

PAASL Newsletter #8

Hello again fellow ASler's, It seems like it has been a long time since the last newsletter, that must be because we skipped a month this summer. And attendance at the first two of the sessions was rather low. Well here's the rundown of the games.

The participants in the first session were Dave K. and Dan S. against Dave T. **Scobie Preserves** was the name of the first scenario which featured an Indian division (under British control) being sent into Greece in 1944 to put down a local communist partisan attempt to take over the government. It was, perhaps, the first battle of the Cold War. I lost my notes on this one but I remember that we decided to record the number of boxcars rolled and there had to be at least 14 sets of the dreaded combination rolled that evening. We had broken weapons and half-squaded ralliers' all over the place. Dave T won this one which put him squarely in the middle of the victory % standing list.

The second session saw the same three players show up. Once again Dave K. and Dan S. played against Dave T. This scenario was entitled **Inhumaine** and took place in Humaine, Belgium. Dave T's Germans had to hold one large building in the middle of some orchards against an American assault. The American assault was going badly and things looked good for Dave T, he could win again. It was also the playoffs and the Cubs were on the T.V. and they were winning. About that time the infamous fan reached for the ball and things started to go downhill (as you well know). Dan left the room at this time to, as he claimed, "talk to Laura", when actually he couldn't stomach watching the Cubs game. Dave T. became doubly depressed (Cubs loss, ASL loss) as the Americans brought on two flame-throwing tanks which proceeded to blast the remaining Germans out of the building he needed to hold to win. What a sad, sad turn of events.

Two games were played at session three. **Sylvan Death** pitted Dan S.' partisans defending a forest hideout (lots of trenches and mines, the entire partisan force sets up hidden, that means the Germans attack an empty board) against Dave T's assaulting Germans. This was an exciting game that came down to the last turn as the partisans opted for the option (did you like that use of the op words) of exiting the board after turn five to prevent being decimated by the Germans. Dave pursued a squad, rolled a snake eyes, and half-squaded it. But he still needed another point because Dan's half-squad made his two check, remaining alive to exit the board. But wait, that three he rolled meant a sniper check for Dave T that of course came up a one and KIA'd a leader that otherwise would have easily escaped.

Game B was **Mountain Men**. This one featured a partisan assault on some Italian occupation troops. Dave K's Italians handily stopped Larry S's Partisans. That 4 neg. 3 shot helped a lot when it came up a snake eyes!!! It also helped Dave when Larry came up with boxcars on a 3-1 close combat attack (that allowed Dave to withdraw from combat and fire at point blank in his prep phase).

There has been a very low turnout lately and I'm wondering if we need to change the night to Fridays. If we can keep attendance to 4-6 people each turn then we may not have to. If we do Fridays we would have to play at Rick H's house since Melissa works. That would be a lot of stuff to clean up and cart around for me. Let me know what nights work best for you. (Yes, that means you have to actually pick up a phone and call me!!!)

Here are the standings

Jim McD. 80% (soon to be dropped from the standings, it's just too long of a drive from Chicago on a weeknight)

Dave K. 79%

Greg H. 53%

Dave T. 47%

Dan S. 45%

Larry S. 41%

Rick H. 41%

Chris W. 31%

Jim P. 30%

Best Attendance Award - Dan S., Dave T., Dave K.

Most Boxcars - Dan S., Dave T., Dave K.

The accompanying article is about mortars which you won't see very often in our games, but if you learn something from it perhaps we'll start using more MTRs. It is very well written and informative too.

Hope to see you soon!

Roll low and may the dice be with you,

Dave