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WILL BERLIN FALL?

As you may or may not be aware of this April is the 70th anniversary of the fall of Berlin to the Russians, and to commemorate this event a mini tournament was held at Mount Vernon, Durban with four combatants.

Allegiances were decided at random and were as follows:

Russian Generals: Justin Gnoratizoff and “Dangerous” Delia Itorabollokov.

German Generals: Karin von Bughill and Simon von Simonsberg.

Two scenarios were chosen – The Russian assault of the Seelower Hohen and the German breakout attempt from the Halbe Pocket.

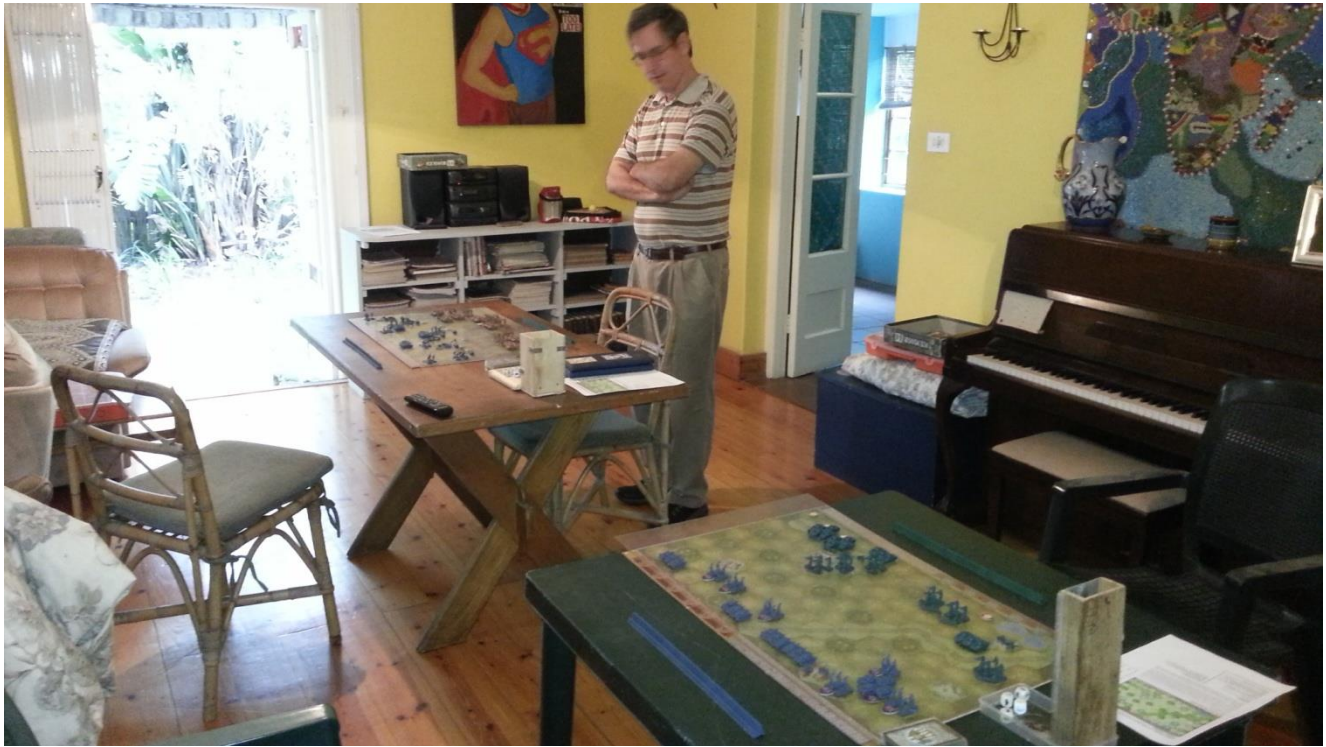
The format was for each General to play each scenario against each opposing General i.e. play four games and count up the medals won.

This will then determine the best Russian and German general – and then these two will then face off over a “Battle for the Reichstag” scenario. Will Berlin fall?



Karin von Bughill leads the German attempt at a breakout against “Dangerous” Delia Itorabollokov’s Russians at the Halbe Pocket.

Russian General Justin Gnoratizoff surveying the terrain before the battle commences.



Russian General Justin Gnoratizoff contemplating his opening gambit the German forces of Simon von Simonsberg, all nicely entrenched on the Seelower Hohen.



That opening gambit was a rather devastating air power strike down the German right flank –which destroyed 2 /3 entrenched artillery pieces, 2/3 Infantry units and 1/3 armoured units.

Simon von Simonsberg was reported to have said “ouch!” (in German)

This certainly softened up the flank for a concerted effort from the Russians. The continued efforts by the Russians’ eventually gave them the game.

Many hours later, after much throwing (and cursing) of the speckled cube, all the games were completed. The final medal count was:

German General Karin von Bughill – 23 medals

German General Simon von Simonsberg – 28 medals

Russian General Justin Gnoratizoff - 25 medals

Russian General “Dangerous” Delia Itorabollokov – 23 medals

This means that German General Simon von Simonsberg will face off against Russian General Justin Gnoratizoff in an epic struggle for the defence of/capture of Berlin.

Unfortunately we ran out of time and so this clash of titans will only be played out next week end.

(Like any good TV show we finish on a cliff hanger – tune in next week for the conclusion of this exciting series in two parts)

I need to acknowledge the Memoir 44 community for designing scenarios and publishing them on the Memoir web page – Scenarios from the front.

1. Attack on the Seelower Hohen – designed by Sturmtiger.
2. Halbe Pocket – 1st Breakout attempt – designed by Nygaard.

Thank you for your time, effort and dedication, and giving us many hours of gaming pleasure.

Signing off,

Fred the Obscure