechuanaland, not far from the border of German South-West Afria. Scotty resumed his usual occupations of stock theft, gun running and smuggling, but took time out in 1892 to marry a nineteen year old girl called Sarah van Niekirk, who bore him two sons and five daughters.

#### Boers, Germans and Herreros

There has been speculation that Scotty was asked to settle near the German border so that he could provide intelligence for the British government on the activities of the Germans in the region. This theme keeps cropping up in the story of Scotty Smith and might well repay further investigations, indeed it is tempting to wonder whether his escape from custody while on the way to prison was not engineered as part of some deal.

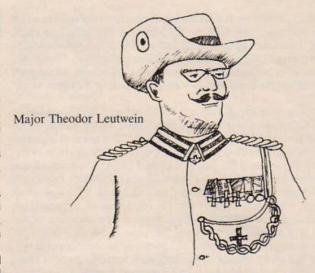
Scotty may well have acted as an intelligence agent for the British on occasions but he also served as a regular scout when necessary. In 1896 rinderpest almost wiped out the tribal cattle herds in the Taungs-Vryberg area. In an effort to contain the disease the police began to destroy all infected animals, causing great bitterness among the tribesmen who had already lost most of their livestock. Chief Galishwe and his people rose in open rebellion and police and military reinforcements were moved into the area. Scotty's knowledge of the area from his freebooter days was invaluable and he was enlisted as a scout. A brief campaign followed, culminating in a fight at Pokwani in which Galishwe's troops fled.

When the Boer war broke out in 1899 Scotty was once again employed as a scout and intelligence agent, although he was always reluctant to give a full account of his activities during the war. A Boer commando launched an attack on Leitland's Pan but Scotty's native scouts forewarned him and the farm was abandoned when the Boers arrived. At dawn the following day the Boers prepared to move on. As their commander prepared to mount a shot rang out from the surrounding bush and he was knocked to the ground. Moments later a vicious battle erupted as Scotty and twenty-four of his Hottentots poured rifle fire into the Boers from their ambush positions around the farm. Before long the Boers were in full flight and Scotty was once again in possession of Leitland's Pan.

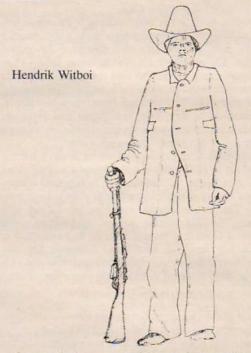
The British commissioned Scotty to raise a force of three to four hundred native scouts, mainly Hottentots. For the rest of the war the scouts engaged in numerous skirmishes with the Boer commandos, which were often led by men whom Scotty had known personally before the war broke out. With the coming of peace in 1902 Scotty devoted most of his attention to developments in German South-West Africa and to understand the situation in which he involved himself it is necessary to go back to the mid eighteen eighties.

In 1884 Germany declared a protectorate over what was then Namaqua-Damaraland and, after a brief period of benevolent rule, ruthlessly subjugated the native Herreros, Ovambos and Namas. By the end of the decade the natives had had enough. The Namas, led by Hendrik Witboi, rebelled. For some years the Namas were able to hold their own against the Germans, particularly as the latter had only fifty troops in the area, comanded by Major Kurt von Francois. In 1893 the Germans managed to take Witboi's stronghold, Hornkrans, but the chief and his warriors got away. Francois was replaced by Major Theodor Leutwein who brought in more troops and artillery and decisively beat the Namas in 1894.

An uneasy peace followed during which German policy as expressed by Leutwein was 'to influence the natives to kill each other for us . . .' Scotty Smith and his men continued to smuggle guns



across the border to the natives, who used them both against the Germans and each other as the opportunity arose. In 1902 open rebellion broke out again when the Bondelswarts rose against the Germans. Leutwein took his troops south to deal with the rebels but matters got worse in 1904 when the long-suffering Herreros rebelled, led by Samuel Maherero. The Herreros killed over one hundred German settlers and besieged the rest in their towns and forts. Hendrik Witboi was still at large and Scotty became his military adviser, raising a small freebooter force of three or four white lieutenants, thirty to forty native horsemen and a handful of Bushmen scouts and trackers. Smith's band waged a guerilla war against the Germans and as his fame spread large numbers of natives joined him. Before long he was unofficially referred to as the King of the Kalahari.



Once again, however, Smith's relatively small band was not enough to keep the larger force at bay indefinitely. Leutwein's forces beat the Bondelswarts and turned north against the Herreros. Reinforced by a Marine corps from Germany, Leutwin drove the Herreros back into the Waterburg mountains, fighting a series of bloody engagements in the late spring of 1904. Having brought the tribesmen to bay Leutwein began to negotiate. This did not go down well in the Fatherland, where the policy was to destroy the Herreros who had inflicted nearly three thousand casualties on the Germans. Leutwein was replaed by General Lothat von Trotha, who officially banished the Herreros from German South West Africa and declared that any male Herrero found inside the border would be shot. On August 11th, 1904 von Trotha's forces attacked the Herreros at Hamakari in the Waterburg. The Germans made slow progress against determined opposition and during the night Samuel Maherero and some of his

men got away into British Bechuanaland. The rest of the Herreros were hunted down by the Germans or driven into the Kalahari to starve. Nearly forty thousand natives perished. In 1905 von Trotha was replaced by a civilian governor who declared an amnesty, saving the lives of the remaining twelve thousand Herreros.

Witboi and the Namas refused to surrender and Scotty and his freebooters continued to supply them with arms and support them in the guerilla war against the Germans. Scotty has also continued his stock thefts, stealing horses from the German army and then selling them back again. For three more years the guerilla war dragged on until in March 1907 the Namas finally gave up.

#### The 1914-18 war and beyond

Two years after the Namas surrendered Scotty left Leitland's Pan which was soon reclaimed by the desert. The old frontiersman made his last home at Upington on the Orange river. For several years he acted as a scout and guide in the Kalahari desert, first for the British and later for the South African government after the act of Union in

When war broke out in 1914 Scotty immediately offered his services to the Union even though he was nearly in his seventies. He was given a commission as a warrant officer in Military Intelligence, a role which ideally suited his abilities and experience. Support for the war was by no means universal in South Africa however. There were some who saw it as an opportunity to throw off British rule. Among these men were the Commandant-General of the Army, Christian Beyers, and General Christian de Wet, both Boer war veterans. Other anti-war Boers included General Maine Maritz, commander of the Union Defence Forces in Upington and Kakamas.

Maritz's men faced the Germans in South West Africa and the general entered into secret talks with his German opposite number. On October 14th Maritz and a large part of his command resigned their commissions in the Union Defence Force and went over to the enemy. A little later other rebel Boers began to gather around General Beyers who tried to get through to Maritz. Union President Louis Botha realised that he had to act quickly to snuff out the rebellion. He personally led his troops into the field. When Botha's columns reached Upington Scotty was attached to the 18th Mounted Rifles for a short time and then to the 8th Mounted Rifles. Botha led his men against Maritz first, defeating him and then turning against the rebels led by Beyers. There were numerous skirmishes and minor actions with the rebels as Botha's men, some on horseback and some in trucks, drove them back. The rebellion was short-lived. After his defeat Maritz fled into German South West Africa, De Wet surrendered complaining that he had been outmanoeuvred by automobiles, and Beyers was drowned trying to escape across the Vaal river. Most of the rebels were treated leniently because Botha had some sympathy with their motives and because nearly all of them had resigned from the Union forces before they took up arms.

Botha now turned his attention to the Germans and invaded South West Africa. He took to riding several miles ahead of his advancing troops and this nearly cost him his life. The Germans learned of Botha's habit and sent a cavalry force to kill or capture him. Fortunately Scotty's Hottentot scouts learned of the German's intentions and the old scout kept close to the president. One evening as the sun was setting Botha and his staff were making camp some miles ahead of the main column. Scotty's scouts spotted a group of horsemen approaching out of the sunset. The natives identified the riders as Germans and Scotty, fellow scout Clement Handley, and nine Hottentots quickly took up positions on a hillock between Botha's camp and the advancing Germans. Scotty's men held their fire until close range and then emptied several volleys into the cavalrymen, killing twelve and routing the remainder. For Scotty the rest of the short campaign was uneventful and he returned to Upington after the Germans surrendered in 1915.

Scotty Smith, the man who had been hunted by Boers, Germans, British and Africans at various times in his eventful life finally died in 1919, aged seventy four. Like so many others in the year after the war ended, he died of influenza.

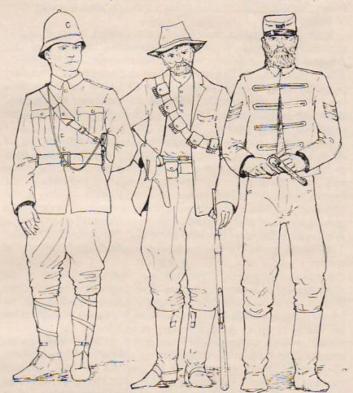
#### South African Police Forces

During Scotty Smith's long career as an outlaw and freebooter he had numerous brushes with the police forces of the South African states. As we have seen, Scotty originally went to South Africa to serve in the police. The unit he joined, the Frontier Armed and Mounted Police, was formed in 1853 when several smaller forces were amalgamated.

Originally the force was known as the Rural Police but the name was changed to the Frontier Armed and Mounted Police in 1855. The only illustration I have found depicts a sergeant wearing what appears to be a dark shell jacket with paler facings, together with a pork-pie hat with peak, the latter being typical of many South African police

By 1878 the reputation of the Armed and Mounted Police had fallen to an all-time low. One observer commented that it was " composed of raw English lads who cannot ride, shoot, or take care of themselves." In that year the force was disbanded, only to be reconstituted almost immediately as the Cape Mounted Riflemen, commanded by Lt. Colonel Frederick Carrington. The Mounted Riflemen were more of a military force than their predecessors and fought in the Boer War. In 1910 they were absorbed into the Union Defence Force. The uniform of the Mounted Riflemen was almost identical to that of the regular British Army at the time.

The Transvaal police had no official uniform until 1894. Before that date uniforms appear to have been a matter of individual taste. In 1894 a standard uniform was introduced. Mounted policemen wore a dark blue tunic with patch pockets on the breast. Light riding breeches of Bedford cord and a white helmet decorated with the government badge completed the uniform. They were armed with a revolver, a sabre and a carbine. Foot policemen wore a dark blue tunic and trousers and a dark blue helmet identical in design to the mounted version. They also appear to have worn dark blue pork-pie hats with peaks. They were armed with a revolver and a baton, as well



South African Republic Boer/Freebooter, Mounted Policeman (ZARP) c. 1895

c. mid - 1880s.

Sergeant, Frontier Armed and Mounted Police, 1877.

as with a rifle and bayonet when the need arose. In 1895 the Police Act in the Transvaal created the South African Republic Police Force and the acronym ZARP came into being.

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# THE BATTLE OF FRAUSTADT, 13th February 1706 THE CAROLEAN ARMY AT WAR

by Pete Berry

Having described the Swedish army in an earlier article, I think that it would be appropriate to consider how a battle was conducted during the Great Northern War. The battle of Fraustadt has many of the typical features of engagements of this struggle, and provides us with a good illustration of Swedish tactics in action.

In January 1706, Charles XII had besieged a Russian army corps in the citadel of Grodno. Peter the Great, not unnaturally, wished to relieve this force. He persuaded his ally, King Augustus of Saxony, to threaten the Swedish position, while he himself was to lead a force against Charles. Augustus sent his army, under Marshal Schulenburg, to attempt to dislodge and defeat a detachment of Swedes commanded by Field Marshal Carl Gustav Rhenskiold.

In typical fashion, Rhenskiold decided that his best course of action lay in taking the offensive against Schulenburg's Saxo-Russian forces. As a result, both commanders were looking for a decisive encounter, and so it was not surprising that the two armies found themselves facing each other a short distance from the town of Fraustadt.

Rhenskiold's army consisted of ten battalions of Foot, and 37 squadrons of Horse. Typical of Swedish armies of the time, this meant that both arms were of about the same numerical strength. Also typical was the fact that the army did not have one artillery piece! In all the Swedes numbered about 10,000 men. The allies were stronger numerically, boasting 29 battalions of Foot, 42 squadrons of Horse, and 32 pieces of artillery. In all this totalled some 18,000 combatants.

As can be seen, Schulenburg's easily outnumbered that of Rhenskiold. However, the comparison of the individual arms presented the generals with differing tactical decisions. The Allies had about three times the amount of infantry available to the Swedes, plus the added bonus of a substantial artillery park. However, the Swedes had the superiority in mounted troops, both numerically, and also in terms of proven battlefield effectiveness. While estimates vary, it would seem that the Allies had around 2,000 horse, giving the Swedes a massive advantage in this arm of service.

Schulenburg was no fool. He was only too aware of the shortcomings of his force, and also of the aggressive tactics of the Swedes. As a result, despite his massive numerical advantage, he adopted a very strong defensive position, with solid protection for his flanks, to offset the deficiencies of his Horse. The army was placed between the hamlets of Rohrsdorf and Geyersdorf, with his infantry drawn up in two lines between these two strongpoints. Their entire front was covered by chevaux de frise, chained together to create a formidable barrier. The Horse were divided into two groups, both taking up station behind areas of frozen lakes and swampy ground. The artillery was placed slightly in advance of the Foot. The ill-trained Russian contingent was pulled back from the main line of battle which also enabled them to take advantage of an area of bad ground to their front.

According to the military precepts of the time, Schulenburg could look at his lines of red-coated Saxon veterans, and green-coated Russians and feel assured that his army was in a safe and secure position, against which the Swedish army would hurl itself to its ultimate destruction. However, he was still uneasy about the ability of his ill-trained cuirassiers and dragoons to hold off the Swedish Horse. Just to make sure, he placed two battalions of Foot on each of the flanks of his infantry line so that they faced to the rear, in order to defend their fellows against an attack from that quarter, should any Swedes actually break through. With their flanks thus reinforced, all the Allies had to do was to let their superior numbers and firepower decide the issue.

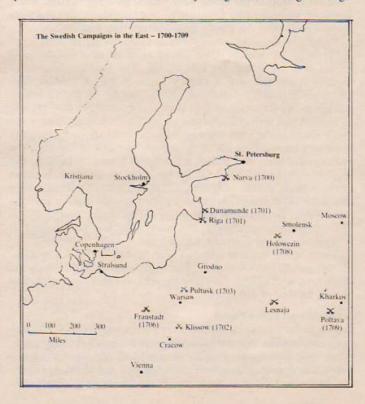
Across the plain, Rhenskiold was faced with a different set of problems. Naturally, he was to take the offensive, but he needed to ensure that his Foot were neither outflanked, nor overwhelmed by

the Allies sheer weight of numbers. As a result, his Foot were deployed in one line only. Even that was not sufficient to match the length of Schulengurg's deployment, and some squadrons of Horse were used to extend the line. His main hope lay with his mounted troops making a quick breakthrough, and these were deployed in two groups, slightly to the rear of the flanks of the Foot. On the face of it, the Swedes were engaged on a suicidal frontal attack. However, there was more to Rhenskiold's plans than was instantly apparent.

From his vantage point, Schulenburg observed the pitifully small number of blue-coated troops as they drew up, and began to advance to the attack. He declared to his officers that all they had to do was to hold their positions for a quarter of an hour, and the Swedes would be beaten. All that need then be done would be to mop up the survivors. His confidence must have been boosted, because it seemed that confusion was already affecting the Swedes, as their formation was losing its alignment. The Swedish Horse on the flanks were overtaking the Foot.

In fact, from the Swedish point of view, the plan was going well. Rhenskiold's tactics were to be put into effect only when the Swedes reached within 100 yards of the Allied line. On the right wing, twelve squadrons came together to form a shock group—their mission to sweep through the village of Rohrsdorf, engage and drive off the enemy Horse, and then turn to fall on the exposed enemy infantry. On the left wing, a similar group of 10 squadrons was given the task of moving south of Geyersdorf, punching through the Saxon Horse grouped there, and then to attack the rear of the Allied line.

While all of this was going on, the main battle line was to advance, formed into four separate command groups, each with a specific objective. The brigade on the right flank was led by Rhenskiold himself, and was aimed directly at the Russians. The entire plan depended on timing, close collaboration between the arms, and the ability of the Swedish Horse to punch through their Saxon opponents, and disrupt the Allied line from the rear, as the Swedish Foot engaged them from the front. But, would this daring plan work, or were there too many things that could go wrong?



The first blows were struck on the Swedish right wing, where the Saxon squadrons were astonished to see the blue-coated wedges of Swedish Horse bearing down on them. The sudden appearance of an aggressive enemy proved to be too much, and without even standing to receive the charge, they turned tail and fled. Displaying a high standard of discipline, the Swedish troopers followed their orders and turned their attention to the hapless Russians designated as their next objective.

On the other flank, the Swedes faced a more difficult task. Their opponents were deployed behind a large area of frozen water, which meant that they were unable to deploy and charge as usual. An account of the Swedes' subsequent actions from the diary of a young officer characterises perfectly both the offensive spirit of the Swedes at this time, and contrasts this with the attitudes of their opponents:

"Our regiment of dragoons skirted Geyersdorf and charged the cavalry on the enemy's right wing, which consisted of an elite unit of cuirassiers. We arrived in front of a large sheet of ice, upon which most of the regiment slid and slipped, because, for the most part, our horses were unshod. As a result, we dragoons were forced to dismount and lead our mounts across by their bridles. Drawn up in line directly in front of us, the Saxons, assisted by our difficulties, could have massacred us on the ice, had they been more alert. However, they laughed at us arrogantly, and we were easily able to hear them saying, 'We will kill these Mice'. While they did this, and sang other such songs, we were able, by the grace of God, to remount and charge, aiming the points of our swords at their hearts which sad to say, were well protected by their cuirasses, which they wore under their coats - or at their faces and throats, which had the effect of reducing to silence those who had been mocking us as we fell about on the ice. Thus bathed in their own blood, they soon forgot their sarcastic songs."

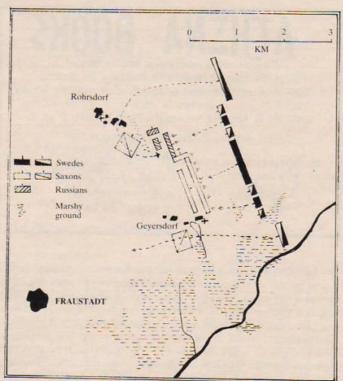
The Saxon commander had held his squadron in the advantageous position whilst the Swedes traversed the ice, thus failing to profit from his enemies' discomfort, by charging them and putting them to flight. As a result, the Swedes were able to fight on their own terms, and launched themselves headlong into their foes. However the Saxons on this flank were made of sterner stuff than their colleagues, and three separate Swedish charges all went home with no result. The fourth charge however proved too much for them, and with little ceremony the Saxons broke and fled. Again, pursuit of the enemy was postponed by the Swedish Horse, who then turned their attention to the Saxon Foot in the centre, now lying hopelessly exposed by the flight of their support on both flanks.

Meanwhile, the four Swedish brigades advanced against the fortified line of Allied Foot. Unfortunately for the latter, their artillery fire proved to be ineffectual, passing over the heads of the advancing bluecoats. In a stunning demonstration of "Fall-On" tactics, the Swedes clambered over the chevaux de frise, discharged a single volley into the faces of their opponents, and surged forward as a man to finish the job with pike and bayonet. This proved too much for the Russians, who dissolved into a rabble of individuals, intent only on saving themselves.

With their flanks gone, and under attack from front and rear, and Saxon line collapsed. Only on their right flank was there any resistance, where the Saxon Footguards held firm against all attacks. Unfortunately, they stood alone, and as the Swedish brigades finished their allotted tasks they were brought up to add their weight. The Lifeguard attempted to make an orderly retreat, but by this time, Rhenskiold himself had turned up, and directed the assaults which finally ended this brave resistance.

With the demise of the Saxon guards, the Swedes found themselves masters of the battlefield. The Allied army had ceased to exist. Schulenburg himself escaped accompanied only by one officer and a pikeman. The statistics of the battle are impressive. The Swedes launched their attack at noon, and were engaged in mopping-up operations less than two hours later! Out of 18,000 men, the Allies had lost over 7,000 killed, including 376 officers, and 7,633 were taken prisoner. Swedish losses were 400 dead and 1000 wounded.

Fraustadt in many ways typifies the art of war as practised by the Swedes during the Great Northern War. Despite being outnumbered by almost two to one, by an enemy occupying a strong defensive position, the high quality of the troops, linked with their



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courage, training and elan enabled them to unquestioningly take the offensive. The officers were able to take and hold the initiative and achieve what would seem an improbable victory, basing their tactics upon audacity, a complete and effective command control, and a faith in the ability of their troops to do the tasks asked of them. This combination made the small Swedish army one of the most feared in Europe during the early years of the eighteenth century.

As a postscript, Voltaire adds two interesting anecdotes about the battle of Fraustadt. The first is that the Swedes found 7,000 loaded muskets, "which had been flung down on the battlefield without being fired". A fitting tribute to the terror of facing the bluecoated warriors of Sweden! The second concerns some of the prisoners taken by the Swedes. Amongst these it would appear was an entire regiment of Frenchmen. These unfortunate souls had been captured at the battle of Hochstadt in 1703. They had subsequently entered the service of Augustus, who had formed them into a unit of dragoons under the command of one Colonel Joyeuse. During the battle, this worthy was killed in the first charge, and they had surrendered. With an eye to the future, they now asked to serve in the Swedish army, and were accepted. Their subsequent fate is however, unknown.

#### WARGAMING THE GREAT NORTHERN WAR

The wargamer who wishes to fight battles in the setting of the Great Northern War (GNW) is faced with a daunting task. There are no rules available, figures are all but non-existent and all of the sources of information are difficult to get hold of, and in foreign languages. Given this, it is not surprising that many decide that there is not much wrong with the "old firm", and go back to "Frog bashing" with Corporal John's men! In actual fact the situation is not quite as bad as it seems. What I intend to do in this piece is explain how I personally have tackled the problem of wargaming an "obscure" war, and hope that it will encourage others to try their hands at this fascinating period.

At the bottom line this is intended to be a practical guide, so I shall confine my comments to two areas, namely Figures and Rules.

Firstly figures. Well, this is an easy one. Apart from one ageing and none too accurate range of 25mm figures, there are no ranges covering the participants of the GNW in any scale. Before you all start heading for the fields of Flanders again, let us look at what can be done to provide us with our ranks of miniature warriors.

If you use either 25mm or 15mm figures there are ranges available which cover the "Marlburian" period. An adequate paint

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job on these can, for example, turn a French "fantassin" into a Saxon guard, or a Russian peasant. Those of you with drive and initiative can get out the knife, file, and milliput and add those extra details if you so wish. The Poles, poor fellows, had advanced little since the days of Sobiewski, and a great number of their soldiers can be represented by any number of late seventeenth century ranges. Of all people, it is the Swedes who are hardest to represent on a tabletop, because they had adopted the unusual practice of turning back their coat skirts. Raiding the ranks of Seven Years War ranges can provide a partial answer to this. For all of the armies, conversion will definitely be required to provide pikemen. The Queen of Weapons may have dropped out of favour in the South, but was still a favoured weapon in the northerly climes of Europe.

My personal solution to the problem of figures is both practical and cheap, as I feel that until some enterprising company brings out a decent range of accurate GNW figures, I wish to restrict my outlay on armies. As a result, my forces consist of plastic figures from the AWI range of Spencer Smith miniatures. These have the virtue of being very nondescript, and with a relevant paint job can serve in all the armies of Europe. I have Swedish, Saxon and Austrian armies built from these figures, and a friend of mine has a French, British and Prussian. Whilst detail-freaks may baulk at them, I cannot recommend them too highly, especially in the face of rising costs of metal armies.

And so to rules. From my personal experience, you will never get three wargamers around a table to agree on the pronunciation of "cuirassier" never mind a set of rules governing their performance! As a result, I will not attempt to define the "best" set available, only describe the rules that I have used over the years.

The first set I used were the WRG 1685-1845 rules. These you either love or you hate. I found that they gave me a quick enjoyable game, but needed quite substantial amendment to make them suitable for the GNW, especially in the weeding out of vast amounts of irrelevant National Characteristics. Once this was done, and provision made for cavalry charging at the gallop, and the combat system re-worked so that it does work, many a good game can be fought using these rules.

However, I have been experimenting of late, and have had some good results using the framework of my own "Forlorn Hope" ECW rules. As a specific period set, they are not designed to be used out of context, but do give an enjoyable game with suitable amendments.

I have used the "old faithfuls" of "Tercio" and WRG "Renaissance rules". My main objection to these two, is that they seem to treat the early eighteenth century as an "add-on" to their main period, and as such cannot really reflect the emergence of drilled modern armies, as the rules still use the same old mechanics of weapon type v. armour to decide casualties and ultimately the winners and losers. Fine if you like that sort of game, but I don't think that you can capture the spirit of the period with that type of game mechanic. (A "gut-reaction" – don't ask me why.) Finally, I find the 1:20 figure scale too restricting, as it gives you only a small number of table top units.

One avenue worth exploring is skirmish wargaming, there being a couple of sets of rules around. This level of play has many advantages, the primary one being that is very cheap. Having managed to give no solid information on figures and rules, I shall conclude by saying that there is little or no decent source material on the armies of the GNW easily available in English. This is bad in that "off the shelf" wargamers will not be able to order a ready-made 15mm army of the period, but it does mean that the reward for your effort is an army which you can feel pride in having done all of the hard work yourself. And once you have done all the work, write an article about it, and share your knowledge with others. I would hope that somebody out there may be inspired to get an early eighteenth century northern army, and I will be very interested in any research that anybody does into this sadly neglected period. Happy delving.

#### FLAGS AND STANDARDS

It is unfortunate that we do not have complete information concerning Swedish colours of the period. What I have done is to supply the information currently available to myself. This is by no means exhaustive, but should give a good idea of the appearance of these items.

#### Infantry

Every regiment had one colonel's colour, ("Liebfahne"), and in addition each company had its own colour, ("Kompanifahne"). All liebfahne were of the same pattern, being white, bearing the arms of Sweden, and the letters C.R.S. (Carolus Rex Sueviae). The individual regimental colours were differentiated by the addition of the regimental regional symbol worked in gold in the top canton nearest the pole. Thus, the example shown in figure (a) is the liebfahne for the Dal regiment. By swapping the crossed arrows for an orb, it would become that of the Upplands regiment.

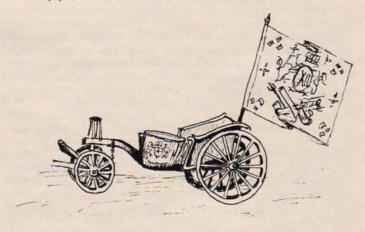
All the company colours illustrated date from the 1680's, but there seems no evidence that they changed during the Great Northern War. There are two basic designs, both using as their basis the regional symbols of the individual regiments. The first type, uses an elaborate wreath to surround the central provincial symbol, the second, possibly older style, uses eight wedges or piles. (Despite my idiosyncratic style of illustration, the colours were actually rectangular, not square as shown.)

#### Cavalry

As with the infantry, there were regimental colonel's standards. In addition, the individual squadrons also bore a standard. I can detect no pattern in the latter types, but they do seem to use a system of provincial emblems like those of the foot. For example, the rampant griffin appears on both the company colour of the Ostgoterland Cavalry regiment, and the Ostgota Foot regiment (not illustrated).

#### Artillery

This example was mounted on a large kettle-drum cart, which accompanied the artillery train. It served to mark the HQ of the artillery park.



#### Infantry colours



Cavalry standards



Vastgota Regiment



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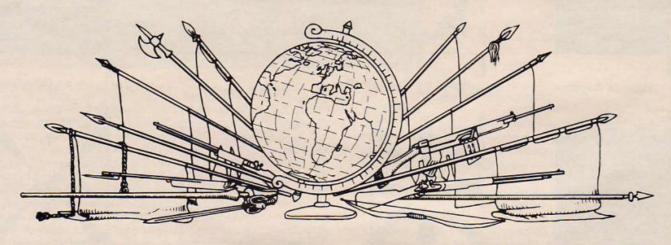
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Left: Large artillery standard. Carried mounted on cart. (see sketch.)

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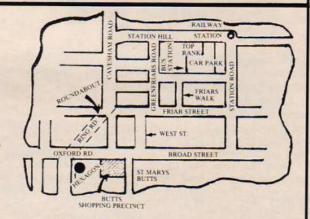
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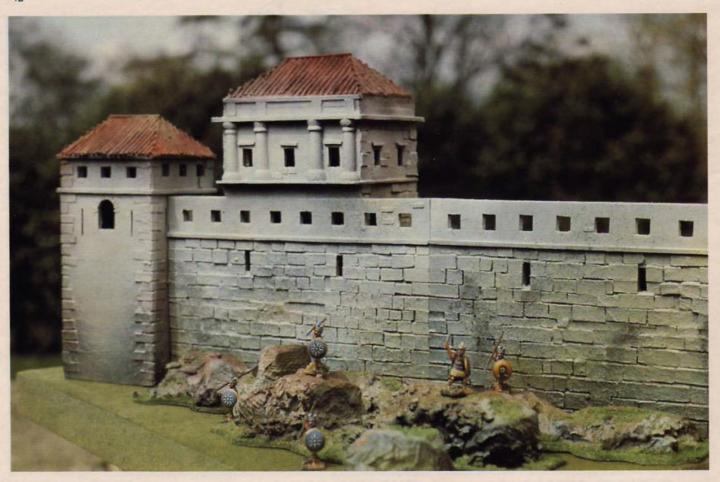
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From this time onwards the Athenians built massive walls of great length to defend their harbour at Piraeus and link it to Athens. This long stretch of walling enclosed wide corridors – all on a huge scale. Such feats of military engineering had come a long way since the simple citadels of the Mycenaean period.

Indeed radical new thinking had come about largely as a result of the costly wars against the Persians. The early towers had varied styles of crenellations; later these were roofed over with the familiar 'terra-cotta' tiling common to Mediterranean countries, and I have used these roofing sections in the models as a optional 'extra'.

#### Construction

"Two projecting two-storey towers; a gate flanked by two rather smaller towers; and three linking wall sections, one section to be breached." Such then was one wargamer's requirement for his 25mm scenarios, presenting a total frontage of about 60 inches.

I cut out all walls from ¼ inch plywood. Mycenaean walling may have been up to 5 metres thick, but later walls were not so massive and I found that wallwalks 1½ inches wide were fine – perfectly convincing.

The battlements themselves were often built of mud bricks and here I have shown such wall openings as being part of such mud brick upper works.

The walls were built of rectangular cut stones, the core of stone

So once the walls and towers were assembled I cut out slightly different sized pieces of thin card and glued them to the outer facing walls. Whether you do this over the entire surface of the frontal walls of your model is up to you. It can be very effective if you do, but does involve many, many hours of very tedious work. Unless instructed otherwise, I usually opt for a 60% coverage, softening edges with a plaster wash. If you add some fine sand or other textures to the wall in patches this helps to get surface variety and adds interest to the subject when it's all painted. What we are concerned with is creating an illusion, a theatrical replica of good quality, satisfying in its appearance and a proper back-up for armies relating to the Greek and Persian wars.

Well, cutting out and glueing and assembling the walls was simple enough. The top floor was made to lift out so that troops could be placed inside on the floor below.

Each shallow pitch roof was cut from mounting card (obtainable from any art shop) and then 'tiled' with lengths of string set in PVA white adhesive. This takes times, but does give quite a good classical roof effect – round-tiled, Mediterranean style. Plastic drinking straws can also be used, and take paint after washing over with plaster. Trim off excess lengths when dry.

All walls were painted a soft light grey, almost white in the upper parts. The roof colour was terracotta with a little spraying with grey and white to get a slight 'bleached' effect. Brown was used for the upper mud brick work forming the 'battlements'. Any reader who has visited Greece or the Mediterranean in summer knows how fierce the sun can be and how it seems to take the colour out of buildings.

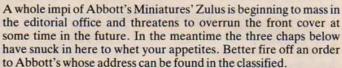
Finally the rock effect of separate pieces at the foot of the outer walls was made from polystyrene covered in thin paper, all washed

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### ALGECIRAS, 12th July 1801:

#### A WARGAME SCENARIO

#### Part 1 PLAYER BRIEFINGS

by Philip M. Garner

The year of 1801 saw many events. The Treaty of Luneville brought peace with France's only opponent by land, Spain invaded Portugal, Czar Paul was murdered, William Pitt was forced to resign by Henry Addington's Tories, a British army landed in Egypt and defeated the Armee de l'Orient at Alexandria, and Nelson fought his famous action against Copenhagen to destroy the Armed Neutrality of the North. Perhaps the most lasting event of all was the Act of Union between Britain and Ireland, but amongst it all there occurred a minor skirmish in a side-show theatre of war which hadn't yet taken on its full importance. In a year when both sides finally exhausted each other and began the negotiations which would allow a short peace to prepare for the larger struggle to come, two small actions occurred which could have warned the participants of the far-reaching results of 1805.

I have taken a few historical liberties with these two actions, but only to allow for a more interesting, and hopefully, more enjoyable wargame. I won't bore you with the historical details of it all, as most of them will appear through the course of the scenario. I have used contemporary dating throughout, rather than the French Revolutionary Calendar (by far the most sensible system ever devised) as 'Algeciras 25e Messidor, AN IX' is less readily understandable, and I have given times as AM and PM rather than as bells of a certain watch, as would be accurate in a brief for naval officers. Fortunately, Britain had by this time, adopted the Gregorian, or New Style, Calendar, although only in the preceding fifty years or so. Dates are hard enough to bear when everyone uses the same system, without having to correlate different systems.

The Scenario has been designed for any set of rules for the period, but as I had to have a system to use to give examples and

details, I chose to base it on the TTG set Action Under Sail, 1756-1815. This does not reflect any personal preference for these rules, especially as there are several other good sets available, but rather, I have used these because they are so well known, and easy to use. They give fairly accurate results, as accurate as any other commercial set, and as such, suit the purpose. If you use different rules, I have given an appendix of the armaments of the ships involved at the end.

In converting actual ship armament to 'rules' armament, I have also converted French and Spanish 'livres' to English 'pounds', and although there is only a small difference, the two cannot be taken as equals. This gives the allied ships a greater firepower than the TTG rules would normally allow, and I have included a note concerning this in the relevant section at the end.

Anyway, here's the scenario, good luck with it.

#### French Starting Brief:

#### Contre-Amiral Charles Alexandre Leon de Linois

In October 1800, your squadron was ordered from Brest as part of a force under the command of Amiral Comte Honore Ganteaume, charged with carrying supplies and reinforcements to the stranded Armee de l'Orient in Egypt. After struggling with foul weather, accidents, damage and British strategic opposition, the Amiral left your force at Livorno on the Italian Peninsula, while he continued with the attempt. You have not since had any news of his progress. Instead, new orders arrived, with instructions to sail your warships to the Spanish Naval base at Cadiz, where you are to join with the squadron of San Ildefonso Treaty ships, and receive new instructions.

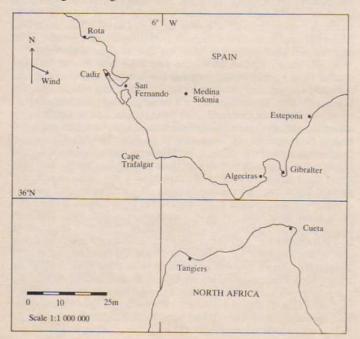
Again, you had to fight your command through atrocious weather conditions, with light and failing winds interspersed with hard gales, and it was the 1st July, 1801, before you reached the Straits of Gibraltar. Tacking into the prevailing WNW wind, it took a further two days to work through the Straits, during which time you took Lord Cochrane's Brig-Sloop Speedy, 14, and a packet boat, but were sighted by a lateen-rigged poleacre sloop off Gibraltar itself. From the prizes, you learned of a powerful squadron blockading Cadiz harbour, and as your orders were specific concerning the avoidance of any serious action, you instead, put into the bay at Algeciras. With your ships anchored against the five fathom line to prevent your landward flank being turned, as happened at Brueys at the Nile, you were confident of success when British warships rounded Puenta di Calbrita and stood into the bay. During the hard action which followed, and despite having to put the Desaix and the Indomptable aground, you drove off the enemy force with at least two of their ships severely damaged aloft, and with a third, the Hannibal, of 74 guns, left aground under the guns of the Formidable. With several hundred casualties, two ships to be refloated, a damaged but intact force of enemy ships at Gibraltar across the bay, and an enemy blockading force off Cadiz, you realised that assistance would be required to get your command to Cadiz. You therefore sent a courier overland, escorted by a troop of Spanish Dragoons, to ask for an escort for your squadron, and began the work of righting your ships.

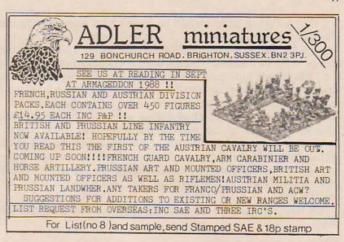
On the afternoon of the 9th July, friendly warships were reported, standing in around the Puenta de San Garcia, and these proved to be a mixed force from the Cadiz fleet. Reports reached you of the British ships at Gibraltar, to say that the *Pompee* had been struck down and the *Caesar* was refitting at the mole. Work continued to repair damage and refloat *Desaix* and *Indomptable*.

As dawn broke on Saturday, 12th, you ordered all ships to sea, with the prize under tow, and all were free of the bay by midday. At 3 pm, however, it was obvious that the British were putting to sea in chase, and despite your lead over them, they were unencumbered by either 1st Rates or towed prizes, and began to gain.

At 8 pm, one ship, probably the Superb, 74, hauled ahead of the enemy force, setting more sail in chase. After dark, at about 11 pm, firing began at the rear of your formation. Fortunately, this had ceased by 11.20 pm, and you surmised, correctly, that the unsteady wind and the two large Spanish 1st Rates stationed there, had driven off the attack. Some time after this, the wind increased in strength, still from the WNW, and you began to make good time. Your calculations estimate that you should see Cadiz sometime early next morning.

With the shoals of the Conil di Frontera, then the Sancti Petri, to leeward, enemy warships astern and a fleeting glimpse of topsails to the SE, you have spent an uneasy night at your fmailiar table on the deck of the *Murion*, having chosen to follow Spanish custom by embarking on a frigate.





It is now 3.30 am, with Cadiz still several kilometres off, and only a few hours left until dawn.

Your Squadron consists of:

Formidable, 80; A taut and efficient ship, well worked by Capitaine de Vaisseau Amable Gilles Lalonde. Her gunner is very good, and her sailing qualities admirable.

Desaix, 74; Another good sailor, but with indifferent gunnery. Her Capitaine de Vaisseau, Christy-Palliere is a fine seaman and a perfect gentleman.

Indomptable, 80; An indifferent sailer whose Capitaine, Moncousu, does not practice with her guns.

Murion, 40; Handed over by Venice after their defeat by General Bonaparte, she is built to French design, and fast for her size.

#### **Objectives**

Only to reach Cadiz, with your force intact, to fulfil your orders, and to receive further instructions. Contre-Amiral Pelley has now informed you of Ganteaume's return to Brest after his failure, and that you are to command a second attempt at Egypt's relief. You will not allow yourself to be deflected from Cadiz, despite your orders concerning action.

#### French Starting Brief: Contre-Amiral Dumanoir le Pelley

With the signing of the Treaty of San Ildefonso in October of 1800, France gained control of 6 vaisseau of the Spanish navy, presently anchored in Cadiz. The crews for these vessels are to be sent overland, and having been given command of the resultant squadron, you sailed from France in the frigate *Indienne*, 40, with the *Liberté*, 38, in company, arriving to take charge of the French side of the transfer.

Late on the night of Tuesday 8th July, 1801, you received a message from overland from your senior, Contre-Amiral Linois. In sailing from Livorno to Cadiz, he had been forced into the bay at Algeciras, where he was attacked by a force of British warships. He fought off the attack, but has had two of his vessels driven ashore. With superior British strength in his surrounding waters, he has asked you for escort and assistance.

Apart from your two frigates, the only available French vessel in Cadiz was the San Antonio, now the St Antonio, the only Treaty ship you had yet prepared for sea. Fortunately, the Spanish kept a strong force in Cadiz and their commander, Moreno, was willing to assist. With Linois having disposed of one enemy warship, and badly damaging two others, Saumarez could only have a further four vaisseau to oppose you. Reasoning that your combined squadrons would be powerful enough to deter any attack by the British, and seeing this as a good opportunity to practice sailing in company with your Spanish allies, and to work up your unfamiliar crew, you sailed from Cadiz early on Wednesday the 9th. The prevailing WNW wind took you away from the watching frigate and vaisseau and you anchored in Algeciras bay late the same afternoon.

It took until late on the 11th to prepare all Linois' ships for the voyage to Cadiz, and considering the damaged state of his warships, and the better training of their crews, he successfully argued for you to tow the *Hannibal* to Cadiz. He insisted that your vessels would be little use if it came to a fight, an opinion with which you agreed,

and that a French prize should be towed by a ship wearing the tricolour. Consequently, the *St Antoine* passed a tow to the damaged and almost dismasted British ship, raised a jury rig on the stumps of the fore and main masts, and the entire force put to sea on the 12th. It took until past midday to get the ungainly Spanish 1st Rates and the towed prize out of the bay and by 3 pm it was obvious that the British had put to sea from Gibraltar in chase.

As darkness fell, a detached British warship drew up with the Spanish squadron at the rear of the formation; firing began, sporadic on the part of the Spanish, rapid and true on the part of the British, but superior firepower and an awkward wind drove the lone enemy off. During the night, Formidable reported sighting topsails somewhere to the SW, but your own lookouts could not confirm this.

It is now 3.30 am, and Cadiz should be somewhere beyond the dawn.

Your squadron consists of:

(Flag) Indienne, 40; Well armed and fast for her size, she is a good sailer.

Liberté, 38; An uncommon class in the French navy, she is armed with only two guns less than the flagship and is of a faster design. She is the only scouting vessel available to the entire combined squadrons, as the other frigates present are used as flagships. St Antoine, 74; Much heavier built than comparable French, and

even British, ships. Armed in the same way as her French counterparts, but with lighter weapons on the lower gundeck. Her crew have not yet been worked up with their ship.

Hannibal, 74; Under tow by the St Antoine, as only her mizzen was left standing by Formidable's excellent gunnery during the action. She has spar jury-rigs on her other two masts which give her some movement of her own, but only a moderate prize crew to sail her. With over six hundred prisoners below decks to guard, they would not be able to fight the ship as well.

Objectives:

To get the Treaty ship and the prize to the safety of Cadiz, where you can continue to ready the other transferred warships for sea.

Spanish Starting Brief:

Viz-Almirante Don Juan Joaquin de Moreno

Since Spain became allied to the French Revolution by the Treaty of San Ildefonso of the 8th October 1796, she has suffered many reverses. The Spanish declaration of war against Britain in November of the same year led directly to the fiasco off Cabo de Sao Vincente in February 1797, the loss of Trinidad in the same month, the loss of Minorca in 1798, attacks agains the great arsenal of Ferrol and against Cadiz itself during 1800, and the continual blockade of all Spanish ports and a sweeping harassment of Spanish trade. Under Charles IV and Godoy, the Navy has been allowed to deteriorate, so that now, there are no more than 60-80 trained seamen in any crew, with the bulk being made up of conscripted landsmen and convicts. The British can deal with this problem by continually being at sea and working their crews into shape, but you are forced to remain in harbour, with the crews growing lax and the ships rotting away at their anchorage. Political considerations determine that the bulk of the Spanish fleet is kept at Cartagena in NE Spain for use in the Mediterranean under the command of old Almirante de Cordoba, but a considerable force of some 12 line-of-battle ships is stationed in Cadiz under your command.

Under the terms of the Treaty of San Ildefonso of 1800, you have been ordered to prepare 6 of these vessels for use by the French navy, and a Contre-Amiral Pelley has already arrived by sea to supervise the handover. You have found him to be a good officer, with considerable administrative skills, but with little conception of

naval warfare.

On the night of Tuesday, 8th July, 1801, a French courier with an escort of Spanish Dragoons raced into the city and reported directly to Pelley's headquarters. Your interview with the Dragoon's Tenente revealed that they had come overland on the 72 kilometre journey from Algeciras, where a force of French warships had taken refuge under the guns in the bay. His account revealed that the British had mounted an attack on the anchored French, but they were driven off by the accurate fire of the Torre de Almirante and the batteries on Isla Verde and around the shores of the bay. As the Tenente could only relate events as he had seen them, formed up on the shoreline with his troop, it was with some curiosity that

you received an officer of Pelley's staff, later that night.

You had already received orders to prepare your squadron for a foray into the Mediterranean with your French allies, and although you were only to play a subordinate commanding role, despite your superior rank, these orders were from your legitimate superiors and you have been determined to see them carried out. These French warships in Algeciras, it appears, are the command of the officer charged with leading the combined squadrons into the Mediterranean, and his appeal for help cannot be ignored.

During the night, you spent some hours getting crews aboard the ships that you had ready, and prepared to sail the next day.

Leaving Cadiz on the morning of the Wednesday the 9th, the prevailing WNW wind made easy sailing for the large 1st Rates and you arrived at Algeciras late in the afternoon of the same day. Two of the French ships present had been driven aground during the action, and these required re-floating. With other repairs, you were not ready to leave the bay until dawn on the Saturday, the 12th, and it took until midday to work the Real Carlos and San Hermengildo out to sea. Being less weatherly than the French 3rd Rates, these ships, and the ungainly Rayo, lagged behind the others in company as you beat into the wind on the return. By 3 pm, it was plain that the British had put to sea in pursuit, and their faster ships, unencumbered by slower charges, began to gain. One ship, released from the others, began to set more sail at about 8 pm, and soon raced clear of her consorts, rapidly closing the range on your squadron. As darkness fell, she was close enough to make contact during the night, and at 11 pm, the Real Carlos opened fire to leeward. This firing continued until 11.20, during which time Real Carlos suffered a fire and some damage, which she managed to contain, when a flaw in the wind enabled her to lose the British ship in the darkness.

It is now 3.30 am, and the British cannot be far astern when dawn breaks in a few hours.

Your Squadron consists of:

Real Carlos, 112; One of a class of six solidly built 1st Rates, well armed but indifferent sailers.

San Hermengildo, 112; Sister to the above.

Rayo, 94; An older and smaller version of the above class, sharing their lack of sailing qualities.

Sabina, 40; A heavily built and well armed frigate, used by you as your flagship.

Objectives:

To return your squadron to the safety of Cadiz' defences.

**British Starting Brief:** 

Rear-Admiral Sir James Saumarez.

Charged with the blockade of Cadiz, you had settled into the routine of having to keep your ships on station through all weathers, with only an occasional break to rotate them to Gibraltar for fresh stores. During this time, you became familiar with your captains, and found them to be a decent set of officers, while Brenton, your Second Captain in the Caesar, Ferris of the Hannibal, and Keats of the Superb in particular, have proved to be fine seamen with admirable ideas on how to fight their ships.

At the year's end of 1800, the squadron was drawn from its station by a French breakout from Brest under the command of Admiral Ganteaume, in your opinion, the finest officer that the French possess. Lord St Vincent's strategic dispositions deflected this force from its destination at Alexandria, but couldn't bring about the action that the Navy had hoped for. As far as you were aware, these enemy ships are now in Toulon. The Mediterranean fleet, based on Port Mahon in Minorca, and Valetta's Grand Harbour at Malta, was keeping them under blockade. You had some depressing memories of 'polishing Cape Sicie' which the present unending tacking and beating off Cadiz reminded you of.

Although the Spanish had some twelve powerful ships in Cadiz, these spent their time riding at double anchors with their topmasts struck down and their crews berthed ashore. Recently, the Spanish had shown some activity in preparing these ships for sea. You know that by the Treaty of San Ildefonso of 1800, the Spanish had agreed to transfer control of some of these ships to their French allies, in return for a French commitment for a seaborne assault on Lisbon, but your reports and observations of the harbour, led you to believe that only four or five of these vessels were capable of sailing. This had enabled you to detach the Superb, a beautiful sailer, on an independent cruise into the Gulf to the North.

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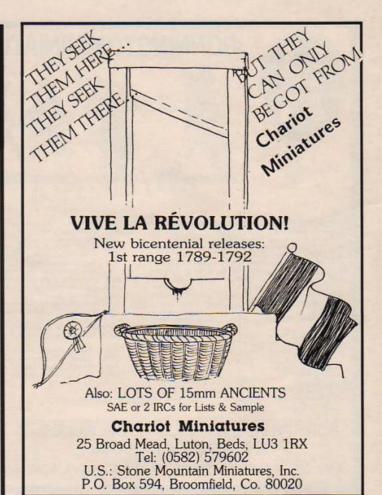
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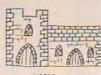




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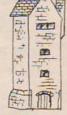
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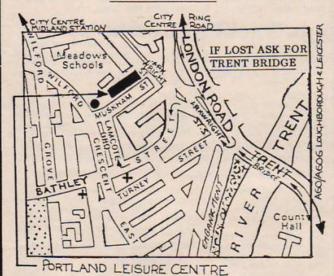
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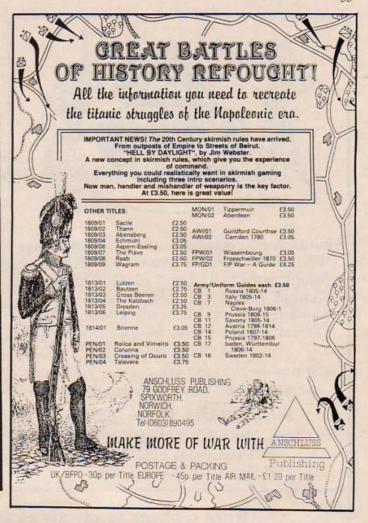
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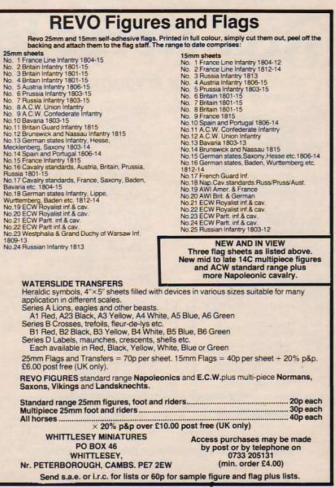
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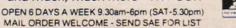
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