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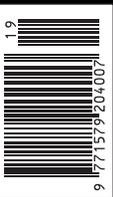
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The advertisement features three covers of the magazine 'WARGAMES SOLDIERS & STRATEGY'. The top-left cover is titled 'Panthers in Normandy, 1944' and shows a tank in a field. The top-right cover is titled 'THE OVERLAND CAMPAIGN, 1864' and shows a battle scene with soldiers and a flag. The middle cover is titled 'The Greek-Persian Wars' and shows a battle scene with spears. Below the covers are three miniature figures: a blue-clad soldier with a rifle, a white-clad soldier with a sword, and another blue-clad soldier with a rifle. To the left of the figures is a display of six miniature figures in their packaging, with the 'WARGAMES' logo above them. A small inset box on the right lists contents: 'DOSSIER: THE OVERLAND CAMPAIGN', 'SAMURAI CAMPAIGN', 'BAGRATION', 'A GREAT SCENIC FEELING', and 'AND...'. A small inset box at the bottom left of the figures lists: 'THE BATTLE OF SEPTIMUS', 'THE BRIDGE OF PIN...', 'MINI-CAMPAIGN', 'RETURNING COM...', 'DOSSIER: THE GREEK-PERSIAN WARS', 'HOW TO PAINT SM...', 'SCALE WARFARE', 'NEW GUN POSITIONS', and 'AND MORE...'. The 'WARGAMES' logo is also visible on the top left of the figure display area.

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Leader

It's that time again when we make our resolutions and attempt to change some of our habits or become better people in the New Year. While some succeed in keeping these resolutions, others slip back into the comfort of being one's old self, destined never to change. Lucky for us, the world of wargames, our means of escaping the ups-and-downs of everyday life, is changing and is doing so in leaps and bounds. Little by little, we continue to grow and adapt the content of the magazine to suit your tastes, making sure our hobby receives the attention it deserves. Determined to make the best wargames magazine possible, we have big projects in store this year that involve big changes –all of which we hope are for the better.

In the first months of the year, you will see a newly designed website with loads of new information, popular forums, unpublished articles and extras. It will undoubtedly be a place you'll want to make a regular stop while surfing the Internet, and hopefully add to your favourites. And that's not all. We will be adding something special to accompany the spectacular graphics done by our new contributors, but we won't tell you what just quite yet. This year we will also begin publishing our special issues -books with tons of information and rules centred on subjects of great interest.

With that said, we hope you enjoy this month's dossier on the Carlist period. However, if you prefer, you can venture into the Russian steppe for the biggest tank battle of history. We truly believe there's something for everyone. See you next month.

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News

WAR STORM SERIES

News of the creation of War Storm Series, a Spanish wargame publisher, was such a pleasant surprise that we couldn't pass up the opportunity to give you the low-down on it.

Run by Nicolas Eskubi (staff artist at Multi Man Publishing and sporadic collaborator for other companies such as Decision

Games, Mark H. Walter, Matrix Games, OmegaGames, eSim Games, Armchair General, ATO Magazine, 2by3games, S&T and Armchair General Magazine) and Juan Carlos Cebrián (designer of various ASL modules for Critical Hit), War Storm Series was set up with the aim of picking up where NAC (Nike & Cooper Española S.A.) left off as the boardgame standard in Spain.

Their first game, ¡A las barricadas! (To the Barricades!), covers the Spanish Civil War, a scenario that gamers from around the world appreciate for being the prelude to World War II.

A las Barricadas!

is a tactical platoon-level wargame for two players that recreates the battles fought between the Nationalist and Republican forces. The game's fifteen scenarios simulate some of the famous episodes of the war, such as the Republican landing on Majorca, the battles in the Cerro de los Ángeles, the attack on Talavera by Nationalist troops on their way to Madrid and the advance of the Army of the North on Villareal. Even though the rules are simple, they don't take away from the game's tactical depth. The gaming system accurately reconstructs total war tactics on a scale of 150-200 metres per hex.

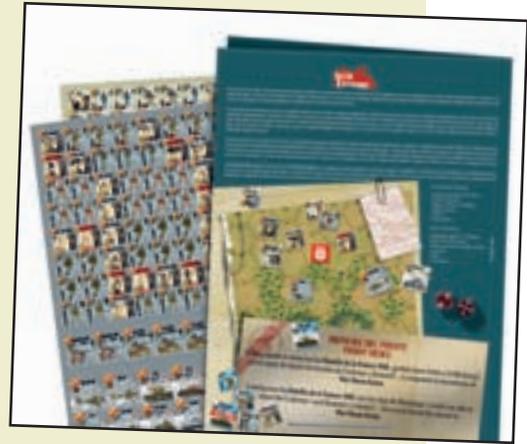
One of the most interesting elements of the game is the use of leaders and their influence on troop morale. In addition, officers allow for coordination rolls

so players can try to activate different units at the same time. This allows for combined attacks and also reflects the cohesion differences on both sides and between the troops themselves. Another feature that gamers have praised highly are the reaction rules which give players the option of reserving units that can be activated during the other player's turn if the latter moves a counter within the opponent's range of action. This not only accurately simulates the battles, but also guarantees greater interaction between players.

As the two designers point out, "we've tried to design a game that combines maximum historical rigour with playability". Judging by players' comments, it can be said that they did that and more. Making the game has been a rewarding experience for them. They always wanted to be able to combine their passion for wargames with one of the historical

periods that captivates them the most. "It has been great to get the chance to draw vehicles, such as the Trubia and the Tiznaos, that don't normally appear in games, as well as classics such as the Negrillo (Panzer I) and the Polikarpov I-15", remarked Nicolás. At the moment they're working on their next release that covers the 1940 invasion of France with new counters and units as well as several expansions for ¡A las barricadas! which will include the International Brigades, CTV and scenarios with maps of specific areas like the University City of Madrid.

www.warstormseries.es



WARHAMMER HISTORICAL EVENT AT WARHAMMER WORLD UK OCTOBER 2006

Over 110 players took part in a fun event at the Games Workshop gaming centre. Players came from Scotland, France, Germany and even the US to take part in a lively range of games produced by Warham-



mer Historical. The wide expanse of tables displayed cowboy towns for Legends of the Wild West, English Civil War battlefields and classical armies clashing in a Masters of the Aegean campaign. The Warmaster Ancients campaign proved popular with Rick Priestley himself umpiring the little guys! The other WAB supplements were well supported with campaigns supporting Shieldwall, Beyond The Golden Gate, Chariot Wars and The Art of War. Many of these featured themed terrain and superb armies. Games are played in a friendly and welcoming spirit with the accent on making friends and having fun. It's also a great chance to learn about the exciting developments and new publications like The Age of Arthur coming along from the au-



thors and developers themselves. To close there were a multitude of prizes for the gamers including a free Black Library book for all the players.

Further events will be held in 2007, keep an eye on the Warhammer Historical website: www.warhammer-historical.com/

If you consider yourself a good painter and would like to collaborate with the magazine and have the pictures of figures you painted published, send an e-mail to wss.manager@gmail.com to be a part of this great wargames project. You can do it! We look forward to hearing from you.