

The Pencil Box Soldier

... FROM THE “ROYAL” ONE

March is here already? Where did the time go?

We've had some great games this month, notably the WWII Operation Overlord game. It was a lot of fun to see Italian Autobelinda armored cars ramming into British and American tanks! I wonder if that ever happened to the Desert Fox?

The huge siege of Vienna was a feast for the eyes. “*Way to go Todd!*” (see image below) Despite some “underhanded treaties” by the Turks, Vienna was spared and the Sultan's forces crushed.

On a sad note, the miniature based magazine “Harbinger” has folded after only 24 issues. It is always sad to see a publication that caters to our hobby fold. They will be missed.

Yes, spring is here, time to open the windows, breathe in that fresh air and dust out the ol' cobwebs. Maybe you will run across that box of minis that *mysteriously* misplaced *itself* as you do your “spring cleaning”. Dust them off and bring 'em in, it'll be like saying “hello” to an old friend!

-John Royal (JR)



Siege of Vienna as presented by Todd Prochniak

On the Historical Side

Operation Overlord

The WWII battle with the zombies was a hoot! The allies rolled into what they thought was a deserted town, got out of their vehicles to investigate and the horror ensued! The boys in olive drab put up a valiant fight, but in the end the forces of darkness prevailed.

Coming up in the near future, paratroopers galore, maybe with a few “scratch” built gliders thrown in? -JR

DBA Mania

DBA=(DeBellis Antiquitatis)

Jason's Frankish army celebrates with a victory on it's first appearance! The Franks closed ranks with some unfortunate Romans and marched home with the spoils of war. DBA is fun, fast and with small forces of 12 stands or so, very affordable. - JR

Johnny Reb

Reinforcements continue to trickle into Dale's 15mm armies. Things have been quiet of late, but expect some “interesting scenarios” to make an appearance.

On a side note, “Hats Off” to Dale for his gamesmanship and his vast knowledge of this game system and historical period Dale's games are always fun and eye opening. -JR

Wargamers Guild

Some of the club members have been meeting on Wednesday evenings at Gnomes for a good old paint-fest. Right now we are working on some of Steve Schneider's 15mm Zulus and British. If you have some figs you just can't seem to finish or don't know what to do with, stop by- maybe we can help! Prepare to bring a sense of humor with you, these painting sessions are a lot of fun!-JR

On the Sci-Fi Front

Games Workshop

Rumors of marauding gangs looting a comet devastated town have filtered in. That would be Scott H. and his Mordheim group gathering for

some fast paced Games Workshop Mania. I will keep an ear out for more news about this.

Warhammer 40K continues to stay strong. New and old alike are dusting off their minis. Of note, a new TAU revised CODEX has just been released. -JR

More Fun Stuff

- Last Month’s question :
Name the African-American actor who starred in the following films:
“Porkchop Hill”
“Sargent Rutledge”
“Spartacus”
“The Professionals”

ANSWER: Woodie Strode

- This Month’s Brain Buster:
Who played General Lee and who played Joshua Chamberlain in Ted Turner’s “Gettysburg”?

- A Brief Note: Many of you may have seen the movie “Zulu” with Michael Cain, but have you seen “Zulu Dawn” with Burt Lancaster? It is a prequel to Zulu and a great movie in it’s own right. “Zulu Dawn” is coming out on DVD, check your movie source today.

Our Calendar

The Club’s monthly schedule can be found on-line at www.gnomegames.com and in printed form at the store.

April:

- 1st B-17 Queen of Skies
(WWII US Bomber missions over Germany)
- 8th WWII Operation Overlord o
(Alternatively, Flames of War)
- 12th Monthly Club Meeting
- 15th DBA
- 22nd 15mm Johnny Reb
- 29th 20mm French Foreign Legion in the burning sands of Victorian Africa

Board Games?

Old games, new games, everyone’s played board games. “Nuclear War” reared it’s head at

the store recently along with “Blast Off” and a D-Day edition of “Axis & Allies”.

If you have an interesting board game you want to share, bring it on by and we can give it a go. -JR

Club Statistics

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“To promote this fellowship of military history through the promotion and education of wargaming. Our aim is to create interest through competitive games, study groups, workshops. Our goal is growth through fun and sharing.” -Bob Rondau, Master of Arms