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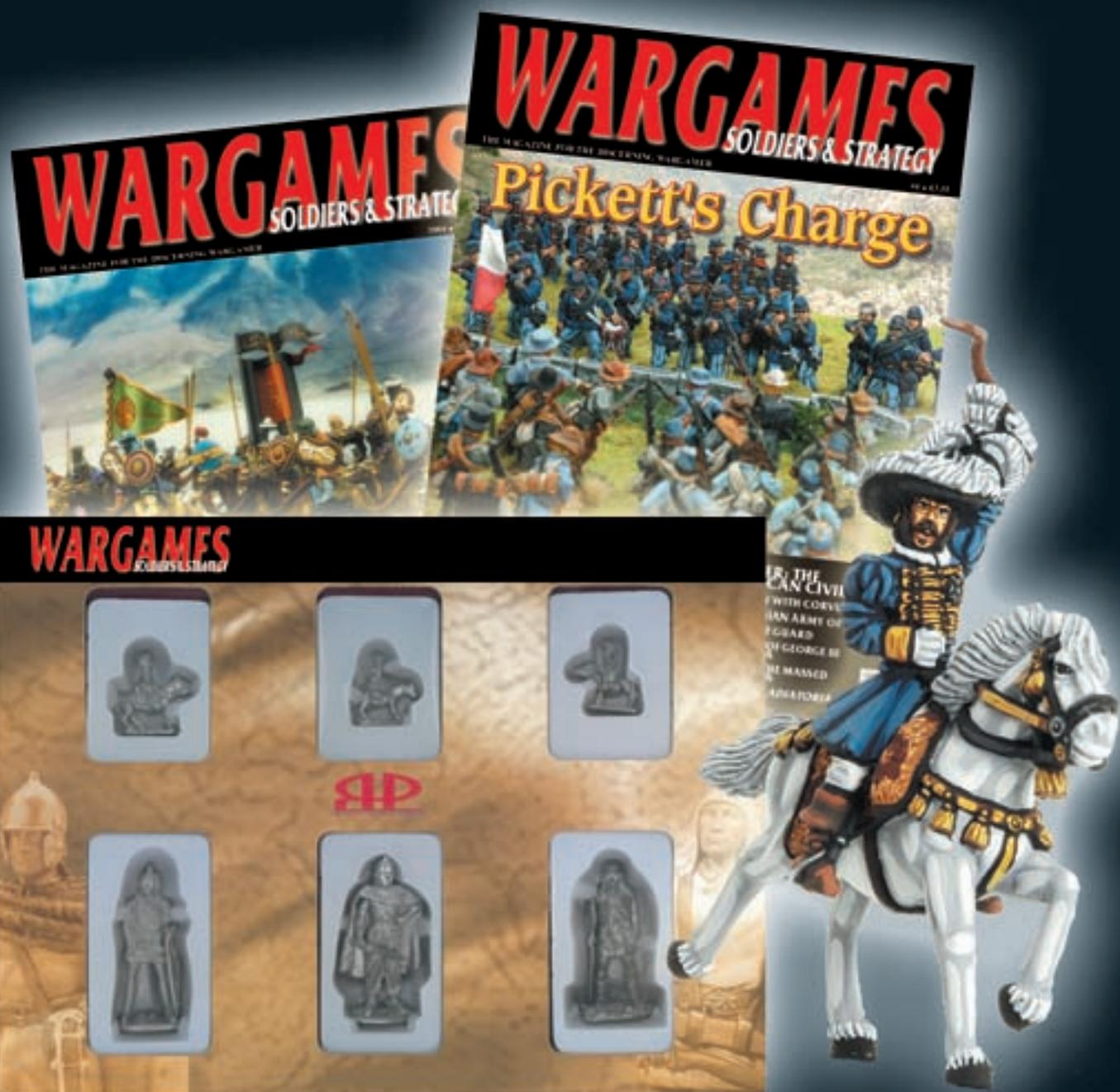
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## Leader

**O**n October 21<sup>st</sup> was the 200th Anniversary of the Battle of Trafalgar. On that fateful day the Combined Spanish-French fleet was defeated by the Royal Navy in one of the most momentous battles in modern History. A lot of commemorations have taken place in the past months: naval parades, expositions, even re-enactments of the battle. Although the last ones so conditioned by 'political correctness' that, as if Harry Potter would have made a magic trick, the Spanish, French and British navies transformed into 'White', 'Blue' and 'Red' fleets! A pitiful way to honour those who died for their countries!

From our pages we want to make a homage to them all and thus devoted our dossier to the story of those iron men and wooden ships.

Wargames Editorial Staff

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# News

## IT'S COME AND GONE...

Last Sunday, October 16th, our special UK correspondent visited SELWG, the wargames show held each year in south east London in the park where the ill-fated Crystal Palace was constructed. Even though it's relatively far from the centre (nearly an hour ride on bus no. 3 from Regent Street), it's not too difficult to get to.

It's obvious SELWG can't compete with Salute as far as size goes (the truth is no European show can). However, it does capture the essence of our hobby. While Salute is a whirl of crazed consumerism in which you have to push your way through crowds of people just to get close to a stand, SELWG offers a calmer, more pleasant atmosphere. Most of the sector's traders were there. Since there weren't huge crowds, traders had plenty of time to help or speak with anybody that stopped by their stand. Customers could spend all the time they wanted chatting with traders or checking out their products. The demonstration games (which anyone who wished could sign up for) were nicely done. They also had painting and modelling demonstrations for different scales led by top-notch designers and painters, etc. Overall, there was a good atmosphere



at the show; it felt more like a holiday than a shopping spree. We also had the chance to meet up with old and new friends, to get ideas and suggestions to improve our armies and scenery and, of course, to buy a few things -that's what it's all about! Right? Perhaps SELWG alone doesn't justify a trip to London; but can you think of anything better to do on a Sunday morning?



## SOMATENT 2005

On the 26th and 27th of November, Somatent 2005 will be held in Barce-

lona. This show is organised by the guys at Club Alpha Ares and will have several events. The sheer size and

number of participants of the XIII DBM Jaime I Tournament makes it by far the most important event of the show. There will also be ASL and Napoleonic tournaments. Those of you who aren't going to sign up for a tournament but want to play a game or two or learn how to play with new rules or periods, the guys from Alpha Ares have organised several participation and demonstration games: Flames of War, Blitzkrieg Commander, Age of Reason, Plomo y Salitre (Spanish adaptation of Wooden Ships & Iron Men) and In the Name of Glory are some of the rule sets that will be used.

The show will be held at the Cotxeres de Sants and opening times will be from 10.00 to 14.00 and from 16.00 to 20.30. For more information visit the club's web site: [www.alphaares.com](http://www.alphaares.com)

## CLUB LIST

In the next issue of our magazine we'd like to include a list of clubs. We want our magazine –your magazine!– to be the place where you all can find others that share your hobby interests. That's why we need the collaboration of all the clubs out there. All you have to do is send us the following information: club name, address or where you get together, how often you meet –days of the week– contact and telephone number. If you have an e-mail address or a web site, don't forget to add that too.

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