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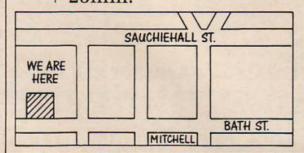


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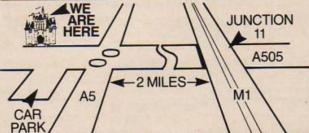
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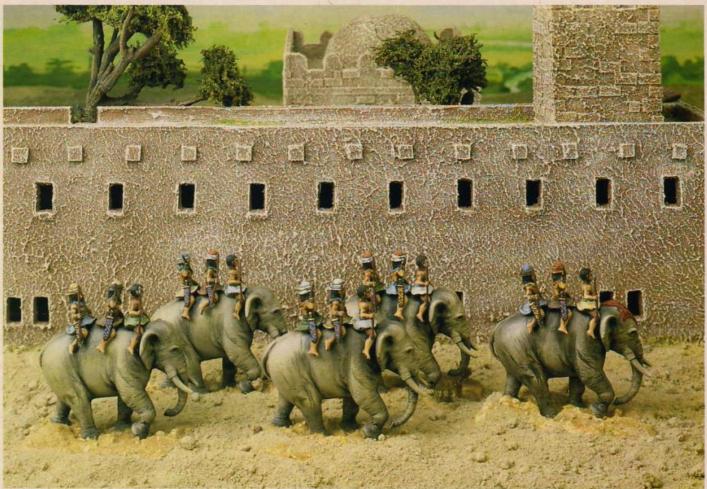
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This, our fifth issue, is the last WI to be published in 1987. (WI6 will be on sale in the U.K. on 21 Jan, '88). Thanks very much for all your support. Whilst at the time of writing we don't yet have a final sales figure even for issue #1, it seems probable from the information we do have that we've immediately become the best selling wargames monthly in Britain, and the best selling British wargames magazine in North America.

Thanks too to everyone who's sent in material for publication—and to all those of you who are about to do so! We've already run into the problem we experienced with our former magazine: we're getting far more material than we can use. But don't stop! We're not idle here in our Winter Quarters. Strategic Aims have already been set for the coming Spring Offensive, and Operational Orders are currently being formulated; so, in 1988 we should be able to publish much more material than we can at present! You will perhaps have noticed on the front cover that the phoenix has moulted his first year plumage and become a more colourful bird. In 1988 he should also grow into a bigger bird!

Two comments on the material we're receiving. Firstly, post-1650AD articles outnumber pre-1650AD articles by at least 2 to 1. Consequently, more of the later stuff gets published. If that's the way you want it, fine; otherwise the remedy is in your hands. (Those Essex elephants up there are lumbering in search of an article!) Secondly, material from overseas readers is particularly welcome. Because of language and other barriers, material which is regarded as commonplace in one country may be very hard to come across in another. We'd like to disseminate as much of such material as possible.

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Two Battles for Lucknow

Indian Mutiny Actions

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The Indian Mutiny of 1857-59 was, in many ways, the most merciless campaign conducted by the British army in the nineteenth century. The reasons for this ferocity stemmed mostly from the massacres of Europeans by Mutineers at the start of the uprising, in mid-1857. Indeed, to many people, the Mutiny is a by-word for massacre and siege; names like Meerut, Cawnpore, Lucknow and Delhi Ridge spring to mind. Not that all of India was affected by the Mutiny, the principalities of Madras and Bombay remained loyal, and it was in the main only the East India Company's Army in Bengal which rebelled. The causes of the uprising were complex, but owed much to the erosion of many aspects of Indian life by a century of British rule. The land-owning classes were particularly disaffected, and the issue of the Enfield rifled musket with its infamous greased cartridges which, it was rumoured, would defile both Moslem and Hindu, was the spark which ingnited the powder keg. The Mutiny flared up in Meerut in May 1857, and soon all Bengal was ablaze.

The two battles described here represent actions concerned with the siege of Lucknow, one being a disastrous sortie by the defenders, the other a victorious foray by the relieving column.

The action at Chinut, 30th June 1857

On June 27th, most of the garrison at the city of Cawnpore, who had surrendered to the Mutineers after a prolonged siege, were massacred as they tried to board boats supposedly taking them to safety on the river Ganges. At Lucknow some sixty miles away, the Chief Commissioner of Oudh province, Sir Henry Lawrence, realised that it was only a matter of time before his own position would be attacked by the victorious sepoys. Lawrence had some 3000 people to defend within the confines of the Residency buildings, of whom only about 1,700 men were combatants, many of these volunteers or scratch units made from those who had remained loyal when native regiments had mutinied.

On June 29th Lawrence received news of the advance of the rebel army, whose outposts were said to be at Chinut some ten miles outside Lucknow. The advance guard was said to comprise about 500 infantry, 50 horse and one field gun.

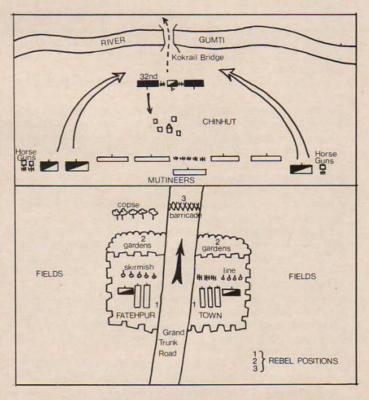
Presumably acting on the principle that attack was the best method of defence, Lawrence determined to march out and confront this force before the main Mutineer army arrived to support it

The backbone of the Lucknow garrison was Her Majesty's 32nd Regiment of Foot (British regiments were distinguised from East India Company troops in contemporary accounts by the designation 'Her Majesty's'). Lawrence, who decided to command the force himself, despite his limited military experience, took some 300 of the 32nd, 170 loyal native infantry, 3 dozen volunteer cavalry (mostly composed of officers from native cavalry units whose men had mutinied), some 90 Oudh Irregular Horse, ten field guns and one elephant-drawn howitzer. The force was ordered to set off before dawn on the 30th, but the sun was already high in the sky when the first detachment moved out. The men had not breakfasted, and so a halt was made to allow them to do so, only to find that the order to bring breakfasts had not reached them and they had marched without food. It was a hot day even by Indian standards, made worse when the bhistis, the water carriers, began to desert. The men were hot, tired, hungry, and generally in poor condition when Lawrence met a party of Indian travellers who assured him that the Mutineer party was still unsupported and was camped near the village of Ismailgani, outside Chinut. Lawrence ordered the column on, but instead of the six hundred rebels they were expecting, they came across some 5000 infantry, 800 cavalry and more than twelve cannon - the main Mutineer force, under the command of Barhat Ahmed, an experienced soldier.

Lawrence was hardly in an enviable position, since to retreat with such an overwhelming force so near could have spelled disaster. Instead, he gave the order to advance, and the 32nd moved forward to the fringes of Ismailgani, where the rebels were already massing in some strength. Fierce hand-to-hand fighting broke out on the outskirts of the village and amongst the narrow streets. The 32nd were gradually driven out. They regrouped and tried to charge, but by now Barhat Ahmad's guns were raking the whole of Lawrence's force. Lawrence's native cavalry and gunners were already beginning to desert in large numbers, and the 32nd's attack had failed. Worse, the rebel cavalry and horse artillery were advancing rapidly on the flanks, enfilading the British force and threatening to cut it off from the Kokrail Bridge, its line of retreat across the river Gumti to Lucknow. Lawrence had little choice but to attempt to extricate as many of his men as possible before it was too late. He ordered his volunteer horse to charge the advanced rebel parties already converging on the bridge. Incredibly, this small but resolute band drove the Mutineers away and forced a gap large enough for the disorganised army to retreat through. Lawrence handed over command to Colonel John Inglis, his ADC, who managed to get the exhausted men back to Lucknow. They carried as many wounded with them as they could, but many were left on the field to be butchered by the victorious rebels. Chinut was a complete disaster, the 32nd losing well over a hundred men, a third of those engaged. The next day Lucknow came under close siege.

The Battle of Fatehpur, 12th July 1857

Sir Henry Havelock, whose statue still stands in London's Trafalgar Square, was one of Victorian Britain's most famous commanders. All through June and July 1857, with inadequate forces, Havelock struggled to relieve first Cawnpore and then Lucknow, marching north from Allahabad on July 7th, along the Ganges to Cawnpore, and then east to Lucknow. On the 12th July he was confronted by some 3,500 Mutineer infantry and 500 cavalry, supported by twelve guns, under the command of the Nana Sahib, who was later to be reviled as the man who ordered the worst of the massacres at



Two Battles for Lucknow: above, Chinhut, below, Fatehpur

Cawnpore. The Nana Sahib blocked Havelock's advance along the Grand Trunk Road at the town of Fatehpur.

Havelock was heavily outnumbered. He had some 1000 men drawn from the 78th Highlanders and the 64th and 84th Foot, the East India Company's Madras Fusiliers (a tough European regiment nick-named 'Neill's blue-caps' from the colour of their forage caps), 130 Sikhs, less than 100 horse, not all of whom were reliable, and eight field guns. He also possessed a shrewd military mind and the Enfield rifle, which outranged and outclassed the rebels' old Brown Bess.

Havelock's men were tired by their forced march, and when the rebels advanced Havelock took no more precaution than to throw out a skirmish line of the 64th in an attempt to slow down the enemy advance. Despite the casualties inflicted by the Enfield, the Mutineers advanced and took possession of the warren of streets and mud-brick buildings of Fatehpur town.

Havelock used the time to deploy his force. He placed the guns off to the left of the road, supported on either side by quarter columns of his infantry, protected by a screen of skirmishers and the tiny bodies of cavalry. The force advanced with great resolution, opening a heavy fire which seems to have taken the Mutineers by surprise. Gradually the rebels gave way, being driven through the town to take possession of gardens at the far end. Fatehpur was bordered on both sides by waterlogged fields, submerged to a depth of as much as four feet in places, which severely limited flanking movements. Captain Maude, RA, managed to manoeuvre several of his guns through the morass, however, blasting the rebel flanks at close range so that they abandoned the outskirts and fled to a strong position across the road, about a mile beyond the town. Havelock's cavalry chased them, but outdistanced the British infantry, and were forced to retire before a charge by the mutinous 2nd Native Cavalry. The infantry came up in the nick of time, however, and emptied rebel saddles with concentrated rifle fire, advancing to take the barricade at the point of the bayonet. The rebels streamed off in flight. As they went, somebody spotted a rebel leader making his escape on an elephant and called out 'Knock over that fellow!' Maude himself aimed the gun, and a well placed round shot struck the elephant under the tail and bowled it over.

It was an extraordinary victory. Although several men had collapsed and died from heatstroke, not one had been killed by the enemy. Although Havelock was to be engaged in several similar fights before first Cawnpore and then Lucknow were relieved, Fatehpur marked a distinct upturn in British fortunes during the Mutiny.

Uniforms

British troops during the mutiny either wore a scarlet shell jacket, with white trousers and a forage cap with a white cover and neck curtain, or khaki. Khaki dye was improvised, and so varied from dirty brown through to shades of blue-grey. Either white summer uniforms were dyed, or in many cases troops wore loose khaki shirts. The 78th Highlanders are depicted in paintings of the relief of Lucknow wearing their scarlet doublets with white forage caps. The Madras Fusiliers wore blue trousers with a red stripe, white tunics and forage caps with covers dyed various shades of blue and grey, the best they could obtain. The Sikhs wore white or khaki and red or blue turbans, whilst the Mutineers either wore the tunics of their old Regiments, or a white native jacket. Trousers were abandoned in favour of the native dhoti, and a white cap worn instead of the shako.

Wargames figures

Minifigs produced a reasonable range of Indian Mutiny figures in 25mm, but check the availability of these before ordering. There is a 15mm range from the prolific Peter Laing, and Wargames Foundry have just brought out a range in 25mm.

Further reading

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THE RUSSO-TURKISH WAR of 1877

A brief guide by Richard Brooks Pasha

As a long standing devotee of obscure 19th century wars I thought it might be worth filling in some of the details of the Russo-Turkish War and Siege of Plevna, 1877 for anyone wanting to refight it. I would also suggest that the war is more interesting taken as a whole than might be thought from looking only at the events at Plevna, stirring though these might be. Unfortunately there is no modern study of the war available, which forces one back to original sources which are not readily accessible. This is a pity as the campaign is interesting both in itself and for the lessons it provided for the future. The experience of the soldiers of 1877 was to be repeated both in the Boer War and 1914-18. A hail of bullets swept the battlefield, disrupting command and control and sending the cavalry scampering to the rear. Infantry took shelter in trenches from which field artillery was powerless to drive them. In a brief article these wider issues can only be hinted at: I will attempt to do no more than provide brief outlines of the organisation of the combatants, their performance in action and how they can be modelled on the wargames table.

The organisation of the opposing forces accurately reflected the differences between them. Among the Turks improvisation and confusion prevailed at almost medieval levels, while the Russians as usual presented an appearance of order and regulation, which as usual did them little good. Initially the Army of the South mobilised in June 1877 with seven Corps, a siege train, two Rifle brigades and thirteen independent Cossack regiments. Each Corps had two Infantry divisions and a Cavalry division. Taking the IV Corps as

example they were organised as follows:

IV Army Corps - Lt Gen Sotov

16th Infantry Division - 1st Brigade - 61st and 62nd Infantry Regiments

16th Infantry Division - 2nd Brigade - 63rd and 64th Infantry Regiments

30th Infantry Division – 1st Brigade – 117 and 118 Infantry Regiments 30th Infantry Division – 2nd Brigade – 119 and 120 Infantry Regiments

Total 24,000 infantry

4th Cavalry Division - 4th Dragoons and 4th Lancers

4th Hussars and 4th Don Cossacks

Corps Troops - 16th and 30th Artillery Brigades
(each of three batteries of eight 4pr guns and
three batteries of eight 9pr guns)

7th and 8th Horse batteries (each of six 4pr guns)

It will be observed that this gives a total of 108 guns for the Corps and a ratio of four guns per thousand men, a considerable reserve of fire power. The guns were Russian made versions of Krupp rifled breech loaders cast in phosphor bronze rather that steel for ease of manufacture. Details of the different calibres are as follows:

4pr – actually fired a 13lb shell to a range of 2500 metres: Field and Horse batteries

9pr - firing a 24lb shell to 3200 metres: Field and Siege batteries
 24pr - A siege gun, the German equivalent of which fired a 60lb explosive shell. There were 200 of them in the siege train, but only 20 saw action at Plevna in September 1877.

Infantry regiments were of three battalions with a nominal battalion strength of 1000 men in five companies. One company was trained as skirmishers. Guards and Rifles had four companies per battalion. Battalions were always understrength, so I use battalions of 15 figures (750 men) for line infantry and 16 for Guards and Rifles. Cavalry regiments had four squadrons of nominally 150 sabres each while Cossacks had six sotnias of a hundred. Small arms used were:

Kranke breech loading rifles used by most Line and many Dragoons – an old weapon, less effective than the Turkish rifles. Berdan carbines carried by half of each Lancer and Hussar regiment the rest having lances and revolvers.

Berdan breech loader rifles used by Cossacks, some Dragoons, and Guard and Rifle troops; an efficient weapon comparable to the Turkish rifles.

The neatness of the Russian Order of Battle was often belied by reality as they had few scruples about taking units from their parent formations. These were then formed into special detachments such as Skobelev's force at Plevna. General Gourko, charged with advancing rapidly to seize the Balkan passes was given troops from several sources:

4th Rifle Brigade (of four battalions)
Bulgarian Legion (of six battalions equipped as Rifles)
Plastounes (Cossack infantry – ½ battalion)
Mountain guns (two batteries – 14 guns)
8th & 9th Dragoons
9th Hussars
21st, 26th & 30th Cossacks
Horse Artillery (three batteries – one cossack)

'In all 10½ battalions (8000 men), 31½ squadrons (4000 men) and 32 guns' (Greene); a handy little force for a wargame with plenty of potential for manoeuvre.

The Rumanian army which reinforced the Russians after their initial failures before Plevna had four divisions. Three were at Plevna while the other was engaged clearing out Turkish garrisons along the Danube behind the main allied army. These give plenty of scope for small scale actions with about 6000 men a side. As an example of Rumanian organisation I will give the 4th division which was at Plevna and took part in storming the Grivitza redoubt:

1st Brigade 7th Line 14th & 15th *Dorobanz* (i.e. militia) 2nd Brigade 5th Line 13th & 16th *Dorobanz*

2nd Rifle Battalion

3rd Artillery Regiment (36 guns in batteries of 6)

The Infantry regiments had two battalions of four companies. Greene gives their strength as 750 men. The artillery was Russian 4pr and 9pr guns; infantry small arms were Peabody breech loaders, bought by public subscription at the start of the war. Cavalry came in two flavours: the *Rosiori* or regular cavalry and the territorial *Calarashi* who were lancers. Both had regiments of four squadrons of 125 sabres and carried single shot carbines. Von Herbert describes a dismounted attack made on his battalion by *Rosiori* skirmishers during the Turkish attempt to break out of Plevna.

The Turkish army cut a poor figure by comparison with its opponents, having little formal structure above battalion level. However, tidy organisations tables should not always be confused with combat value as becomes apparent further on. Turkish army corps were purely administrative units. Field forces like Osman's at Plevna or Mehemet Ali's on the Russian left flank were simply collections of battalions formed into ad hoc brigades and divisions. Battalions were supposed to be 800 men in eight companies (Maurice). However, the lack of replacements meant that veteran battalions wasted away to 400 or 500 men. Shortage of officers sometimes led to the adoption of a four company system. Battalions were formed into brigades of between five and ten battalions depending on the numbers available and how many cups of coffee the commanding pasha had for breakfast that day. Two brigades might make a division with a battery or two of Krupp 4pr or 6pr breech loading rifled guns. As with the Russian guns the real shell weight was considerably more - 9lbs and 16lbs. Mountain guns were also used firing a 7lb shell. Ranges would be similar to the Russian guns.

However as can be seen the Turkish artillery was poorly provided for compared with the Russian. The same was not true of the infantry, three quarters of whom had the excellent Peabody rifle sighted to 1400 yards. (Not that it hit much at that range.) This compares with 1148 yards for the Berdan rifle giving some idea of the superiority enjoyed by the Turks. The bad news was that the troops with Sniders (sighted to 1000 yards) were the most experienced who had been fighting the Serbs and Montenegrins the previous year.

When studying the Turkish infantry however it is more important to know how they were raised than how they were armed. There were

essentially three classes of regulars:

 the NIZAM or regularly conscripted front line troops, often understrength.

 the REDIF or reservists who had often served as Nizam or been called up to fight the Serbs. Could be old or untrained.

 the MUSTAPHIZ or militia; untrained with little combat value, but full strength and well armed. Prone to fire into their own side

according to Valentine Baker.

Turkish cavalry came in regiments of six squadrons of 150 sabres each, often at half strength. Dragoons carried Winchester repeating rifles, while Lancers had a mix of lances and repeaters (Maurice). There were also plentiful supplies of irregular Bashi-Bazouks who were useful only for scouting as they invariably vanished if the enemy was nearby. They were also very effective against unarmed women and children and helped a lot with the Christian (ie Russian) propaganda.

Unlike some of the fringe elements of the Turkish army, the regular Turkish soldier was generally agreed to be the 'beau ideal of

a soldier'. Valentine Baker went on:

'Patient and enduring, submissive to discipline, of strong physique and a good marcher, cool and brave in moments of danger and possessing to a high degree that military instinct which is so valuable in the loose formations demanded by modern warfare'. By contrast the Russian soldier was less well adapted to modern war:

'Stolid and impassive, filled with devotion to the Tsar and responsive to good leading but stupid and lacking in initiative' (Maurice). Although much of the Russian organisation was based on the German practice of the Franco-Prussian War, they had only copied the outward forms of success without acquiring its spirit. This must be seen as a result of the poor quality of the regimental officers who were —

'as a rule devoted to their men, but lived dull monotonous lives . . without prospects or ambitions' (Maurice). They never went to military college, rarely rose even to battalion command and were quite incapable of learning the tactical lessons of 1870. By contrast the Turkish regimental officers were highly spoken of by Valentine Baker and often had experience in the small wars that plagued the

Ottoman empire.

Turkish combat experience had led them to adopt a style of fighting similar to that advocated in the West after wars of the 1860's. Two successive lines of skirmishers at two yard intervals were deployed 300 yards apart with a formed body of supports a further 300 yards to the rear. The Russians distrusted the individual soldier too much to do this. Only one company was deployed per battalion the others advancing in two lines of company columns (Greene). These evidently presented a far more dense target than the attenuated lines of the Turks who had half their troops deployed in open order. Russian vulnerability to fire was increased further by their reliance on the bayonet which led them to press forward with inadequate preparatory fire.

Russian problems were not entirely due to poor tactical doctrine. The glittering staff were as incapable of meeting the needs of a modern war as the regimental officers. Baker commented on how the war proved, 'singularly barren in the production of generals of conspicuous military talent on either side'. It could be suggested that even ordinary talents were lacking. Repeatedly Russian artillery preparations stopped well before the infantry advanced giving the Turks plenty of time to recover: in any case at Plevna the 4prs were deployed almost out of range and a third of them broke down through overcharging. The attacks at Plevna were all ordered to start at three o'clock, although the different units had various distances to go. This resulted in their defeat in detail as the attacks all arrived separately on the Turkish positions. Skobelev was the only Russian commander who realised that attacks had to be mutually supporting: only on his front were supports fed in to

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nourish a faltering attack before it failed. This is why he was the only Russian general to gain any ground. Elsewhere the Russians waited until attacks had failed before ordering up supports who were wasted in their turn. (Greene). It has to be admitted that Turkish staff work was equally abysmal. Often whole divisions would fail to turn up for operations agreed the previous day (Baker). Only a politically strong leader like Osman could make the pashas act together. Suleiman Pasha in command of the main Turkish forces at Shipka spent most of his time drinking coffee in Philippopolis and plotting against his rival Mehemet Ali. The inertia of the Turkish higher command however ensured that tactical direction of the war was left in the hands of the regimental officers who were skilful in minor tactics.

Russian difficulties were completed by certain technical deficiencies. The Turks always entrenched their positions as soon as they occupied them, even if not expecting an attack. To enable them to do this each battalion had a string of pack mules with entrenching tools. The same mules carried a reserve ammunition supply. The Russians had none of this, often ran out of ammunition and could not dig in. Skobelev's men had to improvise trenches with 'copper soup dishes, bayonets and naked hands' (Greene).

So far attention has centred on the infantry, correctly as it was the most important arm. Turkish cavalry and artillery were minor additions to the defensive strength of their infantry. Both were badly mounted and trained: the cavalry, 'insufficiently . . . to be able to manoeuvre in formed bodies' (Maurice). The Russians stood to profit considerably from their supporting arms. Their artillery was plentiful and well equipped. Valentine Baker however commented on how 'little actual damage was done by field artillery on service'. Russian use of their artillery at Plevna showed, 'a complete misconception of the purposes for which field artillery should be used' (Maurice). Turkish works were actually strengthened during the bombardment and as no attack was immediately threatened the Turkish infantry sat in its bomb proof shelters without loss. The only effect of the shelling was to wear out the Russian equipment and use up its ammunition. When it came to the attack it was only Skobelev who moved his guns forward into a close support role where they could influence the battle.



Russian troops of the 1877 war against the Turks. These are 15mm Pioneer Miniatures (watch out for their ad NEXT month – the lads are beginning their Xmas festivities early!) The East European buildings are courtesy of Bob Black. More of them in future photos – also some Pioneer Mins. Turks.

Russian cavalry also had considerable potential. Maurice wrote: 'The Russian Army alone of the armies of Europe appreciated the importance of the fire of dismounted cavalry'. Two thirds of a Dragoon regiment and half of other cavalry were equipped and trained to fight as dismounted skirmishers. There was little to show for this outside the initial drive to the Balkans by Gourko. Baker thought that the Russian cavalry failed both as cavalry and as infantry referring to the 'gross negligence which characterised the Russian outposts throughout the campaign'. There seems to have been little desire among the Russian cavalry to get stuck in: the 4000 Allied cavalry west of Plevna were quite unable to prevent the Turks foraging or bringing in large convoys during October; cavalry combat 'consisted in throwing out skirmishers and maintaining a constant and rapid fire at considerable distances' (Baker).

Uniforms and Figure Availability

Surprisingly there is quite a lot of detail available about the appearance of troops in the Russo-Turkish war: more than for the tactics and organisation. The Russians are particularly well served since the appearance of B. & J. Mollo's book on the Imperial Russian Army. From this it can be seen that Russian line infantry looked like ACW Federals with a blanket roll. Summer dress was white, no doubt stained with mud. As the boys of IV and XI Corps had been on campaign since June they would have worn this.

More trendy units like the Guard wore uniforms of similar cut with a flat cap. Freikorps 15 have figures suitable for the Line while Peter Laing's WWI Russian infantry make very dashing looking Guards. As the latter arrived in October I assume they wore the green winter dress. They also wore overcoats a great deal, looking very like Napoleonic Prussian Landwehr in outline. Dragoons wore either kepis or caps and can be made from ACW Federal cavalry: do not forget to do dismounted figures too. Cossacks can be made from Prussian Landwehr cavalry with flat caps. See Mollo for full details.

The Turkish army is more obscure but simpler. Knotel gives details, but essentially the army wore a Zouave uniform. The best figure I know is the Freikorps ACW Zouave in a fez with no pack. Peter Laing does two nice figures, a Crimean War Zouave in turban and a WWI French colonial infantryman. Uniform colours were either dark blue with red trimming on the jacket or dark brown homespun (Baker). Both wore a red fez. The cavalry were either in red and blue or simply in dark blue like the infantry. Bashi-Bazooks wore all kinds of Near Eastern civilian clothing with a mixture of turbans and fur hats for the Circassians. I used Peter Laing Indian Mutiny sowars for these in baggy white blouses and pants with brightly coloured waistcoats and turbans. There were also Arab irregular horse in yellow. Again there is a Laing Bedouin who does nicely.

And now, plumbing the depths to come up with my entry for the most obscure army of the war, the Rumanians. In fact Knotel has a detailed description of Rumanian troops of 1890 when they had altered little since 1877. There is also a Rumanian Jager in full colour in Kannik in the section on the Balkan Wars of 1912-13. For convenience I will summarise the information as a table:

	Headgear	Tunic	Facings	Trousers
Jager	Black Tyrol	Dark Brown	Green	Grey
	Jager Hat			
Gunners	Blue Kepi	Dark Brown	Black	Grey
Line	Blue Kepi	Dark Blue	Red	Grev
Dorobanz	Black Fur Hat	Dark Blue	Pale Blue	White
Rosiori	Black Hussar busby, yellow bag	Red	Black frogging	White

Cavalry breeches were tight Hungarian style while the infantry wore baggy trousers tucked into short boots. I used the old Minifigs ACW range for Rumanians: the Zouave in a kepi for the line and the Iron Brigade (in a feathered hat) for Jager. Rosiori came from the old Minifigs Cossack in a fur hat but Dorobanze have me beat as their fur hat is a very odd shape. Peter Laing WWI French would also do as Line infantry in their grey overcoats with turnbacks. Knotel also had a good picture of a Bulgarian Legion rifleman in his round fur hat, blanket roll and dark green Russian style uniform.

Guns for both sides were Krupps with their typical square breech. I would recommend Laing's Franco-Prussian War German field gun for the 4pr and his British 15pr BL gun for the heavier pieces. Pack guns would be similar to the screw gun made by Laing also. I apologise if all the figures described are 15mm, but they are the only ones I know about. They are of course easier to convert (and afford) than 25mm but I guess if you want to refight Plevna then 6mm or "hair roller" armies are a better bet and you don't have to worry about the *Dorobanze* hats.

I would like to suggest though that for a wargmer the Russo-Turkish war had more to offer than frontal attacks on impregnable fortifications. There was a wide variety of action to suit the taste equally of the skirmish wargamer, the mainstreamer with his divisional size forces and the "hair roller" freak with several army corps. There were plenty of set piece attacks by both sides: the Russians at Plevna and Lovatza; the Turks at Shipka and trying to get out of Plevna. There were plenty of less straight-forward actions too: Valentine Baker's classic rearguard at Tashkessen where his handful of battalions held the pass against Gourko and the Guard; Russian attempts to prevent the Turks resupplying Plevna by convoy. These are the sort of nitty-gritty fighting that bulks large in real wars but tends to be passed over by most wargamers, to their loss.

Most of the time the Russians should outnumber the Turks, especially in guns and cavalry. Typically a Russian brigade should have three batteries (24 guns) where the Turks had only one of six guns. This advantage should be reduced by making the Russsian guns hard to move and slow to acquire targets. The Russsian cavalry's scope for dismounted work should be restricted by a noticeable lack of dash. The Turks should have a mixture of Nizam, Redif and Mustaphiz; details of who is which being kept from the Russians to spread uncertainty and reduce initiative. For Turkish cavalry use Bashi-Bazooks who sometimes turn out to be regulars and charge home on the flank firing Winchesters instead of running away. The Turkish infantry should have lots of skirmishers, but only the Nizum could manoeuvre and fire at the same time. Other units could stand and fire with devastating effect except that Mustaphiz would clear off if under fire themselves. Russian tactics should be more ponderous: only one company per battalion could skirmish; no Russian troops mastered the art of fire and movement; attacks should be pressed even when perhaps they should not be. I suggest a system of written orders only modifiable on a high die roll. This way Russian troops committed to an attack will press on until their morale collapses or they are all dead, which is what they did.

Perhaps the most important point to stress is that the glacis-like slopes at Plevna are not typical Balkan terrain. Valentine Baker tells about dense undergrowth reducing visibility to 400 yards. Much of the fighting was in mountains and broken ground, where the Turks could run rings round the less flexible Russians. Any wargame of the campaign should reflect the variety of terrain which, with the variety of troop types available, makes it one of the most rewarding periods of the late 19th century.

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SCHLACHTENBUMMLER

OR VON STEINMETZ RIDES AGAIN

by Richard Brooks

Historical Context:

The 1870s saw rapid technological change on the battlefield with complex and often misunderstood results, both then and now. The Franco-Prussian and Russo-Turkish wars are interesting from the wargamer's point of view for a variety of reasons. The armies engaged varied widely in numbers, skill, morale, weapons and leadership. Consequently it is possible to play a variety of different games all with the same basic tactical rule mechanisms. The qualitative differences between the different armies makes the period an ideal test-bed to explore the interplay between physical factors (such as numbers or weapons) and moral ones (such as skill, morale and discipline). Changes in technology left the rifle the predominant arm, artillery a long way second and cavalry nowhere (except as mounted infantry). Fire and movement had to be carefully blended for an attack to succeed. Manoeuvre became paradoxically more important as frontal attacks became less practical. Formations became more extended to reduce losses. However it is not always obvious just how spread out troops should be: over-extension can leave them vulnerable to a close order counter-attack. The firing line has to be nourished from the rear so units are formed in successive waves. Just when the supports are pushed forward is a nice question. The commander has to find a balance between waiting too long and finding his skirmishers have run off or pushing too many men forward too soon and providing a juicy target for the defending artillery. If you like to see the figures on the table, this is of course the last period where it is possible to do so without hopelessly misrepresenting the tactical situation. By the end of the century soldiers would have learnt to keep out of sight and the enemy was only ever seen as dead or prisoners. In the 1870s however armies still marched off more or less in their peacetime finery: brass helmet plates and red trousers.

Key features of the Rules

SCHLACHTENBUMMLER is a two-sided tactical game based on the Franco-Prussian and Russo-Turkish Wars of 1870-1 and 1877-8. The name comes from the princely hangers-on who attached themselves to the Prussian Royal Headquarters in 1870, following the fighting without sharing the risks: a bit like wargamers. In the game, the latter may be regimental commanders running 3 or 4 units or divisional generals controlling several regiments with their supporting guns and cavalry. The hardware needed includes:

* Betweeen 60 and 300 figures on either side. I use 15mm, but 25mm would do.

* A table at least 5 × 4 feet, although 7 × 5 would be better. Fight along the longer axis of the table to allow deployment in depth. * Six-sided dice (D6) for movement, morale and changing orders.

* Ten-sided dice (D10) for resolving fractions of casualties. These are removed in whole figures, so you don't need to be able to write.

* Order cards: these are optional, but save writing during the game. Each card should have one word written on it, such as ATTACK, HILL, VILLAGE. Two cards can be placed with a unit or group of units to make up an order.

A brigade action with 100 figures a side should take up to 4 hours depending on the players skill and familiarity with the rules. With a little practise it should be possible to play a game without referring to the rules. However subtle the tactics represented, game systems should be simple if not crude and utterly memorable. For this reason such things as morale or fire effect modifiers have been reduced to a minimum. However there are inevitably a few numbers to be remembered. The quality of the troops engaged varied enormously. To reflect this units are assigned 3 ratings for their different capabilities:

* Tactical Competence (TCR for short): this controls how good they are at moving or changing their orders or firing after moving or doing anything that needs skill or training.

* Morale (MR): this controls how likely the unit is to advance under fire, win melees or rally when broken. * Discipline (DR): this controls how likely they are to hang on in there when failing morale tests, losing melees or taking casualties.

Each rating can have a value of 1 to 5, ranging from chronic to amazingly good, so that a unit's worth can be described in three numbers. For example Russian Line Infantry could be described as 234s to reflect their relatively poor Tactical Competence, their average Morale and the high Discipline that enabled them to take the high losses that they did. Although the system can theoretically produce a wide variety of values a player only needs to know the two or three that apply to the game being played.

The last feature of the rules to be noted is that they deliberately reduce the player's control over what happen, for example:

* Movement rates are partly dependent on TCR and partly on a die roll.

* Under fire troops may not always move or fire as expected even when they have taken no losses.

* Morale is tested at the start of a turn to make it less obvious whether the unit in question will move, fire, rally or whatever until they haven't. Key morale decisions should be done after all other units have moved to prevent the commander reacting.

* Some units should not be on-table at the start of play. They should appear more or less randomly as reinforcements. The Prussians were particularly prone to this despite their much vaunted General Staff.

* The order system restricts a commander's ability to change his plans especially with low TCR units such as Russians or French Garde Mobiles.

* The quality of many units is not known until they are committed to action, for example *Garde Mobiles* and Turks.

Game Setup:

Before playing a game two things are necessary. First decide what forces to use and what 'posture' they are in. There is no points system because the Prussians always cheated. Some of the more obvious scenarios include:

* 1870 Bataille de la frontiere: Germans attacking French Imperial forces in a *position magnifique* with odds in infantry of up to 2 to 1 by close of play. The French should all be regulars, with Zouaves and Cuirassiers for added ferocity.

* 1870 People's War: Either side might be attacking, with the Germans outnumbered heavily – but mostly by poor quality Gardes Mobiles

* 1870 Break-out action: French Imperial forces with lots of baggage trying to fight their way across the table in the face of weaker, but continually reinforced, Germans with plenty of artillery. German reinforcements should appear on the French flank, which forces them to attack in their turn. This leads to a very fluid battle as the French have to try to keep the main road open for their wagons.

* 1877 Gourko's march across the Balkans: mobile operations against varying numbers of Turks with Russian cavalry and Jager supported by Bulgarian militia. (Rebels to you, Osman.)

* 1877 Shipka Pass: either side defending entrenched positions in the mountains against heavy odds. Plenty of scope for ill-co-ordinated flank attacks and night actions using the system described in the first Wargames Illustrated.

The second thing to be done is design the terrain to be used. It is important to spread features out evenly avoiding extremes of too much clutter or too many open killing grounds. The main features to remember include:

* Woods are often very large, up to several kilometres across.

* Hills are important as they provide dead ground for reserves to hide in and vantage points for artillery. In the Balkans hills should be steeper, often covered with rocks and scrub which reduced visibility to a few hundred metres.

* Villages and farms often formed useful defensive strongpoints. However, if placed in too dominant a position they can be a bit too useful. Settlements tend to be in valleys (where the water is), which reduces their tactical value. Groups of small buildings surrounded by hedges or walls look better than large, single buildings. They are more

interesting tactically as well.

* Rivers were rarely fought over, although sometimes streams were, for example the Sauerbach at Woerth. This was fordable by infantry, but cavalry and guns had to use the bridges. The difficulty of crossing the stream varies along its length, so dice for this when the troops actually arrive on the bank.

* Make sure the defenders have enough depth in their position for reserves and to give some ground without losing the battle. Conversely the attackers need room to deploy onto the table without

being shot down.

I have gone on about game set up at some length because it is very important, possibly even more important than the rules used for the game itself. One sure way to improve a scenario is not to deploy all the forces at the start of play. The typical 1870s battle was the meeting engagement where most of the troops turned up during the course of the battle (or not at all). Set piece battles with both sides lined up beforehand did not happen. Even in Attack/Defend games:

* the attacker should only put an advanced guard on the table, say 30-40% of his strength – although proportionally stronger in guns.

* the defender should have part of his force off table as possible reinforcements.

Otherwise set up both sides as advanced guards with their leading elements just out of close artillery range, say 20 inches. Then prepare to raffle the reinforcements:

* For each side write the off-table units on a number of bits of paper, for example: '2 battalions of Bavarian Line' or '1 squadron Cossacks'.

* Mix these up with some blank ones and put them all into envelopes (one per side). Then throw a couple away without looking at them for added confusion.

Every turn each side draws for reinforcements.

These can appear on their respective baselines or, particularly in the case of the Prussians, on the flanks to represent the turning movements that tended to develop. This also gives cavalry a purpose in life, screening the flanks, while deterring the French from advancing boldly down the table early in the game.

Tactical Doctrine:

Troops should use one of the following formations:

* Column of march: 2 figures wide, used along roads.

* Battalion Mass (what the British called column of double companies): each company in line one behind another, used for

manoeuvring when not under fire.

* Close Order line: 1 rank of figures formed base to base. My infantry and gunners are stuck on bases 15mm square for a single figure. This stops them falling over and represents the right density for a firing line with the men spread out in 1 rank, shoulder-to-shoulder. Cavalry also have 15mm front per figure, but are obviously deeper.

* Skirmish line: 1 rank of figures spread out to occupy at least 1 inch per figure. Only trained skirmishers can do this, so I mark the bases of a proportion of each battalion who can act as such. The proportion

varied as follows:

- French or Germans 1 in 3

- Russian Line 1 in 5

Everyone else 1 in 4

* Artillery in action: put a gunner either side of the gun to occupy the regulation front of 100 yards per battery. This also allows the battery to count as a dispersed target. Each battery has four gunners who may be killed. However the guns cannot be destroyed as it seems unlikely that more than one or two out of the six that made up a battery would be hit

be hit.
Victory or defeat depends on how well these formations are used.
Units must be grouped to be effective, so put several battalions together. They will have more firepower and will last longer. Also, you don't need to roll so many dice: Morale tests and movement can be done for tactically significant groups. Thus a firing line from 3 battalions should test morale and hence move as one unit, not three. Open and close order need to be mixed so that the open order men screen the advance of the others who support them:

* Skirmishers cannot overrun close order troops (unless the latter hide).

* Only close order lines have the fire power to inflict decisive damage.

* However, dense masses of troops tend to suffer higher losses.

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Consequently an attack needs to be in several mutually supporting waves:

* A line of skirmishers to occupy a forward firing position and screen the advance of:

* The supports who follow 200-400m behind, depending on the ground. They join the skirmishers when they stop and help press home the attack.

* The reserve follows a similar distance behind to keep up the pressure or save the day when their predecessors falter (or even run away). Mounted officers should accompany the reserve.

All this looks very simple, but of course it isn't – which is why it's interesting. The important thing is that battalions have to be deployed in depth: never put a whole battalion into the firing line from the start, particularly when attacking. Prussian battalions used to attack on a 180m frontage, that is 3 inches. A regimental attack with 48 figures might occupy only 600m, about 10 inches on the table, so obviously they were deployed in great depth. When defending there are two considerations:

* The maximum firepower is needed to prevent the enemy skirmishers establishing themselves within effective range, so use close order firing lines to hold key points, not skirmishers. Dig them in if you have time.

* Enemy artillery is the main threat, so try to hold concealed, reverse

slope positions, at least with the supports.

Artillery is only effective 'en masse' and over a period of time. Normally it should not be moved within effective rifle range of the enemy, say 12 inches. However, sometimes it is worth risking a light battery in close support of the infantry. Commanders need to do several, contradictory things:

* lead from in front to keep attacks going (but risk heading the

casualty list)

* stay behind to rally broken units and issue new orders to reserves.

Organisation

The rules that follow assume some familiarity with late 19th century Orders of Battle. That doesn't necessarily hold good for all casual readers of this magazine, so the following is for the benefit of those who have yet to raise their first battalion of Pomeranian Grenadiers. If you have already painted up battalions of 12 or 20 figures, it doesn't really matter:

1) The basic tactical unit was the battalion of varying strength:

*	GERMAN	4	compan	ies800	men	16 fi	gures
*	FRENCH	6	ıî.	600	"	12	"
*	RUSSIAN LINE	5	"	750	"	15	"
*	" OTHERS	4	"	800	"	16	"
*	TURKS	4	11	600	"	12	"

2) The next level up was Regiment, normally with 3 battalions. Russian Guards and Jager had 4 battalions.

3) Divisions almost always had 4 regiments with varying levels of artillery:

* GERMAN 4 batteries 2 × 9prs and 2 × 16prs

* FRENCH 3 " 2 × 9prs and 1 × Mitrailleuses * RUSSIAN 4 " 2 × 13prs and 2 × 24prs

* RUSSIAN 4 " 2 × 13prs and 2 × 24prs * TURKS 3 " Mixture of 7pr, 9pr and 16pr The divisional share of the Corps artillery would increase these numbers by half. Note that the shell weights quoted above are the actual weights. Continental sources used to quote the weight of round shot that would have been fired, hence 9prs were described at 4prs and so on.

4) Cavalry were not very important, so paint up some of each sort because they look nice – but don't expect too much of them.

SCHLACHTENBUMMLER

The Breechloader Wars 1870-78

Scale: 1 figure to 60 men

1 inch to 60 metres or 16" per km

1 turn to 10 minutes

Sequence of Play: turns are alternate. Prussians go first, else dice:

1) Each officer may issue one order

2) Do fire and movement for each unit testing morale as needed

3) Resolve any overruns

4) Try to rally any panicking troops

Orders:

- 1) Only FOUR orders are possible:
 - * Defend somewhere
 - * Attack " (for guns = move within 20")

* Move

Engage " ie move into effective range and fire at it.

- may not overrun

- retire D6 + TCR inches if enemy advance within 6"

- effective range = 12" for SAF/40" guns

2) To issue or change orders roll D6 less/equal the unit's TCR plus 1 if officer with unit/minus 1 no officer within 16"

3) Troops without orders do nothing, retreating if under fire

4) Orders must be carried out until changed OR morale collapses, thus attacking troops must try to advance however suicidal this is.

Morale:

1) Test morale in the following cases:

- * advancing and less than 12" from the enemy, even if he can't be seen
- * last turn enemy advanced within 6"
- * casualties last turn other than in an Overrun

* hiding and under fire

* trying to rally panicking troops

- * comparable no. of friendly troops panicking within 6"
- 2) To test morale roll a D6 modified as follows:

* MINUS 1: no losses/officer with unit

- * PLUS 1: per sixth lost/officer killed last turn with unit
- 3) Compare the score with the unit's MR or MR + DR

* Less/equal MR: OK: carry on

- * Less than MR + DR: Advanced last turn: halt and fire Stood still in open: fall back the score in inches: may try to fire Otherwise: hide this turn
- * Equal/over MR + DR: PANIC!

Panicking Troops:

- 1) Run away 8" if enemy within 6" or unable to avoid fire by hiding. Otherwise hide.
- 2) May be rallied on Morale roll less/equal MR:

* on passing friendly troops OR

* on entering cover OR

* friendly officer with the panicking unit

3) Rallied troops need fresh orders: do this next turn

Movement

- 1) Distance moved = D6 + TCR inches: use morale roll if moving under fire.
- 2) Halve distance:
 - * moving into/through/out of woods/buildings
 - * crossing hedge/wall
 - * dismounting/remounting
- 3) Double distance (optionally) for cavalry/horse guns across open ground

- 4) When wheeling/charging formations measure distance from the figure with furthest to go
- 5) Troops must move the full distance scored except they:

* May stop at an obstacle or friendly unit

* Must stop at an enemy unit (see Overruns)

6) Skirmishers and any troops with Engage orders:

- * May not overrun enemy unless these are hiding or panicking
- * Must retire if in the open and enemy advance within 6"



Fire

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) Weapons:	Value	Range
* Dreyse rifle/Carbines	6	10"
* Podewils/Snider/Kranke rifles	6	12"
* Chassepot/Peabody/Berdan	9	16"
	/Werder	
* Mitrailleuses	D6 × 6	30"
* 7pr gun	15	RML 30"/RBL 45"
* 9pr "	20	RML 40"/RBL 60"
* 12pr "	25	"
* 16pr "	30	. "
* 25pr "	35	"

2) Firing Restrictions

* a target must be to the front and within a 60 degree arc

* a target must be visible: roll 010 greater than the range in inches to see a target in a wood or beyond a hedge unless they are firing * troops must stand still to fire except moving infantry within 12" range may fire on rolling D6 less/equal their TCT

* before firing on a new or moving target, guns must roll D6 less/equal their TCR to range in: modify the roll as follows:

Minus 1: Range less than 20"/Obvious target eg houses/woods/columns

Plus 1: Range more than 40"/Target outside arc of fire last turn: includes guns unlimbered this/last turn

* hiding troops may not be hit by SAF

 Fire Effect = No. of figures/guns firing × weapon value × 1/100 Modify as follows:

×2 Guns/mitrailleuses within 6" range

Target mounted/moving in the open: supports moving behind firing skirmishers count as in cover from the smoke

Target enfilades/more than 3 figures per inch frontage

×½ Target entrenched

Target hiding

SAF over 12" range

Dispersed target ie 1 or less figures per inch frontage

NB: Count all figures within D6 inches of the target's front

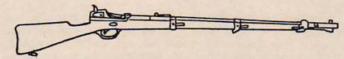
Roll D10 to resolve any fractions of hits

4) Example: 9 Berdans at moving troops in the open within 12" score 1.62 hits. Remove 1 figure at once and roll D10 less than 6 to get another (9 × 9 × 2 = 1.62 ie 1 auto hit and 6/10 chance of another) 5) If firing over friendly troops roll D10 less than their distance from either target or firing troops to avoid hitting them also.

6) Officers under fire have twice the normal chance of being hit eg: 10 figures suffer 2 casualties: any officer with them has a 40% chance of

joining them (ie $2/10 \times 100 \times 2$).

7) If the no. of casualties suffered in 1 turn equals/exceeds a unit's DR it panies automatically and runs away.



Overruns: ie advancing troops collide with enemy figures.

- 1) Each side rolls D6 modified as follows:
 - * Add MR allowing for casualties/officers present
 - * Add 1: numerical odds of 3 to 2; Add 2 for 2 to 1; 3 for 3 to 1
- Double nos: defending buildings; attacking flank/rear; cavalry vs standing cavalry.
 - Halve nos: hiding or panicking
- * Add 1 per 3" the attackers advanced under fire this turn IF the defender stood still last turn.

2) Higher score wins (roll again if drawn):

* Cavalry kill 10% per figure per 1 difference in score

* Other troops fire adding 1 to their weapon value per 1 difference

* Panic if the difference equals/exceeds their DR: may not fire

* Otherwise fall back twice the difference in inches: may fire first;

—1 from their weapon values per 1 difference. Guns get left.

* May panic anyway after firing if the sum of their casualties that turn and the difference in the overrun scores equals/exceeds their DR.

Troop Types: Nationality:	TCR/MR/DR	Weapons:
Prussian	4 3 4 3 3 3	Dreyse rifle/9 and 16pr RBL guns
Bavarians	3 3 3	Podewils/Werder rifles/9 & 16pr RBLs
French Line	3 4 3	Chassepot rifle/9pr RMLs/Mitrailleuses
Mobiles	2 D3+1 D3	
Russian	2 3 4 3 3 3	Kranke/Berdan rifles/12 & 25pr RBLs
Rumanian	3 3 3	Peabody/Dreyse rifles/9pr RMLs
Turks roll D6:		
5/6 = Nizamie	4 4 5	Peabody/Snider rifles/9 & 16pr RBLs
2/3/4 = Redif	3 3 4 2 2 1	as Nizamie
1 = Mustafiz	2 2 1	as Nizamie

NB: Jagers/Chasseurs add 1 to TCR: Elites add 1 to MR and for DR. There is a mounted officer with each infantry regiment (3 btns) and with every brigade (2 or 3 regiments)

Glossary:

DR D6 halved to read 112233 instead of 123456

D6 A normal 6 sided die

D10 A decimal die reading 1234567890

DR Discipline Rating: the resilience of a unit
MR Morale Rating: the initial "bottle" of a unit
RBL Rifled Breech Loader, ie a gun loaded at the back

RML Rifled Muzzle Loader, ie the opposite SAF Small Arms Fire, ie rifles and carbines

TCR Tactical Competence Rating: the skill of a unit

NB: TCR/MR/DR may each range from 1 to 5, ie chronic to excessively good. The value of a unit can therefore be described in a 3 digit number eg: 221 for the cowardly Bashi-Bazouk of 445 for Prussian Guards.



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A Wargamer's Guide to the Vendéan War, 1793-1796 Part 2

by Guy Halsall

MILITARY ASPECTS

The Organisation of the Royalist Army

The Grande Armée was very much an irregular force, being made up of a number of local divisions of 'armies'. These were organised by parishes, which each elected a captain and several lieutenants. When the army was called up, the commander of each local 'army' decided how many men he wanted and divided this by the number of parishes under his control. The church bells then sounded the tocsin to call the locals to arms and the parish captain selected men up to the required number. It was possible for certain individuals to buy immunity. The parish companies then met the general at a set rendezvous. Thus, whilst being somewhat medieval in organisation it is clear that the counter-revolutionary army was not the anarchic horde which it is sometimes claimed as being. On 3 August 1794 the Republicans captured an ordinance of the Catholic army, issued by Stofflet, which laid down detailed rules on the organisation and dress of his army. Though practical, these were probably not followed closely in the field. I hope to return to them in a future article.

The main drawback of the Catholic Army was that it was unable to hold together for long periods. After a battle most of the soldiers returned home with their loot (it it had been a victory) or to hide (if it had been a defeat). Nevertheless, this made it equally difficult for the Republicans to track down a beaten force.

The uniform of the insurgents was necessarily basic. The Vendéans wore their traditional civilian clothes. Clogs or sabots were common as footwear and the typical headgear was a wide-brimmed hat, straw in summer, felt in winter. The only item of uniform was the sacred heart badge (a red hat, surmounted by a cross) worn on the breast by each rebel. White Royalist scarves were also common, as were white armbands and plumes (for the officers). Again, Stofflet tried to regulate the uniform of the Army of Anjou in 1794 but we do not know how far he was successful. One further distinction was the traditional blue, sometimes sleeveless, jacket worn by the Angevin peasants. This contrasted with the essentially brown cloth dress of Charette's Maraichains and Peydretz. Again, I hope to discuss this more fully in a further, more detailed, article.

For weapons, the Royalists were initially armed with pole-weapons and cudgels, for the most part. The scythe, with its blade turned through 90° to form a kind of glaive, was a favourite weapon. Many of the rebels were ex-gamekeepers or poachers and possessed hunting rifles. Needless to say, they were excellent shots. As the war progressed, large numbers of fire-arms fell to the Vendéans, but even in 1795 over a third of Stofflet's army was armed with piques et batons (pikes and cudgels). A number of heavy guns also fell into the rebels' hands. The Vendéans fondly gave these cannons, as often archaic guns dating from the Wars of Religion as up-to-date Gribeauval pieces, their own individual names and became very attached to them. Examples of these names are Le Missionaire and Marie-Jeanne. The latter, an old culverin, was captured by the Republicans at the first battle of Fontenay (16 May, 1793) and was the focus of numerous ferocious fights during the second battle (25 May) before the triumphant rebels retook it. An indication of the nature of the Vendéan ordnance is given by the size and number of guns captured by General Tuncq at the battle of Luçon; two 12pdrs, four 8pdrs, ten 4pdrs and six caissons. Most of the artillery was lost in the Virée de Galerne however.

The tactics employed by the Catholic army were irregular, as one would expect, and were known as *Le Grand Choc*. The rebels would deploy with a screen of sharp-shooters to the fore. Behind them came the better armed insurgents and, last, the great body of troops, many armed with pole-arm. Using the close terrain the sharp-shooters

would advance on the Republicans, picking off selected targets. If the enemy seemed shaken by this fire the second line would charge to the attack, otherwise it would join the firefight, similarly firing from behind cover, until such time as a charge appeared likely to succeed. The Vendéans took every opportunity to use broken terrain to infiltrate and out-flank the Republican lines and when the better armed Royalists attacked, often from several sides, the mass of troops with pitch-forks, scythes and pikes would rush upon the bleus. This three-part division was not entirely deliberate. It is true that by 1794 Stofflet seems to have organised his sharp-shooters or chasseurs separately, but the division into better armed troops who supported the initial attacks on the enemy, and the rest, who waited until a charge was certain to succeed, was mainly a result of the differing morale of these troops. If the attacks by the skirmishers and/or better-armed rebels were having little effect or were being beaten off the main bodies would as often as not take to flight. Where there were no proper sharp-shooters the better-armed rebels took over their role too. The 'mobs' of Royalists, including those armed with pole-arms, seem to have advanced in small bodies to maximise their use of terrain and ability to attack the blues from several sides. When attacking artillery, the Vendéans would rush upon the guns in very open formation, throwing themselves flat when they saw the initial flash from the cannons' muzzles and thus letting the round-shot pass over them. These unconventional tactics dismayed the Republicans, who claimed that the 'brigands' were able to steal artillery from under the gunners' noses!

Against cavalry, the rebels, in the earlier battles, fell back to form crescent shapes into which the enemy charged. They then either drove them off with musket-fire, or rushed in on them from several sides. On other occasions, rebel 'units' seem to have simply stood and fired at the horsemen and if that failed to stop them – and the Vendéans did not run for it – opened their ranks and 'swallowed them up' into a mêlée where pole-arms and numbers could tell. The Republican general, Turreau, implies that the reason why D'Elbée prevented the cavalry from being effective was that he manoeuvred in several columns which confused the 'patriots' and thus they were never sure where to use their horse until it was too late.

As I have said, the bocage was not cavalry country. Nevertheless the rebels did have some horse, including Republican deserters, which they used skilfully, under the command of the Prince de Talmond. The Vendéan cavalry were frequently used as mounted infantry skirmishers, as scouts and as pursuers, though they proved



Vendéan Rebel



themselves more than a match for the Republican sabreurs in a number of clashes.

The rebel artillery, commanded by Bernard de Marigny and Bertrand Poirier de Beauvais, was used simply to give covering fire or to 'soften up' Republican positions. It was not usually heavy enough to effect breaches in town walls, one of the reasons why the Catholics were unable to take Les Sables d'Olonne, Granville or, on the return from the Virée de Galerne, Angers.

The Republican Army

The forces which the Convention had, to try to suppress the revolt, were motley indeed. They too were divided into a number of small local 'armies' which were eventually combined into the 'Army of the West'. To follow in detail the changes of name and higher organisation of these forces here would be complicated and tedious. The reader is referred to pages 5-52 of Phipps' book on the Republican armies (see bibliography).

The Republican infantry was made up of a number of elements. At the beginning of the war there were only the provincial National Guards and some Volunteer battalions. The former, in practice, often lacked uniforms and effective weaponry, being issued with pikes. They were thus little different from the Royalists in appearance and lacked their enthusiasm. The Volunteer battalions were more numerous and each contained nine companies, one of which was of grenadiers. These units were slightly better equipped and uniformed than the National Guards and some, the 1791 Volunteers, could be good troops being former soldiers of the Provincial Regiments. Most, however, were as unreliable as the National Guards.

At first the Convention, since it did not take the situation in the West seriously, sent no reinforcements of any quality. Twelve battalions of the Paris National Guard were despatched, but these proved to be more of a hindrance than a help – an undisciplined mob which spent most of its time in insubordination or mutiny. Later in March it was decided to transfer three army corps for the West from the armies of the North and the Ardennes. These comprised in total 34 more battalions of Volunteers and, what is more, two infantry regiments of the regular army and two regular cavalry regiments.

The regular infantry at this date were as yet unaffected by the Ordnance of 21 February 1793 governing regimental organisation and each regiment still comprised 2 battalions, each of five companies, including one élite company. In one battalion this was of grenadiers, in the other it was of voltigeurs. Each company numbered about 120 men. The regulars still largely wore their white bourbon uniforms with the 'tarleton'-style helmets. At first these were the only units of any quality in the Convention's army.

A further element of the Republican infantry was made up of the Bataillons de la Formation d'Orléans. The Formation of Orleans was one of those peculiarly illogical ideas which have always plagued the French military. It was decided to withdraw troops from the armies of the North and Ardennes without visibly reducing their strength. This was achieved by taking six men from each company of infantry,

moving them to Orleans and mixing them with new recruits to form new units. As it was, a large number of the recruits kept the temporary battalions which they had been formed into and refused to merge with the veterans. There were fifteen battalions of the Orleans Formation sent to the Vendée, totalling c.12000 men, and thus averaging around 800 men each. These battalions varied in quality but most seem to have been unreliable because of the obvious lack of esprit de corps. It would, as everyone said, have made more sense to transfer whole units.

This expedient was tried later in the war. The garrison of Mayence (Mainz) was sent as one force to the Vendée, numbering between ten and fourteen thousand good quality troops. At the end of 1793 a further 10,000 men were transferred from the frontiers to the west.

Other units which fought in the war included 183 Grenadier-Gendarmes. These were the Guards of the Convention but remained less than a year in the Vendée. Also present were several legions; the Légion du Nord under Westermann, which included 8,000 infantry; the Légion Germanique, which included German deserters and ex-Swiss Guards, many of whom deserted to the rebels, and which was eventually formed into the 13th Light Infantry; and the légion de Rosenthal which was also eventually made into a line regiment. The Volontaires de Santerre were another obscure unit, clothed in brown uniforms and wearing the 'Tarleton-style' helmet. Finally, mention must be made of the 35th Division of Gendarmes, 800 men in eight companies, two of which were formed of ex-Gardes Françaises. This unit distinguished itself on several occasions.

Most of the Republican cavalry, too, were gendarmes but we occasionally meet other troop types. The cavalry of Westermann's Legion are said to have numbered 4,000 (including the Husards de la Liberté) and were eventually formed into various line units including, apparently, the 22nd Chasseurs and the 11th Hussars. Dragoons are mentioned in some engagements and the 9th Hussars and 1st Hussars (the former Husards de Berchény) also crop up in our accounts. One other interesting unit was the American Legion from Nantes, a unit of freed negro slaves described variously as hussars and dragoons (from which I wonder if we may conclude that they were intended to be husssars, but lack of funds made the less ornate uniform and title of dragoons more applicable) and dressed in sky-blue breeches and yellow jackets. Like most of General Beysser's division, this unusual force was cut to pieces by Charette at the Battle of Montaigu on 22 September 1793. The artillery of the Convention seems to have been made up of 4, 8 and 12 pounders, to judge from the calibre of the Vendéan guns, all of which were captured from the Republic. The 'blues' also appear to have employed a surprising number of mortars.

We can conclude that much of the Republican army was inferior to that of the rebels. Many of the infantry were as badly equipped and uniformed and were not as devoted to their cause as the Catholic insurgents. Those who had uniforms often found these in shreds before too long. Berthier and the other generals were exasperated by the low morale of their troops, many of whom, upon sighting the enemy, 'marched off, singing gaily'. Some units, such as the ex-Swiss Guards, the ex-Régiment de Provence (4th Line) and other troops of the German Legion deserted en masse to the Royalists. It was only the fighting quality of the Mayençais (2) and certain other units, together with a massive superiority in manpower (3) and eventually humane policies which ensured final victory.

Tactically the Convention's army was at a loss as to how to deal with the rebel armies. The very armies which, on the frontiers, were baffling with their unusual tactics the coalition troops trained in the school of Frederick the Great were, in the Vendée, themselves as bemused by the unorthodoxy of the rebels. One officer wrote of rebel 'atrocities" such as firing from windows upon troops passing through villages! It is the same old complaint of the traditional eighteenth century soldier about guerrilla warfare which we see in the British army in the American Revolution. Hemmed in by the close terrain, sniped at by expert marksmen from several sides and then rushed by mobs of fanatical peasants wielding scythes and pitchforks, the Republican troops often had no option but to 'run for it'. In the Vendée the Republicans often stood on the defensive in linear formations and attempted to stop the rebels with firepower. In the attack it seems most likely that, as elsewhere, columns were used. Certainly these would be more useful in the close terrain. The usually raw troops would be able to keep their cohesion more easily and would be better able to react to attacks in the flank. Skirmishing light infantry, where available, were used to screen units and counter the

rebel sharp-shooters. Republican chasseurs were, like their Royalist opposite numbers, often former poachers and game-keepers. Veteran troops like the *Mayençais* seem to have had more tactical versatility. At Torfou (19 Sept. 1793) the *Mayençais* engaged in prolonged fire-fights from behind hedge-liness, used cover during attacks and, during their retreat, halted every so often to pour volleys into their pursuers. However, it must be said that on this occasion most of Kléber's troops were light infantry.

The cavalry were of little use in the Vendéan heart-lands. Used as scouts, they often failed to do their job properly for fear of being ambushed in the *chemins creux*. On the battlefield they frequently refused to charge and were sabred several times by the less well armed Vendéan *chevaliers*. The ferocious Westermann used his cavalry most effectively, as flying columns to attack isolated villages or units, or to pursue beaten rebels. Even his hussars were beaten when the Vendéans were able to meet them on equal terms. In *La Plaine* the cavalry were more useful. At the first battle of Fontenay the cavalry routed the rebels with a flank attack, and at Luçon the hussars attacked the centre of the Royalist army, ensuring its bloody defeat. The guns of the Convention's army seem, according to General Lecomte's detailed account of his defeat at Chantonnay (5 September 1793), to have been parcelled out among the infantry battalions to give fire support.

Republican armies were habitually accompanied by interfering Representatives of the People. These political commissars got in the way of the generals and while they usually fled at the first sign of gunfire (the Representative Merlin de Thionville was a notable exception to this, being an able tactical commander) they were always the most eager to execute captives after the battle, regardless of sex or age. The Republican strategy was to attack the Vendée in a number of columns, divisions or armies, forcing the rebels to have to march back and forth to counter them and allowing them no peace. When these columns were allowed to combine, as before Cholet (October 1793) the result was inevitable - catastrophy. On the other hand, in the campaigns of September 1793 the Royalists inflicted a number of defeats in detail upon the divided columns. Towards the end of 1793 it was decided to exterminate the Vendéans. Certain Republican columns, notably that of Westermann, burnt, plundered and killed as they went. In 1794 the Colonnes Infernales were formed especially for this purpose. There then followed several months of massacre and desperate fighting which only served to fan the flames of the revolt. In the middle of 1794, when Robespierre and the extreme montagnards fell from power, this policy was revoked and more humane commanderrs sent out. The strategy was now to hold down the region with armed camps, while promises were made to pacify the area.

Stalemate followed and the main war ended by treaty at La Jaunaya in 1795. When the war resumed there was little support for the Royalists and the campaigns were simply those of cat and mouse.

It must be stressed that La Vendée was viewed by the Conventional troops in somewhat the same vein as the Eastern Front was seen by the Germans in the last war. 'Patriot' losses were very heavy in the war, perhaps reaching 200,000. While the Royalists usually treated their prisoners well, there were massacres, both at the beginning of the rebellion and becoming more common after the Virée de Galerne and particularly in the period of the Colonnes Infernales. More gripping was the fear of death in ambush in the bocage, or in defeat in battle. When a Republican army was routed in the Vendéan heartlands it invariably suffered heavily. Very many 'blues' were reluctant to take part in the massacres and savage repressions of October 1793 to May 1794. Kléber and Alexandre Dumas left the Vendée in disgust for the frontiers. Napoleon refused to be transferred to the West on the grounds of ill health. It was a flimsy pretext which almost cost him his career. One general said that after this war against Frenchmen, taking on the invaders, the servants of tyranny, would be child's play.

Notes

(1) As regular readers of my articles will know, the Revolutionary Wars are hardly my 'speciality'. So if there are any errors in this discussion I would be most glad to be corrected, and will reward the furnisher of correct information with the princely prize of a pint at some convention or other! I must confess to finding some difficulty in establishing the organisation of the Volunteer battalions in 1793. The Ordnance of 21 February 1793 which established battalion organisation as nine companies, including one of grenadiers, did not apparently take effect until 8 January 1794 but I am not sure that the new Volunteer units would have been organised along the old Royal lines.

(2) Even the *Mayençais* negotiated with the rebels with a view to changing sides when one of their popular generals was replaced.

(3) Though the armies were evenly matched, or the Republicans outnumbered, on the battlefield, the 'Blues' usually invaded in several columns and of course had colossal reserves of manpower.

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"Notes on the Prussian Army in the Seven Years War"

Part 2 - Infantry (1) Continued

by M. Tomczak

Infantry Manoeuvres and Movements.

The Prussian infantry of this period are renowned for the precision of their drill and manoeuvring and the level of ability they attained carrying it out. The basis for this was laid during the years before 1740, when the emphasis was on parade-ground drill and rapid firing, this provided the base on which Frederick worked in the years after 1745. He marvelled at the order and discipline of his infantry and he worked ceaselessly to maintain and improve it, and particularly by making it more mobile and flexible on the battlefield. The period before 1756 saw a great deal of experimentation with new foundations and movements, and a number of movements were introduced and added to those detailed in the infantry Reglement of 1743. (This was basically a simplified version of the 1726 Reglement. A "Reglement" was issued to an officer appropriate to his arm, and contained full details of drill, training, manoeuvres and service regulations). In addition to holding parade-ground reviews, Frederick developed the system of autumn manoeuvres, which were scientifically planned tactical excercises using large bodies of troops over various types of terrain. The system permitted the testing of new ideas and formations over varied terrain, or on other occasions a new movement would be tested with one regiment and made standard in the army if a success. Frederick emphasised the importance of this training for officers and men alike, and it is noteworthy that the majority of excersises involved offensive movements. The system performed a number of functions simultaneously - the testing of new methods; teaching officers how to control and lead large-scale movements in varied situations and terrain; training the men in carrying them out; and increasing the army's ability and preparedness.

The manpower of a battalion would be organised as follows: for a five-company battalion, 22 officers, 50 NCOs, 16 musicians and 570 privates, and for a grenadier battalion 18 officers, 36 NCOs, 16 musicians and 480 privates. (These figures do not include medical personnel, or the regimental musicians and staff). In addition to this would be the *ueberkompletten* and the augmentation of 1757.

It is appropriate at this point to clarify the use of the term "pace". Throughout the sources used for this series, ranges and distances are given in schritte ("paces"), with one pace in this context measuring 30 inches (75 centimetres). The Prussian infantry, however, used two different-length paces at this time - the gewoehnliche Schritt (normal pace) of 65 centimetres, and the Avancirschritt (advancing pace) of 75 centimetres. The normal pace would be use during the approach to and manoeuvring before a battle (the Reglement stipulated that evolutions were to be carried out slowly and in exact order) with the marching speed being 75-80 paces per minute, and the advancing pace would be used once the line had been deployed and the advance begun. In 1747 Frederick ordered that in future a speed of 90-95 paces was to be aimed at during the first minute of an advance and from then on the speed was to be 70-75 paces. This was an attempt to speed the rate of advance and reduce the time spent under enemy fire, and it appears that the speeds demanded by Frederick were something to be aimed for rather than a firm demand. An officer in the Garde, Scheelen, who recorded a variety of facts about drill and times taken to carry out various movements in the 1750s, reports that a single battalion in line could maintain a speed of 90-100 paces per minute for some time without becoming tired, whereas with long lines a speed of 60-65 paces per minute, and during more rapid movements such as a bayonet attack 70-80 paces per minute were considered realistic. The advance by long lines of up to twenty battalions at a time were practised extensively, and on occasion could be carried out in perfect order for distances of up to

It would seem logical for a set of wargames rules for this period to use the 75 centimetre pace as the basic unit of measurement for distance and range.

A battalion of five companies in line, with the *ueberkompletten* standing some way behind the five flags at the centre, would occupy a frontage of over 147 paces. This figure applies to a unit on the old

footing, and allows each man a frontage of 56 centimetres (3 paces were allowed for every 4 files), and includes the flag group and the officers and NCOs standing between the platoons. A further 12 paces were permitted on the right flank for the battalion guns. The figure is based on the assumption that the men stood with elbows touching ("arm on arm"), but Scheelen of the Garde noted that during movement there would normally be a slight loosening in the lines, and a battalion would more usually occupy a 150 pace frontage. A grenadier battalion, again on the old footing, would cover 128 paces, perhaps 130 with the loosening. The augmentation of January 1757 would add 50 files to musketeer and fusilier battalions, and 40 to grenadier battalions.

For tactical purposes a battalion would be divided into eight pelotons (platoons), with the files divided as evenly as possible between them (with a five-company battalion on the old footing, the 6th and 7th platoons would have 23 files, the remainder 24). In the line the 1st would always stand on the right, then through to the eighth on the left. The tallest men would be in the front rank, the shortest in the second. With the four-company grenadier units the division into eight platoons was fairly straightforward, but rather illogical with a five-company unit. On one occasion in the 1750s Frederick stated he would prefer to reorganise his infantry quite radically, but this would be too expensive. The officers would be divided among the platoons by an order of precedence, with the result that many men would be led by officers they did not know well. Each pair of platoons formed a "division". The platoon front was the basis for many movements, and on the march, both on the then fairly wide roads and across country the battalion would generally march in a platoon-wide column.

The manoeuvres included in the 1743 Reglement were generally unchanged from 1726, and were the forming of lines from columns and vice versa (carried out by wheeling of platoons from or into a column), marching in line, and in platoon – and file – wide columns, the formation of regimental squares (the movement shown in the diagram was known as the "slow regimental square", the "fast regimental square" no longer appeared in the 1743 Reglement), and marching a platoon-wide column through a narrow point such as a bridge or gate, which would be done by each rank doubling itself so that a three-deep regiment would become six-deep. There were also details of how a battalion was to be trained to assemble in order very rapidly – each man had an exact place in the line, and would know the men to his sides, front and rear, and several times each spring the battalion was to disperse to command and then reassemble rapidly. The result was that a battalion could be fully formed up within minutes of an alarm being given, even in darkness.

When a battalion formed a platoon-wide column, it would march off either by the left, with the 8th platoon leading, or by the right, with the 1st platoon leading.

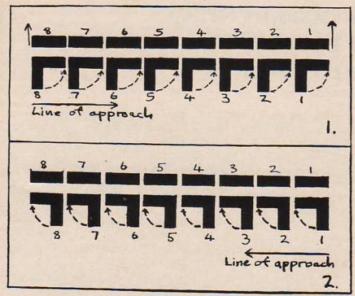
During the years before the Seven Years War a number of new movements were introduced, and these are detailed below:

Travesifen, which involved a sideways movement by a battalion in line over a short distance (up to 20 paces) so as to close up with a neighbour, was introduced in the autumn of 1755.

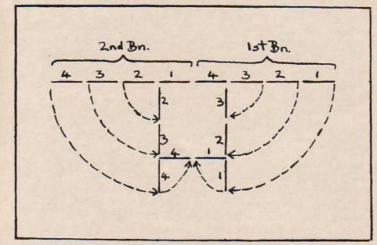
The schraegmarsch ("diagonal march"), by which a unit in line could move diagonally to left or right, was introduced in its final form in 1754, and involved the men keeping their shoulders facing forwards and, if moving to the right, bringing the left foot forwards across the right foot and next moving the right foot to the side and then straight forwards. it was reckoned that twice as many paces would be required to cover the same distance to the front or side as in normal marching.

A new method of forming a platoon column from a line was introduced in 1754. The 1st platoon would remain stationary, the others would turn right and move to form a column behind it.

The battalion square, originally abandoned in 1743, was reintroduced in two versions in 1752. A battalion in line would form square in a similar way to the regiment, with the 4th and 5th platoons



1) Forming lines from platoon columns. Once the line was formed, a small gap would be left between platoons for an officer in the front rank and an NCO in the rear rank. The flag group stood between platoons 4 and 5. On the march there would be a distance of a platoon frontage between platoons, with 2 paces between the ranks in each platoon. In line, the ranks would close up. (All diagrams by the author.)

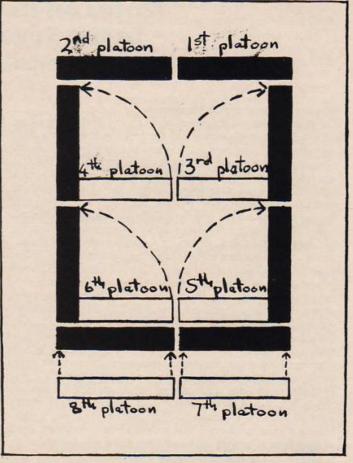


2) The "slow regimental square". In a battalion square the 4th and 5th platoons would form the front face.

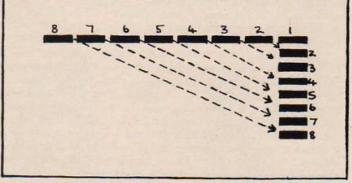
taking the role of the 4th and 5th divisions. A battalion on the march in a platoon column would first form four divisions, from here the square would be formed.

In 1747 Fredrerick ordered that in future the wheeling of battalions would be practised regularly. This was completely new. It was to be done in such a way that any gaps or confusion appearing in the line during the movement were to be ignored until it was completed and only then be remedied. It seems that a wheeling of several lines of battalions was also practised. Scheelen of the Garde records that a battalion with a front of 150 paces would take two minutes to complete a wheeling movement (presumably to a line ninety degrees to the original front).

The brueckenmanoever ("bridge manoeuvre") was first tested in June 1753 and was introduced across the army. It was intended to allow one (or more) battalions in a line to cross a bridge (or some other narrow point) rapidly and in good order even in the face of the enemy. The platoon facing the bridge would march straight across with files at the ends of the line dropping behind as necessary, the remaining platoons would then turn left or right as appropriate and cross the bridge two at a time in a six-wide column. If the enemy were present one platoon and battalion gun would be positoned on each side of the bridge to cover the crossing, a task which would be carried out by platoons already across. Once across, the lead platoon would halt or advance slowly as the commander wished.



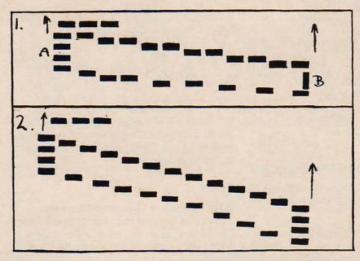
3) A square formed by a battalion on the march. Four divisions would be formed, platoons 3 and 5 would wheel right, 4 and 6 left, and 7 and 8 would close up and turn about to form the rear face.



4) The new method (of 1754) of forming a column from a line (previously done by wheeling platoons). The column formed would be close order.

From 1753 on, efforts were made to increase the effect of the bayonet attack, the final version being arrived at in 1756. When the actual bayonet attack began, the command "Vorwaerts faellt das Gewehr!" would be given, upon which the men were to lower their muskets so that the tips of their bayonets were at eye-level. Close to the enemy, upon the same command the front rank were to lower their bayonets to knee-height, the second rank theirs to waist height. The rush into the enemy was to be accompanied by shouting, although it is not known what was shouted – "Hurra!" was picked up later from the Russians. The officers were to ensure that the muskets were empty before the attack began so as to reduce the chances of the men stopping to open fire. If or when the enemy ran before contact was made (regarded as near-certain by the Prussians) the commander could have the men fire whilst advancing, or load and shoulder their muskets and continue advancing.

The advance by battalions en echelon was practised regularly from 1751 onwards, the distance between the battalions would vary from 20 to 50 paces. On some occasions two battalions would form each echelon (see diagrams). This manoeuvre did permit a more rapid



The two methods of advancing en echelon, each with a 3-battalion attaque leading.

advance, but nevertheless care had to be taken to maintain order - at Leuthen (1757) the men of three battalions leading the advance as the attaque were extremely eager to get to the enemy, and Fredrick sent several messages ordering them to advance more slowly so that the army en echelon to the rear could keep up and stay in good order; the officers of these three battalions had to take vigorous action to make the men slow down.

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Despite its dumpy appearance this model is a most accurate representation of the latest version of the AMX-30, although the addition of the IR stowage box on the rear turret is surprising on such a late mark.

FMNS - VAB APC

This is the nicest version of the VAB (4x4), please, however, can we see a version fitted with the TL152A MG turret on the crew station as is standard on French vehicles.

FMN12 - AMX-10P

Although accurate in dimensions, some hull and door details as well as the lack of definition in the tracks and suspension detract from the appearance of this model of the standard French Mechanised Infantry vehicle.

The range also includes a very useful Tarasque towed 20mm AA, the Panhard VBL light 'jeep' replacement and the Rapid Deployment Forces ERC-90S – none of which are produced elsewhere

I understand that Scotia are at present concentrating on their modern Russian range which now numbers over 40 models. The latest releases are:

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An excellent model of a late-production T-64A with fabric skirts, complete with separate 12.7mm KPVT HMG.

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This is the above model fitted with the latest Soviet reactive armour array (copied from the Israelis), covering the glacis, turret front, side skirts and partially the turret roof.

RM42 - T-72

This is a model of an early T-72 with optical ranging, no skirt plating or smoke dischargers. The height of the hull is somewhat large in relation to its turret size which gives it a rather squat look.

RM30 - BRDM1

Earlier Soviet equipment is also covered, as represented by this earlier reconnaissance car. The sharp detailing of this model is somewhat marred however, by a missing roof hatch and front mounted splashboard.

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The figures have obviously been 'inspired' by Jeff Burn's illustrations for Philip Haythornthwaite's *The English Civil Wars* and as many Civil War wargamers will be familiar with this book I will refer to the illustrations in it where applicable.

FOOT

EW1 - Pikeman Charging Pike

In back and breast (no tassets) and morion. Nicely positioned and his pike fits neatly into his hands (no filing required). The pike is supplied and is a real pike – not a pole – with head and langets. Plate 21, figure 55.

EW2 - Pikeman Shouldered - Hat

In back and breast (no tassets) with broad brimmed felt hat. Marching comfortably rather than as per drillbook, he is wearing a snapsack over his back and a nice touch is the morion slung from his belt. A really good figure this one.

EW3 – Pikeman Shouldered Pike – Helmet Similar to EW2 but standing and without snapsack. It is a pity that this figure is not marching as it would then have fitted nicely with EW2 but nonetheless still a good figure. Back and breast (with tassets).

EW4 - Pikeman Ordered Pike

Available in three variants: a) Cabasset, b) Felt Hat and c) Morion. Otherwise all are identical with left hand on sword and right open to grip the cast pike. A first class 'standardly posed' figure, which, I would guess, will be the best-seller of the range. Plate 19, figure 48.

EW5 - Musketeer Loading

He's really leaning into his reloading and even has his hand turned palm outwards as shown by De Gheyn as 'Withdraw your Scouring Stick'. Plate 17, figure 44.

EW6 - Musketeer Firing

My favourite musketeer – he looks as though he really means business and the figure is also robust enough to take the unavoidable knocks of constant gaming. Again wearing snapsack and even has his sleeves turned back.

EW7 - Dragoon

Posed standing firing, wearing coat, soft hat and 'belly box'. A useful dragoon figure or even New Model Army musketeer (but the carbine is too small if you want to be perfect about it). Plate 10, figure 23 combined Plate 24, figure 63.

EW8 - Officer

Holding a correct eight-foot partisan in right hand and hat in left. Wearing buff-coat, back and breast and gorget. One of the best officer figures produced for this period. Plate 15, figure 36.

EW9 - Ensign

I could go into reams on this one – it's superb! and I think that sums it up. Colours in left hand, sword in right, standing at bay. Figure & pose as Plate 13, figure 32.



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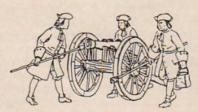
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EW10 - Drummer

Standing resting – a great change from the walking & playing pose you usually get – in coat with hanging sleeves (yes, they've even got that right) and montero. However, the drum is of a small 'modern' type and is, I feel, too small for the Civil War. Plate 20, figure 53.

EW11 - Musketeer Marching

Two variants available: a) Felt Hat and b) Montero. Like EW2 (with whom he fits well) marching comfortably not as per drill book. Wearing snapsack, musket on left shoulder. Excellent figure.

EWA1 - Gunner with Rammer

Not my favourite figure since he iss obviously a 'revamp' of EW1 and in the same position which, in a gunner, looks terrible. Wearing an awful representation of a Monmouth cap.

EWA2 - Gunner with Bucket

Walking with a (separate) bucket in left hand and a large rag in his right, in shirtsleeves with a (good) stocking cap on his head. Nice figure. Plate 25, figure 66.

EWA3 - Gunner with Linstock

Similar figure to EW8. With sword and satchel on shoulder straps and wearing a soft hat. Standing. Plate 25, figure 65.

CAVALRY

EWC1 - Officer

Charging with right hand raised, separate sword. An obviously flamboyant character in laced coat and zischarge. Plate 22, figure 58.

EWC2 - Standard Bearer

(More correctly 'Cornet'). A more soberly dressed chap in buff-coat and hat. Holds his separately cast cornet in his right hand. This latter is on a correctly shaped staff and THE best cornet I have ever seen in 25mm. An excellent figure. Plate 9, figure 22.

EWC3 - Dragoon

A veteran-looking chap resting his musket across his saddle-bow (separate musket). Wearing coat, hat and bandolier.

EWC4 - Cuirassier

3/4 armour and 'lobster', at rest with drawn sword. This is quite beautifully sculpted and even the helmet's nasal bar hasn't been blurred into the face as so often is the case. Plate 4, figure 9.

EWC5 - Heavy Trooper Standing

Similar position to EWC4 in back and breast, buffcoat and triple-barred lobster, whose bars are actually separate from the face! wears slung carbine.

EWC6 - Heavy Trooper Charging

Like EWC5 but posed with right arm outstretched to take separate sword. This figure is magnificent – the epitome of an 'ironside' or veteran 'cavalier'. Plate 6, figure 14 (as is EWC5).

EWC7 - Medium Trooper

In buff-coat and hat, also charging with with right arm brought back to hack at someone with (separate) sword. Good figure.

HORSES

There are really only two horses: a 'small horse' and a 'large horse', with three posi-

tions of each – Standing, Trotting and Galloping (EWH1 to 3 and EWH6, 4 & 5 respectively). All horses have integral saddlery and pistol holsters etc., but I definitely felt that the 'small horse' was too small for a war horse, but nice as a dragoon nag. The 'large horse' though is good and even has a nicely padded saddle, although admittedly you can't see it with a figure on it. The poses are a bit predictable but will suffice and the horse anatomy is good, it is only a pity that there are not more variants.

EQUIPMENT

EQ3 - 17th Century Saker

Cast in 5 (easily assembled) parts, this is an excellent model of a medium gun, even down to the wide wheels with iron bands.

EQ4 - 17th Century Mortar

Cast in 3 parts, this is a real beauty. I can't think what I'm going to use them for but I'm busy painting a battery. If you wargame the Civil War – buy some.

Overall the range is well-researched, nicely posed and offers good coverage for any army. I'd like to see a cavalry trumpeter though (hint, hint) especially if he's half as good as the rest of the Cavalry. I don't go a bundle on the horses (but no range is perfect) but the foot figures are excellent and good value:

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THE BATTLE OF LOGAN'S CROSS ROADS (MILL SPRINGS)

by Arthur Harman

Introduction

This minor engagement of the American Civil War offers an interesting scenario, involving a dawn attack on a force dispersed in camp, and, since only 4,000 men or thereabouts were available to each side, is ideally suited to wargamers with only small armies, or those beginning gaming this period. Alternatively, those who possess large forces may use a different figure/man ratio and ground scale, in order to create a more realistic visual representation of the battle, and incorporate more detail of low-level tactics. It will be perfectly possible to stage an enjoyable game with two players, each taking the role of the senior officer present at any one time, but there is no reason why players should not portray brigade, or regimental, commanders if enough wargamers wish to take part. Briefings have been provided on the assumption that at least two players will control each side; should this not be the case, the game organiser may produce a composite briefing for each side, and the players must, in imagination, change roles when required.

UNION FORCES

Brigadier-General George H. Thomas

Second Brigade: Colonel Mahlon D. Manson

10th Indiana, Lt.Col. William C. Kise; 4th Kentucky, Col. Speed S. Fry; 10th Kentucky, Col. John M. Harlan; 14th Ohio, Col. James B. Steedman.

Third Brigade: Colonel Robert L. McCook

2nd Minnesota, Col. Horatio P. Van Cleve; 9th Ohio, Major Gustave Kammerling.

Twelfth Brigade: Acting Brigadier-General Samuel P. Carter 12th Kentucky, Col. William A. Hoskins; 1st Tennessee, Col. Robert K. Byrd; 2nd Tennesssee, Col. J.P.T. Carter; 1st Kentucky Cavalry, Col. Frank Wolford.

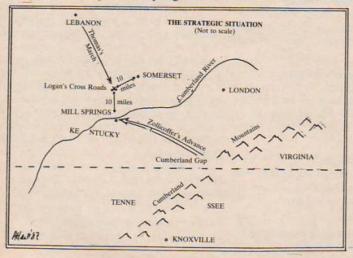
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BRIEFINGS

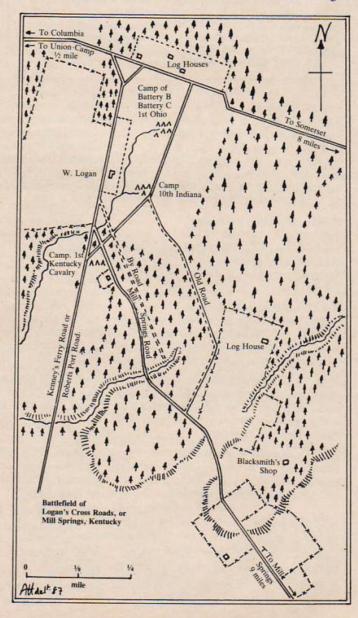
Brigadier-General George H. Thomas

On November 15th, 1861, General Don Carlos Buell assumed command of the Department of the Ohio, and ordered you to concentrate your command at Lebanon, preparatory to an advance upon Knoxville, but to take no action at that time that would put the enemy on the alert. However, upon learning that General Zollicoffer had left Cumberland Gap in the charge of a strong garrison, appeared at Mill Springs, and entrenched on the northern bank of the Cumberland, he advised you to march against Zollicoffer and recapture the ferry at Mill Springs. Your force left Lebanon on 1st



January, 1862, but encountered great difficulty in the muddy tracks beyond Columbia, made worse by the incessant rain. Vehicles and artillery pieces sank to their axles; at one time, progress was so slow that it took eight days to cover forty miles. On the 17th January you reached Logan's Cross Road, about ten miles north of Zollicoffer's camp at Mill Springs, with the 9th Ohio and 2nd Minnesota of McCook's Brigade, the 10th Indiana of Manson's Brigade, Kenny's Battery and a battalion of Wolford's Cavalry. The remainder of your troops, the 4th and 19th Kentucky, the 14th Ohio and Wetmore's Battery, had been detained in the rear by the poor roads. You therefore communicated with Brigadier-General A. Schoepf, and ordered him to send the 1st and 2nd East Tennessee, the 12th Kentucky and Standart's Battery across Fishing Creek to your camp. Colonel Steedman was detached with his 14th Ohio and the 10th Kentucky in an attempt to capture a Rebel waggon train that was reported to be foraging six miles from their camp; he has not yet returned from this mission. This evening, 18th January, the 4th Kentucky, the Michigan Engineers and Wetmore's Battery have struggled up, and have encamped near the Indiana.

See the Map for details of your camps at Logan's Cross Roads. All other troops are encamped half a mile to the west, around your headquarters. Discuss with Colonel Manson, in command at Logan's



Cross Roads, your plans for attacking Zollicoffer in the next few days. Do you intend marching as soon as your men are recovered from their march (say 24 hours), to wait for Steedman's return, or to unite with Brigadier Schoepf? Zollicoffer is estimated to have about 4,000 men, some of which must have been detached to guard the foraging expedition, and his entrenched camp is unlikely to present a serious obstacle to a determined assault. Although your men are tired, they have been heartened by the thought of meeting the enemy at last, after many months tedious training and drill. This spirit is unlikely to survive many days inactivity in this miserable rain. Decide what you propose to do, and draft detailed plans and orders for your brigade commanders and any communications to Schoepf, who fell back towards Somerset after his pickets near Mill Springs were driven in by Zollicoffer's Confederates. He has the 17th, 31st and 38th Ohio regiments under his command. This reinforcement would give you an advantage in numbers over the enemy.

Colonel Mahlon D. Manson, Commander, Second Brigade, encamped at Logan's Cross Roads.

Half of your Brigade has been detached to operate against the rebel foraging expedition, and has not yet returned. It is the evening of 18th January, 1862. Study the map of the area around your camp, and draw up a plan of vedettes and patrols. Discuss plans for advancing against the enemy with General Thomas. Your own men are in good heart, but have been badly knocked up by their march over appalling roads in wretched weather. You feel it would be inappropriate to move until the troops have been rested for several days, and the rest of the force has come up.

Note for game organiser

Allow Thomas and Manson to become engrossed in their plans, but make sure that Manson has provided a plan of his pickets. Use this, in conjunction with the Confederate Order of March, to game the initial encounter, and once Manson's pickets have been driven in, give him this message:

"Colonel Wolford begs to inform Colonel Manson that a strong force of the enemy, of at least four regiments, with supporting cavalry and artillery, has appeared on his front from the direction of Mill Springs, and driven in his vedettes. Colonel Wolford has been forced to fall back on the 10th Indiana, and requests immediate assistance."

It is shortly after dawn, the 19th January, when you receive this message. Firing is audible from the south east. Your options are:

- 1. Ride immediately to the sound of fighting to discover what exactly is going on (the game organiser will brief you on your arrival);
- 2. Rouse the 10th Indiana and 4th Kentucky from their camp, and lead them in a counter attack;
- 3. As 2 above, but leave the counter attack to their regimental commanders, while you ride to report to General Thomas in person, notifying Colonel Van Cleve of the 2nd Minnesota, whose camp lies between Logan's Cross Roads and Thomas's headquarters (the game organiser will control the action, or entrust it to another player, whilst you are away from the field this is what Manson did in reality, Colonel Speed S. Fry of the 4th Kentucky took charge of the defence, and rallying the 10th Indiana, held the fence adjacent to the Old Road until reinforcements came to his assistance - did Manson panic, or just lose sight of his real duty to deliver a message that could have been given to a courier instead?).

Should the player choose 1 or 2 above, he may have 2 minutes to scribble a hasty message for Thomas, which the game organiser will deliver after an appropriate delay. In the event he chooses 3, he may leave the room and confer with Thomas in person. Where Thomas only is played, the game organiser should assume that Manson acts as he did in reality, rousing the 4th Kentucky and 2nd Minnesota, and report to Thomas in the role of Manson himself, having first advanced the game to the earliest time at which Thomas might arrive on the field.

CONFEDERATE FORCES

Major-General George B. Crittenden

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BRIEFINGS

Major-General George B. Crittenden, Brigadier-General Felix K. Zollicoffer

It is the 18th January, 1862. The Confederate forces are encamped at Mill Springs. Major-General Crittenden has arrived and assumed command from Brigadier Zollicoffer, who had previously advanced from Cumberland Gap, driven away Schoepf's pickets, and crossed the Cumberland at Mill Springs, where a fortified camp has been built on the northern bank of the river. It is believed that, as a result of recent heavy rain, Fishing Creek will be unfordable, and so Crittenden has resolved to attack the Union troops commanded by General Thomas at Logan's Cross Roads, before they can be joined by Schoepf's Brigade. The Confederate camp is not tenable against a determined attack, and the one steamer upon which the army relies to ferry troops and equipment across the Cumberland means that a withdrawal over the river in the face of the enemy would be extremely hazardous.

Draw up a plan for an advance against Thomas, the troops to march at midnight tonight, in order to reach Logan's Cross Roads by dawn. Brigadier Zollicoffer will command the advance guard. The game organiser will bring you to the table when the troops encounter the enemy.

GAME ORGANISER'S NOTES

Subject to the Confederate Order of March, and the arrangements made by the Union players, assume that at dawn the Rebel advance drives in Union patrols on the Mill Springs Road, and bring the player portraying Zollicoffer to the table to command his brigade. Carroll's Brigade and General Crittenden will follow after the fighting has become general along whatever front the Union manage to establish, or after an hour. They may be kept informed by any messages Zollicoffer cares to send, and by the game organiser telling them details of what they can hear, impersonating wounded men making their way back down the road, and so on. The game proceeds according to whatever rules have been chosen.

Special effects

Apart from their pickets, the Union troops will be rudely awakened by firing, or urgent messages from the scene of the fighting, and must assemble quickly, without roll-call or breakfast. The game organiser should remember that they are fatigued after marching through mud for several days, particularly the 4th Kentucky, Michigan Engineers detachment, and Wetmore's Battery, which only arrived the night before, and make appropriate deductions from movement and fighting ability.

The areas of forest around the campsites will affect visibility, and troops moving towards the engagement should not be placed upon the table until they are visible, their advance being recorded meanwhile on the game organiser's copy of the map. At the start of the game, the Confederates might advanced along the Mill Springs Road on an empty table, until the Union pickets open fire on them.

The day appears to have been dull, but with no wind, so that powder smoke filled the woods. This made it difficult for officers to follow events, or identify the enemy, and may have led to Zollicoffer's death:

"A little lull in the firing occurring at this juncture, Fry rode a short distance to the right to get a better view of the movement of the enemy in that direction. The morning was a lowering one, and the woods were full of smoke. (The smoke was in fact extinct by this time, due to excessive hunting.) As Fry turned to regain his position he encountered a mounted officer whose uniform was covered with a water-proof coat. After approaching till their knees touched, the stranger said to Fry: 'We must not fire on our own men'; and nodding his head to his left, he said, 'Those are our men.' Fry said, 'Of course not. I would not do so intentionally'; and he began to move toward his regiment, when turning he saw another mounted man riding from the trees who fired and wounded Fry's horse. Fry at once fired on the man who had accosted him, and several of his men, observing the incident, fired at the same time. The shots were fatal, and the horseman fell dead, pierced by a pistol-shot in his breast and by two musket-balls. It was soon ascertained that it was Zollicoffer himself who had fallen."

I interpret this account to infer that both Zollicoffer and Fry were uncertain as to each other's identity, and that the former was convinced that his troops were accidentally firing on each other. During the course of their brief exchange, Zollicoffer remained sure that Fry was a Confederate officer; his remarks, and the direction of his nod – Fry was at this time in danger of being outflanked on his right/Zollicoffer's left – may have begun to raise doubts in the Union officer's mind, when another Confederate officer, emerging from the woods, saw Zollicoffer, as he thought, in danger from a group of Union soldiers, and fired at Fry. Fry and some of his men instantly grasped the situation and opened fire, with fatal results for Zollicoffer.

How to incorporate this confused little encounter in the game? The problem must be to create the uncertainty as to the identity of the various participants. I suggest that, at an appropriate moment during the main game, ideally when the Union troops have rallied and held the first Confederate attack, the game organiser withdraws all players from the table, and sets up a mini-game whose result will determine whether Zollicoffer is wounded, killed or survives the encounter. In order to confuse the players, they will each be given new roles, not necessarily on the same side as that they have been controlling; the names have also been changed to disguise the real situation. Draw a briefing at random for each player, from this selection:

Lt.-Col. William C. Kise, 10th Indiana

After some desperate fighting to hold the line of the rail fence against the Rebel onslaught, your men are recovering during a lull in the firing. The smoke hangs so thick about your position, that you have ridden out amongst your skirmishers to get a better view of the enemy. Where the hell are the supports? You sent an urgent request for reinforcements to the Brigadier as soon as the strength of the Confederate attack became apparent. What is the lunkhead playing at? Surely McCook's Brigade ought to have come up from the main camp by now? What's this? A mounted officer in a dustcoat approaching from your left – must be from those regiments of

Schoepf's that joined last night . . . Better brief him on the situation and get him to deploy on your flank . . .

Privates Ezra Jennings, Tom Jackson, Bill Wheeler, 10th Indiana

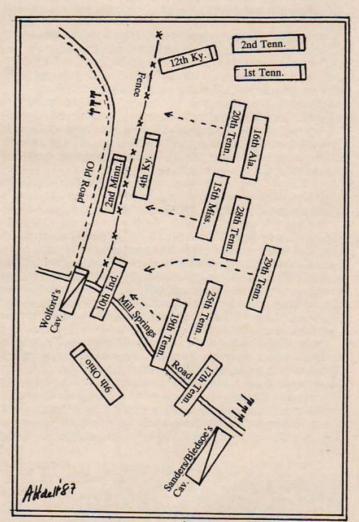
Your're resting on your rifles, knocked up after beating off a Reb charge, dripping sweat, mouths parched from biting cartridges and breathing powder smoke. Only a few rounds left in your pouches, so you don't see how you can stand another attack less'n the General brings up some fresh troops real quick . . . Here comes ol' Colonel Kise, a right good officer, not like that yellowbelly Manson who skeddaddled as soon as the bullets began whistling! And over there, to the left, here be some big braid officer riding up to talk to the Colonel. Talks kinda funny . . . guess he must be from them Tennesseans with Schoepf's Brigade. Trust them to arrive just when you've whipped the graybellies . . .

Brigadier William H. Carroll C.S.A.

You have just ridden up to the front line, looking for Zollicoffer to discover what is going on and get orders for your troops. The woods are thick with smoke, and the fighting seems so confused that you are convinced there will be the danger that your men will be fired upon by their own side if you are not careful. Riding out of the woods, to your right you see a mounted officer and some infantrymen from the 19th Tennessee. You must warn them not to fire on your own men, and find out exactly what is going on . . .

Major Horace Rice, 29th Tennessee

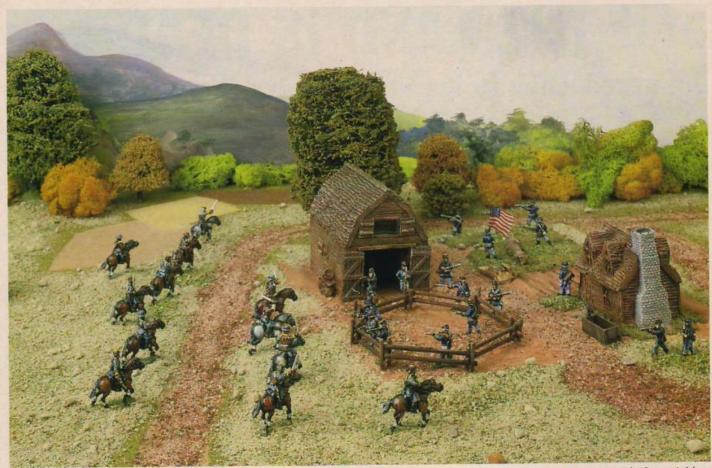
Riding forward to reconnoitre, you see Brigadier Carroll, talking to another officer...But those men behind them...they're Yankees, by God! Got to save the Brigadier before they capture him...You snatch your Colt Revolving Pistol from your holster, and spur forward to get a better shot...



Deployment of Troops Towards Close of Battle (not to scale)

Union units are indicated by a bar, thus:

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"Chawplug II: Return of the Rebs". 'Goldurn it, Major! Jeb Stuart's fritterin' away his cavalry in penny packets, instead of massin' 'em accordin' to Napoleonic principles!' 'Don't take no wooden nickels, Sergeant Chawplug! Those riders have still gotten closer 'an 33 yards! Jes' keep firin'!'

Toys: Pioneer Miniatures. Buildings: Hovels. Philological note: OK, so nickels weren't minted till after the ACW, but this is pure

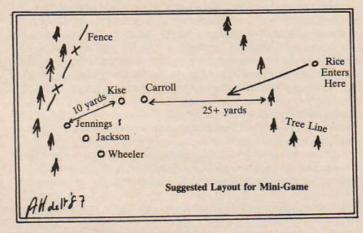
Hollywood!

GAME ORGANISER'S NOTES

Once players have read their briefings, set up the situation as shown, but do not allow Rice on immediately, wait until Kise and Carroll have exchanged a few words. All privates are armed with Minié rifles, which at close range will hit for a score of 1 or 2 on a d6, 1 at longer range/moving target; officers with revolvers, which hit for 1 at close range only on a d6, and hold six shots. Rifles take six turns to reload; pistols cannot be reloaded whilst moving, and take twelve turns. During a turn a man may fire, run 10 yards (according to whatever scale has been chosen), or ride 15 yards. Close range is 0-20 yards, long range anything over 20 yards. Dice for any shot that hits: 5 or 6 kills; 3 or 4 gives a serious wound; 1 or 2 a light wound/scratch; two serious wounds kill. Play the game quickly to discover Carroll's – that is Zollicoffer's – fate. If he is killed, two of the regiments of his brigade will retreat in confusion, but may be rallied. Return to the main game, and explain the purpose of this mini-game afterwards.

A BRIEF ACCOUNT OF THE ACTUAL ENGAGEMENT

At daylight the Confederate cavalry of Zollicoffer's Brigade encountered Wolford's pickets, who fell back on the reserve, two companies of the 10th Indiana, whilst Wolford informed Manson of the attack. Colonel Manson ordered up the rest of the 10th Indiana, the 4th Kentucky and an artillery battery, before riding off to inform General Thomas. En route he also roused the camp of the 2nd Minnesota. Meanwhile, Wolford's cavalrymen, fighting on foot, and the 10th Indiana were falling back before the rebels. Colonel Fry brought up the 4th Kentucky and deployed it to the left of the 10th along the fence. Some of Wolford's men and the 10th rallied upon the 4th Kentucky, but the rest of the 10th retired to their camp before they could reform. The Confederates were able to crawl up a ravine in front of Fry's position to fire; the Colonel mounted the fence and "in stentorian tones denounced them as dastards, and defied them to stand up on their feet and come forward like men". There was then a lull in the fighting, during which Zollicoffer met his death in the manner described above.



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THE LAND IS DEAD

An introduction to the Cape Frontier Wars, 1799-1878

PART ONE by Ian Knight

The 1879 Zulu War remains one of the most fascinating of Colonial campaigns, but the drama of Isandlwana and Rorke's Drift tends to overshadow many other intriguing and historically crucial campaigns which shaped the development of southern Africa.

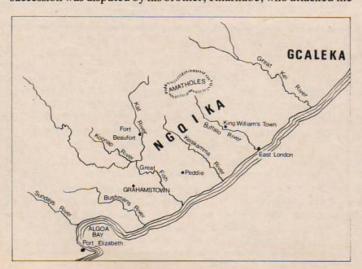
Between 1799 and 1878 no less than nine wars were fought against the Xhosa people on the eastern frontier of the Cape Colony. They were known at the time as "Kaffir Wars", the word "kaffir" refering to black Africans in general or Xhosa tribesmen in particular (Xhosa being a difficult word for Europeans to pronounce, as it has a clicking sound on the X: the easiest Anglicisation is "kor-sah"), although it has since acquired highly derogatory associations. Each war had its own immediate cause, but underlying them all was a fundamental clash of cultures; that of the whites advancing east from the Cape, and that of the Africans originally from the north, advancing westward.

The Cape was colonised by the Dutch East India Company, who arrived in 1652, and established a small supply base to provision their ships on the long haul to the Indies. These first settlers found the Cape uninhabited but for small nomadic bands of the indigenous Khoi people ("Hottentots"), who were easily brushed aside. Over a century, this colony grew, swollen by an influx of religious refugees from Europe, and developed an independent spirit. Despite the wishes of their bosses, the Company, the colonists began to drift westward in search of pastures new. Here, on a stretch of rolling grassland beyond the Bushmans River known as the *zuurveld*, the "sour veld", sometime in the 1750s, they bumped into the Xhosa.

The Xhosa were a more formidable race than the Khoi. Their racial stock and language was similar to that of their northern cousins, the Zulus, and, like the Dutchmen, the "Boers", they were pastoralists. Initial individual contacts were friendly, but circumstances contrived to force Xhosa and settler into bitter enmity.

In Cape Town the administration noted the contact with the Xhosa with some concern, having neither the resources nor inclination to become involved in border disputes. Somewhat arbitrarily the government fixed as its frontier the Great Fish River, beyond the zuurveld; everything to the west was Cape property, it decided; everything to the east was barbarian savagery. Alas, this bureaucratic decision ignored the reality of a situation in which the zuurveld was already occupied by small adventurous parties of both Xhosa and Boer. And the situation was further complicated by a rift in the Xhosa body politic.

Xhosa society was much less centralised than that of the Zulu. It comprised a number of clans headed by chiefs related to a paramount, to whom they owed allegiance, but who had little power over them. In 1778 the paramount chief Gcaleka died. His succession was disputed by his brother, Rharhabe, who attacked the





(1) A fine study of a Xhosa warrior, draped in a blanket and carrying his throwing spears. The shield is of the type associated with the Zulus, which replaced a simpler Xhosa type from the mid-1820s on, with the arrival of the Mfengu.

young heir of the ama Gcaleka, "the people of Gcaleka", but was driven off. He turned westwards, and attacked another Xhosa clan along the way. This clan, the imiDange, crossed into the zuurveld to escape the wrath of the ambitious Rharhabe.

To the scattered frontier Boers, this influx of Africans seemed like a flood. They pleaded for official help, pointing out that the Xhosa incursion was technically an invasion, and a local landdrost or magistrate, the tough and ruthless Adriaan van Jaarsveld, called out a commando, a band of local volunteers who served as police force and army. Van Jaarsveld ordered the imiDange to return across the Fish. When they did not, he fell on them. On one occasion, whilst parleying with tribesmen, he threw a tobacco pouch on the ground; as the Xhosa scrambled to pick up the contents, van Jaarsveld's men opened fire. The imiDange retreated to the dense bush of the Fish river, and the first so-called war was over.

Technologically, the Xhosa were outclassed by Boer muskets. The Xhosa nation did not boast a standing army like that of the Zulus: when a chief wished to fight, he simply sent round a message, "The land is dead!", and the warriors mustered at his kraal. The



(2) A dance of Xhosa warriors. Note the traditional hide cloaks, worn with the hair inside, and turned out at the top.

majority fought naked, or dressed in a hide clock, stained with red ochre and worn with the hair inside. Some of the young warriors wore an impressive headdress consisting of grey wing feathers in a headband; senior men wore one or two crane feathers. Oval ox-hide shields were common in tribal conflicts, but the Xhosa soon realised that they were ineffective against bullets, and they became less common as the wars dragged on. For weapons, each man carried a bundle of throwing spears. A warrior would charge down on his enemy, holding the bundle in his left hand, and throwing with his right, beginning at a range of fifty yards. The spears were made to vibrate in flight, which added to their accuracy and penetrating power. The last spear was retained for use as a stabbing weapon, in case fighting became hand-to-hand. Traditionally, the Xhosa battle tactic was an encircling one, not unlike the Zulu "chest and horns"; a body of young warriors would advance from the front, whilst flank parties rushed out on either side. A body of senior men would remain in the rear guarding the chief, who was expected to be on hand, though not to expose himself too much. Throughout the Frontier Wars, the Xhosa distinguished themselves by their ability to adapt their strategy and tactics. Though the effectiveness of Boer muskets must have come as an unpleasant shock in this first war, they soon learned to abandon open rushes and opt instead for raids launched from bush that was largely impenetrable to whites.

The political situation amongst the Xhosa remained messy in the aftermath of the first war, which had only touched one minor clan. In 1782 Rharhabe was killed raiding a neighbouring tribe, and his son Ngqika succeeded. But Ngqika was a minor, and his uncle Ndlamba took charge of the amaRharhabe. Ndlambe was no less ambitious than his predecessor, and he sought to exert his control over the imiDange and their allies the Gqunukhwebe clan, both of whom lived west of him. These two clans denied Ndlambe's seniority, but were caught between a rock and a hard place. In order to escape Ndlambe, they drifted into the zuurveld. Ndlambe at once pointed this out to the Boers, and offered to help the settlers despatch their mutual enemies. In May 1793 the Boers put a commando into the field, but contented themselves with looting cattle from the zuurveld Xhosa, before withdrawing. Enraged, these warriors swept across country, driving out Boer settlers and burning their farms. A strong counter-attack merely managed to check the situation. A peace was patched up, but the vanguard Xhosa clans remained on the zuurveld.

If there was dissention in the Xhosa camp, the close of the eighteenth century brought it in the European one too. In Europe the Revolutionary Wars raged, and in 1795 control of the Cape passed to the British. In the course of the following years, they would lose it and regain it before coming to stay, and their arrival would not



(3) The "wing" style headress worn by some Xhosa warriors (Exeter Museum).

be appreciated by the frontier Boers. As well as problems with the Xhosa, the British would have to cope with a number of small Boer rebellions. Their first short sojourn set the scene; they were immediately embroiled in another Frontier War.

In 1794, Ndlambe's ambitions had received a rude shock. His nephew Ngqika, for whom he was regent, had no sooner undergone the ceremonies attendant on the arrival of manhood, than he organised a coup and ousted his uncle. Ndlambe, affronted, appealed to the paramount, who lived to the east, and hitherto avoided involvement either in the campaigns of the amaRharhabe, or with the whites. The paramount now sided with Ndlambe, which proved to be a mistake, as young Ngqika was a talented warrior, and

Captions for colour artwork

If for no other reason, the Cape Frontier Wars are interesting because they mark the evolution of a practical campaign dress in the British Army. Figure (1) represents a Private of the 72nd Highlander in the Sixth War. The wings have been removed from the jacket, and the brown trousers and leather peak to the forage cap are local improvisations. The large cartridge pouch worn at the front of the belt became a feature of British dress in the Wars. The two British cavalry regiments who fought in the wars were the 7th Dragoons (figure 2) who charged at the Gwanga in 1846 wearing forage caps and undress jackets. The 12th Lancers (Figure 3) saw some service in the Eighth War, and in the separate Basutho Campaign. Figure (4) depicts a private of the 91st in the "War of the Axe". He wears the coatee with the collar turned down, and stripped of lace. His cap has added peaks fore and after. The most impressive local adaptations were made by the 74th Highlanders in the Eighth War, who went into action in a loose hunting shirt, dyed a variety of colours from grey to brown. The Private (Figure 5) carries his possessions in a blanket roll on his back, rather than in a pack, and the Officer (Figure 6) carries a double-barrelled shot-gun, a popular weapon for bush fighting. Figure (7) shows a Private of 73rd in the 1850s, in locally acquired trousers, a coatee stripped of all ornament, and a civilian hat. Figure (8) depicts an Mfengu warrior. The Mfengu were originally of Natal stock, and their dress was similar to that of the Zulus, but after prolonged contact with the Xhosa their appearance became more Xhosa. By the 1870s, many went into battle in European clothing. Finally, Figure (9) depicts a Private of the 1/24th, 1878. An extreme case, his clothes are patched and he has lost his sun-helmet, and replaced it with a wide-brimmed hat.

Figure (1) represents a young Xhosa warrior in traditional fighting costume. Both the cloak and the warrior's body have been smeared with red ochre, to give a rich red-brown glow. The cloak is wrapped round the left arm and held across the body for protection. The Xhosa were very fond of decorating themselves with beads. Figure (2) shows an alternative way of wearing the blanket cloak; this blanket is a typical trade pattern, common as contact with white traders increased. Figure (3) shows the typical dress of a chief. He wears a leopardskin cloak, worn with the hair inside, but turned out at the top. The outside has been coloured with ochre. He wears a single crane feather, an emblem of seniority. Figure (4) represents a traditional Xhosa shield. About 4 ft. 6ins tall, these shields were not as well constructed as the more familiar Zulu type. They were widely used in tribal wars, but seldom against Europeans, as they were not effective against bullets, and cumbersome to carry in the bush. Some illustrations show that the coming of the Mfengu influenced the pattern of Xhosa shields, this style giving way to the more familiar "Zulu" style. Figure (5) shows the spectacular "wing" style of headdress worn by some young warriors. The Xhosa did not have "regiments" like the Zulus, and different portions of the army wore no distinguishing costume, apart from crane feathers for senior men, and this headdress. Many warriors fought naked, without blanket or headdress. There are many accounts of Xhosas wearing sandals, but these do not feature much in contemporary illustrations, and so have been excluded here.





promptly drove the paramount back across the Kei. This fight marks the establishment of two different sections within the Xhosa nation, the amaNgqika, Ngqika's people, in the west, technically owing allegiance to, but largely independent from, the paramount's section, the amaGcaleka in the east. In 1799, Ndlambe gathered his followers and crossed the Fish. His arrival amongst his old enemies there stirred up an already tense situation.

In March 1799 British Brigadier-General Thomas Vandeleur arrived on the Frontier to quell a half-hearted Boer rebellion. Whilst there, he tried to usher the zuurveld Xhosa back across the Fish. Afraid of being caught between two fires again, they took to the bush. A war party blundered into one of Vandeleur's patrols, and attacked it. The Xhosa then attacked the general's camp, but were driven off with volley fire. It was the first taste of Frontier warfare for the British, and they did not enjoy it: warfare against the Xhosa was "inconceivably difficult", one noted in his diary, being "carried on through almost impenetrable forests, over great hills, and through

torrential rivers". It was the shape of things to come.

Thinking he had defeated the Xhosa, Vandeleur prepared to depart and leave the mopping up to the local commandos. He had, however, misjudged the situation, for the Xhosa found a new ally. For many years the Boers had employed Khoi servants on their farms in conditions amounting to little more than slavery. When the British arrived, the Khoi appealed to them to redress their grievances. When this help was not forthcoming, the Khoi threw in their lot with the Xhosa. Dressed in European clothes, mounted and armed with muskets, they were a match for the Boers. British troops were put into the field once more, and sporadic fighting dragged on until political considerations in Europe forced a British retreat, and an uneasy peace settled on the zuurveld.

They returned in 1806, this time (as political allegiances had shifted in Europe) taking the Cape by force. They attempted to impose some order on the chaotic Frontier, and in 1811 ordered Ndlambe to retreat across the Fish. When he refused to go, several divisions swept the bush and drove him out. The Fourth Frontier War was short, sharp, and a success for the whites.

The peace was short-lived. The quarrel between Ngqika and his uncle became increasingly bitter. In 1818 Ngqika attacked Ndlambe, but was disastrously beaten in the battle of Amalinde. Ngqika, sensing his power beginning to slip, appealed to the Colony for help. The British saw an opportunity to rid themselves of the more troublesome Xhosa clans, and make an ally of Ngqika. In December 1818 a combined British and Ngqika force rampaged through Ndlambe's territory, capturing cattle and burning huts. Ndlambe retreated to the bush just long enough to watch the British retire. Then, abetted by a prophet of considerable renown called Makanna (also known as Nxele, "the left handed", translated by the Boers as Linksch, and Anglicised by the British as Lynx, as if it meant the wildcat), who promised that his magic would render bullets water. Ndlambe took his warriors into the heart of the Colony, and attacked the settlement at Grahamstown. On April 22nd, 1819 three thousand Xhosa swept down to attack the town. The garrison turned out to meet them, and, in one of the few pitched battles of these early wars, the Xhosa were driven off by volley and cannon fire. Ndlambe fled to the dense and tangled bush of the Fish river, where the British tried to hunt him down. Nxele surrendered and was exiled to Robben Island, off Cape Town. Ndlambe escaped, but his followers surrendered. Then the British turned to Ngqika, and presented him with the bill

In return for their help in defeating Ndlambe, the British blandly told Ngqika that they would be extending their jurisdiction right up to the Keiskamma river. The land between the Fish and the Keiskamma would be a neutral zone on the fringe of the colony. Much of their traditional land, which had never before been in dispute, was to be given over to British settlers shipped out to provide a buffer between the unruly Boers and the Xhosa. This was a move which stunned the Xhosa, and made enemies of former allies. Among the outraged Xhosa was Ngqika's son Maqoma, who was to be expelled from his territory in the foothills of the Amathole mountains, a maze of ridges and ravines east of the Kat river. In times of future trouble Maqoma was to prove a most daring and implacable enemy.

There were other newcomers in the area, too. In the 1820s, the wars of the Zulu king Shaka devastated the lands to the north.



(4) The great Xhosa chief Maqoma and his wives.

Refugees from tribes shattered by the Zulu fled south, until they fetched up in Gcaleka territory. The Xhosa called them Mfengu, after a verb meaning to beg (the British knew them as "Fingoes"), and offered them shelter. But there were strings; the Mfengu were expected to accept a subservient status. Their situation was summed up by one Mfengu who said "the Xhosa offered the Mfengu food, but it was on the Xhosa side of the fire, and the Mfengu had to pass their hands through the flames to reach it". They too were destined to play their part in the troubled history of the Cape Frontier.

It was some time before the discontent caused by this settlement broke into open warfare, and before it did so, the two principle Xhosa actors in the saga passed from the stage. In 1828 Ndlambe, a tough old warrior aged nearly ninety, died of old age. His nephew and great rival Ngqika survived him by little more than a year. Broken and dispirited by the results of his association with the British, he drank himself to death. His heir was the son of his Great Wife, an under-aged boy with a withered leg, named Sandile. In Sandile's minority, command of the amaNgqika passed to the fiery Maqoma.

Tension mounted throughout the 1820s. The British settlers imported to fill the vacant land found life harsh, and were suspicious



(5) A characteristic of all nine Frontier Wars was fierce bush fighting.

of bands of Xhosa who wandered across the border. The Xhosa expressed their discontent by stealing settlers' cattle. Under a system imposed on the Xhosa after the war, aggrieved settlers were entitled to track stolen beasts and seek reparation by force from the culprit's kraal. Unscrupulous settlers "traced" their cattle to where Xhosa herds were fattest and carried off ample compensation. On December 10th a patrol seeking stolen horses ran into a party of armed Xhosa and opened fire, killing two men and wounding two more. One of these, grazed across the scalp, was a chief named Xhoxho, a son of Ngqika. To the Xhosa, this was the final straw; the British were trying to kill the sons of their Royal House, Maqoma and his followers went secretly to the paramount Hintsa, and asked his blessing for an attack on the British. Hintsa gave it. On the 22nd December 1834 several thousand Xhosa swept into the Colony.

The settlers were completely taken by surprise, and fled to the towns for refuge. Some did not make it; at least one family, en route to safety in a wagon, was ambushed in the bush and wiped out. The small frontier garrisons holed themselves up in forts and blockhouses built after previous wars, and were powerless to stop the rampage. Farms were burned, livestock carried off, and bands of warriors encircled the laagers, taunting the settlers.

But, just when things looked blackest, a hero rode into town. The energetic, flamboyant Colonel Harry Smith, Peninsula veteran, arrived and took command. He ignored the Xhosa rampaging through the Colony, and instead struck out at the kraals of Chiefs thought to be ringleaders. He pushed out patrols which gradually drove the Xhosa back to their traditional strongholds in the Amatholes and along the Fish, then set out across the Kei to confront the man Smith thought was behind it all – Hintsa.



(6) Colonial or British supply wagons moving through the bush were an easy target for Xhosa attacks launched from the undergrowth.

Overawed by Smith's audacity, Hintsa came to meet him. As they discussed the situation, the Mfengu took advantage of the presence of British troops to change their allegiance. They gathered up their possessions lock, stock and barrel, and crossed into the Colony, where they declared themselves British subjects. The next day Hintsa, tired of Smith's harangues, tried to leave; Smith attempted to detain him, and when he tried to escape, one of Smith's volunteers blew the top of Hintsa's head off. The next day Smith crossed the Kei, leaving the amaGcaleka stunned and outraged. Without batting an eyelid, Smith turned his attention to the Amatholes, where Magoma and other Ngqika chiefs held out. It proved a difficult and costly job flushing them out. The fate of a patrol of 30 coloured men under volunteer Lieutenant Charles Bailie indicates the nature of the fighting. Bailie's was one of several patrols sweeping a spur of the mountains known as Ntaba-ka-Ndoda ("The Hill which looks like a Man"). Bailie's men followed a small party of Xhosa into the bush, and disappeared. Weeks later their bodies were found; the Xhosa had lured them deeper and deeper into the bush, then ambushed and massacred them. The incident gave its name to a part of the heights which were to feature in later wars - Bailie's Grave.

At last, however, the Xhosa were hounded into submission. One by one the great chiefs laid down their arms to Smith, even Maqoma. By September 1835 the *zuurveld* was once more at peace.

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Having put down the Xhosa, Smith set about establishing a new regime in the territory west of the Kei, a paternalistic system basedvery loosely – on Xhosa law, which cast Smith in the role of "Great Chief", a role he enjoyed hugely, making the chiefs bow down before him in exaggerated obeissance, and promising in return the benefits of civilisation.

Alas, Smith's system went down no better with the Colonial authorities in England than it did among the Xhosa. Shocked by accounts of Hintsa's death, and embarrased by Smith's presumption, the Government repudiated the acquisition of the new Colony. The Xhosa would be allowed to return to their own lands.

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Operation Goodwood

In order to gain Lieutenant-General Bradley time, Montgomery decided to punch east of Caen. Three Armoured Divisions would drive down a narrow corridor east of Caen and seize Bourguebus ridge four and a half miles south of the City, ready to spread out into the plains beyond. German defences in this area were very strong and in depth, as Rommel had expected this to be the region chosen by the Allies for their break-out. Rommel himself was unable to control the impending battle, because on 17 July his staff car was strafed and he was severely injured.

GOODWOOD was launched on 18 July and made good initial progress until it ran into the in depth prepared positions of infantry and armour. The Germans had established five defensive belts east of the Orne, with thirty-six Tiger tanks supporting the second line, the fourth included seventy-eight 88mms and twenty-two flak guns, also in the area were 194 field guns and 272 Nebelwerfer rocket launchers. The lines were further reinforced by elements of the 1st SS and 12th SS Panzer Divisions.

The offensive soon bogged down into a slogging match, which succeeded in slowly grinding down the cream of the German Panzer units. By 20 July the offensive was called off, having gained the Americans time and stopping the transfer of any Panzer units to the west, at a cost of 4,000 British casualties and 500 tanks.

Field-Marshal von Rundstedt had been replaced for recommending

peace, by Field-Marshal von Kluge. But ironically on 21 July, during a temporary lull in the fighting south of Caen, von Kluge despatched a message to the Fuhrer recommending giving up.

Operation Cobra

Three US Infantry Divisions of General Collins' US 7th Corps, were assigned the task of spearheading the break-out, drawing up on the Lessay-Periers-St Lo line. Initially scheduled for 24 July it had to be called off due to the bad weather. The following day the Americans withdrew 1,200 yards, while 2,500 bombers dropped over 4,000 tons of bombs on the German defences, in an area four miles long by one and a half miles wide just south of the St Lo-Periers highway.

At 0230 hours the assault troops moved off only to be slowed up by determined German resistance. Two days later General Collins decided to launch his armour into the thrust, the 2nd US Armoured Division lost one tank as they moved off and little serious opposition was met. The 7th Corps armour fanned out and the 8th Corps drove south along the coast into Brittany, ready for the sweep into line for a thrust towards the Seine.

While Lieutenant-General Patton waited for the US Third Army to become operational, he took over 8th Corps and drove southwards. By 29 July he had taken Coutances and Avranches. Then on 1 August Third Army became combat operational, ignoring Bradley's orders to secure a wide corridor, Patton squeezed seven Divisions down the coast in twenty-two hours.

He was now ready to sweep north-eastwards toward the Seine in order to trap the German Wehrmacht in north-western France.

At this point, if not earlier, the Germans should have withdrawn behind the Seine to the comparative safety of the Fifteenth Army. But Hitler ridiculously insisted that no inch of ground should be given, denying his Generals of any initiative. Units of the Fifteenth Army had now begun to arrive in Normandy, but for nearly two months it had stood by inactive, depriving the Seventh Army of infantry support and thus the ability to consolidate its armour for an effective counter-attack. Now in an effort to seal the American break-out. Hitler disasterously ordered a counter-attack to isolate Patton. He wanted eight Panzer Divisions to assemble near Mortain, and to thrust towards Avranches on the coast. The Germans were simply driving themselves deeper into the trap.

On 7 August, von Kluge launched only four Panzer Divisions, they were all he could gather, and two Infantry Divisions, in an offensive he knew could not succeed. The tired Germans drove hard taking Mortain and advancing seven miles before the US 30th Division held them until reinforcements arrived. Then with the help of Allied air power, a crucial factor throughout the entire campaign, the German counter-attack died out. The 2nd Panzer Division, in an RAF Typhoon strike lost sixty tanks and 200 vehicles!

The following day the Allies could see that their plans were almost complete. The Canadians drove through the south of Caen and headed for Falaise, while the Americans sped eastwards, the trap was rapidly forming. Montgomery ordered the Americans to make a long hook, in order to trap as many Germans as possible and prevent any crossing the Seine. The developing pocket could not be properly closed, because the Germans dug in north of Falaise and the Canadian advance was slower than expected. The Germans were further hampered by Hitler, who was demanding a second attack against Avranches. By now the 20 July Bomb Plot against Hitler was being investigated, and many senior officers feared the consequences if they contradicted the Fuhrer.

Von Kluge had managed by 17 August to get permission for a withdrawal beyond the Orne, but he was replaced by Field-Marshal Model who ordered a withdrawal behind the Dives. He also launched the 2nd SS Panzer Division against the British moving southward towards Trun.

The US Third Army and the British 1st Corps were slowly heading for each other. The 'Falaise Pocket' was steadily being squeezed from all sides as the Germans valiantly held open the neck. By 17 August the pocket was only twenty miles wide by ten miles deep, containing about 100,000 Germans, remnants of fifteen Divisions with elements from twelve others, all trying desperately to extricate themselves. The Panzer Divisions managed to hold the Americans and Canadians at bay, but the vast columns of retreating Germans were decimated by Allied fighter-bombers and artillery, the roads becoming choked with burnt out vehicles which added to the chaos.

By 18 August the escape route was only five miles wide, but it was not completely sealed until the 21 August. When the last pocket was finally overrun the Allies captured 334 tanks and AFVs, 2,447 vehicles and 252 pieces of artillery! The Germans lost 50,000 men captured, eight Infantry Divisions and two Panzer Divisions were captured almost intact, and 10,000 killed. But significantly, 20,000-50,000 German troops escaped to fight another day, although many of them were killed before they crossed the Seine. Even so the Germans had lost all their equipment and it was seen as their worst defeat since the Battle of Stalingrad.

Meanwhile Patton was driving all out for the Seine. By 16 August, the US Third Army was on the line Orleans-Chartres-Dreux, facing little or no opposition. The drive was continued, hoping to swing north sealing off the Germans trapped against the Seine. The US 15th Corps though, was held up by determined resistance as the retreating Germans fought rearguard actions along the Seine. In crossing the river the remaining German units abandoned most of their equipment, saving a mere 120 tanks, out of a total of 2,300 originally employed in the Battle of Normandy. The US 79th Division of the 15th Corps managed to secure a bridgehead over the Seine at Mantes-Gassicourt on 19 August. By 25 August the Allies were across the river both north and south of Paris.

It had been hoped to by-pass Paris, but for military and political reasons this was made impossible. Realising liberation was on the way, the Parisians had risen up on 19 August launching numerous attacks on the German garrison. Hitler wanted Paris defended to the last man or



A Churchill AVRE with the fascine mounted on its front reduced visibility, hence the commander riding on top of it. Note spare track links on the turret for extra protection. (RAC Tank Museum)



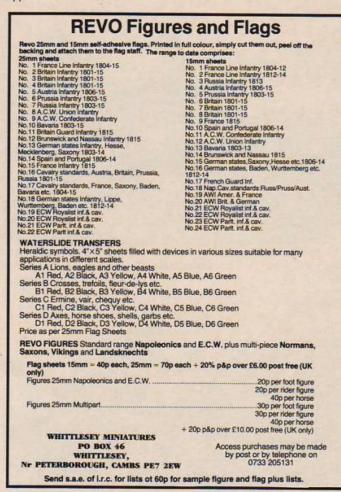
German Osttruppen captured in the American sector of Normandy. (Imperial War Museum)

destroyed, but General von Choltitz the garrison commander, understandably had no intention whatsoever of burning Paris. Securing a one day truce, he withdraw his garrison, consisting of 5,000 men equipped with fifty pieces of artillery supported by a company of tanks from the Panzer *Lehr* Division, to the east of the City. In the street fighting that was to follow 2,788 Germans were killed and 1,483 Frenchmen. In the meantime, General Leclerc with the French 2nd Armoured Division, not surprisingly disobeyed orders and drove for Paris.

The Allies were forced to relent and by 25 August they were in control of most of Paris. An attack was launched on Choltitz' HQ, but the Germans held out for two hours before Choltitz was captured and the garrison surrendered. That afternoon General de Gaulle entered the City and the following day held a triumphant parade down the Champs-Elysees with the French 2nd Armoured Division. The fighting now moved increasingly eastward.

The German Wehrmacht had lost forty-three Divisions (roughly thirty-five Infantry Divisions and eight Panzer Divisions), two more than were originally stationed in northern France. They suffered a total loss of 450,000 men; 240,000 casualties and 210,000 prisoners, as well as losing most of their equipment; 1,500 tanks, 3,500 pieces of artillery and 20,000 vehicles. For the Allies the price of victory was dear, approximately 84,000 British and Canadians, and 126,000 Americans, consisting of 36,976 killed and 172,696 wounded. The Battle for Normandy was over.

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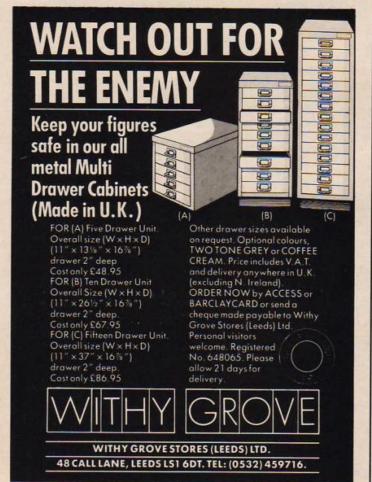
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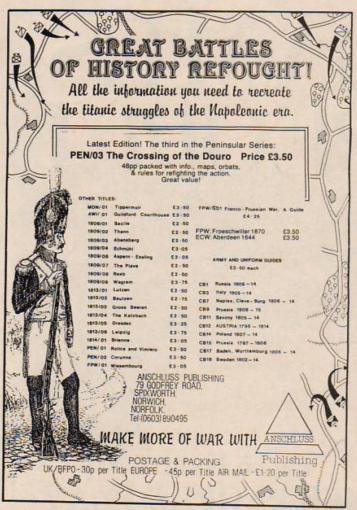
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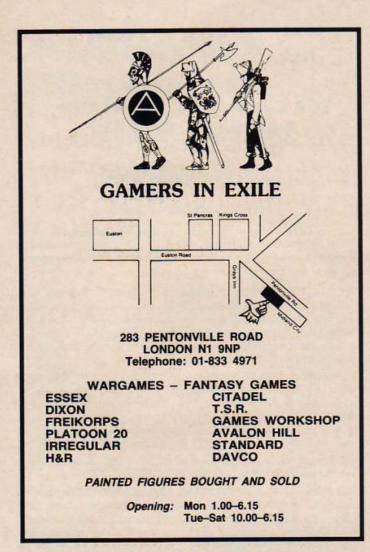
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NORTH FARNBOROUGH WAR GAMES SOCIETY: Don't miss our Annual Convention VALHALLA 88 on June 18th 1988 at Farnborough Community Centre. Club meetings every Friday evening 6.30 till 11 at the same venue.

BATTLEGROUP OPEN DAY, 21st February 1988, is to be held at St. Nicholas Community Centre, Canterbury Way, Stevenage, Herts. from 11.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. Admission is free, and we intend to stage a number of demonstrations and participation games, our club painting competition, and a wargames 'jumble sale' of surplus items donated by club members. Battlegroup aims to provide the widest possible range of activities to its members – role-playing, table-top wargames, boardgames, and even 'live' fantasy role-playing with reconstruction medieval clothing and arms. All periods of history, scales, etc. are welcome.

SPRING MILITAIRE '88. April 2nd & 3rd, Lancastrian Hall, Swinton, (Northern Militaire organisation team/old Northern Militaire venue.)

THE LEEDS WARGAMES CLUB will run its convention F.I.A.S. C.O. in 1988. It will be held at Armley Leisure Centre on June 18th. This is a new and larger venue and will have more trade stands, display and participation games, with a larger number of teams in the competition. Watch this space for more details.

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TUNBRIDGE WELLS WARGAMES SOCIETY OPEN DAY 1988 will take place on the 28th February, 1988, at St Gregory's School, Reynolds Lane, Southborough, Kent. There will be ten paintings and modelling classes including large scale figures, vehicles and dioramas as well as wargames units and equipment. Enquiries should be addressed to C. D. Mcleod at 25 Royal Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent.

REVEILLE '88. Date: Saturday and Sunday 5th & 6th March 1988. Venue: Students Union, Queens Road, Bristol.

THE WEST MIDLAND MILITARY MODELLING SHOW. Now in its 9th year, next years show will take place on Sunday, March 13th, 1988, at the Alumwell Community Centre, Primley Avenue, Walsall, West Midlands (5 minutes from M6 Junction 10). The show includes-WARGAMES – display and participation games. MODELLING – displays and competition. UNIFORMED SOCIETIES. Food and bar facilities will be available throughout the day.

THE SOUTH BEDS IMMORTALS are holding the 7th 15mm Nationals at Roll Call 88 in Dunstable, finals to be held on Saturday, 7th May 1988, with Play-Offs between January and April 1988. Individual and team entries are now invited for all the following periods to be competed in 15mm scale. 3 Ancients, Medieval, 3 Renaissance, 18th Century, Napoleonic, ACW Land, Colonial, and WWI Land. Also featuring 1/1200th ACW and WWI Naval, and a 25mm Fantasy tabletop figure competition. Competition details available by sending an SAE to Peter Foster, 12 Grange Road, Tring, Herts HP23 5JP.

BRIDGEHEAD '88. Saturday, May 21st. Beverley Army Transport Museum. N.E. Regionals.

THE MILTON KEYNES WARGAMES SOCIETY is proud to announce that our annual convention Campaign is once again being held at the Woughton Centre in Milton Keynes on the weekend of the 4th & 5th June, 1988. The event is once again playing host to the southern playoffs of the Osprey World Championships. We intend to maintain the standard of the numerous demonstration and participation games, which along with numbers competing in the World Championships go to make this an excellent two day event.

BLITZ '88 will be held on 25 June, 1988 at Central Hall, Warwick Road, Coventry. There will be trade stands, clubs and societies, competitions, raffles, refreshments etc. If anyone wishes to come along and book a table enquiries to Angela Hewitt, 33 Dunsmore Avenue, Coventry CV3 3AG.

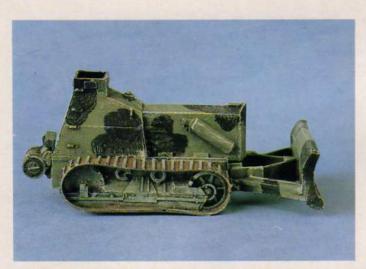
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PICTURE REVIEWS



Armoured Bulldozer (S&S Models)

(Suitable for 20mm size figures)

This model of the late WWII vehicle is cast in a mixture of polyester resin and white metal. The standard of casting is quite good with not too many bubble holes in the resin, but the metal dozer blade was surrounded by a large amount of flash.

The amount of detail on the vehicle is adequate for the wargamer, but if some time were spent on it a well detailed vehicle could be produced.

There are a couple of drawbacks with this model:

a) It is nose heavy with the blade made of metal.

b) No instructions are included which could cause problems about locating the separate parts in the correct location.

However if you wish to build a WWII Armoured Engineer unit this kit is a must for 20mm gamers.



(Apologies for the absence of the Q.T. gun and the Echelon Design ACW figures promised last issue. A batch of photos have been re-enacting the manoeuvres of D'Erlon's corps on June 16th, 1815. Hopefully they'll be all present and correct in the near future.)

We do have a Hales Models tepee, top right, which a tepee expert might well be able to fault, but which I (Joe Soap Wargamer) find excellent. Goes well with those new 15mm. Minifigs, or Campaign Figures or (if you buy a larger lodge) the 25mm. redskins from Britannia, Connoisseur, RAFM et al. I don't want any of our (doubtless many) Shoshone or Kiowa readers writing in to say that their needlework is much finer than indicated here: obviously there is an element of caricature here, as with most wargames products!

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The S&S bulldozer is reviewed by John Plunkett, a far greater expert than I on things vehicular, having worked at the Army Transport Museum. Suffice it to say that John's comments on the potential problem of lack of assembly instructions will be adequately countered by our photograph.

(Assuming John has assembled this one correctly!)

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Front Rank Figurines have provided the ECW Musketeer group below, and fine fellows they are. Can be mixed with Essex, Hinchliffe or Minifig 25mm, scale-wise. So, even if you think you've got a big enough ECW force already, a few more units wouldn't hurt, would they?



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