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GMT and C3i on the World Wide Web

As you know, we are in the middle of an information / communication revolution in terms of the utilization of the World Wide Web (the NET). We now have our own site at <http://www.gmtgames.com>. In addition, I wanted to bring two other sites to your attention. Together, these three sites should keep you totally up to date on GMT Games and C3i Magazine.

The (Unofficial) Great Battles of History Support Pages WWW site (<http://www.patriot.net/users/townsend/gboh.html>)

This Website is devoted to all games of the GBoH series. The site is maintained by Dave Townsend, and isn't affiliated with GMT Games.

The site contains errata, scenario and magazine databases, a sample **SPQR** game aimed at people intimidated by the rulebook, some scenario notes, official Great Captains of History Tournament rules, an archive of some design discussions culled from the Consim-L e-mail list, and whatever else GBoH-related material that Dave can find.

The site is updated at least once a month. You can send comments, suggestions, nitpicks, and threatening notes to Dave at townsend@patriot.net.

The Virtual Wargamer HO's Discussion Board

URL: <http://www.manzana.com/webx>

For those who have Web access, be sure you set one of your destinations to the *Virtual Wargamer HQ's Discussion Board*. This site began operation about nine months ago. It's roots began as GENie announced a major rate-hike which resulted in the mass exodus of many consim enthusiasts. In light of this situation, John Kranz decided to create a new forum for discussion — one which would take advantage of the World Wide Web

instead of a commercial online service. His goal was simple; to find a way to help promote this under-marketed hobby.

The site has attracted more than 1,400 registered participants, and any past GENie subscribers will quickly note the familiar bbs-like interface. Some extras available on this site include a full graphic interface, full support for html code embedded in messages (so you can post an active URL link to a different website), the ability to subscribe to individual topics to track new messages effortlessly, and photos of the actual participants themselves. Discussion topics are provided for boardgames, miniatures, cardgaming, computer gaming, and military-history related chat in general.

John also provides a *Consim Cafe* which includes lively discussion on a broad range of general topics.

The other major component of this Website is the Product Showcase area which features scanned product art of titles published by the leading wargame companies. This wouldn't be possible without the direct support of each publisher, and their backing has been wonderful.

This was done to provide publishers with a voice and means to promote their games and increase their direct sales. Some companies have gone to enormous lengths to produce their own proprietary Website, so John's site simply provides a link to such web sites. If you ever wondered what a certain title looked like — map art, counters, box art, you name it — you can view a reduced view of a games' components at this site, along with game support materials and errata provided compliments of Web-Grognards website (www.grognard.com).

You can email comments, ideas, and suggestions to John at kranz@earthlink.net

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