

Hello Squad Leader Fanatic type persons,

Our **first session** (Dec.... Christmas already?!) had 6 people in attendance. It was going to be 8 but Jeff and Jon couldn't make it. We played scenario S11 **A Long Way to Go**, from the 2nd starter kit. It featured a German assault against the Americans in Sicily as the Germans tried to counterattack the American beachhead. Dave K. (U.S.) vs. Greg., Dan (U.S.) vs. Jim, and Dave T. (U.S.) vs. Joe.

All of the German attacks ran out of steam in spite of having many more troops. Dave T. and Dan even broke their mortars which we all thought would be a vital loss. Dave K had a 7 or 8 R.O.F. with said mortar (it's rate is a 3!!!). Regardless of the overwhelming # of U.S. victories, when Joe suggested playing it again, 5 out of 6 of us said we'd like to play the Germans, even though they lost. We decided to move on to the next scenario S12 instead of doing a repeat of S11 **A Long Way to Go**

The **second session** (Jan., 16th) saw another 6 attendees. Much better than some days. Whets my appetite to hit that magic number 8. We played S12 **Over Open Sights**. The 13 German squads and their 4 1/2 squad compatriots had to cross a lot of open ground or sneak along some narrow wood lines to capture the 3 American Guns that opposed them. The Americans also had 2 full squads and 4 half squads guarding those guns. Dave K's situation looked grim as his first assault along the woods line was all busted up. His mortar broke and the "killer stack" (MMG, LMG, a few 467's and his 8-1) kept breaking and never got in position to silence the American Artillery pieces. However, Jon F's 3 squad reinforcements came in intending to draw the Germans away from the Guns, but Dave didn't fall for *that*, and sprung 4 half squads across the open ground knowing that the Artillery pieces (Guns) only had two shots (one regular and one intensive fire). Jon broke one Gun by intensive firing and missed with the last shot, allowing 2 of the 4 half squads to take out one of his guns in close combat. This came down to the last turn.

**SPECIAL ALERT!!! SPECIAL ALERT!!!** We welcomed Jeff Hallet to our club. He happened into the Games Plus store one day and didn't know that such historical and fantasy games existed. He found us listed on the ASL website, and joined us, only to lose to Joe P. Jeff's Germans fell short with their assault. The third game was played between Dave T. and Greg H. Greg's German's also fell short, having taken many casualties in the early part of the game.

When we played the **third session** (Feb 20th) the neighbor across the street, Mark, decided to play alongside Dave K as their Germans defeated a force of Aussies and Greeks (played by Dave T.) in S13 **Priority Target** **SPECIAL ALERT!!! SPECIAL ALERT!!!** What's that you say? Two new players in two months? It's true, and we welcome Mark. This scenario used the same board as S12. Joe P. also won with the Germans on the last turn against Greg Haas, who, get this, has actually been reading his rulebook! Not only that, but Greg's also been *highlighting* it!

What's up with that? The real fun of the night came during the great power outage of '06, which hit 1206 E. Patten right as Joe watched one of his dice come up a one. The room went black while the other dice was spinning. Joe, being the concerned individual that he is, yelled out "What did I roll?" (and you thought he was going to cry "How did the power go out and what can I do to help?", but no.). Laura handily provided a flashlight for Joe and Greg to play by, while Dave and Dave played by candlelight (Mark went back across the street to check on his wife). Even the darkest dark will not stop these mad ASL players.

And now for the awards

*Most Improved In ASL Knowledge* - **Greg Haas**

*Best Highlighting of the Rule Book* - **Greg Haas.**

*Best Quote of the Night*- **Mark** (Dave's new Neighbor) when informed that a low roll might break his daring advance, he said, referring to his opponent. "I don't think he has it in him." . We all broke out laughing.

Here's the stats with our new leader.....and our new tie at the bottom....

Mark 100% (he stands undefeated dude!)

Dave K. 82% (no longer in first, ha!)

Dave Timonen. 52% (barely keeping 3rd, maybe *he* should read *his* rulebook)

Joe Pellam 50%

Rick Hollander. 47%

Dan Sullivan 43%

Greg Haas. 36%

Jon Fujii 36%

Chris Walters. 35% (look how close you are to moving to the center of the pack )

Jim Poffenberger. 25%

Jeff Hallet 0% (don't worry we've all been here before)

Rob Arrieta 0% Roll low and may the dice be with you. Dave K.

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