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*Armistice/Remembrance Day
and Veterans Day*

OF MEN AND ARMS I SPEAK

Originally called Armistice Day November 11, 1919, it became intertwined with Remembrance Day in many countries that honor the day. It was renamed Veterans Day in the United States in 1954. As a small child growing up in the mountains of Colorado, I remember one Armistice Day observance at my elementary school. It was first grade. We were ushered out to the front of the school as a member of the local American Legion post played "posting the colors" while our custodian raised the American flag. We had all been given red poppies to wear. We did not really know what this was about. But it was exciting for us. It became clear a bit later what this was about. There was a veteran of WWI in the crowd wearing his uniform. He did not speak as he was frail. But the Legion post commander spoke about the importance of remembering and honoring this date. At the end of the ceremony a jet from Lowry Air Force base flew over. That experience has stayed with me throughout my life. This is a particularly poignant experience for me with the 100th anniversary of the armistice ending WWI. We also honor American service members from other conflicts this Veterans Day, even though Memorial Day is the official day of remembering our fallen service members. Our family lost my father-in-law this year. He was a Marine serving in the Pacific. Remarkably, as he said, he survived the first wave on to Tarawa at Black Beach 2. He did not talk much about the experience except to say it was tough and he was glad he survived and remembered those that did not make it. May we continue to remember this day and hope for a day when no more veterans will fall in conflict but live in peace.

Terry Shockey, Secretary Colorado Military Historians

From The President's Desk



By Nate Forte CMH Club President

Hello everyone, another great year has come and gone. I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the membership for electing myself and the other officers to another term this past year.

Your leadership has been hard at work with our recruitment drive and also managing the financials for our club. As everyone remembers, a year ago we were struggling financially, and were not sure of being able to keep hosting our Club monthly meetings at our current location the Baker Community Center. I am glad to tell you that at our last meeting the Club treasurer, Larry Irons, confirmed that we have now passed that dark time and are doing great financially, which means we will be keeping the location of our monthly meetings and events to the Baker Community Center. Thank you Larry for negotiating a great lease with the Highland Hills company, and for managing the finances of our club. We also have the membership to thank for supporting the club financially, with all your dues and donations at our club events.

We did very well attendance wise and with financials at our West Wars event this year, and we hope to do the same at this year's Veteran's Wars event, which coincidentally will be hosted on the very day of the Great War's 100 year centennial event Sunday November 11th. There are still open spots available for gaming events, and if you would like to host a game, please let our Historian Doug Wildfong or Co-host Treasurer Larry Irons of the time and event, there is still time. Also, please remember to wear your poppies on your CMH shirts (if you have one) as we will talk about that at our club meeting.

For our membership drive last year, V.P. Jim Rairdon and Secretary Terry Shockey, came up with a very nice brochure, which we printed and posted at several venues. I'm going to have more of these printed for member's to take with them and to post around town at any of the hobbies stores or Libraries that they may go to. Recruiting new members to our club is every CMH member's responsibility, and anything you guys can do to help us, will help boost our ranks and help the leadership of our club with its financial responsibility by getting new dues paying members.

Lastly I wanted to make sure that our membership was aware of any Social media, or electronic communication service that we now use as a club. We currently have: A Facebook Group page, a Meetup Page, our Yahoo Group page and its official email that the club uses, our Web site, and finally our Gamefor group page. Even after all that social and electronic media exposure, it was funny to hear from a new member that he found us on an old wargaming magazine ad, go figure. Nonetheless, we continue to get new requests to join those sites from folks outside of the dues paying members, and hopefully they will turn into full members.

Thank you for a great year, and here's hoping for another one,

Regards, Nate

Jeff Lambert's October Report on the WWI Aerial Campaign

The Allied Powers have finally broken through the German lines all along the Western Front in what will be known as the 100 Days Offensive. Italy has launched an offensive in the Alps which is sending the Austro-Hungarians in headlong retreat. The Ottoman Empire is being crushed in the Middle East. All of the Central Powers are on the verge of defeat in this long and terrible war; the established world order is being shaken up in the aftermath. Until then, however, there is still much carnage to come.

With the Germans in a full (but ordered) retreat, the Allies are carrying out a massive bombardment campaign against the enemy's rear areas. The Allies' air supremacy campaign has paid off, with the German air service in desperately short supply of pilots and aircraft. This does not mean that the Germans are defenseless, though.

Through some unknown mishap, only one Handley-Paige bomber (the "Bloody Paralyzer") was able to rendez-vous with the escort provided by the Camels of Lt. Wharrier and Lt. Lambert, with the additional showing of Lt. Irons in a RAF SE5a. The target was a heavily-defended railyard with troop and ammunition trains on the sidings in the German rear. It was defended in the air with some of Germany's best remaining aircraft and pilots: Lt. v. Skelly and Lt. v. Manley in Siemens-Schuckert D.III's, joined by a Fokker D.VIIc flown by Lt. v. Forte and a new monoplane design of all-metal construction, the Junkers D.I flown by Lt. v. Lythgoe.

The Siemens flight aggressively attacked the lone bomber, but it was ably defended by its multiple machine-guns and Lt. v. Manley's black fighter went spinning down out of control, the pilot shot through the head. Lt. v. Skelly received severe damage, but was able to limp his plane back to the airfield, where he found another and returned to the battle after a short delay. Lt. v. Forte found the

Fokker fighter to his liking, performing many aerial feats while neutralizing the cover of Lt. Irons' SE5a, leaving only the Camels to defend the bomber from the relentless attacks of the Germans. Lt. v. Lythgoe poured the steady fire from his Junkers into the bomber at the last moment, killing two of the crew and sending it into a slow, deadly spiral of destruction. Wharrier and Lambert could only watch helplessly, as now Manley and Skelly returned.

With no other choice, Wharrier and Lambert began strafing the trains in the railyard, hoping for maximum damage but regretting the loss of the bomber. Wharrier took damage to his wings from v. Skelly, and spun into the ground-- he did not survive. Irons finally broke free of v. Forte's attention, but was too late to help Lambert. Lambert's final shots found a munition car and blew it up, causing heavy damage to the railyard, but he was caught in the crossfire from three German fighters. He crashed his plane into a troop car and was severely injured. The German infantry made certain that he paid for his success with his life.

The railyard rendered useless, the bomber destroyed, and two of his friends killed left Irons with no choice but to escape. Thanks to the speedy Hispano-Suiza powering his SE5, Irons evaded the pursuit and returned to friendly lines. The Allied mission was a success, due to the sacrifice made by the British pilots. It is hoped that a prompt end to the war will make further sacrifices unnecessary.

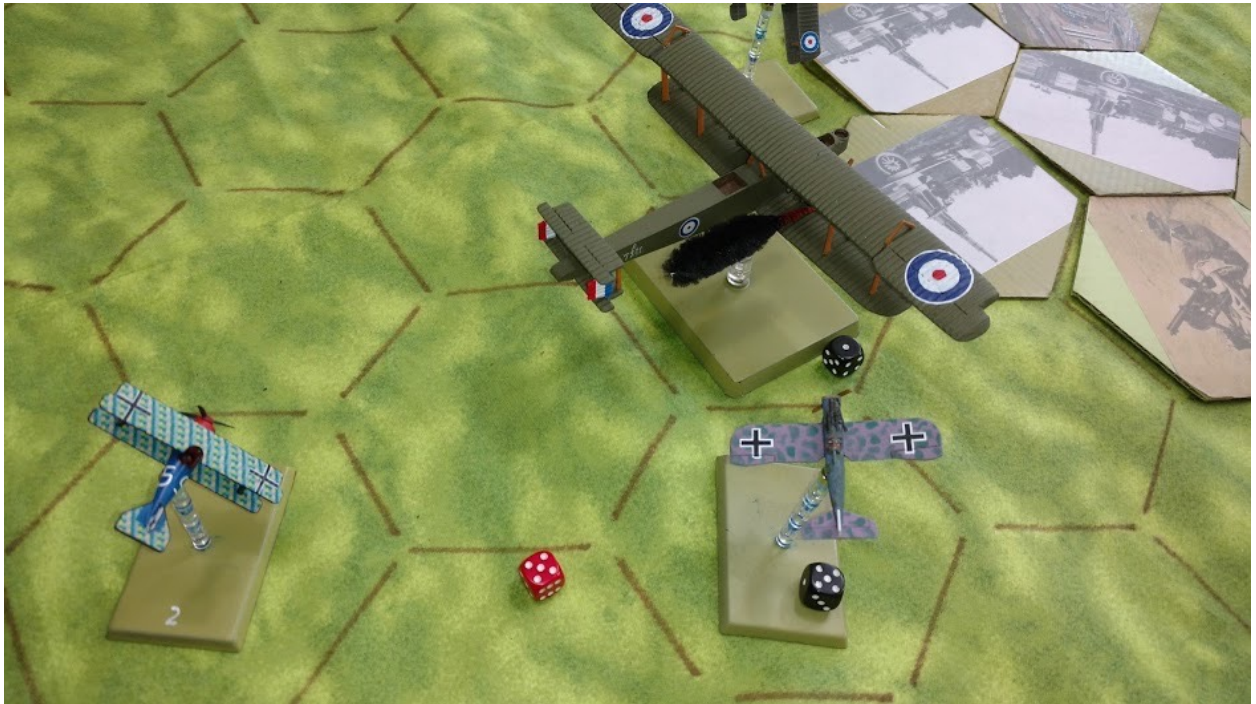
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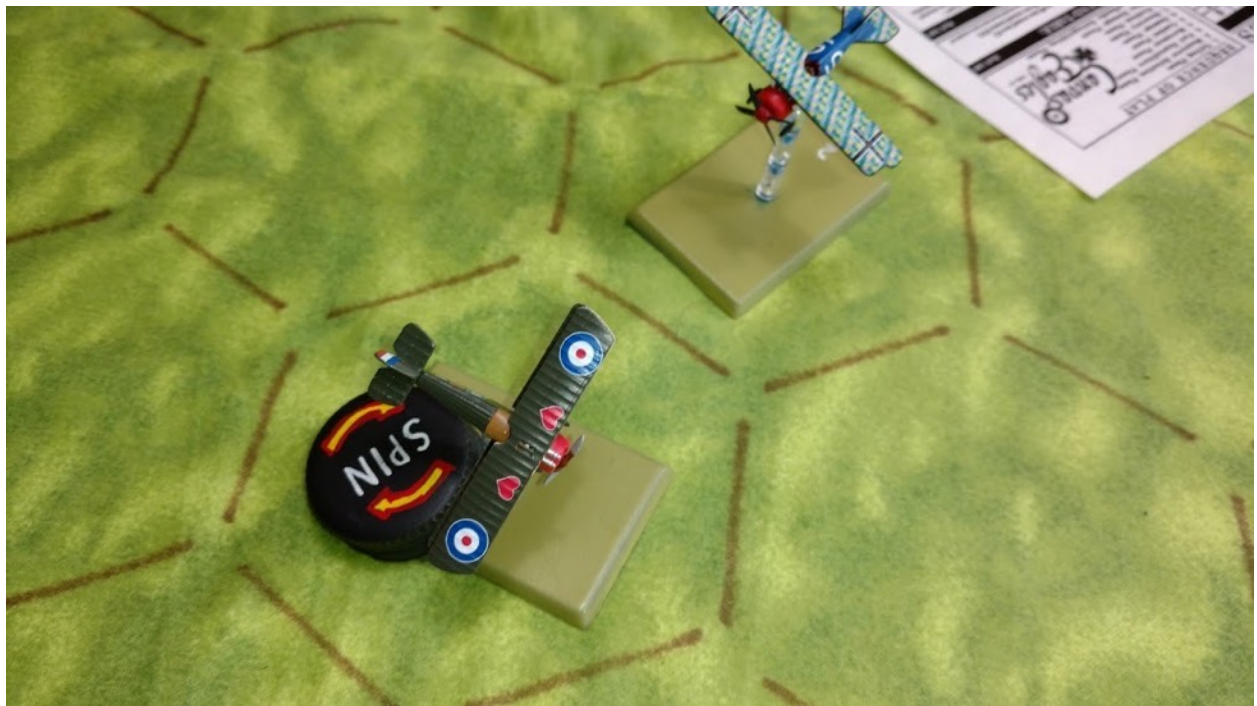
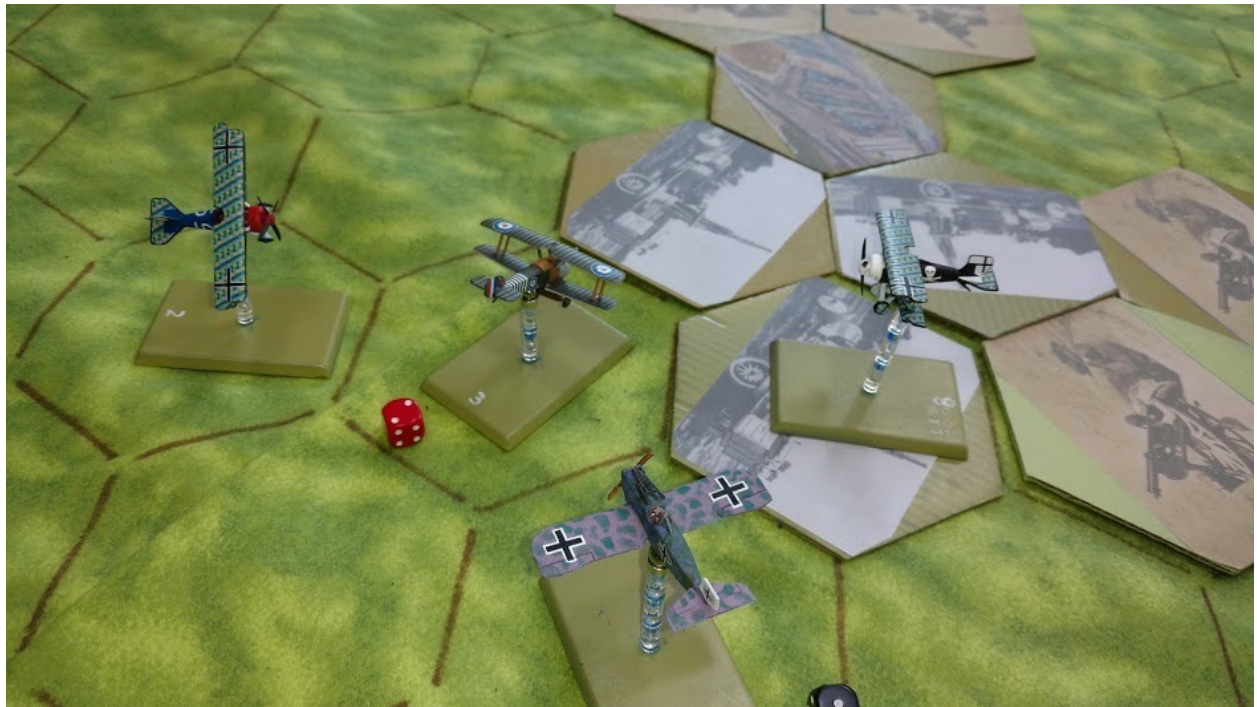
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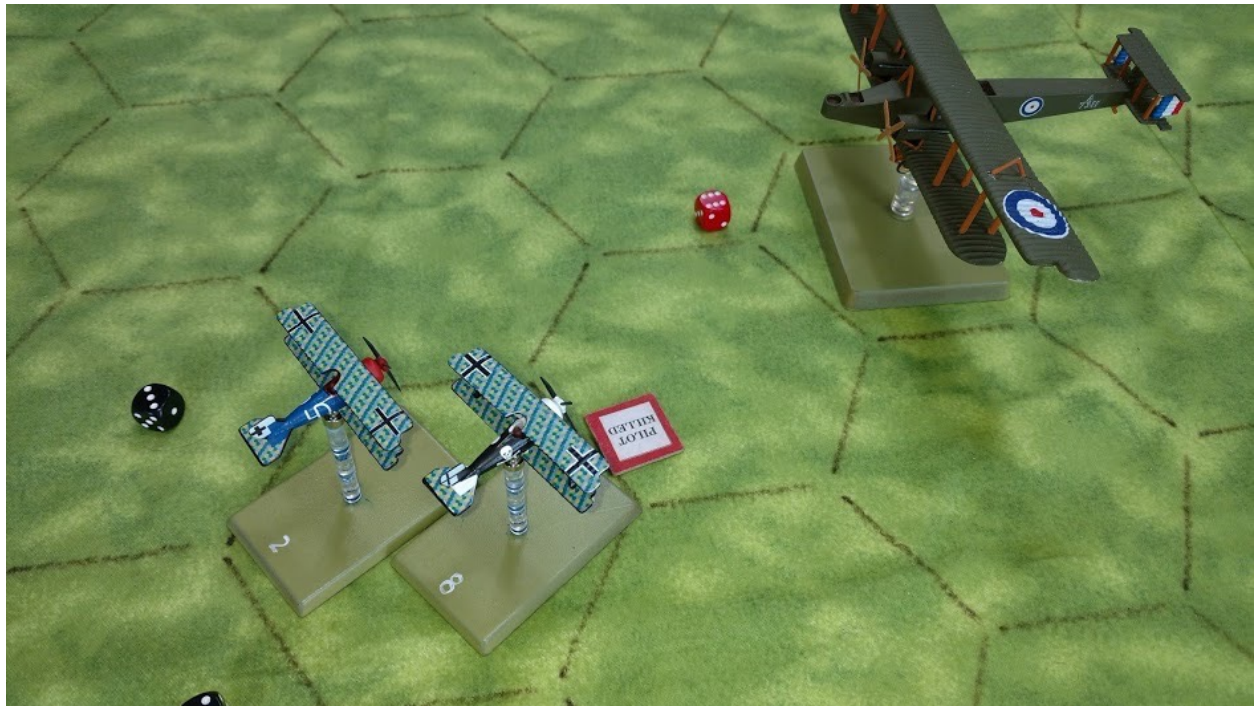
<i>Name</i>	<i>Victories</i>	<i>Experience</i>	<i>Adjusted</i>	<i>Skills</i>
SKELLY	7	2211pts	339pts	Range, Maneuver, SKILL
LAMBERT	12-1/2	1509pts	503pts	Deflection, Maneuver, Fire Value
IRONS	8	1133pts	426pts	Cannot Be Tailed, Maneuver, Range
WHARRIER	8-1/2	10670pts	356pts	Deflection, Maneuver, Range
HUNT	9-1/2	944pts	867pts	Deflection, Maneuver, Fire Value, SKILL
FORTE	9	908pts	659pts	Deflection, Maneuver, Concentrated Fire
MANLEY	5-1/2	718pts	239pts	Deflection, Maneuver
MARSTON	1	533pts	450pts	Deflection, Maneuver
MARTINEZ	1-1/2	335pts	243pts	Maneuver
STUART	1	328pts	109pts	
BEAUGARIN	1	283pts	67pts	
CAVER-BOYD	3-1/2	263pts	88pts	
LYTHGOE	1-1/2	202pts	202pts	SKILL
HOWELL	1	195ts	65pts	
JOHNSON, A	0	180pts	159pts	SKILL
CROWN	0	180pts	63pts	

FRAKES	2-1/2	178pts	59pts
CASTELETTO	½	125pts	42pts
GOWEN	1	100pts	100pts
CHRISTENSEN	1	83pts	28pts
CHASE	1	73pts	24pts
WAITE	1	56pts	56pts
HOLMES	0	45pts	45pts
HERSCH	0	38pts	13pts
WEBER	0	36pts	36pts
VELTRE	0	33pts	33pts
JOHNSON, C	0	28pts	28pts
SKELLY**	20-1/2	1611pts	681pts*

- does not include 116 pts earned as Observer
- ** Retired







UNIT OF THE MONTH

(Not Sponsored)

Member Name	Scale	Manufacturer	Era	Unit
Eric Elder	28mm	Homemade	Various	Rice Paddy
Scott Holder	15mm	Corvus Belli	Ancients	Hybrid DBA Ancient Brits
Terry Shockey	28mm	Gripping Beast	Dark Ages	Norman Warband
Doug Wildfong	15mm	Unknown	Various	3 Alligators





GAME OF THE MONTH

Total Escape Games Sponsor

Member Name	Scale	Era	Rules	Description
Greg Cornell*	28mm	Ancients	Pulse of Battle	Rome in Gaul
Bill Daniel	15mm	WWII	What A Tanker	Tank Battle
Larry Irons	15mm	Ancients	L'Art D'le Guerre	Classical Indian vs Graeco-Bactrian 250 B.C.
Dave Manley	28mm	Pirates	Blood & Plunder	Sack of San Carlos
Terry Shockey	28mm	Ancients	Pulse of Battle	Han Chinese vs. 3 Kingdoms Chinese

*Denotes this month's winner

Each month CMH members host games at the monthly meeting. This award is for the effort put out by the host.







Welcome Back Scott Holder!



**Welcome to our newest member,
Alex Johnson!**

CMH November Scheduled Events

This table shows what events are scheduled for CMH. 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
November 2	FNF	TBD	7PM
November 9	FNF	TEG	7PM
November 10	Vet Wars	Baker Rec Center	9AM - 6 PM
November 11	Vet Wars MM	Baker Rec Center	9AM- 5PM
November 16	FNF	TEG	7PM
November 23	FNF	TEG	7PM
November 30	FNF	TEG	7PM

TEG - Total Escape Games
6831 W. 120th Ave.
Suite C
Broomfield CO 80020

TECH - Thornton Estates Club House
3600 E. 88th Ave
Thornton CO

www.totalescapegames.com

FNF (TBD) may or may not occur due to a lack of a scheduled host/location.

Also Look for FNF schedule at cmhweb.org or CMH in Yahoo Groups

COMING EVENTS:

November 10 & 11 **Veterans Wars**

November 10

9 AM - 1 PM

Game # 1: Attack in Mariquina Valley, 1899 Philippines

Game #2: “Battle of ‘El Tigre’ 1942 North Africa

Game #3: Smuggler’s Blues A Firefly Game

Game #4: BYO Saga + 4 Point Mini Tournament

2PM - 6PM

Game #1: The Big Push, Final American Offensive of WWI

Game #2: Battle of Landshut 1809

Game #3: Barbarians at the Gates, 4th Century A.D. Gaul

November 11

9AM - 11:30AM

Swap Meet (One's culling, Another's growing)

12PM - 5PM

Brief club meeting

Game #1: L'Art de la Guerre Tournament

Game #2: 2nd Battle of Narvik, WWII Naval Up north

Game #3: Punic Wars, New *Age of Hannibal* Rules

Game #4: Smuggler's Blues 2nd Run

For greater detail please see the files section at the CMH Yahoo Group

Other Events:

November 9 - 11 2018 Fall In Lancaster Host Lancaster PA

January 18-21 2019 Hexacon Ramada North Northglenn CO

Colorado Military Historians, Inc.

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 it is deferred to the third Sunday. The meeting starts at noon at the Baker Recreational Center, 6751 Irving Street (just a few blocks west of Federal Blvd), Denver CO. The club also hosts gaming at least one Friday night a month, called "Friday Night Fights" (FNF) at 7 PM. FNF will be held at several various locations. See previous schedule or view the website for latest information.

CMH maintains ties with numbers 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 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 \$45.00 per year, payable in January. Members wishing to receive a snail-mail 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.

One year Adult Membership: \$45.00
Half year Adult Membership: \$30.00
(For NEW members who join after June 30)
Family Membership: \$45.00 (one Adult and any number of offspring)
Student Membership: \$25.00 (16 to 22 years old)



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