

# ***RAPIER 2013 14-16 JUNE***

***By The Jacksonville Garrison  
At The Jacksonville Airport Clarion(?) Hotel***



**Bob Moon's Battle of Brawner's Farm**

**This year's RAPIER convention got off to a reasonable start and built up rapidly. The main Ballroom filled mainly with miniature (mostly historical) games, while the old fine dining restaurant was swamped with board games and the area which contained most of the convention on the right side of the building filled with collectible card and other esoteric games and gamers.**

**In addition there were pockets in smaller rooms. FOW, SEEKRIEG, and possibly others I didn't find were on the second floor. What seemed to be a conspiracy called PATHFINDER was tucked into a secret room off the lobby. The top floor where several tournaments have traditionally been held was empty due to lack of air conditioning. But most of the facility was usable.**



**Jerry Bowles—"A funny thing happened on the way to Rommel."**



**Seekrieg Admiralty's Double Blind "MIDWAY"**





**Web Pierce Brings Back LZ X-ray: FOW Vietnam's Ia Drang Valley Scenario**





**Meanwhile In The Old Restaurant The Board Games Were Building Up**



**And On The Other Side The Card and Miscellaneous Gamers Were Busy**





**Bob Moon's Brawner's Farm Was Probably The Most Artistic Historical Miniatures Game**







**Looks Like Star Wars**

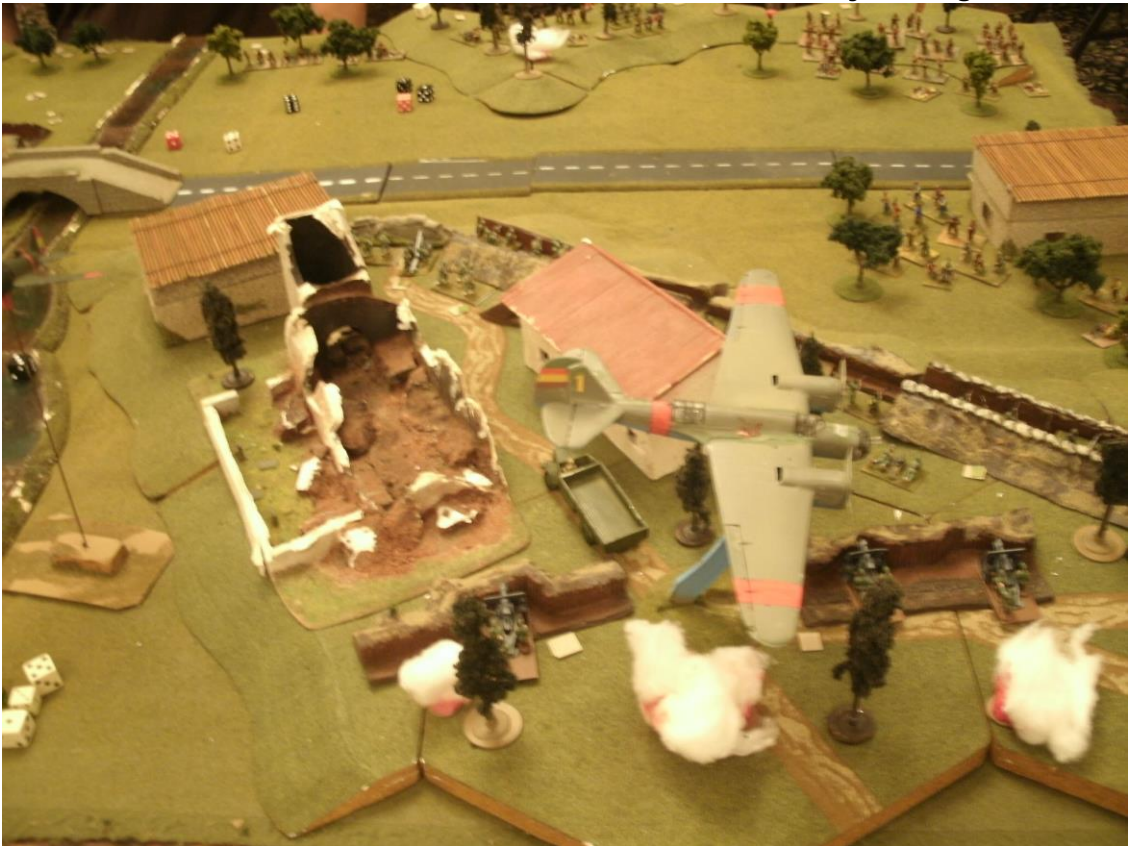


**May Be 3mm Modern-Hard to Tell For My Old Eyes**





**The New Catalonian Plastic T-26b Makes Its U.S. Debut In My Brihuega Game**



**Supported By The Usual 1/72<sup>nd</sup> Russian Airplane Models**



**There Were Fewer Historical Miniatures Games But A Higher Proportion of Them Napoleonic**



**Bill Ballinger's Battle of Dresden With "COMMIT THE GUARD" Rules For One**



**The Walls Of Dresden**





**And The 1960s Classic Column Line And Slaughter Returned**







**Marty Sauls Brought Us Heraclea-Pyrrus (of Pyrric Victory Fame) Versus The Romans**







**And A Recent Innovation-Black Powder ACW In 10mm**







**The Seekrieg Admiralty Held Course And Speed Upstairs**



**Meanwhile The Old Restaurant Was Lively**





**As Well As The Old Center Of Gravity**



**Upstairs The Northeast Florida FOW Gamers Were At Work**





**FOW Tournament-Flank Attack Closes In**



**All Convention Long A Conspiracy Called Pathfinder Met Off The Main Lobby**





**Towards Evening Came The Flea Market**



**And The Inevitable Raffle/Auction**





**Sunday did not unwind as often happens at conventions. Two Churches took the outlying regions causing all manner of gamers to flood into the main Ballroom. Unfortunately the room was wall to wall darkside. I couldn't find a single historical miniatures game. The game above superficially resembles historical minis. But if you look closely there are pterodactyls on steroids and other indicators which identify it as GW's "WARMASTER."**

**But that is hardly to be blamed on the fantasy, board, card, and other gamers. Enough of them showed up to keep the numbers solid. Some of the best of the historical miniatures crowd, especially the South Florida Gamers, were unable to attend due to job related issues.**