

EDITOR'S DESK

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One Day at Gettysburg

The year was 1960, I was twelve years old, and my parents took my younger brother and me on a Summer vacation trip to Gettysburg. For me, at that time, it was one of the most amazing experiences of my life. After a day of visiting many of the historic battlefield locations from Cemetery Hill to Little Round Top, we ended that wonderful day at a gift shop, in the town of Gettysburg. As I looked around the store I spotted a large, blue and white, flat game box, with a large Civil War cannon on the front and the initials AH. For me, at that moment, my love for this hobby began.

Like many of you, I grew up playing Avalon Hill games. I had so many memorable experiences during those years. I made many good friends fighting historic battles and campaigns over those game boards. I simply never imagined that one day I would have the honor to work for the Avalon Hill Game Company.

From 1975 to 1985 I did free-lance art work for Avalon Hill, from **The Russian Campaign** and the **Squad Leader** Series to **The Guns of August** and **Civilization**. I worked closely with Don Greenwood and Tom Shaw. Those were great years.

Like the year 1982, when we all lost another hobby leader in Simulations Publications Inc. (SPI), 1998 will always be remembered, in our hobby, as the year Avalon Hill came to an end. The game company that started it all, under the founding leadership of Charles S. Roberts, is no more. Lest we forget...

For Your Information

One thing we know, is that change is a constant thing, and with that in mind, I'd like to bring to your attention a new branch of our hobby — Desk Top Publishing games (DTP). GMT/GBoH game designer (as well as multi-Award winning game designer and Hall of Fame member), Richard Berg has founded a new

DTP company entitled BSO Games. BSO plans to concentrate on historical subjects that have received scant, if any, attention from game designers and publishers in the past. DTP games require you to do some cutting and pasting of your counters — they are not die-cut. BSO's first two releases are **A Kingdom for a Horse** (The Battle of Bosworth Field, 1485) and **The Devil's Horsemen** (The Battle of Liegnitz, 1241).

To order contact BSO Games at P.O. Box 345, White Plains, NY 10605 or email — BergBROG@aol.com

Also, for your information, I'd like to bring to your attention Danny Holte's publication **The Wargamer's Reference Guide** (A Comprehensive Reference for the Strategy Gamer). This 280+ page publication is an index of articles including variants, scenarios, errata, strategy discussion, designer's notes, etc. covering 13 hobby publications (including **C3i**), consisting of around 760 issues and over 13,000 articles cross-referenced and described in ten columns of information.

It sells for \$29.95 and is published by Etloh Technologies, P.O. Box 1493, Westminster, CA 92684 (or phone: 714-891-6425 or 714-373-1115) or you can email — dannyh22@ix.netcom.com

GMT Opponents/Games Wanted

Please note in the Feedback section of this issue (pg.47) that I've launched a new reader service section of **C3i** where you can find opponents or sell /buy out of print GMT Games.

Thank you...

I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your prayers, your cards and letters, your email notes and words of care and kindness during my cancer treatment this Spring. These all meant a great deal to me and helped me more than I can say. I appreciate each day and each of you. I look forward to the future.



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