



PENDULUM
29

Happy birthday dear John, Happy birthday to you!

Yessum folks, on the 8th of this month (Aug) it my birthday, and I reach the grand old age of 22. Also celebrated this month is the end of my 2nd year in Diplomacy. To be celebrated next issue will be the end of PENDULUM's 2nd year of Publication. To be also celebrated that issue will be the fact that it only 116 days to Christmas:

To the serious stuff.

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I believe we even have enough to warrant the use of a contents list.
(well I wouldn't number the pages for no reason would I?)

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MILITARY QUIZ PAGE

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Answers to quiz 1

- 1) 11/18/19/ Legions
- 2) 1565 was the year of the 'Great' Siege of Malta. In which 700 Knights of St. John with 9,000 Maltese men successfully defended the island against a army of 40,000 Turks.
- 3) The battle was Isandhlwana (Zulu wars) where a British Imperial Battalion was wiped out.
- 4) He died of fever on July 13th 323 BC
- 5) A battle between two navy's of slaves and prisoners as one of the biggest Gladiatorial contests ever devised (Emperor Claudius)
- 6) Kohima
- 7) Sunburst
- 8) 13th & 4th Light Dragoons, 8th Kings Royal Irish Hussars & 11th Hussars 17th Lancers.
- 9) 2nd Punic War.
- 10) Siege Engine
- 11) The Israelis use the American 105mm, whereas we use the British 120mm
- 12) British, Russian, French & Greek v Turkish navel forces (Allied victory)
- 13) XXth
- 14) Borodino. Uvarov sent the main force of Cossacks around the left flank of the French army. In themselves they did little damage but to counter the threat the Guard Cavalry Division had to be transferred to the left thereby relieving the threat to the Russian centre.
- 15) General Christian de Castries
- 16) Japanese who fought for the Americans in the 11WW (only in Europe, they didn't trust them that much)
- 17) Char B
- 18) Barbarians who fought for Roman or Byzantine commanders.
- 19) General Rommel
- 20) 1933

P.T.O. for the winner

QUIZ 2

(Questions devised by Richard Donaldson, plus a couple from me to make up the 20)

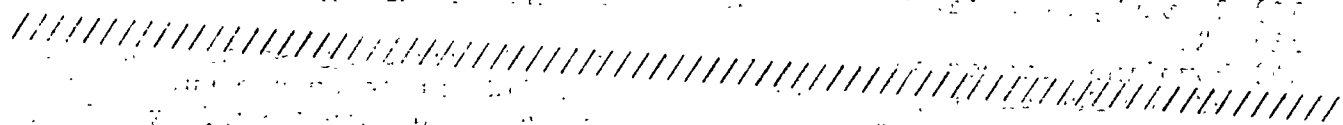
- 1) Name the British warships sunk by the Japanese in the South China Sea, in 1940.
- 2) What was written on the Prussian Lanwehr cross in the Napoleonic wars
- 3) Name Horutius's two companions when they held the bridge over the Tiber against the Etruscans
- 4) Name the two Dutch admirals defeated by Admiral Blake in 1652
- 5) Which battle did Edward 11 lose in 1314
- 6) At which battle did "Stonewall" Jackson gain his nickname and where did he die?
- 7) Where did General Cornwallis surrender
- 8) Name the German warships that made the Channel dash (no, not the destroyers).
- 9) Who were the opposing generals when the Romans went to recapture the Eagles lost at Teutobuger Wald
- 10) What is a scutum
- 11) Where did the name for the German invasion of Russia come from.
- 12) What was the Keyes-raid
- 13) Name the ships involved in the first battle between ironclads.
- 14) Give the day that Singapore fell.
- 15) Which ship was the French Flagship at Trafalgar
- 16) The Russian 11WW tank KV2, carried what kind of gun
- 17) Kampfgruppe Peiper is infamous for what
- 18) What was unusual about the German Schwimmwagen scout car of the 11WW
- 19) What was Operation Yellow?
- 20)

Quiz revisited

The winner was ROSS BAIRD, whom I've credited with 3 months see sub. to P. Congrats Ross.

I was quite surprised that nobody got question number 3 right. It's been the topic of conversation throughout the wargame/modeling community due to the superb diarama by Norman Abbey depicting the massacre of the 24th Foot. (with 200 54mm figures its not only superb, its costly). For those of you who still don't know of the battle, it was the destruction of the 24th Foot which resulted in the siege of Roorke's Drift (got it).

For anyone interested I suggest you read Donald Morris's book THE WASHING OF THE SPEARS (Cardinal \$1 670pp) great value.



'Am I now the World's only Task Force player?'

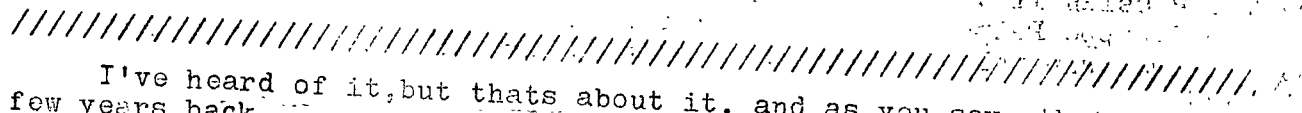
When knee-high to a duck I was given this sort of wargame, but all my opponents have grown up, and now I've no-one to play with (Ahhhh....) The board consists of a map of Western Europe and North Africa and Eastern North America seperated by a much squashed-up Atlantic Ocean.

Two players American (blue) and Russia (you've guessed it) Red can win by getting one of their men across a line drawn deep in the others home territory. Each side has a collection of men of three types, armoured force (slow but difficult to kill), striking force (fast but easy-to-kill) and task force (fast and difficult to kill), -oh yes and an Atom bomb which can only be used once. Moves are alternate, each player throwing a dice numbered 1,2,3 to determin how many men he may move. The atom bomb which annihilates a small circular area may be used when a 3 is thrown, the normal way to kill an opponent man is to surround him with yours.

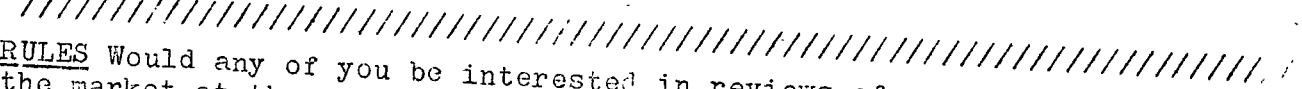
Surprising tactics and strategy are both important. Often the game sees the American bomb demolishing the Russian forces in the Warsaw-Kiev-Uzhgorod area and a rapid push towards the Russian line. Russian hordes regrouping to hold the motherland while sending an armoured force or two along the tortuous route through Scandanavia, the North Atlantic and Northern Canada towards the scantily defended American line. It then becomes a struggle as the American home guard try to slow down the ponderous armoured force at the same time trying to break down the Russian defensive line. Another interesting American stragegey is to draw the Russian forces out into West Germany Scandanavia then make a lightning thrust through the Southern states to North Africa, Suez, Turkey and between the Black Sea and the Cuspsian Sea to the Russian line. (this strategy is not recommended for those of a nervous disposition)

This game is made by 'Thomas Salter Ltd' but as I've never seen it in the shops I guess he went out of buisness years ago.

Ross Baird



I've heard of it, but thats about it, and as you say, that was a few years back.



RULES Would any of you be interested in reviews of wargame rules on the market at the moment? There so many that choice of rules are generally pot luck or by recommendation from other wargamers. If you're interested then the least you can do is write an article on the pros and cons of the rules you use.

SOLO WARGAME

It's not uncommon for a wargamer to find one evening after looking forward for many days to a good battle that his opponent for one of many reasons can't make it. This leaves you with the choice of hurling insults or falling back onto a solo wargame. In the latter case I generally find that the games lack originality e.g. I tend to cheat balance the game too much... "I'd better not put that in the battle or it'll smash the other force" and the like. So incase you're lacking an opponent here's a solo game for you to fight.

Situation: During the 11WW a Commando raid is made against a German held French town (which shall remain nameless) the object of which is to destroy the fuel tanks, costal guns and generally do as much damage to the Germans as possible.

Commando's 200 men in 7 L.C.As. Equipment inc, 2 x 2" motars, explosives

Germans 350 men, 2x 105mm costal guns, 5x 20mm A.A. guns 20' assorted transport 10 weapons pits (heavy machine guns). Troops deployed as follows

105mm guns 40 men 30 men Oil tanks

20mm guns 10 per gun

Weapons pit 2 men

The rest of the German force is deployed throughout the town .

The attack begins not surprisingly at dawn

code X weapon pit

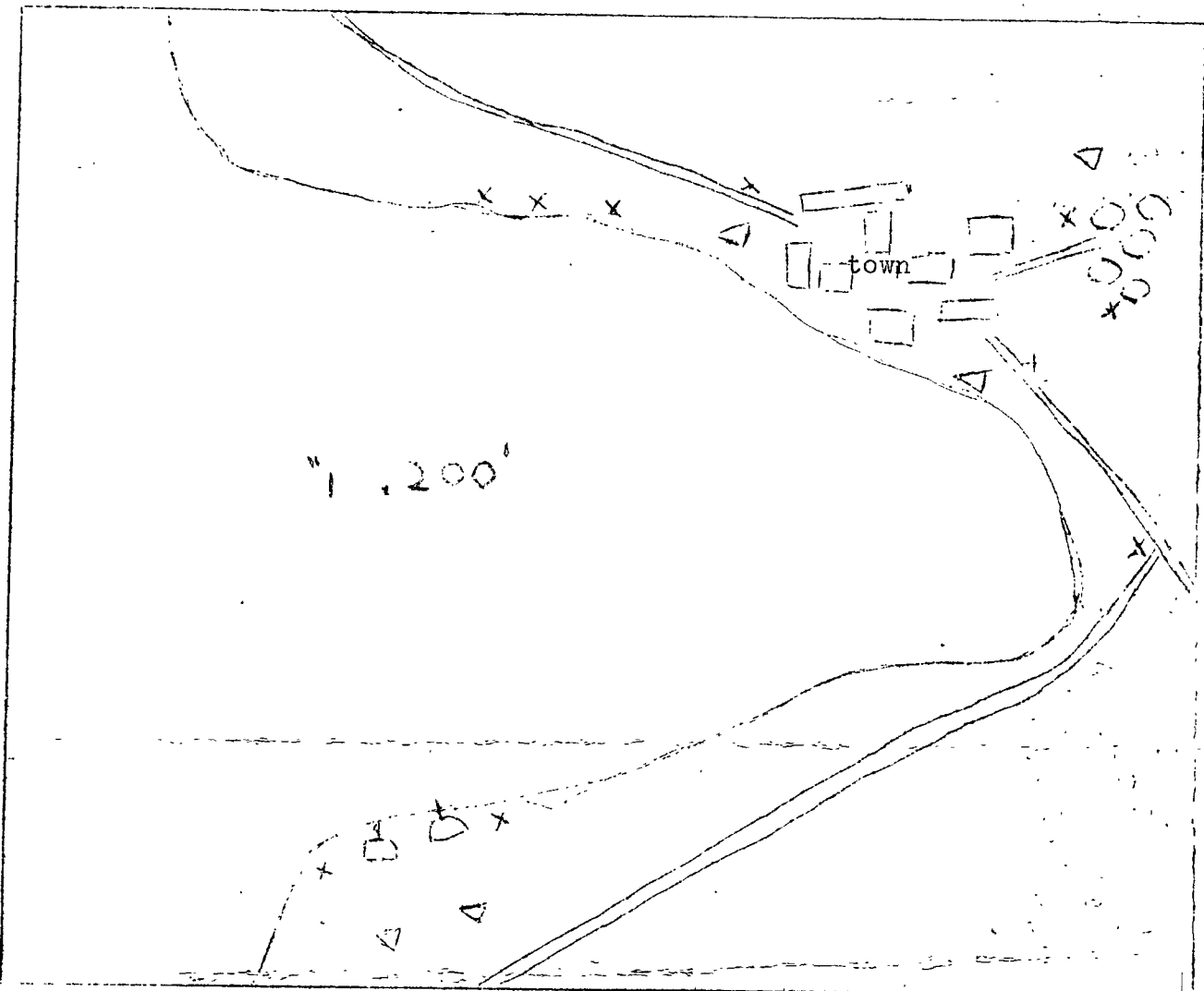


oil tanks

▽ 20mmAA

105mm

There are virtually unlimited extras you can add (fighter cover, German reserves....) but I've just given a basis for you. Hope you enjoy it



By the way its up to you just how awake the German sentries are at that time of the morning. Me, if I was the German sentry they could be hammering on the door to the Reichstaff before I'd get up.

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Lets see I know three of you (why won't you mob go away?) all having played or playing in PENDULUM, that being Glyn, Peter ?

Anyway I would like to welcome our new playmates Dave, Tom, John & M.F. (let me know what to call you) and wish you a very enjoyable and bloodthirsty game.

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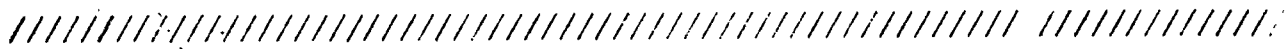
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Let's see who we have here. Tadek & Richard D. a couple of Pendulum's 'Ol' timers. Welcome back Dave , long time since BDC 38 finished. And a special welcome to the four new Pendulum players.

DEADLINE for Spring 01 is for the other games.



After 2 years of trying I've won my first game of Postal Diplomacy (I know you all wish to help celebrate this great occassion, so the next time you see me you can buy me a wiskey or two...three...hih') The game in question was BDC 50 which I won as France with 20 sc in 1909 (not bad if I say so myself). The one thing I must admit was that mywinning was all a mistake. I didn't mean to stab my ally, I thought he was going to stab me....honest, you belive me don't you? Other results so far are as follows 2nd as Italy, 3rd as Turkey and another (yes another) 1st but this time a draw (5 way) as France (to get a draw: 1st place with 2 sc's deserves a lot of credit....and costs a lot of money in bribes). Unfinished games in which I've been eliminated are as follows ,two 5th as Germany, 1 6th as England and another 6th as Austria. Which goes to show I like a country where all I have to do is stab and not do too much writting of letters. (who's he kidding?).

Aut 05

ITALY UP FOR GRABS

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AUSTRIA (Scrace) NMR: A's Tri, Vie stand.

ENGLAND (Noble): F(Edi)stand, A(Wal) stand.

FRANCE (Donaldson): F(Lon) stand

GERMANY (Nicholas): F(NTH) - Den, A(Pic) stand, A(Kie) S A(Mun), A(Ruh) S
A(Mun),ITALY (Standby): A(Por) - Spa, A(Gas) stand, A(Tyr) - Vie, A(Wen) stand
F(Tun) S F(Rom) - TYR, F(Nap) stand.RUSSIA (Baird): F(Sev) S A(Rum) S A(Bud) S TURKISH A(Ser) - Tri.
A(Boh) S A(Ber) - Mun, A(Pru) - Ber, F(Den) - Kie,
F(Nor) - NTH, A(Swe) - Den.TURKEY (Blackburn): F(AEG) S F(EMS) - ION, A(Sor) - Tri, A(Bul) - Ser,
A(Gre) - Alb, F(TYR) - Nap.retreats. TURKISH F TYR deaded no retreat space given.
AUSTRIAN A Tri rest in peace.STATE OF THE NATIONS:AUSTRIA: 1 centre, ~~Ty~~, Vie, ~~Bud~~ no change

ENGLAND: 2 centres: Edi, Lpl no change.

FRANCE: 1 centre: Lon no change

GERMANY: 6 centres: Mun, Kie, Hol, Bel, Par, Bre no change.

ITALY: 7 centres: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Mar, Spa, Por.... no change.

RUSSIA: 10 centres: War, Mos, StP, Sev, Rum, Ber, Nor, Swe, Den Bud
build A WarTURKEY: 7 centres: Con, Ank, Smy, Bul, Gre, Ser Tri builds F's Con
SmyNOTE: Tony, I didn't hold this game over for your orders as the result
of the moves were enevitable(or something else equally as bad)ITALY: The standby orders are from a player who doesn't actually want
the position. So first one in with a set of orders for next season gets
Italy.PRESS:VICTORIA'S BEDCHAMBER: Owing to the incompetence of the British forces
under their (ex) commander Lord Hammursea, Her Majesty has graciously
ordered a military purge to be carried out. Like all technical hitches
normal service will be resumed as soon as possible.NELSON'S COLUMN: (From our Political Correspondent) Following the recent
execution of 30% of the British Armed Forces it is anticipated that
Diplomatic advances will be made to certain foreign powers in order to
sercure the boarders of the United Kingdom, Her Majesty's Government
now seated in York (true centre of the Universe) declined to comment,
but hinted strongly that four Bengal Tigers, from far off India, had
been sent to the French Government in exile to supplement the Lions in
the Royal Square. This is further supported by the fact that Buckingham
Place where (despite French troops in the barracks) Her Majesty is still
in Residence, of the dissappearance of several small dogs belonging to
the Royal Household, and a gift from the French Official Inspector of
Zoological Gardens (subdivision, Big Casts) of two pairs of Corgis.DARKEST CORN WALL: I've been told that Corgis taste better than poisoned
chocs!

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This game is being held over for one issue because this is a game where I expect to receive a fair number of orders by phone and due to a bleeding storm over the weekend which downed a great chunk of telephone line, nobody'd get their orders through.

So you have one issues grace (arn't I kind)

Also, if anyone out there wants to take England in this game you'd be very welcome.

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MICK BULLOCK: Actually Mick I was thinking of you! If I packed up who would you have in insult? I have my uses!

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