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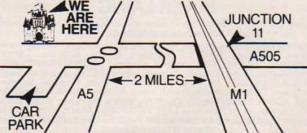
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AU12	Jager firing rifle	
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AUG2	Horse Crew (4)	
AUG3	Limber	36p
AUG4	Limber Riders	
AUG5	Limber Horses (pair)	
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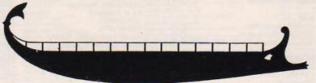
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# LAGERS AND SAGAS

# -a "beer and pretzels" game

by Pete Gritton

Many of the Norse sagas are available in popular paperback and apart from being an excellent read, they can provide the basis for some entertaining games. Heroes battle with berserkers and trolls, while everyone seems to be at feud with everyone else. This is the stuff of Fantasy Role Play! However, in my experience, FRP has a tendancy to become a contest of rule quoting and dice rolling. To do justice to the vikings' way of fighting the approach must be more relaxed, more fluent and laced with "beer and pretzels"!

What follows is an attempt to put the Norse sagas onto the game map, without being over serious. Flexibility is the key, so feel free to take liberties with the "rules".

From the saga descriptions of fighting one gets the impression that few blows were exchanged, but those that connected caused fatal, or at least decisive, wounds. Frequently the combatants leap into the air to dodge a blade, or catch a spear in mid-flight. Shields are split in two, spear shafts snapped and iron blades bent beyond use. But in the midst of this violence the combatants are honourable men, who do not willingly fight a kinsman, strike an unarmed man, or let an insult pass without exacting payment.

Historians will doubtless take anything from the sagas with a pinch of salt, but for gaming purposes the historical accuracy of the sources is not important. It is the spirit of the vikings that we wish to capture.

In the sagas no-one goes anywhere without a weapon to hand, although armour seems to be reserved for pitched battle. Available for heroes to wield are spears, mostly as missiles, but some heavier ones too, referred to by the post viking saga writers as halberds, axes, either single or double handed and swords. The latter were status symbols, family heirlooms and no-nonsense killing tools all in one. I am firmly on the "human factor" side when it comes to discussions on the effectiveness of weapons. Having swung a few of these things myself in the course of re-enactments I believe that the crucial factor is not what a man fights with, but the boldness and skill with which he uses the weapon. One type of weapon may have an edge (excuse the pun) in one situation or another, but let's not get bogged down in an on-going letters page discussion, and keep it simple. Arm your hero with whatever pleases you aesthetically. Give the weapon a name if you like, the vikings often named swords, the blade being passed down through generations.

Any number of players may play this game, but it is best if every player has his own hero character, or characters. Choose a name for your hero, there is plenty of scope here for puns and clever humour, just look at these "real life" characters from Njal's saga; Thorleif Crow, Thorkel the Braggart, Grim the Red, Mord Fiddle, Amundi the Blind and Brynjolf the Unruly! Nicknames were sometimes cruel jibes, so Olaf the Lofty might only be five foot two!

Having named your hero, make out a card on which to record all the statistics you need during the game. Here is a sample card for Kari Solmundarson, one of the principle characters in the scenario described later in this article.

NAME .	Kari Solmundarson
FIGHTING SKILL	5
AGILITY	5
BRAVERY	6
CONSTITUTION	5
FRIENDS	Thorgeir Skorar Geir
KINSMEN	Ketil of Mork (Ketil Sigfusson)
WEAPONS	Sword - "Lifetaker"
	Spear

You may wish to embellish this with a sketch of the character, but try to match this to the miniature figure you intend to use. I find this a useful exercise for new players to FRP, it helps them associate with their assumed persona. The statistics given can either be evaluated from the saga or, if the character is of your own devising, they can be determined randomly by rolling a dice for each characteristic. (NOTE all the dice used will be the ordinary six sided ones.) In each case the higher the score the better. And so to the "rules".

Bravery Each move every hero must throw a dice and compare it to his bravery factor. If the dice throw exceeds his bravery he may not move forward or make an all out attack that move.

Movement Moves are written before each game turn, a simple arrow giving direction and a number showing the strides taken is adequate. Normally these moves are revealed simultaneously, but if two characters are in combat with each other the one with the lower agility must give his direction of movement (left, right, back etc.) before the other player writes his move. This gives an advantage to those quick on their feet. If more than two players are involved in one combat then a similar situation applies, starting with the lowest agility and rising up the scale.

There are four basic move options:

- a) up to two strides (six feet) in any direction
- b) up to four running strides in any direction (12 feet)
- c) rising from prone to knees
- d) rising from knees to standing

each taking a full move, which may be considered to be one second. In a combat situation only one running move may be made at a time and must be followed by a less strenuous move. Even this single running move has its risks in combat and a die must be rolled, a 6 resulting in the runner slipping and falling prone.

Combat When two figures are within a stride (3 feet) of each other they may exchange blows. Each hero has three basic tactics he can adopt:

- a) all out attack
- b) guarded defence
- c) a cut and parry, with both attack and defence.

Each fighter calculates his effectiveness by rolling two dice of different colours, one representing attack, the other defence. A hero may decide to reduce the power of his blow and try to wound, rather than kill. To do this he subtracts a number of his choice before the dice are cast. The following factors are then considered:

For ATTACK (roll of one dice)

- +fighting skill
- +bravery
- +2 if in all out attack
- -2 if in guarded defence
- +1 if striding forward
- +2 if running forward
- -2 if on knees
- -4 if prone
- -3 if weapon is damaged
- +1 for each agreed favourable circumstance

For DEFENCE (roll of one dice)

- +fighting skill
- +agility
- +2 if guarded defence
- -2 if in all out attack
- +1 if not moving
- -2 if on knees
- -4 if prone
- -3 if weapon is damaged
- +1 for each agreed favourable circumstance.

Favourable circumstances might be things like being uphill from one's opponent, being armed with a special weapon, being guarded from the rear by a friend, or anything agreed between the combatants. The emphasis is on agreed, so discussion must take place (this may be helped along by suitable liquid libation!) Argue it out between you.

A hero compares his attack total to his opponent's defence total and vice-versa. If the defence is higher the blow was dodged or parried. If the attack was higher, however, the blow connected. Whichever was the case the defender has to throw a dice to determine what other effect there may be; a 6 resulting in the weapon or shield used to parry being damaged, and a 5 meaning that the effort of dodging the blow has landed the defender flat on the ground. In the event of a successful attack the loser must take the difference between the attack score and his own failed defence as damage. He has the option of taking this from constitution, bravery, agility or fighting skill, or a combination of these as he sees fit. If as a result his constitution reaches zero he dies. If bravery reaches zero he must turn tail and run!

Winners & Losers As for winners and losers, well, anyone still standing after a fight may consider himself to be a winner, but remember that these vikings are men of honour. What sort of victory is it if you kill your kinsman, or let a lesser man than you repay an insult? It should be up to yourself and the other players to award points for your conduct, even to the extent of praising an honourable enemy. It would also be in order to give points posthumously for bravery, especially for an heroic gesture or humourous comment (preferably in verse, the vikings loved poetry) made as one's life blood ebbs away. Haggling over the distribution of honour points may itself become a point of honour in its own right, in which case you could hardly let an insult pass . . .!

#### THE FAMOUS BATTLE OF KERLINGARDALE RIVER, ICELAND A.D. 1012

"One Pillar of Njal's House Was not Destroyed in the Fire That Devoured the Others, The Fire the Bold Sigfusson's Lit."

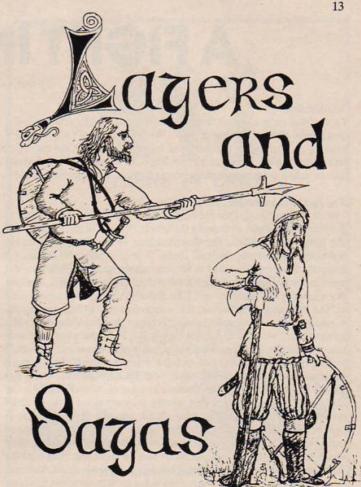
We now step right into the middle of an Icelandic feud, between the Sigfussons on one side and the Njalsons on the other. It is impossible to explain how the feud started. It took the Icelanders themselves half a saga to sort it out, but suffice to say that the most recent incident has been the burning of Njal's house. This conflagration took the lives of Njal, his sons and wife, but his son-in-law, Kari Solmundarson, escaped from the fire and is now after blood. With him is Njal's nephew, Thorgeir Skorar Geir.

These two go out to fight fifteen of the "burners", an act of such heroic proportion that, in games terms, they can hardly be refused an honour point. The "burners" are led by the three Sigfusson brothers, Thorkel, Mord and Ketil, the last of whom is related by marriage to his enemy Kari. They are relaxed and not very cautious, so are caught napping in a hollow on the river bank in Kerlingardale. Each of the fifteen has tethered his horse and thrust a spear into the ground next to where he sleeps

Kari and Thorgeir are honourable men, but not fools, so they creep up and throw the spears into river. This done they call on the burners to wake and fight, thus earning another honour point for resisting the temptation to kill them where they sleep, and stand by while their enemies arm themselves. A third honour point is surely deserved.

So with the score at 3-0 to the Njal faction it's into the fight. Thorgeir attacks Thorkel Sigfusson, but another burner gets round behind Thorgeir as he strides forward. With a backswing of his axe Thorgeir brains the unfortunate burner, then on the forestroke cuts of Thorkel's arm at the shoulder. Thorgeir's axe once belonged to one of Njal's sons and was recovered from the burnt hourse, so it must count as a very special weapon in these circumstances.

Meanwhile Lord Sigfusson and his two nephews, Sigurd Lambison and Lambi Sigurdarson (confused?) set upon Kari. Lambi has his spear, which he thrusts at Kari from behind (no honour points there, Lambi) but Kari jumps up and comes down straddling the shaft and snapping it. With his own spear he pierces Sigurd's chest, while he cuts with his sword into Mord's hip. Both men fall dead. When Kari turns to face Lambi the lad smartly runs off to his horse and leaves the



struggle to bolder men. Plus one for intelligence, but nothing for honour.

Thorgeir now faces a seasoned warrior, Leidolf the Strong. Their blows fall simultaneously and a might crash resounds as both men's shields are split in two. The ferocity of Thorgeir's attack, however carried his axe blade into Leidolf's chest, as Kari comes up to deal him his death blow.

Having seen five men cut down Ketil of Mork, the last of the Sigfussons, turns to his horse and flees, taking the rest of the burners with him. He may earn an honour point for refusing to fight his kinsman Kari, but he will have to argue very strongly for it.

The clear winners, left in possession of the field of battle, are Kari Solmundarson and Thorgeir Skorar Geir who have also behaved with quite exemplary bravery and honour. The outright loser was the back-stabbing, cowardly Lambi Sigurdarson, but of his companions, Thorkel, Mord, Sigurd and Leidolf the Strong can all claim an honourable warrior's death.

In the end, that is what matters; to gain a place at Odin's feast in the Hall of Valhalla. Hail, you warriors!

The combat statistics for each of the major heroes in the battle at Kerlingardale are listed in the table below. They are based on the characters' exploits as related in the saga, but the un-named burners who fled the fight are not included as details are not available and they played no vital role in any case. Whatever statistics you give them, make sure their bravery factors reflect their performance at Kerlingardale!

	Fighting Skill	Agility	Bravery	Constitution
The Njal Faction				
Kari Solmundarson	5	5	6	5
Thorgeir Skorar Geir	6	4	6	5
The Burners				
Thorkel Sigfusson	4	4	5	5
Mord Sigfusson	4	4	5	5
Ketil Sigfusson (of Mork)	4	4	4	5
Sigurd Lambison	3	5	4	4
Lambi Sigurdarson	3	4	3	4
Leidolf the Strong	5	4	5	6

# A FIGHT IN THE FOG

by Steve Shann

#### Introduction

One of the most difficult things to represent on the tabletop is the much used phrase "the fog of war". With this in mind I found myself reading an account of the battle of Inkerman in the Crimean War, where this fog was very much in evidence. In this short article I would like to make a few suggestions about fighting a battle on this idea.

#### The Battle of Inkerman

I don't propose to go into the battle in any great detail, but rather to present it in outline. Following the allied invasion of the Crimea and the battle of the Alma, the Russians shut themselves tightly inside Sebastopol and were besieged there. A month after the Alma, the Russians attempted to cut the British supply route to Balaclava but were unsuccessful. Undaunted they decided to try again, and on November 5th moved forward. The previous day had been rainy, and as the temperature rose in the evening a thick fog developed. Consequently when the Russians advanced they took the defenders by surprise. Fortunately for the British the Russians were labouring under a number of difficulties. Their battle plan was too complicated and it proved impossible to co-ordinate the movements of the various columns. The Russians also lacked room for deployment, which was greatly exacerbated by the confusion caused by the fog. As the Russians struggled forward they were met by isolated but determined groups of British infantry, who didn't hesitate to charge vastly superior numbers. As one participant noted "No order could be given owing to the fog. All we could do was to charge them when they came in sight." It was the very audacity of these attacks that confused the Russians, who were convinced that strong enemy reinforcements must be close by. Consequently their advance was slow and hesitant. Later in the day the British received timely support from their French allies and the Russians retired. In the battle the British lost over 2,400 men, the French about 1,700 and the Russians over 12,000 casualties.

#### The Wargame

This encounter was hardly like a battle in the conventional sense of the word, and was certainly unlike most wargames that are fought. On the allied side there was no real overall control or aim other than survival by means of a desperate holding action. The Russians too were unable to put into effect their detailed battle plans which quickly broke down in the difficult terrain and fog. It is this difficulty in directing and controlling a battle under such conditions that the following scenario (based loosely on Inkerman) is designed to test.

#### The Umpire

An umpire is vital for this game, as it is he who co-ordinates the map movement and informs the players when and where they come into contact. He can also decide on the terrain and composition of the forces should you not wish to use mine.

#### The Table

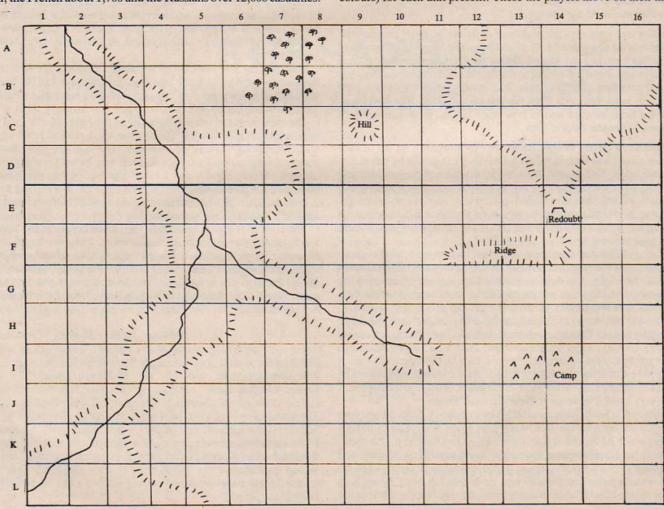
The table should be eight feet by six if possible, which is divided on the maps into six inch squares (see illustration). Each of these squares may hold up to two units in 15mm scale.

#### The Players

Apart from the umpire you will need one player to command the British (defenders), one to command the French (reinforcements) and at least one and preferably two to command the Russians (attackers).

#### Maps and Counters

Each player plus the umpire has an identical map of the battlefield, marked off in squares, each representing an area of six inches square on the table. One counter is provided (preferably in different national colours) for each unit present. These the players move on their maps



and report all movement to the umpire, who in turn plots them on his master map. He then informs the players if any contact is made. Players on the same side may discuss a plan of action at the start of the game (for the attackers) or when the reinforcements first arrive (for the defenders), but may then have no further communication with each other.

#### Movement

To reflect that confusion caused by the fog, lack of precise information regarding the enemy's whereabouts and an overall lack of control, each unit must throw one six sided die should it wish to move. The defending player requires a 4.5.6. the attacking player a 5.6. This is reduced for both players to 3.4.5.6. if they wish to move a unit backwards. The French (reinforcements) may move at the rate of one square per move until they come within three squares of the enemy, when they must then dice for movement in the same way as the defenders. Note that units may NOT move diagonally. If a unit achieves the required score it MUST move. Try choreographing your attacks now! When two or more units enter the same square combat takes place in the normal way with the rules you happen to use. Should more than two friendly counters enter a square, the surplus unit(s) remain in their previous positions (dice for which). Note that you must declare your movement path before dicing. Defending units in the camp are not allowed to move until they hear firing.

#### Visibility

At the start of the game visibility is one square (six inches). From move six on the umpire throws one die: a roll of 6 increases visibility by a further square. This is repeated until the end of the game.

#### Ammunition

Each time a unit fires throw a die: a 1 indicates that it has run out of ammo and cannot fire for two moves.

#### Initial set-up and reinforcements

- a. Defending Force. 8 infantry units and one artillery unit.
- 1 infantry unit and the artillery unit at E 14
- 2 infantry units at F 12
- 1 infantry unit at F 9
- 2 infantry units at I 13
- 2 infantry units at I 14
- b. Reinforcements. 6 infantry units and one artillery unit. These arrive at L 8 and L 9 at any time after move 4 that a 6 is thrown on one die.
- c. Attacking Force 1. 8 infantry units and 1 artillery unit.

Attacking Force 2. 10 infantry units and 2 artillery units.

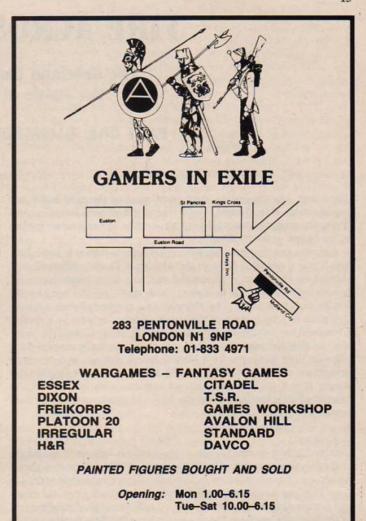
Attacking Force 1 arrives at A 3 and A 4. Attacking Force 2 at A 13 and A 14.

#### Objectives

The attackers must take the ridge, redoubt and camp for a complete victory, the ridge and redoubt for a minor victory. The defenders must hold all three for a complete victory, but only the camp and ridge for a minor victory.

Troop types and weapons

At Inkerman the British had the advantage of a far superior rifle, which enabled them to deliver concentrated and effective fire. In addition they were more professional and competent soldiers. The Russians on the other hand were armed generally with old muskets. They were also poorly trained, though undoubtedly brave. You should therefore reflect these factors in your selection of troop types. For example if you adapted the game to say the Franco-Prussian War and the siege of Paris, the defenders should be well armed and motivated Prussians, reinforced with slightly less able and enthusiastic Bavarians. The attackers on the other hand should be mainly poorly trained National Guards and provisional Regiments de Marche. To further reflect the lack of training of the attackers as well as the difficult nature of the ground, you could oblige them to fight in column at all times.







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# FIRE ACROSS THE ICE

# The Greeland Campaign, 1942-43 the Battle of Eskimoness

#### PART ONE: BACKGROUND AND CAMPAIGN

by R. James Oliver

The North Atlantic convoy routes saw some of the most bitter and brutal actions of the Second World War as Allied naval forces fought a desperate struggle against German air, surface and submarine raiders at the height of the conflict.

Accurate and timely weather forecasts became crucial to both sides, and it was a crippling blow to the Axis when Danish meteorological stations on the coast of Greenland replaced their 'plain language' reports with broadcasts in cipher which could only be read by the British and Americans. The Kriegsmarine responded with a daring operation to land a team of their own weather experts in a remote Greenland bay hundreds of miles beyond the Arctic Circle. This is the story of that German expedition, and of the dramatic results which followed their discovery by a Danish patrol among the ice-covered mountains and fjords of the world's largest and most inhospitable island. It is a story of courage and endurance on both sides, as a handful of men battled against the forces of nature as much as their human enemies.

#### Greenland

Denmark's then-greatest overseas possession is a desolate and frozen land many times the size of its mother country. The interior is a glacial wilderness of impassable mountains and valleys reminiscent of the Ice Age. The long coastline is indented with fjords, both great and small, and is accessible by sea for only part of each summer; during the rest of the year, the pack ice floating down from the Pole freezes so that the demarcation between 'land' and 'sea' can only be discerned from the different appearances of frozen fresh- and salt-water; it is strange to see the mighty icebergs held firm and immobile by an icy grasp just 'off-shore'. The climate is, naturally, very cold and there are fierce and bitter blizzards. Perhaps the more normal state, though, is a calm, intense stillness which is found peaceful and satisfying by many who experience it.

There were some twenty-two thousand inhabitants when war broke out. Most were native Eskimos, a simple God-fearing people who lived by fishing (when and where possible) and hunting. The only other group of any size were the Danes, employed in the colonial administration or working as hunters, guides to Arctic expeditions and the like. There were small numbers of other nationalities – Norwegians, Swedes, Americans and others – again drawn by the beauty and loneliness of the island and supporting themselves in one or other of the Arctic trades.

The great majority of Greenlanders lived in the towns of the south-western coast (incidentally the only area in which the 'green' of a sparse vegetation could be found, and then only for a few weeks each year). The Danish administration was based here at Godthaab. On the whole of the immensely long eastern coastline there were only two villages. Four hundred miles north of Cape Farewell at the southern tip of Greenland lay Angmagssalik with its one and a half thousand Eskimo inhabitants. Another four hundred and fifty miles further north (and two hundred and fifty miles beyond the Arctic Circle) was Scoresby Sound or Scoresbysund and its population of three hundred. Further north lay only seven hundred miles of the barren North-East Greenland Territory, an icy waste in which lived a handful of hunters and the men of four (three Danish and one Norwegian) meteorological stations.

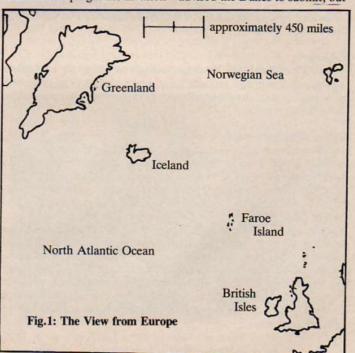
The twenty or thirty hunters along that coast in 1939 enjoyed a solitary existence, living entirely alone except for one man accompanied by his wife. Each occupied a purpose-built house or 'hunting station' in the centre of his hunting grounds, but also maintained a ring of shacks or 'huts' throughout the area for shelter when setting his traps. Travel was almost wholly by dog-hauled sledge, a team or eight or ten animals usually pulling the sled on which the hunter's supplies

were carried while he skied alongside or behind to steer: sometimes the traveller would ride on the sledge, but this was more tiring for the dogs and in deep snow it was necessary to ski ahead making a track or path for the laden sled. Sledging was possible all year round over 'land', but restricted to the autumn, winter and spring in the frozen coastal areas as the ice became too thin or simply broke up altogether during the summer months; most sledge routes followed the coast and fjords, as there were no towering mountains or deep valleys and the ice surface was easier to traverse; the line where 'land' met 'sea' was avoided, as the ice was often weak and uneven there. One of the pleasant, informal Arctic conventions was that a passing traveller stranger or otherwise - could always expect to be welcomed and granted shelter at any station or hut he encountered; empty huts were often kept stocked with bare necessities, and it was generally understood that any traveller was free to tarry there. (By this same code of ethics, aid was offered to those in need and property was respected; questions of nationality and politics were seldom raised.) If no formal shelter was available, it was a fairly simple matter to erect a tent and to protect it with a wall of snow; many people preferred to take this course even when a building might be nearby - thus opting for the freshness of pure snow as opposed to the inevitable traces of human habitation found in the driftwood-constructed huts.

None of this description should give the misleading impression of an idyll. North-eastern Greenland was a bleak and dangerous place, and only those experienced and wary enough to appreciate the threats from climate, terrain and wild animals (bears and wolves) could hope to survive there.

#### "Sachsen"

Thoughts of Greenland were far from the minds of most Danes on 9 April, 1940 as the German Army poured across the frontier into their homeland. Allegedly 'military assistance' to prevent British attacks on Denmark, the Axis invasion was quickly recognised in its true colours. Confusion reigned for a time, but a strong and effective Danish Resistance emerged in due course. Britain – well aware it was unable to help fight the invasion – advised the Danes to submit, but



prudently occupied the colonies of Iceland and the Faroes. Greenland was not considered sufficiently important to warrant any expenditure of scarce British resources – it was far from the main European theatre, the majority of its people lived on the south-western coast under the neutral (if benign) protection of the United States of America, and it seemed to offer little strategic value.

Yet, as the convoys bringing war and other materials from the New World struggled across the Atlantic and others fought their way to the Soviet Union, the enormous importance of four tiny meteorological stations on the lonely coast of Greenland's North-East Territory was realised. British, Allied and neutral escorts and merchantmen relied on their reports for accurate weather forecasting which might enable them to avoid or evade attack. German long-range aircraft, surface raiders and U-boats used the same information to plan their offensive operations. The transmissions were made in simple International Code, freely available to both sides, even after the fall of Norway and Denmark (who operated the stations). It was not until the Danish Arctic explorer Eigil Knuth (who owned one of the four) was able to smuggle a message to the stations that the use of 'plain language' was discontinued and signals made only in a cipher provided by the Allies. Count Knuth's messenger was one Ib Poulsen, a Dane who loved the peace and tranquility of Greenland, who will re-appear later in our story.

The Germans felt the loss of this priceless intelligence keenly, and it was not long before plans were laid to secure its resumption. The Kriegsmarine prepared an armed trawler – the Sachsen – for Arctic service. Powerful radio transmitters were fitted, and all the equipment necessary for the establishment of a weather-reporting station taken on board. Stores of suitable food, clothing and building materials were loaded. No effort to carry dogs or sledges was made, as the operational plans for the crew did not envisage a need for them to travel across the ice. Light weapons (machine-guns for anti-aircraft defence, sub-machine guns and rifles, pistols and grenades) were issued, but it was not intended that the party should engage in combat unless absolutely unavoidable. Their orders were simply to bring the meteorological station into being from a suitable position and to remain undetected while operating.

The vessel left Kiel in the summer of 1942 and hugged the coasts of Scandinavia as far as Tromso before turning north to cross the convoy routes and hide in the shelter of the ice pack. Masts were lowered to reduce the risk of detection by the ever-prowling Royal Navy. The security surrounding the mission was preserved, and the Sachsen reached the north-eastern coast of Greenland safely. Finding the ice had already crept far south that year, she sought a suitable haven quickly and soon steamed into Hansa Bay (a small fjord on Sabine Island). Suddenly an aircraft appeared – heading straight for her. Was it an ambush? Had the ship been lured to destruction? To the relief of the crew, the small seaplane or flying-boat did not see them and made

Fig.2: The Sledge Patrol Area

| Approximately 175 miles

| North-East | Greenland |
| approximately 70 to 75 |
| degrees north |
| Clavering Is. (Eskimoness) |
| Ells Is. |
| Scoresby Sound (Scoresbysund)

off southwards. (It was proved to have been a U.S. Coastguard patrol much later.) The Sachsen was allowed to become frozen into the bay and covered with white camouflage sheets, huts and the tall radio mast were erected ashore, and the station settled down to its routine. Throughout the winter of 1942-43, its daily weather reports guided German forces in their attacks on Allied shipping while the British and Americans remained ignorant of its existence.

Sachsen crew were naval reserve personnel, some from the fishing and merchant fleets. A small party of meteorologists, two radio operators, and a doctor were also aboard. The captain - and commander of the operation - was a Lieutenant Ritter of the German Naval Reserve. He was a tall, thin fifty year old who had been born an Austrian subject and fought with alpine troops in the First World War. In the re-arrangement of the European map after that conflict he had been deemed a Czechoslovakian citizen, and German nationality was imposed when Hitler annexed his new homeland in 1938. Ritter had been employed in a variety of jobs in the merchant marines, but it was his experience as a hunter in Spitzbergen between the wars which may have secured his appointment to the Sachsen. Another reason may have been more political and sinister; Ritter although a loyal naval officer - was known to be no Nazi; the Gestapo had already ensured the dismissal of this kindly and even religious man from one position - the Navy seemed anxious to remove him from the further attentions of the security police.

The crew were fairly stolid and reliable German sailors. The senior meteorological expert - Weiss - led an enthusiastic if inexperienced team determined to carry out its mission. To Ritter's dismay there were several Nazis aboard, led by a junior officer called Schmidt; they seemed to know of their commander's previous difficulties with the Party machine, and made every effort to push the Nazi message with regular political lectures for the ship's company. The only men aboard who did not appear either wholeheartedly in favour of the regime, or at least to be under its influence, were the doctor Sensse and first engineer Nowotny. Ritter could not reveal his growing doubts and distaste for Nazism to either; should he prove to be a Party dupe, then Ritter would be denounced as a traitor; should he be genuine, then Ritter would only be exposing another man and his family to the threat of the Gestapo. Grimly, he determined to carry out his orders and justify the Navy's faith in him. Lieutenant Ritter's Arctic 'homecoming' was not proving the pleasant experience he had hoped.

#### Eskimoness

The German invasion of his homeland posed a difficult problem for Eske Brun, the Danish Governor of Greenland. On the one hand, it was obvious that his country was under the control of a foreign power – on the other, the German action was claimed to be 'military co-operation' with Denmark and instructions for the Governor continued to arrive from Copenhagen. In the event, he invoked a clause in the constitution of Greenland which stated that the colony should be administered in the best interests of all Greenlanders when communication with Denmark was interrupted; he carried out those of his orders which he believed complied with that duty while ignoring the rest. The Germans – well aware of the weakness of their authority across many hundreds of miles of Royal Navy-controlled ocean – made no attempt to enforce their directives.

Brun was not satisfied. As a patriotic Dane, he sought some more active role in the liberation of his homeland. After much consideration he was forced to accept that his duty lay in maintaining the territorial integrity of Greenland for the day when the Danes could once again command their own destiny. Although not a military man by training, he realised the strategic importance of the island much sooner than many in the Allied or German ranks (although he did not suffer from their many pre-occupations). The interior was not likely to interest either side, but the coastal areas could provide small ports, aircraft landing-strips, and the invaluable meteorological stations. The western side of the island was safe enough under the umbrella of the great North American states, but the eastern side facing Europe and the trade routes seemed vulnerable to small-scale incursions or raids even if not to any major operation. The southern half of the coastline could be protected by the men from Angmagssalik or Scoresby Sound and the waters patrolled by boat for at least part of the summer. To the north lay seven hundred miles of almost uninhabited fjords and small islands which could shelter any force the Germans might send.

The Governor's first step was to consult the Americans, still neutral

in the war at that point. They confirmed his own view that the north-eastern coast could not be protected effectively by outsiders; a great number of ground troops would be needed to establish bases and patrol routes there, and it was highly unlikely that any country possessed sufficient men trained in Arctic conditions; aircraft with the necessary endurance to cover the area were expensive and in short supply too, and would be useless during the long periods of darkness; many ships would be required to patrol the waters around the ice pack, and would be kept too far from the 'land' by the ice to identify any intruders who managed to secure a beachhead. The Americans made one suggestion which Brun followed; he ordered all the hunters and weather station personnel south to Scoresby Sound, so that anyone who was found along the coast could be treated as hostile.

Brun decided to provide for the area's defence himself. Calling for volunteers from the now-unemployed hunters and weather reporters, he formed the North-East Greenland Sledge Patrol - fifteen men armed only with their personal hunting rifles and knowledge of the Arctic. In fact, his effective fighting strength was much less - six of the fifteen were Eskimos, simple and devout Christians who could not be expected to turn their weapons against fellow men under any conceivable circumstances; they were enrolled as non-combatant sledge drivers and to help the other Patrol members with their hunting. This did not seem such an unreasonable arrangement, as the Sledge Patrol itself was not raised specifically as a fighting force; its mission was simply to search for and report any German intrusion, and the general impression among all its members was that - in this unlikely event - United States forces would quickly arrive to handle the actual combat. In addition, the Patrol would continue to provide meteorological reports from the coast.

Although they were not to meet until after the war, Brun chose Ib Poulsen as leader of the Sledge Patrol; he had been impressed by Poulsen's daring escape from Denmark to reach Greenland, and the young Dane was a trained radio operator and experienced Arctic hand. Joining the Sledge Patrol under Poulsen were Kurt Olsen and Marius Jensen - who had accompanied him in his voyage from Denmark - Peter Neilsen, Eli Knudsen and Carlos Ziebell. These men were all Danes, but the Patrol also included three Norwegians -Henry Rudi and the Akre brothers. The Eskimo contingent mustered

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The coastline which these men were to patrol ran from 70 to 77 degrees north, approximately five hundred miles as the crow flies. With the fjords and islands, the total distance to be travelled by sledge might be eight, nine or ten hundred miles. This could not be done in a single trip, and the Patrol members - in ones or twos or threes - made regular journeys each covering a part of the vast area. They hunted along the way, for most never considered that a German landing was really possible, and set up depots of food and other stores in some of the now-disused stations and huts.

The Patrol left a small detachment at Scoresby Sound, but located its main bases in two hunting stations further north. The first was at Ella Island, around a hundred and fifty miles from the village - and a headquarters was established at Eskimoness, a further two hundred miles nearer the Pole and roughly in the centre of the patrol area. Life for the men at Eskimoness had settled into a familiar and almost comfortable pattern when the German trawler Sachsen nosed carefully into Hansa Bay, only seventy miles to the north . . .

PART TWO: BATTLE AND WARGAME concludes the Eskimoness story with an account of the fighting and some suggestions for wargaming the campaign.

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# ARTILLERY EFFECT IN THE REISSWITZ KRIEGSSPIEL

by Bill Leeson

Reisswitz enlisted in the Prussian Artillery in 1810. He was 15 or 16 at the time. He saw action in the closing years of the Napoleonic Wars, earning the Iron Cross, 2nd class, at Glogau in 1813. In 1816 he was posted to Stettin, and here he began to take up, and improve on, his father's ideas on his Kriegsspiel. In 1819 he was promoted to 1st Lieutenant, and posted to the Guard Artillery Brigade at Berlin. Here he formed a regular group of players to try out his ideas. He also formed a string quartet, as he was a very keen violinist, and claimed that he got his best ideas while walking up and down his room extemporizing on the violin - rather like Sherlock Holmes!

He wanted to devise a system for artillery effect which would take into account the distance of the target, the nature of the target, the calibre of the guns, and whether the artillery were firing under favourable conditions or not. Also the results had to have a degree of variation which was down to sheer chance, as he did not want players to be able to calculate results in advance. They should be able, he felt, to predict a generally favourable result in favourable circumstances, but not an exact one.

He based his figures on data collected by Scharnhorst, from official trials carried out by the Prussian Artillery, which had been published in 1813. These figures were supplemented by his own experience in action, and his observation of practise at the ranges.

He came to the conclusion that the best results that could be expected in action were only half the average score that could be achieved in practise, and then only under conditions favourable to the artillery. He decided to use two dice. One for 'Good effect', when conditions were favourable, and the other for 'Bad Effect', when conditions were less than ideal. The best score, as I have said, was to be half the average practise score, and only one face of the good effect die would give this. The scheme for the two dice was as

#### GOOD EFFECT DIE

one side to have the best score. two sides to have 2/3rds of the best score. one side to have half the best score. two sides to have 1/3rd of the best score.

#### BAD EFFECT DIE

one side to have half the best score. two sides to have 5/12ths of the best score. one side 1/3rd of the best score. two sides to have 1/5th of the best score.

Reisswitz decided that the main difference to effect, as far as the distance of the target was concerned, was whether the battery was using canister shot at point blank range, canister or roundshot at low elevation range (sometimes called 'line of metal' firing), high elevation range, or *Rollschuz* (bouncing shot, or random shot). These range categories differed slightly, according to the calibre of the guns, so that, for instance, a target at 500 paces was in point blank range for a 12lb battery, but low elevation range for a 6lb battery. To achieve this difference there were to be separate figures for 6lb, 12lb, and 7lb howitzer batteries.

The main requirement for best effect at point blank, and low elevation ranges, was that the ground should be fairly even, and not sloping up or down by more than 10°. For high elevation the main thing was to have a good clear view of the target for 200 paces before or behind it, so that the battery could observe how the shots were falling, and less than a 20° slope. The requirement for Rollschuz was the same as canister shot, i.e. fairly level ground. Reisswitz does not explain this, but Scharnhorst makes it clear that this Rollschuz or random shot range was not simply the furthest distance that shot would reach by bouncing or rolling along the ground, but in fact a deliberate extension of the range by using a ricochet effect, achieved by firing at low elevation but with a heavier charge, so that the ball skipped over the ground in long low bounces. Scharnhorst also showed in his notes that some of the shots which hit the target, particularly with canister shot, had hit the ground before the target, but had ricocheted up again. This was why a fairly level ground was necessary for best effect with canister, since much of this ricochet effect was lost if the ground sloped too much, or if the battery was

firing from one height to another.

To take the nature of the target into account, Reisswitz used a points system. The figure given on the die for a 12lb battery at a certain range might be 20, for instance. This was 20 points, and what it meant in terms of actual casualties depended on the nature of the target. For troops in three ranks one point equalled 5 men, so 100 casualties. For troops in two ranks one point equalled 3 men, so 60 casualties. For cavalry and troops in skirmish order, one point equalled 11/2 men, so 30 casualties. Against artillery 121/2 points equalled one gun out of action, so 1 gun out of action, and some further damage.

In addition to this the score was increased by 1/4 for the flanks of units, or for columns, and was knocked down by half if the target had

All this may not seem too surprising today, although I think the simplicity and ease of use might be, but Reisswitz had to think it all out for himself, pacing up and down in his room, playing the violin,

with no previous model to guide him.

One thing which he did not seem to take into account was time that might need to be spent in range finding, and this may be why the Berlin Kriegsspiel Clubs, in their 1828 amendments, found his figures too severe and suggested some modification. I have not yet found any written reference to range finding in the Kriegsspiel before von Trotha (1869), and Captain Baring's translation of von Tschischwitz (1872). Baring probably, in fact, got the idea from a Prussian officer who helped him with the book, because it does not appear in the German original, not the edition I have seen, at any rate.

Von Tschischwitz' idea, or Baring's, was that the players should estimate the distance, and try again on the next move until they got it right, before any effect was counted. Von Trotha prefered to randomize it with dice (an idea that might be particularly useful for solo players). Although his distances were different he used the same four range catagories, so we can say that, ignoring point blank range, the first move of artillery fire was to be taken up with trial shots, for which no effect would be recorded, and that on the second move the chances of the battery getting the range right were; for low elevation -3:2 against; for high elevation -2:1 against; and for random shot -3:1against. If they did not get the range right on the second move their chances improved by 1 on the third, i.e. low elevation -1:1; high elevation -3:2; random shot -2:1. When the chances had reached 1:1it was assumed that the battery would find the range on the next move without any further dice throwing.

An example, using Reisswitz' figures, and von Trotha's idea, might

make this clearer.

EXAMPLE. A 12lb battery firing with good effect against two squadrons at unknown range. (The distance is measured by the umpire and found to be 1200 paces - high elevation range.)

Move 1. No effect (trial shots)

Move 2. Chances against range finding 2:1. The battery unlucky. No effect.

Move 3. Chances now 3:2 - still unlucky - no effect.

Move 4. Chances now 1:1 still unlucky - no effect.

Move 5. Range is now assumed to be found. Die thrown for effect. Die throw of 2 = 13 points = 20 losses.

In this particular example the squadrons had to throw to see whether they could remain in position under effective gunfire. They won the throw, and on the next move suffered a further 30 losses. This

time they lost the throw, and had to retire out of range.

In addition to this Trotha considered that against moving targets the range finding chances would be less. One point was added against if the target was moving away, two if it was moving towards the battery, and three if it was travelling across the battery's line of fire, which meant that a battery had to be very lucky to score against a target moving at speed across its line of fire at longer distances.

I mention these range finding ideas of von Trotha and von Tschischwitz because it seems to me that they could easily be assimilated into any game system that is used. Von Trotha's table, as given in Kriegsspiel, by B. von Reisswitz, is as follows:

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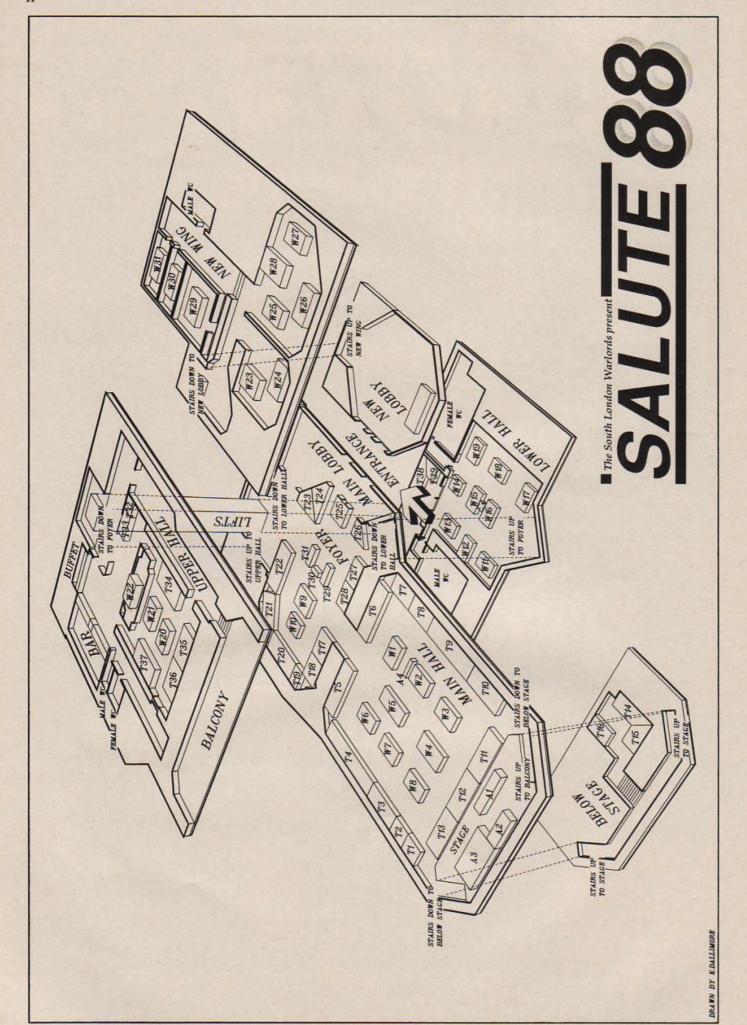
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Swedish troops of the Army of Charles XI painted by Kevin Dallimore, using the methods described below and demonstrated on the stage in the Main Hall at Salute.

## PAINTING TECHNIQUES FOR BEGINNERS

by Kevin Dallimore Photos by John Treadaway

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#### INTRODUCTION

There are a great many different painting techniques, some easy, some not so easy, but right or wrong, it's all a matter of personal choice. There are some who might argue that painting figures to any standard is largely unconnected with wargames, but I'm not going to get onto that debate – it should be obvious from this article that, while I actually enjoy wargaming a great deal, I also enjoy painting wargame figures and, for me at least, that is sufficient. Unless otherwise specified I have used Plaka paints throughout. I'm going to describe some of the methods I use for 25mm and 15mm figures, but don't take them as gospel – just as a guide. I hope that I may encourage you into trying out a few new – or possibly just different – methods.

#### PART ONE - UNDERCOATING

Most metal figures require at least some "cleaning up", hopefully not too much. You will need a good sharp knife, a scalpel is ideal, some small needle or rat tail files, and possibly a pin vice to hold small drill bits.

Small mould lines can be removed with light filing or by scraping the scalpel blade along the mould line. I usually finish off with a file anyway. Heavier mould lines (usually where two halves of the mould have not met correctly) and large amounts of flash are best removed with a knife. Don't try and carve it all off in one big lump, pare away at it carefully. Fortunately, most modern figures do not require such drastic action. Again finish off with a needle file.

Where weapons are to be fitted into open hands I usually drill out the hand with the pin vice (also useful for drilling out closed fists). Some hands will only require a quick run around with the scalpel. When a weapon is fitted into an open hand try if possible to close the figure's hand around the weapon's haft using a pair of pliers, use a pad of cloth and a great deal of care to protect the figure's detail.

Occasionally figures are pitted by air holes (from over heated metal), these are best filled with MILLIPUT or a similar model filler.

The next step is to mount your figure on a bit of spare card or something so you can hold it easily whilst painting. Now your figure is ready for undercoating.

Plastic figures present a bit more of a problem (the soft polythene ones anyway). Removal of flash is very difficult and should only be attempted with a **VERY** sharp scalpel. *Never* try to file them. Polythene figures are all together easier and can be filed more or less as metal figures.

The Polythene figures require two more stages before they are ready for the undercoat. Firstly wash the figures in a strong detergent solution. Leave them to dry. Then, after mounting the figures on a base, paint them with a thinned down solution of white PVA wood glue (50/50 glue and water). Leave it to dry. This prepares the polythene figures for undercoating.

For the undercoating I use matt black or white enamel paint. Black mostly for foot figures and riders, and white for horses, woodwork and flags.

The undercoat should be fairly thin, about 50/50 paint to white spirit. DON'T use the rubbish medium you get in the tin. Apply it with a largish brush, or you can spray it if you like, but I don't get on very well with this method and only use it for AFV's.

If the figure/model is in pieces – separate spears or whatever – assemble it as much as is possible before undercoating. Allow the undercoat to dry completely: put the figure on the top of a radiator or use a hair-dryer if you are in a hurry.

#### PART TWO - FACES

Working with black undercoats I usually start by painting the face. First mix up the base flesh colour. This will be the "shade" colour of the face: a mid brown for European flesh (PLAKA medium brown with a touch of yellow ochre). This goes all over the face except the eyes. Try to leave just a touch of black around where the flesh meets the hair, hat, armour etc. The amount of black you leave showing is matter of taste, try and develop your own style. Use a number one size brush for this.

Next comes the flesh colour proper. You can mix up your own, using PLAKA medium brown, yellow ochre, white with a tiny bit of scarlet, or use the flesh colours made by the paint people. The only ready made flesh I have used is HUMBROL, which gives a good bold flesh colour (it can be toned down a bit with HUMBROL sand – virtually every other ready mixed flesh colour I have come across is atrocious).

I apply this with a good '0' or '00' brush. Try to leave the creases in the face in the base colour. Don't worry if you do go over them as you can paint them back in again. Creases usually occur around the eyes, below the cheek bone, around the mouth, the ears etc.

Once you have applied your flesh colour you can restore any creases or lines you want to, using the original base flesh colour. (You may want to lighten it a bit with a small amount of ochre.)

Now onto highlighting. Take your flesh colour and add white to it (the amount is really a matter of trial and error). Apply this to all the high points of the face; nose, top of the nostrils, to lip, chin, cheek bones, forehead and the tops of the ears. Lastly add a touch of Scarlet to the paint you are using to highlight and paint in the bottom lip. Now for the final effect add a bit more white to your highlight colour. Highlight the nose one more time and add just a small amount to the cheek highlights. Some people like to add rosy







Details of horses, faces, and finished figures painted by Kevin Dallimore. All photos accompanying this article taken by Warlord's President John Treadaway.

cheeks, using the same colour as the bottom lip; I don't, but it's a matter of taste.

Now comes the tricky bit – the eyes. This often makes or breaks a figure. Hopefully you have black eye sockets in which to paint the eyes. Firstly, take your finest brush and paint in the whites of the eyes. If there is no defined eyeball paint a sort of almond shape where the eye should be. Don't make the eye too large or prominant.

Once you are satisfied with the white you can paint in the iris. More often than not I use mid-brown for the iris, but blue, green and dark brown are acceptable for humans. Again use a fine brush, usually an '00'. (Remember, it is how fine the point is *not* how many hairs the brush doesn't have).

Make sure the iris covers from the top eye lid to the bottom lid – this avoids the "early morning stare" look. Also try to get the iris roughly in the same place in each eye to avoid the "exceedingly drunk" look. Try to make the iris round.

Now that is as far as you really need to go, but for that little extra effect you can add a tiny white dot to the centre of the iris to represent light reflecting in the eye. Or some people prefer to add a tiny black dot to represent the pupil.

Lastly we come to facial hair. Usually moustaches, beards and eyebrows. Beards and moustaches are usually cast in situ so its really just a matter of painting them black and dry-brushing them the colour required. I don't usually paint on eyebrows unless they are cast on or the figure is bald. The hair on the head should be treated in the same way. If a five o'clock shadow is required you can use a wash of black Plaka or Humbrol over the required area after the final highlight.

For painting the hair try using these colours: black hair – paint it or leave it black then dry brush it very lightly with white. Brown hair – dry–brush (see next section) the hair brown then lightly dry–brush it yellow ochre. Red hair – dry–brush it brown then red brown, then add orange to the red brown and dry–brush the hair with that. Lastly dry–brush it lightly with pure orange. Fair hair can be done a couple of ways: Either dry–brush it with dark–ochre then white or use yellow–ochre and finish, again, with white. Lastly white hair. Dry–brush with grey then finish by dry–brushing quite heavly with white.

#### PART THREE - DRY-BRUSHING

Once you've achieved a satisfactory face it's time to fill in the rest of the figure. If there is any then I usually do the armour first because this involves dry brushing and it is often hard with this technique to keep it from going over the rest of the figure. For the armour I use Humbrol gunmetal darkened with a touch of matt black, although I am presently experimenting with Tamiya Acrylics. Dry brush this on to the area required.

To dry-brush mix the paint to a fairly thick consistancy. Then, using an old brush, get some paint on to the hairs. The art with dry-brushing is to brush across the detail picking it out with each successive stroke. To check that you've got about the right amount of paint loaded, brush it across your finger; if it picks out *just* the finger print then you've got the right amount of paint on the brush.

Once you reckon you've got the right amount of paint, brush it across the run of the detail – that is across the crease or hair or whatever. On flatter surfaces try to draw the brush from different directions.

So you've dry brushed the gunmetal colour and it looks a bit dull. Now dry-brush silver over the armoured area. You should by this point have a reasonable representation of steel/iron armour. Use the same technique for sword blades, axe heads, etc.

An alternative to this method of finishing armour is called burnishing. Use this technique on well exposed areas of armour – helmets are particularly effective. Black undercoat the whole figure and carefully take off the undercoat with wire wool leaving some black in the cracks and creases. To really make the metal work shine, if this is the effect required, polish the highlights by rubbing them with the edge of a sewing needle. This process is called boning. This technique can, in the final stages, be gloss varnished if desired and is best implemented before any other painting is started to avoid damaging the pre-painted areas.

PART FOUR – FINISHING THE FIGURE The next thing to paint is the figure's main clothing. Choose what basic colour you want it to be and mix up the darkest "shade" of the colour; ie for blue: dark blue, for yellow: yellow/brown and grey for white. Apply this to the whole area of the coat, jacket, whatever. Try to leave just a tiny bit of black around where the clothing meets belts, hands or other bits of clothing etc. As with the face the amount of black you leave is up to you. Use a good number 1 brush.

Now comes the colour proper. For this I often use the pure colour from the jar, suitably thinned. Thin the paint down to a "single cream" consistancy and then you're ready to go. I apply this coat with a 0 or a 1 size brush. Try to leave the folds and creases in the shade colour. Again, as with the faces, don't worry if you go over any areas that should be dark, just paint them back in afterwards.

Now onto highlights. Take your cloth colour and lighten it. This isn't just a matter of adding white to the colour, although it sometimes can be. Colours you can lighten with white include white, blue, pink, black, yellow, grey, tan/ochre and crimson. Colours you can lighten with yellow include green, blue/green, orange, scarlet and the reds. Colours you can lighten with yellow & brown include brown and dark-brown. Once you've decided upon you're highlight colour apply it to the high points of the clothing.

This can either be dry brushed, as described before, or, for a more precise (some would say 'contrived' look) paint it deliberately onto the high points. Also highlight the cuffs or the end of the sleeves.

All you've got to do now is follow the same procedure for all the rest of the fabric areas on the figure.

Leather is best in buff, black or dark brown. A nice effect for buff leather is to use Plaka dark ochre as the shade colour, lighten with white for the main colour and lighten again with white for the highlight. You can dry-brush this highlight if you like. Another good effect for leather is to use Plaka mid brown. Apply this to the belt or whatever. Then apply a wash of black oils. Once this has dried, dry-brush it with yellow ochre.

All that's left is the remaining metal work to be done in gold,

bronze or brass. I use the Rose range of powdered metallics as these give the best effect I've found so far and are, with the exception of Humbrol's Satin bronze from the *Metalcote* range, the *only* ones I use. Rose Gold comes in three different shades of powdered metal that must be mixed with a medium or size, or just Humbrol Gloss Varnish. The shades are Rich Gold, Pale Gold and Light Antique. Paint the area you want with the said satin bronze then, if you're doing gold or bronze, highlight it with rich gold and add a final highlight with light gold or plain silver. For brass, again paint the area with satin bronze, highlight with light gold and then silver. On large areas try dry brushing using the metalics.

#### PART FIVE - BASING

Now you've painted your figure you've got to base it. I'm only going to describe the two ways I do it. Firstly using ready mixed Tetrion. Mount your figure on the requisite size bit of card or plastic card etc. Now build up the base with the Tetrion to disguise the base of the figure. Leave the tetrion to dry. To texture your base, glue on a sand/gravel mixture. Use white PVA glue to do this. Once this is dry, paint it. I either use Burnt umber acrylic or Humbrol dark earth. Leave this to dry, dry brush with yellow ochre, and, to pick out the finest detail dry brush again with white.

I now add chopped flock nylon 'grass' made by *Heki*. Paint white P.V.A. glue in irregular patches and put the flock on in blobs with a suitable implement – I use a pair of tweezers. Allow this to dry before knocking off the excess flock. The grass can be dry brushed

with yellow ochre to tone it down slightly.

The other method involves using "mix-it-up" Tetrion applied over the base, as above, and whilst this is still wet sprinkle some 'texturing' onto it – bits of sand and fine gravel etc. Leave this to dry then paint it with a wash of Burnt Sienna coloured oil paint and apply the flock as above.

#### PART SIX - HORSES

Painting horses is what usually lets down the majority of mounted units. It's not difficult to obtain a reasonable look, but it does take a bit of time and some oil paints.

Take your horse and clean him up in the prescribed manner. Make sure you clean off any of the more visible mould lines, like those on the rump of the figure as the method I'm going to describe will pick these out very nicely if you don't. Mount the horse on a bit of card to paint it. Undercoat it WHITE. I use Humbrol matt white, thinned a bit with white spirit. Leave it to dry over night or bake it dry on top of a radiator.

Once your horse is dry it's ready to be painted with the base colour. This is done in oils mixed with Humbrol matt enamel to aid drying time. Oil paint on its own can take a week or more to dry. More often than not I use white enamels to lighten the basic oil colour. The only oil I use straight is golden ochre. An important thing to remember with the base coat is that the shading you are going to apply will darken the base coat so make it lighter than the desired colour of the horse.

Mix up the base colour you want to a single cream consistancy and paint you horse. Leave the straps, harness, saddle etc. unpainted – I'll come back to them. Now leave it to dry again. It must be absolutely dry before you can go on to the next phase. You can paint in manes and tails in the base colour or leave them to do in black or brown later.

Now the next phase; the shading. Take some more oil paint, much darker than your base colour. I use black for mid to dark brown and dark greys (Ivory Black, not Lamp Black which will obliterate anything); burnt umber for tans, light browns and red browns, grey for white and light grey. Mix up the shade colour a bit thinner than the base colour using white spirit, but use the oil colour straight as you want it to take a fair time to dry (the white spirit will speed the drying time so don't worry). Apply the shade colour liberally over the areas painted in the base colour. Now comes the clever bit (well cleverish). Take a bit of toilet paper and wipe away at the horse, removing the shade colour from all the raised areas. If you haven't been careful and removed all the mould lines they will be picked out as a shaded area.

Make a pad with the paper and keep wiping away at the shade until it is only left in the depression of the muscles and around the horses equipment. You can use a bit of foam instead of toilet tissues to wipe off. Once you are satisfied with the amount of shading you



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have achieved put it out of the way to dry for a couple of days. If you've removed too much shade just paint it back in. It is also an idea to paint some harder shades in around the straps and horse furniture.

Once the horse is dry you can undercoat the horse furniture and the eyes black, (matt black Humbrol). Also you can paint in the mane and the tail, if you haven't already done so. Paint the furniture and dry brush the mane and tail to finish them off, the same way you would paint a figure hair. The eye on the horse should be painted white over the black undercoat. Then paint on a BLACK iris, this should cover up most of the white. Once dry paint on a tiny tiny white speck in the centre of the iris.

Lastly paint in the hooves, brown or black and paint on any socks, stars, stripes and snips. Most horses have at least one sock, few have four. Also most horses have some sort of facial marking: stripes, snips etc. Paint these areas grey then white. Stick on your figure and then base it.

#### PART SEVEN - VARNISH

I can use a matt polyurethane called RONSEAL MATTCOTE, not their ordinary cheaper varnish which can give a semi-gloss finish sometimes. Another good one to use is FURNIGLAS matt polyurethane. I varnish all my figures, for several reasons. Mainly to protect them, as I wargame with most of my figures and repainting is soul destroying. Also varnish gives extra contrast as it tends to darken the dark colours. Lastly the varnish will help to prevent metal rot destroying the figures finish as it prevents the air contacting the metal of the figure and thus stops oxidisation. I also use Gloss varnish, not usually as a finish for the figure but for an extra finish on metalwork. Be careful not to brush the varnish too hard over silver as it will lift it, particularly if they are freshly painted. Spray varnishes are OK if you have a lot of figures to but I'm never happy with their inconsistancy of finish—sometimes matt—sometimes not.

#### PART EIGHT - FLAGS

As with horses flags often let figures down. Most people will try to avoid doing flags if they can, and buying pre-printed and coloured flags can be a reasonable alternative. Anyway if you decide to do the flags yourself here's my method. The basic material I use is tooth paste tubes. Not, I hasten to add the new plastic type ones, but the older aluminium types are perfect. Take the used tube and clean it up. I remove the paint from the tube with *Nitromores* then flatten it with a tea spoon to remove any creases (it helps if you don't roll the tube up when you use it). When you've got the flat bit of tube ready, cut out the shape of the flag you require.

It doesn't particularly matter what shape you want but remember always to leave a bit extra on the end to wrap around the pole or spear you are going to mount it on. If you're going to make a complicated shape do the difficult bit first before you cut out the rest of the flag. Once you've cut out the shape stick it to the pole, making sure you get a neat edge at the join. I usually paint the flags before I attach them to the figure as it's easier to paint the flag "flat". Undercoat the flag white using Humbrol matt white.

Once your undercoat is dry, draw on the design you require, be it Union Jack, heraldic design or whatever. I use a drafting pen to draw on the design (Mars Isographic 0.35 or 0.25 – any smaller will become blocked too easily). Now paint in the design. Again use a shade colour, then the colour proper and then the highlight colour. The wrinkle is not to paint the highlight colour on while the flag is flat. The toothpaste tube will allow you to fold in creases as if the flag is blowing in the wind. When you've folded your flag paint the highlights on the high points. You may find some of the paints will flake off when you fold the flag but this isn't normally too bad and can easily be touched back in.

Flags often have cords and tassels attached as decoration. I make them from 5amp fuse wire twisted to look like rope at 25mm scale. The tassels on the end of the rope are a bit more difficult. Make these from *Milliput* worked on the end of the wire. If you really can't do this you can sometimes buy cast ones (Hinchliffe used to do them).

On smaller figures I use the foil off St. Ivel "Gold" tubs as it is that bit thinner and more flexible. Pennants or lances are done in much the same manner except fold them first if they are of single colour. I think I should point out why I use toothpaste tubes and not paper or silk. This is mainly because it is stronger and for wargames figures this is a big plus. Paper and material flags always look stiff; now that may be accurate, but it doesn't look so good in my opinion. Pennants always look better flapping in the breeze and as they tend to be smaller than flags they need to be as robust as possible. Last point, most toothpaste manufacturers are changing over to plastic tubes so start saving those tubes now!! (You can use lead foil but it's a bit floppy compared with the aluminium foil from toothpaste tubes.)

#### PART NINE - CANNONS

Assemble the gun as far as you can, leaving off the barrel. Undercoat the gun carriage white. When dry (overnight) paint it a sand colour, use Humbrol sand. Leave this to dry for at least six hours. Now you're going to use the same wiping technique you used to do the horse. Don't go mad as the oil paint can lift the Humbrol. Use burnt umber or burnt sienna oils mixed with white spirit. Paint any metalwork on the gun carriage black, then paint it the metal colour you want as I've described previously. Now paint the gun barrel, bronze or brass for early guns, iron for later ones. Stick the barrel to the carriage and base it up as before. I usually like to have paraphernalia around the gun: ram rods, sponges, buckets and barrels etc. If figures are to be put on the same base as the gun stick them on before you do the basing. The gun can be hard to handle while painting so I suggest you stick it to a base to help. I use epoxy and super–glue to assemble the cannon.

#### CONCLUSION

There will be a South London Warlords painting demonstration at SALUTE 88, so if you want to see this stuff and more "in the raw", as it were, or just fancy a chat, come along; we'd be very happy to talk.

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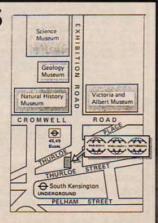
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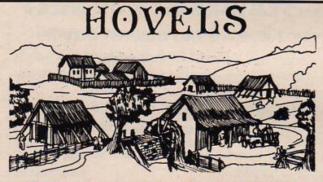








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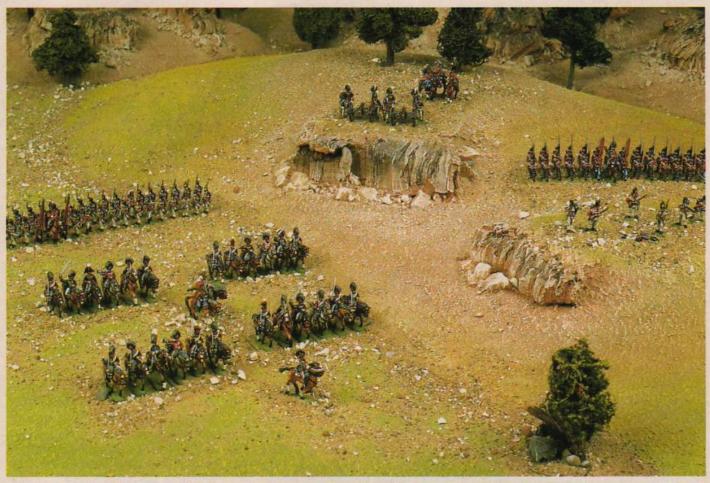
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The game won the Best Visiting Club award at SELWG 87.



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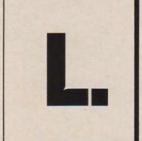
# WHAT ABOUT THE WARLORDS?

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The South London Warlords was founded in 1971 and within eight months of opening

held its first open day now known as SALUTE.

Among many facilities offered to the members by the Club is the inhouse magazine - COMMAND POST - which from its early humble origins has now developed into a semi-professional bi-monthly publication containing high quality articles contributed by the membership for the membership and distributed free to the membership. The Club meets every Monday and Thursday with the bulk of the present membership attending on Mondays. Annual membership is only £18 per year



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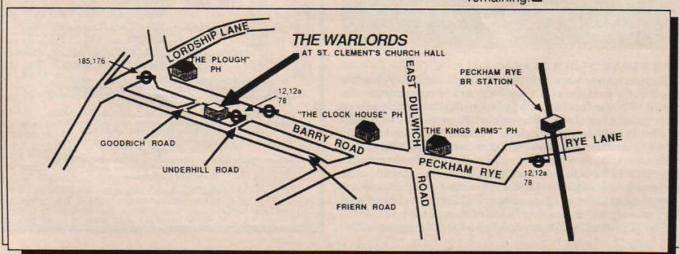
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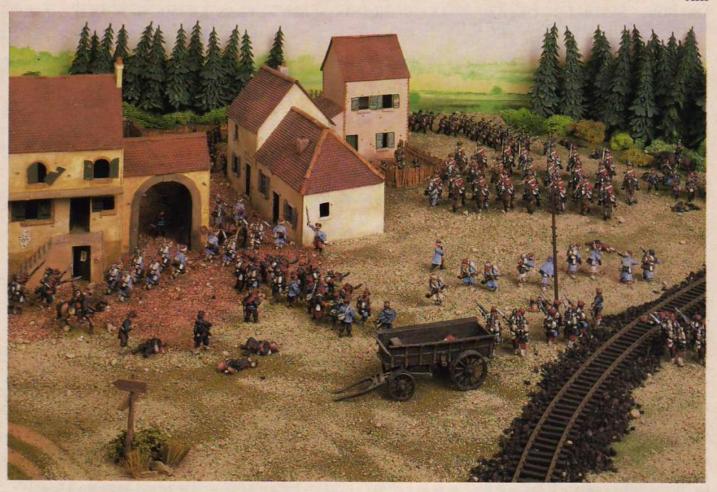
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### CHAMPIONS OF THE GODS: BRONZE AGE HEROES IN THE TROJAN WAR

by Arthur Harman

"Horatio, of ideal courage vain,
Was flourishing in air his father's cane;
And as the fumes of valour swelled his pate,
Now thought himself this hero, and now that.
'And now,' he cried, 'I will Achilles be,
My sword I brandish – see the Trojans flee!
Now I'll be Hector, when his angry blade
A lane through heaps of slaughtered Grecians made..."
(from 'Feigned Courage' by Charles and Mary Lamb)

The Trojan War, as recounted in Homer's Iliad, continues to fascinate us today, despite the virtual disappearance of the Classics from many schools - gone are the days when one could assume that every schooboy would be familiar with the deeds of the Heroes of Greece and Troy, as was the case when the Lambs wrote the poem quoted above in Queen Victoria's reign. However, recent books, notably Michael Wood's In Search of the Trojan War, and Peter Connolly's The Legend of Odysseus discuss the question of the historical authenticity of the Homeric epic; the latter volume's illustrations of Bronze Age warriors are calculated to inspire wargamers to recreate encounters of Achilles, Ajax, Menelaus, Diomedes and Hector in miniature. The following game was devised as a result of discussion with Andy Grainger and Peter Moles (who has developed his own version for use as a participation game at conventions), and is intended as a light-hearted 'After-Dinner' game for eight to a dozen players. It has no pretensions to be a serious recreation of either Bronze Age warfare or Homer's Iliad, and should be played in a suitably boastful and vainglorious spirit! Now read on, mortals, and discover what fate the Gods have decreed for you....

#### CHAMPION OF THE GODS: RULES

#### Roles

Players have a dual role in this game; they portray one of the Gods of Mount Olympus, and also control the actions of mortal warriors, through whom the Gods play out their own feuds (at last, a game structure that uses the relationship between wargamers and their toy soldiers to simulate 'reality' to perfection!). Each God controls at least one warrior (who may rise during the game through champion to Hero) and his retinue of fighting men. The size of the warrior's retinue reflects his standing in the eyes of his comrades, as will become clear. Warriors fight for glory and loot; political and strategic consideration means nothing to them, war is merely an opportunity to display their prowess and increase their reputation; personal considerations outweigh the overall objective, particularly among the Greeks, who are fighting to help Menelaus to recover Helen because they once took an oath to get her back if she was ever taken from her husband. Thus, a warrior will disobey the orders of his notional commander and sulk in his tent if offended, of rush off on some desperate bid for personal glory.

The Gods, most of whom have already taken sides in the war, act to protect their favourites when in extremis, but do not intervene in mortal affairs lightly. They seek to score over each other through the agency of the mortal warrior, and to secure victory for the nation they support. Only Zeus, King of the gods (the umpire), remains neutral. He will only intervene to redress the balance between the two nations where the outcome of a battle does not appear to conform to the Golden Scales, with the sentence of Death in each pan, that Zeus uses to discover their fate....

#### Status and Challenges

Players begin the game as warriors, with a retinue of 6 fighting men. A champion has a retinue of between 7 and 12 men. Once his retinue is over 12, he becomes a hero. The retinue reflects the player's status and may increase or decrease as described below. Should his retinue disappear altogether, the player is disgraced and must withdraw from

the game. Heroes who win extra glory and renown that would normally be represented by extra members of their retinue, may acquire trophies and loot instead, which may, if necessary, be sacrified in place of losing fighting men from the retinue.

At the beginning of each turn, players may issue Challenges. One mortal may issue one Challenge per turn, and may not challenge mortals whose status is less than his own, though a lower status Warrior may challenge a Champion or Hero. Refusing a Challenge incurs loss of renown, which is represented by losing one retinue member if the challenger is of equal status, two members if he is inferior in status. Zeus will decide the order in which mortals may declare their challenges, by die roll, status, size of retinue or whatever he chooses. Such is the power of the King of the Gods. When a Challenge is accepted, both parties advance to the centre of the plain in their chariots, their retinues following at a respectful distance, and disembark ready for combat.

#### Combat

Combat lasts a maximum of three rounds. Once a Challenge is accepted, each player must stake at least one, but not more than three, members of his retinue on the outcome of the fight. These represent the prestige gained by winning or lost by being defeated. In the first round of combat the higher ranking warrior, or the one with the larger retinue, stakes first (if both players are equal, let Zeus decide), and the other must 'see' him, as if in a poker game, or withdraw, losing one member of his retinue. In the second round the lower ranking stakes first, and the higher ranking in the last round, and the same rule about withdrawal applies. The members of both retinues that are staked are transferred to the winner of that round of the combat, unless there is a 'draw', in which case they remain 'in the pot' for the next round. If the last round is a draw, the stakes are returned to their original leader, save that a lower ranking player gains one of his opponent's men for having faced up to him.

The rounds of combat themselves are decided on a very simple basis. Each player begins the game with three cards, displaying pictures of a Sword, a Spear and a Shield. Players choose one card and present them simultaneously. The rules are:

SHIELD turns SWORD (ie Shield wins) SWORD cuts SPEAR (ie Sword wins) SPEAR pierces SHIELD (ie Spear wins)

Hardly a realistic representation of hand-to-hand combat, but simple and playable: where both players choose the same card, there is a draw.

There are two refinements on what is, basically, the children's -'Stone, Scissors, Paper' game played with the fingers. These are, firstly, that Spear is a 'one shot' weapon for that turn only, and secondly, that Champions have an extra Spear Card, and Heroes an extra two Spear Cards (this, I, suppose, could represent their skill in retrieving their weapons, rather than carrying additional spears). If a Warrior, Champion or Hero is defeated in all three rounds of combat by his opponent, then he is in danger of being killed. He may appeal to his comrades to save him, which any other player who has not yet fought that turn may do by Challenging the Victor, whilst another forgoes combat that turn to drag the defeated player's figure to safety. Both players must be given a piece of loot, or a member of the potential victim's retinue, as a reward; if the player in extremis wishes, and has the necessary status, he may offer more! No player is under any obligation to save another, but to refuse to help a comrade calling for aid costs one member of one's retinue for Warriors and Champions, or two for Heroes (Heroes have a high standard of martial conduct to live up to!). If no mortal will come to his aid, the player at risk must call upon his God or Goddess to save him, which they will always do, subject to a maximum of three divine interventions per game, and remember that a God may take an interest in more that one mortal....

#### Fate

At the beginning of each turn Zeus, who is equipped with a simple pair of scales, one pan of which is labelled 'Greeks', the other 'Trojans', selects two slabs of Plasticene from a row at random, and places them in the pans. The side that goes down is the side against whom he may deploy one Thunderbolt that turn. These are used, at Zeus's absolute discretion, to reverse the outcome of one combat, but do not prevent divine intervention to save the loser. In practice, Zeus will use the Thunderbolt to give a player who is in danger of being forced out of the game another chance, so long as it is in accord with the fate decreed by the scales.

#### Chance

At the beginning of each turn, Zeus draws a Chance Card from a pack to set the scene for that turn. These will be incidents taken from the *Iliad*, such as Achilles withdrawing to his tent after Agamemnon took his captive, Briseis, in which case Achilles and his Myrmidons will not participate that turn, and may not be challenged to combat by the enemy.

#### Victory

At the end of each day's fighting, or turn, the number of combats won by each side should be totalled, and the side with the higher total has won that turn. Zeus may care to limit the game to a predetermined number of turns, at the end of which Trojans or Greeks – and hence the Gods who support them – are declared victorious. Any player who has achieved, and maintained, Hero status until the end of the game has won a personal victory; there might be a 'Victor Pugnarum' (Yes, I know it should be Greek!) award for the Hero with the most loot and largest retinue.

#### Terrain

A flat tabletop, possibly covered with a sand-coloured cloth, represents the Plains of Troy. Cardboard cut-outs of the fortress of Troy, the Greek ships and camp, and Mount Olympus should be positioned around it. For a demonstration or participation game at a convention, the scenery could be more elaborate.

#### **Figures**

Each Warrior must begin the game with an easily identifiable personal figure, a chariot, horse and driver, and a retinue of six assorted fighting men. Extra figures may be placed in the background to create a picture of a raging battle. The game may be played with figures of any scale, from 15mm upwards, but if the game organiser insists upon Bronze Age, rather than Classic Greek, figures his choice will be limited. Personally, I have chosen figures from Chariot Minatures, who have a Mycenaean and Minoan Greek range in 15mm, but since the *Iliad* is a work of fiction, there is no reason why one could not use almost any suitable Ancient or Fantasy figures, painted as fantastically as one likes! Zeus should hurl Thunderbolts at any player who starts a pedantic argument about Bronze age/ Homeric armour and weapons!

#### Source

Homer's *Iliad* is available in paperback in the Penguin Classics Series, and will be useful for names and incidents for Chance Cards.

If you want an authentic Bronze Age recreation, Peter Connolly's The Legend of Odysseus, Oxford University Press, 1986 is essential. His The Greek Army also has useful pictures and information.



Another convention, over two decades ago. The three bespectacled gentlemen in the front rank were already well known in the Hobby in the Sixties. The young sprog peering over their shoulders (& who supplied this photo) has become well known in the Eighties through his 'playwargame rules. Whether the player on the right flank has just thrown (which, apparently, usually landed on 'six!) or is gesticulating at the opposition is open to question. There may or may not be a prize of a bottle of champagne from the Warlords for the first correct answer - four names - submitted to the Command Table, on stage at 'Salute'. Either way it's an interesting bit of nostalgia.

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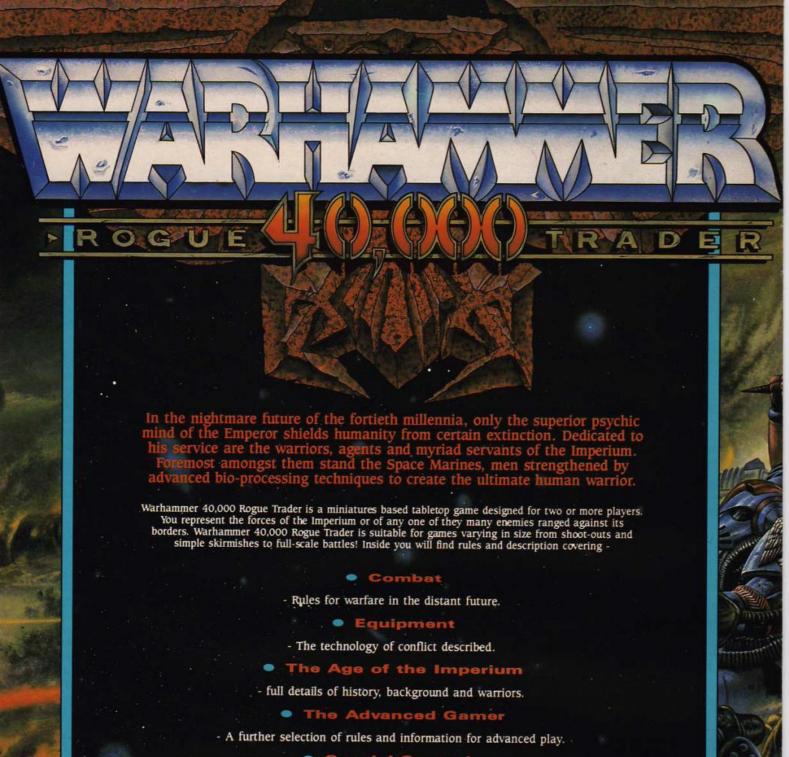
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## THE LAND IS DEAD

## An introduction to the Cape Frontier Wars, 1799-1878

PART TWO by Ian Knight

With the official renunciation of British rule west of the Kei and the recall of Sir Harry Smith at the close of the Sixth Frontier War in 1835, an uneasy peace settled over the Frontier. A well meaning Governor tried to deal fairly with the Xhosa, but he was deeply resented by the British settlers, who felt they had been the victims of unprovoked Xhosa aggression. And the underlying tension over the competition for grazing land continued.

Among the Xhosa, young Sandile assumed more and more power amongst the amaNgika. His people brought their grievances to him, and, influenced by a new generation of warriors who had not known the bitterness of defeat by the British, Sandile adopted an aggressive tone in his dealings with the British. It was matched by a hardening of the attitude of the Colonial authorities. Throughout the early 1840s, tension mounted.

Then, in March 1846, a Xhosa tried to steal an axe from a trader's store. The trader spotted him, and the culprit was arrested. Angry warriors attacked the police escort as it took the thief to jail, and rescued him. The British decided that Sandile should be responsible for the activities of his people, and demanded that he turn the man over. Sandile demurred. The British put together an expeditionary force and set off to Sandile's Great Place in the foothills of the Amathole to teach the chief of the Ngqika a lesson.

The force consisted of infantry, a regular cavalry unit, the 7th Dragoons, and some Cape Mounted Riflemen, a local force consisting largely of Khoi, who were to prove excellent bush fighters. The column had with it some 125 wagons. As it made its way along a pass at a place named Burnshill, the Xhosa opened fire from the dense bush on either side, and charged the centre of the wagon train. So restricted by the bush were the troops that they were severely mauled as they tried to make their way along the line in small groups. Eventually the British commander managed to extricate the survivors, abandoning 65 wagons to the Xhosa. Among the loot was a sizable supply of ammunition and the Regimental Silver of the Dragoons. It was a stunningly successful application of a strategy the Xhosa were to perfect in the coming months, and the start of the Seventh Frontier War - "The War of the Axe"

As the expedition against Sandile fell back, so the exultant Xhosa rose, and, once more, swept into the Colony, driving out the settlers, burning, looting, and driving off cattle. It was a depressingly familiar

On May 28th a force of 8000 warriors - the largest single army yet fielded by the Xhosa - attacked Fort Peddie. This was a star-shaped earthwork built to protect the Mfengu when they settled across the Kei before the death of Hintsa. Since the Mfengu had jubilantly thrown in their lot with the British when the current war broke out, they were a natural target for Xhosa revenge. The Mfengu were

armed with obsolete muskets, however, and, stiffened by a small garrison of regulars, supported by rockets, they kept up a heavy fire which prevented the Xhosa from closing. At last the attackers were driven off with the loss of over a hundred men.

The successful defence of Fort Peddie was one of the few bright moments for the British in the early part of the war. Time and again the Xhosa, who were for the first time using traded guns in large quantities, ambushed wagons or attacked outposts and disappeared into the bush before reinforcements could be brought up to defeat them. Then suddenly, unexpectedly, and by pure luck, the tide turned in favour of the Colony.

On June 8th, Colonel Harry Somerset set out from Fort Peddie with a force of Dragoons, Cape Mounted Rifles and two guns, to attack some Xhosa kraals. As he neared the Gwanga river, his scouts ahead of him crested a rise, reined in in astonishment, then galloped back to report. Ahead of them, crossing their front along the bed of the Gwanga, was a Xhosa army, entirely unaware of the danger it was in. Somerset deployed his men, led them over the ridge, and charged. The Xhosa bunched to greet them, but the Dragoons cut through them with their sabres, and the CMR, armed with double-barrelled shotguns for bush fighting, rode behind, gunning down the warriors. Caught in the open over three hundred Xhosa

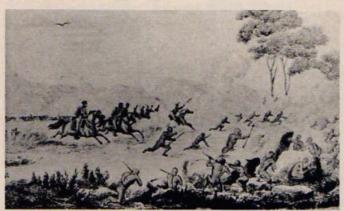
The shock of the defeat at Gwanga caused the Xhosa to fall back to their old fastnesses. The War of the Axe dragged on to the dismal close of so many Frontier Wars. British patrols scoured the Amathole, but the chiefs kept one step ahead of them. In the end, it was hunger which forced them to surrender. The country was in the grip of a drought, and the British destroyed the crops of hostile clans. Many warriors, weary of the struggle, watched them do it. They would not fight, but they would not abandon their land either. At last, Sandile was arrested, and the other chiefs surrendered.

As the war fizzled out, the Colony welcomed back an old hero. Sir Harry Smith, fresh from his victories against the Sikhs in India, and openly calling himself "The Hero of Aliwal", had returned to take command of the Frontier. As he arrived at Port Elizabeth, he noticed the face of Magoma in the crowd. He accosted the chief, and made him kneel, and Smith put his foot on Magoma's neck, shouting out that he had returned to show the Xhosa who was in charge. It was a gesture which might have pleased the settlers, but Magoma never forgot this ritual humiliation, and in the end it cost Smith dear.

With his usual flamboyance, Smith set about re-establishing British control west of the Kei, convinced that his personality alone was sufficient to awe the Xhosa. It was not. Trouble began brewing as soon as Smith arrived, and when it erupted, it was to prove more serious than ever before.



(1) The attack on the wagon train at Burnshill, the start of the War of the Axe".



(2) A skirmish between the Cape Mounted Rifles and the Xhosa. The CMR proved an excellent force in bush-fighting, although some of their Khoi members deserted to the Kat rebels in the Eighth War.



(3) Xhosa warriors overwhelming a wagon-train – a tactic perfected in the 1840s.



(5) Smith's final assault on Maqoma's stronghold in the Waterkloof. This picture gives some idea of the rugged nature of the country.

As the drought continued in the years following the end of the War of the Axe, strange rumours unsettled the Xhosa. The drought, it was said, was caused by the magic of the British, who were trying to destroy the Xhosa once and for all. Xhosa prophets – like all tribal mystics, dismissed by the British as "witchdoctors" – began to promise the Xhosa miracles if they took to arms once more. When Smith blustered and raged at the chiefs, pointing out that he had garrisons ringing the Amathole, and limitless ships to bring reinforcements, Maqoma sneered "Yes; but do you have any ships that can sail into the Amathole?"

Smith decided to confront Sandile and make him accept his responsibility for the unrest. In December 1850, a column was sent to arrest him. It was a repeat of the Burnshill fiasco. As the column wound through the narrow Boomah Pass, there was a shouted war-cry and a crash of musket-fire from the bush. The Xhosa had gone to war once more. The fight was fierce and bloody, and the British decidedly got the worst of it. As the remnants of the column extracted themselves from the Pass, Maqoma and Sandile and the other clan chiefs prepared to sweep into the Colony.

Smith's situation was perilous. Convinced he had the Frontier under control, he had reduced the troops there to a mere 1,700; 900 of whom were needed to garrison forts scattered around the country. Smith himself was under virtual siege at a post named Fort Cox.

The settler villages established around the Amathole foothills suffered worst from the Xhosa rampage. On Christmas Day the warriors fell on the tiny village of Woburn. The handful of able men made a determined stand in one of the buildings, but the Xhosa finally broke in and killed them all. At Auckland, villagers noted that the streets were unaccountably full of Xhosa, who had come in under the pretext of trading. Suddenly a chief shouted a command, and the warriors produced assegais. The settlers fled to the church, with the Xhosa hard on their heels. For some hours they defended the church, until the Xhosa called out, offering women and children safe passage. The warriors let them pass, then rushed the church.

The men held out until their ammunition failed, and then they too were overwhelmed.

All along the frontier, the settlers were driven into defensive laagers or towns, and the military to their forts. The initiative remained with the Xhosa. Worse still, the Xhosa found a new ally. In 1829 a settlement had been founded along the Kat River, on land formerly owned by Maqoma. It comprised Khoi and mixed blood peoples, who gratefully set up their own farms, and dutifully volunteered their servies to the British in subsequent wars. As time went on and the number of white settlers increased, covetous eyes were cast on the Kat River settlement, and the Khoi found themselves on the end of a bullying attempt to make life there unpleasant. Their grievances mounted, and at last they threw in their lot with the Xhosa. Armed and mounted, they made formidable enemies as they attacked white communities on their borders.

At last, Smith slipped out of Fort Cox – disguised as a trooper of the Cape Mounted Rifles – and made his way to King William's Town. Whatever his faults, he was not idle, and he immediately organised such raids against the Xhosa as his resources would allow. A Xhosa foray to the outskirts of the town was bloodily repulsed, and Smith went onto the offensive. The Kat River rebels were the first to feel his wrath. Over 2000 troops under Harry Somerset – the victor of Gwanga – made a successful night attack on the rebel camp. The rebels retired on an old frontier post, Fort Armstrong. Somerset assaulted it in the classic European style; he bombarded it with his guns, and then stormed it. His vengeful troops, particularly the volunteers, killed everyone they came across.

Whilst he kept up the pressure on the Xhosa, Smith strengthened his hand with reinforcements from home. Already the Xhosa were retiring to the Fish River bush and the Amathole; this time, Smith would have to go in and get them out.

Initial attempts were not promising. The newly arrived 2nd (Queen's) Regiment was sent into the Fish River bush. The country was broken, rocky and rugged, and clothed with tough spikey shrubs



(4) Colonial volunteers storming a mountain stronghold.



(6) A volunteer unit in the typical uniform of the Ninth War; note the Mfengu with their characteristic shields.



(7) A fight in the bush; although this picture is set in the 1870s, it is typical of such scenes throughout the Frontier Wars.



(8) A skirmish in the bush.

which not only snagged clothes and raked skin, but hid the enemy until it was too late. Employing their usual tactics, the Xhosa managed to split the troops into small parties, and overrun them piecemeal. Twenty-three men were killed in one fight alone – a high number by the standards of such warfare.

In the Amatholes, it was much the same story. Here the attention was directed against the Droomie Heights, a spur of the Amatholes which boasted a complex of gorges known collectively as the Waterkloof. It was here that Maqoma had gone to ground. On September 7th, 1851, Colonel John Fordyce led a force of 600 74th Highlanders into the Waterkloof. On an oppressively hot day, they struggled through the bush to climb the heights, but, as they marched down the other side, Maqoma's warriors ambushed them at the point where the track was narrowest. There was a stiff hand-to-hand fight in the gloom of the bush, and the 74th were driven out in disarray. With only 13 dead, Fordyce could count himself lucky.

For several months the fighting ranged back and forth around the Waterkloof. Patrols sweeping the area crossed and recrossed the same ground, but always Maqoma was one step ahead of them, abandoning one area only to reappear in another just swept by the troops. He struck whenever the British were most exposed.

Though elsewhere his troops were burning Xhosa homes and crops, politically, Smith was losing the war. In March 1852 he received an official recall. He determined to have one last crack at Maqoma. Mustering all the troops at his disposal, he ringed the Waterkloof and closed in. He bombarded Maqoma's personal stronghold, and stormed it at bayonet point. The chief, as ever, escaped the net, but his followers were scattered.

Try as he might, Smith could not make the chiefs surrender. He left the Frontier with the small consolation of his military success at the Waterkloof as compensation for the utter ruin of his policies. His successor was left with the task of bringing the Ngqika to heel. It was a long and wearying process. The Xhosa clung to their chiefs tenaciously, retreating deeper and deeper into their strongholds in a war of attrition they could not win. Gradually the sweeps cleared the bush and ravines. At last, in March 1853, Sandile and Maqoma surrendered.

The Eighth Frontier War had broken the spirit of the Xhosa, and there was to be one terrible manifestation of this. At the close of the hostilities the Ngqika were resettled on a cramped and crowded reserve away from the dangerous Amatholes and the Fish. Here they languished and, quite literally, died.

In early 1856, a young Xhosa maiden claimed to have visions, in which, she said, the dead chiefs of old appeared to her, and gave her a message. They were waiting in the afterlife to return and overthrow the British and deliver the Xhosa nation from its misery. But a price was to be paid, a sacrifice to prove the nation worthy. The people must kill their cattle. Only if they gave themselves into the hands of the spirits completely would the miracle occur. At first, few people took the prophecy seriously, but gradually it took hold of the national consciousness. Believers began to slaughter their beasts. When promised miracles failed to occur, believers accused unbelievers of spiritual sabotage and attacked them. Across the Ngqika reserve, and into Gcalekaland, the Xhosa killed their cattle. But the

old chiefs did not come, and there was no Millenium. The people, deprived of their main form of sustenance, simply starved. It is estimated that as many as 67,000 died. The land was indeed dead.

The grim period of the cattle killing marked the end of Xhosa independence. The Colonial authorities blamed the chiefs. Fierce old Maqoma was exiled to Robben Island, one of many African nationalist leaders to languish there. He died in 1873. Sandile took to drink. Even Sahrili, the great paramount chief of the Xhosa, across the Kei, was turned out of his traditional land and put on a location. A large chunk of Gcalekaland was given over to the Mfengu, who had proved loyal allies of the British in two wars.

There was to be one last Frontier War, a last spasmodic shudder in the Xhosa national corpse. Unlike the others, it began in Gcalekaland. Gceleka resentment of the Mfengu – former underdogs, now raised up – seethed over the years. In August 1877 a party of Xhosa and Mfengu clashed at a wedding ceremony. A fight broke out, and the Xhosa went for their assegais. Young warriors appealed to Sahrili to redress past wrongs and fight as the Xhosa had in the old days. The paramount chief was old and tired, but weary of his humiliation. He would fight. The Xhosa attacked the Mfengu.

On the border, the Colony's police thought that this was just a faction fight, and sent out a patrol to break it up. The patrol ran into a Gcaleka army, and was forced to retreat. The Police post at Ibeka was placed under siege. Reinforcements were brought up, and the Xhosa driven off. The Colonial troops then advanced on Sarhili's Great Place, and burnt it. But it had been largely deserted. The Gcaleka had taken to the bush. Sahrili sent messages to Sandile asking the amaNgqika to join the fight. Sandile threw off the cloak of the drunken sot, and assumed the mantle of the warrior chief once

On February 7th, 1878, a combined Ngqika and Gcaleka army attacked the British camp at KwaCentane. It was defended by the First Battalion, 24th Regiment, earning their spurs as seasoned bush fighters. The Xhosa army numbered 5000 men – a large force, even by the standards of the old days. But the attacks were uncoordinated, and as the warriors advanced in dense masses, the concentrated volley fire cut them down. As they turned, they were chased from the field by the irregular cavalry. Nearly 400 dead were left on the battlefield.

The decisive defeat at Centane broke the spirit of the Gcaleka. The warriors retreated to their homes, and Sahrili fled. Deserted by his allies, Sandile had little option but to take to the bush. His followers made for the Kei. The Colonial troops tried to fence them in, but they slipped through the net. They made, as they always did, for the Amatholes.

The task of flushing them out fell to General Frederick Thesiger, soon, on the death of his father, to assume the title Lord Chelmsford. Like the 1/24th, he was destined to have grim experiences at the hands of the South African blacks before he left the continent.

The Ninth Frontier War dragged to a grim close, the troops slowly flushing out bands of warriors in the Amathole bush. Then, on May 29th 1878, a party of Mfengu skirmished with a group of Xhosa, wounding a Xhosa chief. Sometime later the chief was found dead in the bush; he had died from loss of blood following a shot through the

side. He was Sandile, chief of the amaNgqika. The last bands were

gradually flushed out and killed.

The final Frontier War was over. The Xhosa had fought long and hard, but their chiefs, their way of life, and their land was gone. There was no one left to fight, and nothing left to fight for. It had taken just one year short of a century, but in the end, the whiteman had most definitely won.

For those who are interested in such things, there are still many Xhosa people in South Africa, officially designated citizens of two impoverished "Homelands", the Transkei and Ciskei, recognised as independent by no-one except South Africa. And their leaders today are amongst those best known in the struggle for freedom. One, Nelson Mandela, until recently was imprisoned, like Nxele and Maqoma before him, on Robben Island. History repeats itself.

#### Further reading

The best general history of the Frontier Wars is John Milton's *The Edges of War*, published in South Africa by Juta in 1983. It is balanced and readable and profusely illustrated. J.B. Pieres' *The House of Phalo* (Ravan Books, 1981) is a good study of the Xhosa up to the end of the War of the Axe, but is basically an academic work, and a little heavy going, best approached after some familiarity with the subject. Philip Gon's study of the 1/24th in South Africa, *The Road to Isandlwana* (A.D. Donker, 1979) includes a good study of the 1877-8 war. A.J. Smithers' The Kaffir Wars (Leo Cooper, 1973) includes a lot of campaign detail, but is so unsympathetic to the Xhosa throughout as to be almost offensive. Finally, Michael Barthorp's excellent *The British Army on Campaign* (1); 1816-1853 in the Osprey "Men at Arms" series contains superb studies by Pierre Turner of British uniforms in the Sixth, Seventh and Eighth Wars.

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# KHE SANH A POST-PRANDIAL ENTERTAINMENT

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#### Introduction

The basic idea is to recreate the problems facing an American fire-base in the Vietnam War: isolation and dependence on helicopters flying in supplies and evacuating the wounded. That's the serious word over, now to the game.

**Equipment.** About a dozen slightly inebriated players, a small (foldable) card table (preferably green baize), a larger solid table, a packet of straws, a packet of balloons, a lot of small plastic "mushrooms" (such as the playing pieces from the Invicta game *Mastermind*), a large room or preferably two rooms connected by a corridor.

Setting up the game. The small card table is placed flat (legs folded up) in the middle of the floor of one small room. It represents the Khe Sanh fire-base. Sprinkled on its top are numerous red plastic"mushrooms" representing casualties. The larger table is set up in the middle of the other room and represents the American airbase and headquarters. In neat piles (at least to begin with) are different coloured "mushrooms", each colour representing ammo., food, medical supplies etc. If using a large room please ensure there is a narrow "corridor" between the two tables (three people wide) to represent the flight path. The balloons are then blown up and distributed to under half the players, these represent the Viet Cong

and their flak; the straws are then distributed one each to the remaining players who represent the U.S. chopper supplies.

Playing the game. All players must keep their hands behind their backs throughout play: umpire be strict! The Viet Cong hold their balloons in their mouths and must not leave the small room/area with the fire—base. The Americans hold their straws in their mouths and must attempt by sucking through the straw to lift supplies from the H.Q. to drop (literally) onto the fire—base (journey out) and to evacuate casualties (red "mushrooms") by suction alone (journey back). The Viet Cong barrage can intercept these by means of their balloons. The umpire (with great difficulty) notes which supplies are/are not getting through and adds extra casualties as appropriate to Khe Sanh.

The endgame. Each lost supply or casualty is +1 to the V.C., likewise each supply dropped on to the fire—base or casualty returned to H.Q. is a +1 to the U.S. player. Winners have most points!

[Umpire's dilemma. In practise this is difficult to adjudicate as both sets of players are notorious cheats!]

[Ed: A subsequent phone call from Ian told of U.S. chopper pilots who put gummy substances on the ends of their straws to facilitate pick up!!!]

## **BLAUWBERG, 1806**

by Martyn C. Clarke

It had been a great victory, of that there was little doubt. Pounded to driftwood at Camperdown the Dutch fleet of the Texel had chosen honour and fidelity as its watch words, but at a cost of virtual annihilation and the certain loss of Holland's continued maritime role in world politics.

Eight years later as Napoleon's newly designated *Grande Armee* marched off to embrace glory on the field of Austerlitz, British troop ships prepared to edge their way out into a hostile South Atlantic. Their destination the Cape of Good Hope, their objective the seizure of the Dutch Batavian Republic's fledgling colony centred

upon Cape Town.

On the 4th of January 1806 the sixty-three ship British fleet, carrying upwards of 6,360 troops grouped together into two brigades, one Highland and one Line, hove to, west of a now all too familiar Robbin Island. Scudding across the waves a small Dutch sailing vessel brought consternation and excitement to the inhabitants of Cape Town, but less so to the military under the capable command of Lieutenant-General Janssens. With very few troops remaining, having answered the all too frequent calls of the home government for additional soldiery, Janssens had set in motion a number of defensive initiatives in anticipation of such a British assault upon the colony.

Central, and of vital importance, to any Dutch defense were the officers and men of the 22nd Batavian line regiment, in reality a single infantry battalion of varying quality. Grouped around this nucleus, in their yellow faced, blue uniforms were the 400 odd men of the mercenary, predominantly German, Waldeck battalion, often called a regiment. Providing a weak skirmishing screen, a small force of around 200 green coated, rifle armed, Dutch Jagers supported by a few regular dragoons, and a small number of Dutch gunners completed the trained European element available to General Janssens on the eve of battle.

Sixteen field pieces yoked to horses divided between a small Dutch artillery cadré and a native Malay unit gave punch and credibility to the colony's defence. More uncertain in composition some 300 to 400 mixed Malays and Hottentots of no mean worth described as 'coloured artillerymen' would fight in the same army as 240 equally displaced, abandoned French sailors, the crews of two French vessels wrecked on the Cape. Hurrying in from the outlying districts, hardened burghers, 'sharp-shooters' all, brought the Dutch force up to a strength of around 2000 men, less than a 1000 being what might be termed regular troops. Beset by serious food shortages General Janssens was at times reduced to a mere two days supply of corn, enough to feed the army as it stood, but not the burghers flocking to join it. The initiative passed to the British.

Riding high at anchor in Table Bay the British force sent to oppose the Dutch in Southern Africa and to safeguard the trade routes to India, was formidable indeed. One battalion each of the 24th, 38th, 59th, 71st, 72nd, 83rd and 93rd infantry regiments plus a cavalry component made up of the 20th Light Dragoons eased the task of securing the Cape for Great Britain in her life and death struggle against Napoleon. Two howitzers and six light field pieces, eventually deployed upon the field of battle, diverted the attention of the three Royal Artillery companies on board. A small staff and a considerable number of pike armed sailors attended the army once it landed.

On the 6th January, scarcely a few days into the new year, the British army under Major-General David Baird effected a three regiment landing at a small inlet, twenty miles from Cape Town, called Lospers Bay. Opposing the landing a weak body of spirited citizen sharp-shooters, constantly under heavy naval bombardment, obliged the landing troops and their naval charges to approach the shoreline in a very extended line, landing boats well separated. Casualties, despite a brave Dutch showing on the heights of the Blauwberg, over-looking the surf, were light; only two of the landing party suffering wounds due to enemy fire. However, a boatload of the 93rd Highland regiment capsized whilst under sustained musketry with the loss of thirty five rank and file. Thereafter the battle died down.

The following day, the 7th, was a day of inaction, but witnessed an increase in the overall strength of both armies as they lay scattered on

and about the Blauwberg mountain range. Leaving a tiny garrison to safeguard Cape Town under the watchful eye of Lieutenant-Colonel Casimir von Propholow, General Janssens rapidly moved the rest of his heterogeneous force forward to confront the British before the Blauwberg heights. With equal alactrity Major-General Baird landed a further three battalions, bringing the British total up to 4500 musket bearing men. All but the 38th, deployed elsewhere, would have a part to play on the morrow, especially the three battalions making up the Highland Brigade, the 71st, 72nd and 93rd.

Dawn on the 8th January 1806 found the British awake early, not only awake but advancing at a steady pace upon the Dutch positions. Burgher scouts alerted General Janssens to the dangers of the British moves. For a brief moment or two an advance line of Dutch burghers stationed to the left of the Batavian front contested the British advance until they were driven off the Blauwberg by the approach of

the British right flank.

Having gained the level plain behind the ridge both the British and the Dutch armies made haste to come to grips with one another, an impressive artillery barrage opening the day's play. On the Dutch side the bounding shot had a most adverse effect, the results of which would prove fatal to their cause. As if by pre-arranged design the opening cannonade brought about the flight of the paid Waldeck battalion, a desertion that left General Janssens in a quandary as further Dutch troops took flight – a section of the nearby 22nd line regiment.

Inevitably with their strength reduced to less than 800 regulars the Dutch were forced to give way before the inexorable British advance. Giving way though does not necessarily mean giving up as the remaining troops of all arms fought a vigorous action to deny the British the fruits of their labout. Rendering stirling service that day a mixed bag of 240 French sailors and marines fighting as a naval brigade assisted by around 350 valiant coloured troops helped to lessen the stigma of eventual defeat; whilst, giving a fore-taste of their combative nature, Janssens 224 Cape burghers played their weapons upon the solid red and blue line of impassive and seasoned British soldiery.

A sharp thrust by bayonet wielding Highlanders brought the business to its end as the Dutch conducted a skilled withdrawal, away from the victorious British, covered by the sniping fire of the small, steadfast and motivated burgher force, a force now facing a future under British rule.

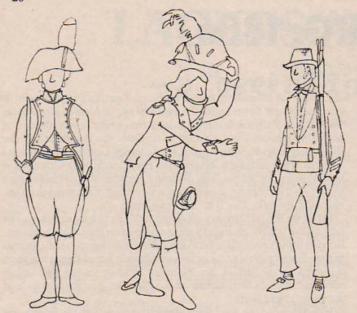
Given the importance of their latest acquisition the price paid by the British Government was on the whole light: 15 killed, 189 wounded and 8 missing, although it must be remembered that the chances of survival after taking a wound were not all that good. On the Dutch side total casualties including all those killed, wounded or missing reached a sad figure of around 337 souls, 110 of whom were drawn from the French naval brigade.

Ten days later, with von Propholow a prisoner and Cape Town occupied by the enemy, General Janssens, the first and last Dutch Governor of the Cape, surrendered despite the entreaties of a few determined burgher officers to do otherwise. The terms of the surrender allowed the Dutch regulars to return home to Holland, not as prisoners of war but as a brave and honoured foe worthy of respect. Those remaining in the colony having handed in their weapons were guaranteed those rights and privileges they had enjoyed under Batavian rule; those not wishing to stay were allowed to depart. Thirty one civil servants chose to do so, sailing for Holland along with ex–governor Janssens on the 6th March 1806. With them went the rule of Holland and the end of a way of life.

#### Uniforms

Given that a host of subject matter already exits and deals specifically with the arms and uniforms of the British army throughout much of the Napoleonic Wars we shall instead turn our attention to the lesser documented uniforms worn by their Dutch adversary in the Cape that year of 1806.

Allowing for certain Dutch variation the line infantry of Holland, stationed in the Cape, wore uniforms little removed in style if not in



Dutch Artilleryman

**Dutch Jager Officer** 

French Seaman

cut to these worn by their mentors, the French. The uniform of the 22nd Colonial battalion being no different to that adopted by Dutch forces elsewhere, a blue, French type habit with long characteristically Dutch turnbacks, piped white, and a white higher standing collar, edged red. Regimental colours manifested themselves in the red lapels, cuffs, cuff flaps and turnbacks, piped white. White shoulder straps edged red, white brandenberg loops and buttons appended to red lapels worn in conjunction with white waistcoats and breeches, with black knee length or short gaiters, buttoned up the side, completed the appearence of these isolated champions of Dutch involvement in Africa.

Those classed as grenadiers wore on their shoulders red fringed epaulettes and on their turnbacks red grenades. All wore a plain black shako with a single black pom-pom mounted over a white loop and button. Officers continued to wear the old style, somewhat overlarge, Dutch bicorne so typical of that nation, with a white over red feather. Silver epaulettes, short black boots and a red, white and blue waist sash made up their wardrobe.

Similarly the dress of the less—than—reliable Waldeck battalion, one of five such units in the Dutch Service, aped the appearance of their compatriots in the 22nd, save only that they paraded in yellow facings as evinced by their all yellow high collars, cuffs, cuff flaps, turnbacks and piping. It is not known whether these troops wore shako type headgear whilst in Africa. If not then one must suppose that they continued to use the all black bicorne, fronted by a black cockade and white loop and button above which there rose a single red-over-black feather plume. White belts and equipment allied to calfskin knapsacks were the universal trappings of both these formations.

Janssens' paltry force of Jagers, drawn from the 9th battalion stationed at the Cape since 1802, as befitting troops of that arm contined to wear the traditional green. Red collars, cuffs and cuff flaps helped distinguish them from other such units based in the homeland, in addition to the red piping of their turnbacks, pockets and waistcoats. As with those of the line, buttons were white metal, whilst turnbacks carried a small red bugle or horn. Military accoutrements were black, as was the bicorne with its green plume and hat cords.

Artillery gun crews and mounted dragoons continued to wear blue, the latter possibly appearing in overalls of that colour. Malay and Hottentot native troops may have worn some version of European dress given that they fought so well, being disciplined enough for the victorious British to subsequently take them into service.

Foot artillery personnel engaged in the battle sweated it out in uniforms virtually identical to those worn by artillery crews elsewhere and in particular those of their erstwhile allies the French, save only for the ubiquitous Dutch red-over-black plume. Dragoons however affected certain additional nationalistic traits by displaying tufted balls of red-over-white-over-blue on their white-plumed, black bicorn headdress. Otherwise they followed the general appearance of such troops as evinced throughout much of Europe at this time.

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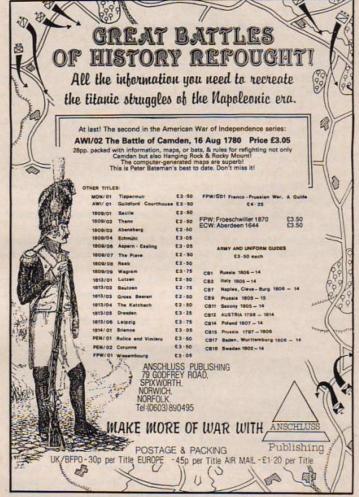
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Dutch burgher forces seemingly fought and skirmished in their everyday dress. Early tinted prints show a variety of jackets ranging from baltic blue to russet brown. Buff breeches with a slight cut at the ankle appear to have been the norm, as were very large wide-awake type hats. Many such burgher troops utilised lightweight slipper style shoes or pumps in the less wild regions around Cape Town, at least that is if we are to go by the early pictorial evidence available for this period and this locale.

French naval ratings ought, according to military decrees dating from around 1804, to have taken the field in short blue jackets with turned down collars and lapels, ornamented with two rows of brass buttons, blue trousers and a red waistcoat. Whether they did or did not is a moot point. What is not beyond dispute is the military prowess of these unlikely soldiers and the improbable army they fought alongside.

# THE MISSOURI OUTLAWS Part III

by Mike Bell

#### i) Chalk Level Road

In the Chalk Level road fight the three lawmen, Lull, Daniels and Boyle, were all armed with revolvers as indicated on the accompanying table of characters. As we have seen, Boyle fled before the Youngers caught up with his colleagues, therefore I suggest that you dice with a 50% chance of him fleeing before the fight begins. The game should begin with the Youngers facing the two or three lawmen and take it from there. The Youngers should be armed according to the table and as nobody stood out in the fight I have given them all fairly average factors. These are explained in the articles in Nos 27 and 28 of this magazine's predecessor. The detectives' objective is to kill or capture the two Younger brothers, while the outlaws have to eliminate the lawmen. This game is usually short and sharp as both parties are prepared for a fight and begin so close together. It is usually a matter of which side can score an effective hit first. Victory can be determined from the points values allocated to the lawmen and outlaws. Points are score for characters killed or seriously wounded and the side with the highest total when the fight ends is the winner. Any surviving Younger brother can take part in the Northfield raid, although there should only be a 50% chance of surviving any serious wounds.

#### ii) The Northfield raid

The participants should be positioned as indicated on the map and armed according to the table of characters. Certain artificial rules have to be introduced to reflect the peculiar conditions of this fight. In the real thing it was difficult for the bandits to identify armed citizens in the gunsmoke and confusion. Therefore I suggest that you fill the doorways, windows and alleys with citizens and that the outlaws' targets are decided by a random dice roll until armed citizen are identified. Armed citizens can only be singled out once they have fired at the bandits. Although this is obviously an artificial rule it is necessary to prevent the citizens from being overwhelmed by 'telepathic' outlaws in the first turns of the fight. It must be applied sensibly however. It is clearly not on for a citizen armed with a rifle to walk up to an outlaw before firing, claiming the protection of this rule.

The outlaws' objective is to get their men away, preferably with the money from the bank. In the actual fight Jesse never attempted to open the safe before Cole yelled at him to get out. Once the game begins I suggest that you dice at the start of each move to determine whether Jesse and the others in the bank find the money or abandon the search and rejoin the men in the street. If the dice score exceeds 75% they will leave the bank, a score of less than 25% means that they have found the cash.

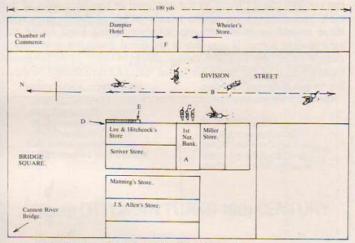
Some simple morale rules are necessary for the outlaws. I suggest that whenever an outlaw is killed or seriously wounded the outlaw player rolls the percentage dice with a 10% chance of abandoning the raid for every dead or seriously wounded outlaw. Thus if three outlaws were dead or seriously wounded there would be a 30% chance of the rest pulling out. Once again winning the game can be decided on a points basis. If the outlaws get more points worth of men away than the citizens kill or capture they have won. However, the points value of any outlaws who get away should be halved if they have not got the money from the bank with them.

There are also some restrictions on the citizens. As we have seen Manning's rifle jammed after his first shot. Therefore whenever Manning fires there should be a 10% chance of his gun jamming, in addition to whatever other missfire or jam rules you employ. Incidentally Manning's rifle is sometimes described as a Remington, which suggests that it might have been a Remington Rolling Block rather than the Sharps I have allocated him.

Henry Wheeler's gun is usually described as an old Army carbine. As it was a breechloader a Sharps is the most likely, although it could just as easily have been any one of a score or more types which were issued to the Union army during the war. There are two options for reflecting the limited ammunition Wheeler had with him when he first opened fire. The first is to give him the three rounds he actually had and roll a couple of 1-10 dice and total the score to determine how many turns it will be before the hotel clerk brings him more shells. The second is to roll a 1-10 die at the beginning of the game to determine how many shells he has found with the gun.

As the outlaws in the street had all been firing their revolvers for several minutes before the citizens retaliated I suggest that you roll a 1-6 die for the revolver of every outlaw in the street when the fight starts. The result is the number of rounds left in the weapon.

#### NORTHFIELD, MINNESOTA



A = Jesse James, Charlie Pitts, Bob Younger.

B = Frank James, Clell Miller, Cole Younger, Bill Chadwell, Jim Younger.

C = Horses for party A.

D = Anselm Manning.

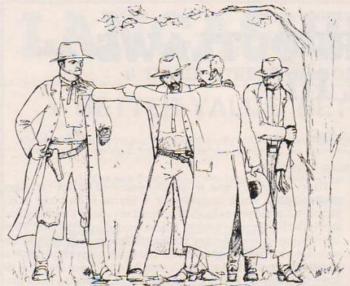
E = Elias Stacy (at top of stairs)

F = Henry Wheeler.

## iii) The Mankato gunfight

This game has the most variations in terms of bandit personnel as it is the last of the trio and therefore depends upon those who have survived the first two. It is possible that if Jim and John Younger have survived both Chalk Level road and Northfield relatively unscathed they will still be around. Similarly the rest of the cast list of outlaws depends entirely upon who survives Northfield.

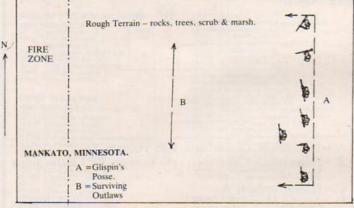
The core of the outlaw band in this fight is the surviving Younger brothers. If Jesse and Frank have survived Northfield there should be a 50% chance that they have left before the fight begins. If the James boys stay then so will any other survivors, i.e. Pitts, Chadwell and Miller. If the James boys have gone their own way or are both dead or captured there should be a 50% chance that any of the above three who have survived have gone with them. Therefore the possibilities range from all nine outlaws being present to only one if only one Younger brother has survived and is deserted by the rest.



THE PARTING OF THE WAYS. Jesse James and Cole Younger are separated by Frank James during an argument over the fate of the wounded Bob Younger after the disasterous Northfield raid.

Glispin's force should enter the table as indicated on the map, while the outlaws set up roughly in the middle. To win, the outlaws have to break through Glispin's skirmish line and get off the table. Yet again victory can be determined by comparing the values of the outlaws killed or captured with the values of those who got away.

To reflect the off-table firepower of the surrounding possemen the outlaws cannot leave by the northern or southern sides of the table and if they come within twenty inches of the western edge there should be a 50% chance of them being fired on by the surrounding force. If this fire is triggered I suggest a low fixed chance of hitting to make things simple – say 5 or 10%. Every outlaw who is in the 'fire zone' at the start of a turn should be diced for to see if he triggers fire.



#### Wounds

In all three gunfights the outlaws fought on even after being seriously wounded. Therefore, I suggest that while the outlaws should of course suffer any movement and firing penalties for being wounded they will only drop out of a fight entirely if seriously wounded three or more times. In the Mankato game some of the outlaws may well be carrying over the effects of wounds received in the Northfield fight. Furthermore, the outlaws will surrender during the Mankato game if there is only one outlaw left who has not dropped out. Any citizen or lawmen who receive serious wounds will drop out of a fight straight away.

#### Deciding campaign victory

By the time you have played through all three scenarios it may well be clear whether the outlaws have won or lost. Overall victory can be determined simply by comparing the point values of those outlaws left alive and free with the values of those dead or captured. If the points values of those dead or in captivity is higher than those still free then the James-Younger band can be said to have suffered such severe losses that it is no longer an effective criminal force.

	CHARAC	TER	LIS	ST				
Name	Weapons	Weapons Factor					Points	
		F	E	R	B	I	Values	
i) Chalk Level Roa	d, March 1874							
Jim Younger	2x.44 Colt Army	-50 -50	6	8	8	5	8	
John Younger	1 x double barrelled shotgun.	-50	6	7	8	-5	7	
Edwin P. Daniels	1 x cap & ball rev.	-55	6	7	- 8	6	6	
Louis Lull	1 x .43 rev.* 1 x Smith & Wesson	-55 -60	5	6	7	6	6	
Labor Donale	No.2.	-70	2	2	2	6	6	
John Boyle	1 x cap & ball rev.		2	3.	-	0	0	

Any survivors may take part in Northfield raid.

#### ii) Northfield, September 1876

Jesse James	1 x Smith & Wesson Schofield .45 rev.	-50	8	7	9	5	10	
Frank James	1 x .44 Remington Army revolver	-45	9	8	7	6	9	
Cole Younger	1 x Colt .45 Army	-45	9	8	9	6	10	
Bob Younger	1 x Colt .45 Army revolver	-50	7	6	8	5	7	
McClelland Miller	1 x cap & ball rev.	-60	6	5	5	5	5	
William Chadwell alias Bill Stiles	1 x Colt .45 Army revolver	-60 -55	6	5	5	4	5	
Charlie Pitts alias Sam Wells	1 x cap & ball revolver	-55	6	6	7	3	5	
Anselm Manning	1 x Sharps breech loading rifle	-50	5	7	8	5	-	
(Rifle sometimes described as a Remington)								
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Elias Stacy	1 x double barrelled shotgun	-50	5	8	7	9	-	
Henry Wheeler	1 x Sharps breech loading carbine	-50		8	7	9	-	
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Any survivors may be able to take part in Mankato gunfight.

### iii) Mankato, September 1876

Sheriff James	1 x breech loading rifle	-50	6	7	7	5	-	
Glispin Captain W.W.	1x.45 Colt Army	-65	7	5	8	6	_	
Murphy	14.45 Contribing	00	Í					
Colonel T.L.	.1 x breech	-60	7	6	8	6	-	
Vought	loading rifle							
C.A. Pomeroy	1 x double	-65	5	7	6	5	-	
	barrelled shotgun							
S.L. Severson	1 x breech loading rifle	-55	4	4	7	4	-	
G.A. Bradford	1 x double	-55	3	5	6	5	-	
	barrelled shotgun							
Ben L. Rice	1 x breech	-55	4	.6	7	4	=	
	loading rifle							

Dice for rifles: 0.50%, single shot, e.g. Sharps or Remington, 51-100% magazine, e.g. Henry or Winchester.

\*Lull's revolver is described as a .43 British made revolver. I can find no trace of a weapon of this calibre, therefore I suggest you arm him with a .44 Tranter, Webley or Beaumont-Adams.

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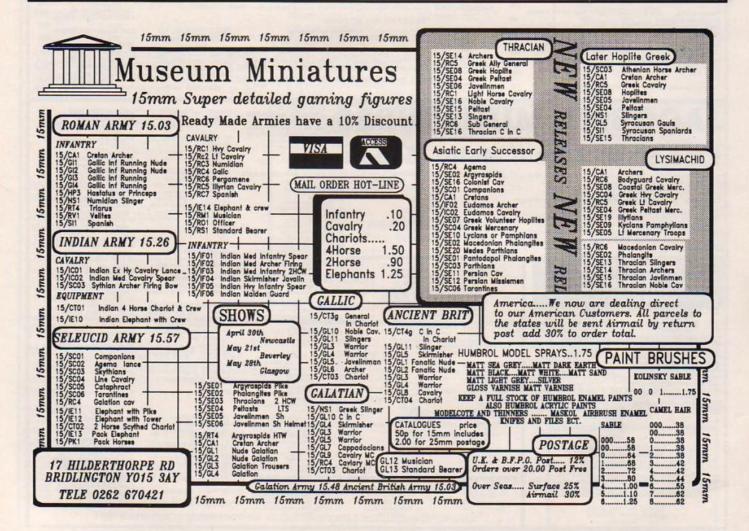
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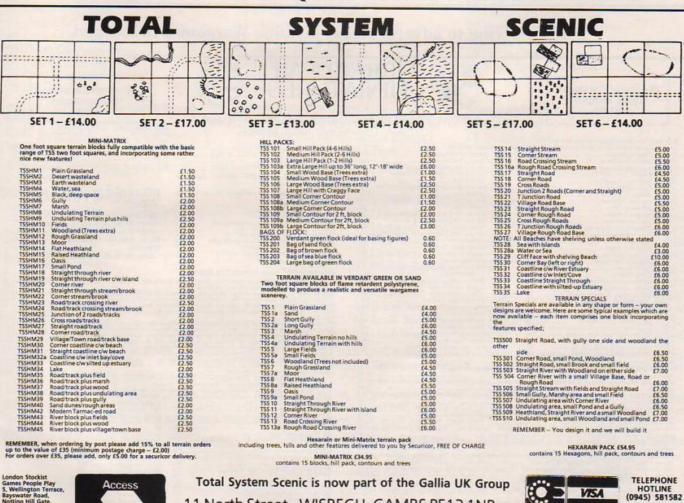
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