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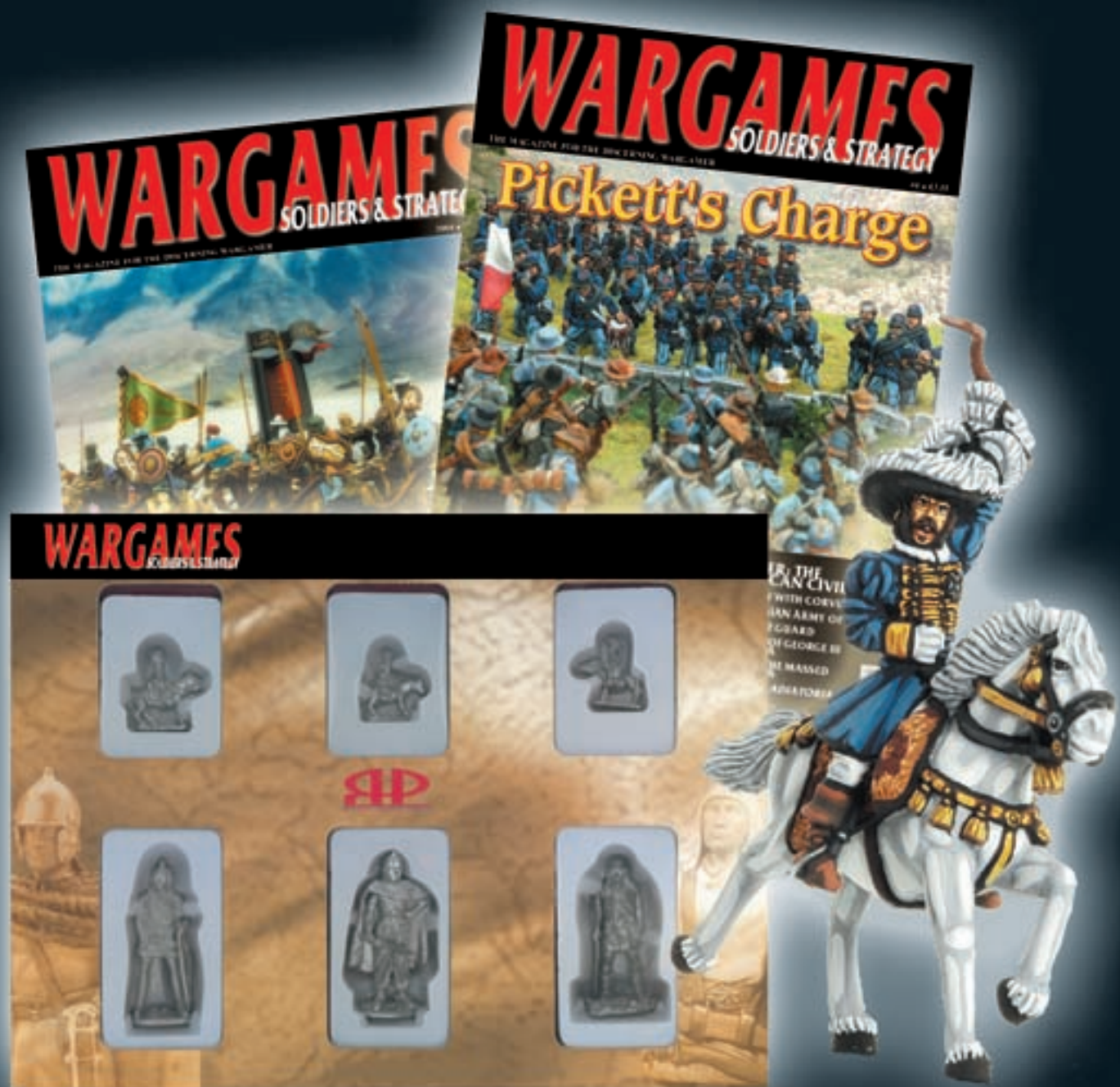
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Leader

Interest in military history is experiencing a boom, wargames have been given a fresh impetus, miniature brands are launching new projects, shop shelves are brimming with exciting boardgames, cinemas are showing the latest movies from a revitalised historic film industry (first *King Arthur* followed by *Alexander* and *Kingdom of Heaven*) and *Wargames, Soldiers & Strategy* continues to work away, pledging to get even more involved with our readers. Thanks to all of you who have sent letters of praise. We also greatly appreciate those of you who have spent the time to send us suggestions, requests and constructive criticism. Since the aim of our magazine is to please you, the reader, we have begun work on new items that will be introduced in future issues of *Wargames, Soldiers & Strategy*. The most immediate additions include articles on scales, an area that we have not concentrated too much on (more on 15mm and 20mm -1/72-), and materials other than just metal. In this new section, we will be focusing on figures and plastic models. The latter is very popular among enthusiasts of our hobby and deserves more coverage. We will be sure to publish the latest news on these products whenever possible. As you can see, we take your opinions very seriously. So, keep the letters coming!

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NEWS

THE WHITE TEMPLE: A NEW STYLE OF ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE

In December we attended the inauguration of a new store in Madrid which is surely going to enrich the wargame scene in Spain. The White Temple is not your normal shop. Its close to 600m² provides visitors with more than 30 game tables where they can watch or participate in the constant demonstrations of fantasy and historical matches that will be held. But, that is not all. Wargamers can also use these tables to play their own matches (that is right many friends, no more using the kitchen table). They also offer wargamers the possibility to use their scenery and painted figures. Yes, you have read correctly. We can actually borrow entire armies or specific regiments to complete our forces and to wage our wars. Can you ask for anything more? Well, the answer is yes. They are going to be giving painting classes for different levels. In addition, there will be a break area with vending machines where we will be able to rest while we comment our "battles", computers for on-line games and, of course, more than 100m² of products. They offer customers all the leading miniatures brands for both fantasy and historical figures and all types of hobby accessories, such as books and rules, paints and paintbrushes, scenery, etc.

As I see it, the White Temple is an interesting and necessary adventure for wargames in Spain. Its aim is not only to provide a service for existing wargamers, but also to foster the hobby and to bring new enthusiasts on board. From *Wargames: Soldiers & Strategy*, we wish you the best of luck and we hope that your risky and novel initiatives obtain the success they deserve.

Getting to The White Temple is quite simple. It is located in the neighbourhood of Chamberí, on Melendez Valdes Street, no. 14. If you use the underground, the closest stations are Argüelles, San Bernardo and Quevedo, while the closest bus lines are 2, 202, 16 and 61. More info www.twt.es



CLUB ALPHA ARES WARGAME SHOW 13th and 14th OF NOVEMBER

To commemorate their XXI anniversary, the Alpha Ares Club in Barcelona has organised a very special show on the 13th and 14th of November. This event will be loaded with an enormous variety of activities: A Napoleonic Tournament using "In the Name of Glory" rules, Jaime I Tournament for DBM, Fanatic Tournament for ASL, WWII demonstrations using Blitzkrieg Commander, Battleground WWII, Battlefront and Spearhead rules, open games of the Spanish War of Succession and Napoleonics in 28mm and the American Civil War and the Seven Years' War in 15mm, a painting contest for 15mm, 25mm and dioramas, complete with trophies and awards for participants as well as lunch and dinner. Campaign Game Miniatures will have a stand there with miniatures, rules and accessories on sale.

Venue: "Cotxeres de Sants" Carretera de Sants, 79 (near the Sants Station), Barcelona. Underground: Plaça de Sants (red line).

Opening Hours: Saturday the 13th and Sunday the 14th of November, from 10.00 a.m.-14.00 p.m. and from 16.00 p.m.-20.00 p.m.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Editor,

I am an English wargame enthusiast who has been in the hobby for more than fifteen years. I started by buying magazines that were published at the time even though they only provided incidental coverage of wargames. Then, when two magazines exclusively dedicated to this subject came out, I subscribed to both of them since I was eager to get my hands on any information to help me develop my hobby. Today, years later, I have not bought any magazines after seeing how their quality declined. Their coverage of subjects was either superficial or not interesting for an expert wargamer like me. This was the case until a friend of mine told me about your magazine. After purchasing it I realised that there was a renewed interest in our hobby. Your magazine is a leap forward with regards to the quality of articles and illustrations, but I have

noticed some areas in need of improvement. I would like to share some of my suggestions and ideas with you:

1st - The magazine lacks adequate distribution. I think that this point should be improved since it is hard to find *Wargames: Soldiers & Strategy* outside of wargames shows. It is also difficult to know when issues are going to be available. If you want to keep fellow enthusiasts interested, you should improve your punctuality.

2nd - I think it is great that you include articles on modelling; we have been missing them for many years and they were only published in fantasy magazines. However, it would be great if you were to publish more detailed articles with more and better photos.

3rd - The fact that the magazine is written mainly by Spaniards is a clear sign of the country's great interest in wargames. In the UK we do not think that only what we do is good and what the rest