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I have more space than I thought I would so I will tell you about my second game with the Aux Armes rules. The scenario dealt with a force of 28 Virginia militia holding a key, fortified farm, a battery of 6 cannons was also along to help out. The Pennsylvania 3rd attacked on 2 sides, the north and East. From the north 30 cavalymen charged, from the east 30 infantry attacked 6 cannons on a hill for support. In the opening charge 16 cavalymen were cut down by the militia, yet 14 got within the walls and killed 10 rebs. On the east 22 bluebellys were cut down before they reached the wall. With the aid of cannon the sharpshooters were knocked off the wall and the gate blown off. Fierce combat enveloped as the the virginian cannons were destroyed, yet they fought on untill overwhelmed. Scarcely had the yankees regrouped with tthere cavalry on the wall, when lo and behold the Tennessee relief column was advancing, biding there time the Federals wated for point blank range and killed 9 the other 23 leaped thru the rubble and did BATTLE UNTIL A LONE Pennsylvanian fell back to the house where he killed 2 more cavalymen before he himself was defeated. One again the south has risen both Macdonalds (see page 4) and Brell's farm have been retaken, can the bold confederates cut Grants supply line or are they being lulled into a stat of security only to fall into a Union trap??? Only time will tell, be here on Feb 9 and find out.

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The analysis page

Winter 1902

73DU by Robert Blau

This seasons builds are perhaps the most important in the game. All of the biggest powers gained new troops and much information on their future plans can be gained from the placement of these units.

English builds of an army in Edi probably symbolises either a "beefing up" of the line in Russia or a possible attack against Denmark. The fleet in London could have been put there out of its relative closeness to the North Sea (as opposed to Liverpool) but I suspect it was also out of fear of a French stab.

The French will probably keep up their naval attack on Italy while their armies march across Germany. With a little English cooperation the French can take at least one center.

Austria has two options open to it. Either it can set up a thick defense against possible Turkish attacks or go ripping into Italy trying to beat the French to those centers.

I think Turkey will move its new army into Russia while trying to get its fleets into the MED. Germany must hope for a quick break into the Franco-English alliance. Otherwise it appears only a matter of time.

The same goes for Russia and Germany. Their only chance is to ally with one assailant against the other.

No analyses for 73 EO cause Denhart didnt send one.

Fall 1901

73GX by Joel Klien

It seems many of my predictions did not materialize. Still there are an awful lot of ~~big~~ odd moves being made here (not because I guessed wrong folks!).

In general, England and Germany look good, and may well get into an overwhelming position. France is in good position due to his neighbors but he looks to have tougher sledding than they. Turkey has good possibilities though he may be hampered due to the trouble Russia looks to be added to. This may be compensated for by Austrian-Italian actions but will have to see.

A few comments on tactics might be appropriate. The French decision to push into Tuscany and Por will get him the two builds that were in mind. Still, it does seem he should have been better advised to grab one build and move to WMED in light of the Italians in Greece. The trouble is that the army in Tuscany is basically without help and it will take a year to get F Por into the Med.

The Austrian orders because of the error, don't indicate what he had in mind. Still, his lack of a build will hurt. The really interesting moves were Turkey's. The move to Serbia indicates either confidence in Austrian actions or working with Italy (by not moving to Greece). His move to the Black Sea was something of a gamble since things could have gotten clogged on a Serbia bounce. His move from Armenia indicated the faint, but he should have moved to Ankara since his alternatives would have been far greater by being able to build in Smyrna. As it is, if he wants 2 more fleets and if they aren't anti-Russian, he'll have to raise one in Ank, when Smy is more desirable.

Russia's decision to order to Sev rather than bouncing it with Rum*Sev will cause him to take a more passive role up north and put tremendous pressure on St Pete since he'll have to build and possibly get another unit up there to.

The diplomatic outlook for 1902 will jell with the re-cording of the builds notably French and Turkish.

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Ernie called me up on Thursday night, saying he had just gotten back to College and his mail was there. He probably sent me his COA and I missed it. Therefore the spring 1903 orders due in 2 weeks, Jan 26. I have orders from everybody but Italy, Germany and England (I didnt keep phone orders). I figured for what you said that they might be changed.

In response to my previous comments, I have read your comments, first

the pro-Israeli comments, especially in (1) and (2).
David Klein: "Your editorial was just so short that I have's very little to rebut. For instance, how, what, and when (conditions) do the Arabs get their land back? All immediately with no conditions? A negotiated settlement? (I think that the current plan being set up in Geneva is that Israel pull back about half way across the Suez canal, this opens the canal and gives Egypt the victory. If things are different, I imagine that Egypt will still come out ahead. I don't know how things are going on the Golan Heights so I can't predict what will happen there))."

My response: "To deal with Greg's statement's about the Middle East War. In the first sentence he very nicely states that this war should have been avoided. The big question is how. The expressed wish of the Arabs has been and is to drive the Jews into the sea, at least until they need another cease-fire. Obviously the Jews will not allow this to happen and see their increased territories as a buffer zone, much like the NATO alliance sees parts of Europe. This is an area to be given up while the mobilization is completed. If the Arabs were to move up to the 1949 borders Israel could be overrun before it could get mobilized. Thus the conflict in Territories."

"I won't comment too much about the energy crisis as that is another field and here in oil rich Alberta....."

"The main point of the issue is, however, the fact that Greg thinks the Arabs should get their land back. He must base this assumption, or rather opinion on the fact that the Israeli aggressors took it from the Arabs. If he says just because it was obtained through war I'm sure Britain would welcome the return of her lost territory of the US and Japan would like her Pacific possessions back too. (From it is warmer down there in the US. We could make her the next 13 province

"But I guess he thinks it is because Israel started the war. World wide opinion is that the Arabs started the 1949, 1956, 1973 wars. Thus the bone of the contention would be the 1967 war. This was the war in which Israel got back most of her captured territory. Personally I think the Arabs were on the brink of war and so was Israel. Then one side started it; however it has been found almost impossible to tell who started this round. All those preplanned and executed Israeli raids look suspicious but what were all those troops doing on Israel's border?"

"This tangle won't be settled until either;

- (1) The Israelis are driven into the sea and the US starts a nuclear war in retaliation.
- (2) The Arabs are destroyed but then the Soviets will be annoyed and retaliate.
- (3) Everyone dies of Diplomacy disease

"The war is important too. Besides being a hot point in world tensions a nuclear war could start there now, by itself. At present Frog 7 missiles are in use by the Arabs; these missiles can carry warheads of city blasting size. Also Scamp missiles are at present supposedly trained on Tel Aviv and other Israeli cities. And finally don't think the US would let the Israeli's down in this category. After all over \$2 Billion worth of arms shipments aren't all peashooters and pop-guns. (You do bring out a few things Jim, but allow me to make a few points:

Point 1-You ask how to end the war, there are 2 ways, total annihilation of one side or a diplomatic agreement. When the Arabs get ~~their~~ land back they will remain peaceful until Israel starts something. There had been peace for more than 10 years before Israel attacked the Arabs.

2-You think in 67 that both sides were on the brink of war? Well, Jordan who had 6094 of her soldiers killed had 22 modern jet fighters as her airforce yet only 16 pilots, were they ready for war? I doubt it.

3-If Israel is driven into the sea don't count too much on the US starting a nuclear war in retaliation, it will never happen. The US might intervene with a few Marines, but its not worth it to start a nuclear war. I believe tho, that tactical nuclear weapons are now present there.

4-The fact remains that Israel attacked the Arab nations, and occupied parts of the Arab nations. The Arabs have attacked ~~and~~ in an attempt to get their land back, it's that simple)).

After the second World War, I was strongly anti Jewish because of the killing of English people and their families in Palestine by the Hagganah and Stern gangs. Since reading more history, I have found the British reaped the crops they had sown. In wars over a hundred years, they and other European nations had promised the same pieces of land to both Israel and Egypt, as well as to Turkey and other mid-east nations."

Israel took it needed to survive, but they had to turn it into orange groves and farmlands, by considerable effort where the previous camel drivers had used it for grazing, moving on when their flocks had devoured the land!"

"I wouldn't trade with the Arabs at all, could they do along as well without the food and luxuries they import, as the rest of us could or rather without restricted petroleum products."

"In regards to allies-the Japanese? They didn't appear to offer so much help in WWII. In North Africa Italy vs did the Israelis, who fielded small contingents, in all theaters, as well as being numerous in the resistance movements in Poland and Western Europe."

"I don't particularly care to have my views published. Permission was given to publish (anonymously), but just thought I'd try to dissuade you of your erroneously placed sympathies."

In 6 of the 7 Arab-Israeli wars, the Arabs have done the attacking and initial invasions, after numerous and continuous acts of violence, planned to provoke Israel. (Well if you want to get technical I'll agree about the Japanese not being allies in WWII, would you agree that we are friendly with them? I will also agree that Israel made use of the land sucking up a billion barrels of oil a day, Arab oil. Of course the facts still remain that it is Arab land and not Jewish. Nuff Said)

Pro Arab

John Boardman- Re your comments on the 4th Arab-Israeli war; Don't go all out in support of Israel, (or future events may saw off your limb. Israel holds the key to the Indian Ocean, which the USSR wants; the USSR holds Jews which the Israelis want. Any sort of deal may find Israel as the Soviet stew-boss in the Middle East, and Israel's cheering section in the US look rather foolish. (In my lifetime, signals have been changed 3 times with regards to Germany) (Very interesting, does anybody have any comments or rebuttals towards some of these comments?)).

Warfare with Miniatures by Greg Dority

Dawn, May 14th, 1863, 27 men of the New York 5th Infantry are resting at a small farm in northern Virginia, a 9 man patrol from the 12th Vermont Cavalry brigade are escorting a battery of 6 cannons to the south. A large confederate force is approaching, what will be the outcome???

This is the situation that I used for my first game of Civil War miniatures, I was using the ANK ARMEES rules. These are for 9mm Napoleonic figures, but can be easily adapted to HO with a little imagination. But Onward with the story of the battle!

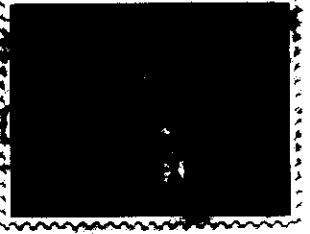
The confederates have set up 6 cannons on a hill overlooking the farm, a force of 30 Virginian cavalrymen and the same amount of Infantry prepare for the assault on the position. The battle begins as the confederates charge, 10 cavalrymen fall but 4 Federals are hacked up by the flashing swords of the "rebs". The 9 escorting cavalry assault the remaining 13 rebs, the union battery aids in the destruction of the cavalry. With the aid of the 2 batteries on the hill the Virginians charge, killing all the yanks outside the house. It now becomes a battle to see if the remaining rebels can make it to the house before they are cut down, 6 make it. It is now a battle within the house!! Finally 2 federals are left on the second floor, while one rebel is on the first, then two artillery shells hit the second floor, demolishing it and the 2 soldiers. The battle is over and the Macdonald farm is held once more by the south!!

These rules were developed by Pete Bennett and are available for 40¢ in stamps from Burt Labelle, Forest Park #23, Biddeford Maine 04005. I heartily recommend it for anybody interested in miniatures, or as an introduction for newcomers (which you might classify yours truly as)

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