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“December 7th, 1941 – A date which will live in infamy”

-Pearl Harbor Speech (1941) by F.D. Roosevelt



USS Arizona burning on December 7th, 1941 at Pearl Harbor (Wikimedia)

Veterans Wars After Action, 2014 Membership Dues

*Message from CMH Secretary
Binhan Lin*

Veterans Wars occurred during Veterans Day weekend (Nov. 8-10). We have a couple of after action reports on games from the con. We will be accepting early membership dues for 2014 at the November and December meetings. Swag for 2014 is still undetermined but will probably some form of CMH logoed item from Shark Mounted Lasers. Bill Daniel will be running “Tora Tora Tora” game simulating the attack on Pearl Harbor at the monthly meeting.

Military History of December

*By CMH Secretary
Binhan Lin*

The month of September saw many historical military events.

Dec. 2

1805, Napoleon defeats Russia and Austria at the Battle of Austerlitz.

Dec. 7

1941, Japanese Navy performs a surprise attack on the US Naval forces at Pearl Harbor.

Dec. 10

1941, British battleships *Repulse* and *Prince of Wales* are sunk by Japanese planes off of Malaya.

Dec. 16

1944 – German forces launch an attack in the Ardennes that would become the Battle of the Bulge.

Dec. 18

1916, the Battle of Verdun ends after 10 months of fighting and nearly 1 million total deaths.

Colorado Military Historians (CMH) Vet Wars 2013

- Black Powder Sudan Battle

*By CMH Member
Dan Gurule*

I know I have discussed this before and it has to do with my favorite era of wargaming, Colonials! It all started when I was very young and my Parents were taking us to see a "Cartoon!" so we thought. Well it was "Khartoum!" Man it was boring at first. If you have ever seen it you know that the beginning felt like one of those National Geographic episodes.

What the heck my brothers and I thought. But then, but then, it started, Bakers disaster, the Mahdi, Gunboats on the Nile, and yes the siege of "**Khartoum**" **not Cartoon**. I have been fascinated since that evening. Of course my younger brothers and Mom fell asleep because it is a looong movie but not me! I must have been 7 or 8 years old at the time.

Anyway, sorry for the rant but you can imagine the excitement I have whenever I put on a Colonial battle.

So this scenario is based on the El Teb scenario in the Black Powder rule book. We had a blast. It was Matt V's first time he played in a Colonial game and it didn't go well for him but he had fun. And knowing Matt, the next time we play his tactics will definitely be different. Its not easy for someone that plays Civil War, Nappy and Ancients to catch on to Colonial combat. Like the question he asked me said it all, "Dan, do you form square against these Mahdist?" As we all know, squares work great against Cavalry but Dervish? If your not used to it you have a way of learning quickly in the desert! You will see what happens to his Sudanese troops in this battle. It was very entertaining (lol).

Well again, I captioned all the pictures. I had a great time putting this on for our club event. Oh we also had Jeff G. join us for this battle. I was glad he could join us. Emir's Jeff, John "Mumbasa" and Aaron took command of the Mahdist forces and Colonel's Matt and Nate the British and Egyptian forces.

The mission was to attack and clear the sangars (defensive positions) and capture the Khalifa, the defender of the faithful. So as they say, it so happened that the hunter became the hunted. Take a look.

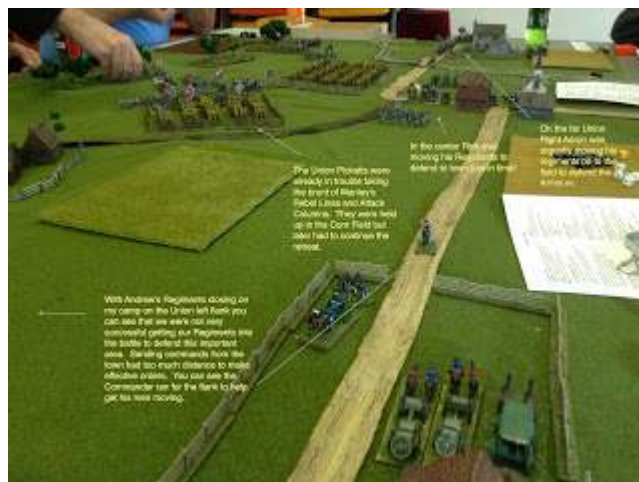
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- Black Powder Civil War Battle

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Battle at Hangman's Creek

This years Vet Wars was as fun as always. This year I decided to play one of my favorite rules Black Powder. To make it easier I ran two battles using BP. It worked out great.

This was the Civil War Battle we played with our CMH members, Andrew, Dave and Nate playing the Rebs, and Rick, Aaron and myself playing the sleeping Union forces.

This scenario was adapted right from the BP Rule book called Battle at Hangman's Creek. It has the Union forces primarily off board with the Command staff just waking up in the small town at the center. There is one Regiment that are pickets camped out on a ridge which overlooks the town. There is a Camp on the Union left with a Battery in position and an Armory with a Regiment on the far right preparing their Breakfast.

The battle starts with the Rebs coming on like a steam roller that hits the pickets in the early dawn hours which sounds the alarm to the command staff. At the moment of alarm the Colonels are scrambling to get their forces on the board before getting ran over by this large Rebel Raid. Fortunately, the Rebs initially stalled initially (command failures) while getting their forces coordinated.

Great battle where everyone had a good time. I will let the pictures tell the story of this particular engagement.

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- Bolt Action Battle

*By CMH Member
Dan Gurule*

Doug and Dave were able to put on a Bolt Action Battle the first evening of the Vet Wars event. I didn't take as many pictures as I usually do because I actually got to PLAY in a game this time. It is always a great time playing Bolt Action. I played the wide open left American Flank against Herr Manley on the German side. Jeff played the Americans against Aaron in the middle and Nate playing Americans on the far right against Rick.

Our mission was to take this small village in the middle out of German hands. They had opportunities to hide squads before our assault. What actually happened was that Herr Manley and his Sgt. Heinz (Squad Leader) launched a devastating attack from the German center which destroyed Jeff's MMG and assaulted and killed one of my blundering squads.

We never did take the Village but we all still had a good time. The miniatures were all Dave Manley's which look great! And Doug who ran the game laid out another one of his excellent terrain boards!

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- WWI Square Bashing

*By CMH Member
Dan Gurule*

Next year will be the 100th Anniversary of The Great War. Some of us at Vet Wars this year were able to put on some WWI actions. Terry Shockey took the opportunity to run the latest of Peter Pig's Square Bashing rules. I didn't get to play in this one because I was one table over in a Civil War battle but received great pictures and feedback regarding the battle. John Owen and Doug Wildfong handled the Americans with Dave and Jordan Newport taking the Germans. It sounded like it was a very good game. Thanks Terry for putting it on.

If you do not know about Square Bashing please go to the Peter Pig Website and take a look at all of their nice ranges of figures and rules. The figures used in this scenario are a split between Peter Pig and Minifigs.

Peter Pig Website

<http://www.peterpig.co.uk/range16.htm>

So let me get to the battle. This was an American Force protecting a command bunker and their trench line from the Germans. We got some nice pictures and some narration from the players - enjoy.

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CMH December Scheduled Events

This table shows what scheduled CMH events are coming up. Next months Friday Night Fights (FNF) and the monthly meeting (MM) are listed. It is recommended to schedule your game for future meetings and will appear on this page.

Date	Meeting	Location	Start Time
December 6	FNF	TBD	TBD
December 8	MM	Baker	Noon
Tora Tora Tora! By Bill Daniel			
December 13	FNF	Baker	7PM
Disposable Heroes – 25mm WW2 by Greg Skelly and Larry Irons			
December 20	FNF	TBD	TBD
December 27	FNF	TBD	TBD

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Broomfield, CO 80020
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FNF (TBD) may or may not occur these months due to a lack of a scheduled host.



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Colorado Military Historians (CMH) is a non-profit organization whose purpose is to promote historical wargaming and the study of military history. Founded in 1965, CMH meets monthly on the second Sunday of the month, except in May when the meeting is deferred to the third Sunday. The meeting starts at noon at the Baker Recreation Center, 6751 Irving Street (just a few blocks west of Federal Blvd), Denver, Colorado. The club also hosts gaming at least one Friday night a month, called "Friday Night Fights" (FNF) at 7:00 p.m. One Friday of the month will be held at the Baker Community Center. The other Friday meetings will be held at a future determined location. See website for latest information.

CMH maintains ties with numerous local, regional and national groups to help promote the hobby. CMH is governed by member-elected officers who serve on the Board of Directors (executive board). Terms of office are one year, with elections held at the May meeting. New members are accepted after attending three CMH functions and a vote of the membership. Dues are \$35.00 per year, payable in January. Members wishing to receive a snail-mailed newsletter subscription must pay an additional fee of \$15.00 per year. Authors retain ownership of articles and graphics published. CMH reserves the right to edit or reject submissions to the newsletter.

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