

This is an after action report on the RCACN Eastern Regional Battleday at Danville September 8-10, 2006

Summery:

The Battleday was sponsored and hosted by the following clubs;
East PAC, AGE, HEAT.

The event officially kicked off on Friday with some historical and hypothetical battles.

Of note: On Friday we ran several battles with the NATO vs Russia scenario. These included the new HenLong M41 Walker Bulldog light tank. The firing rate of the light tank (every 3 seconds) made a distinct impression on the battles.

The battles continued Saturday with the arrival of some more tankers. Saturday had additional structured Battles along Axis vs Allied lines plus the competition, campaign, and night battles. Saturday morning an award ceremony was held.

Sunday had additional battles along Axis vs Allied lines completing the campaign battles plus additional competition battles in the morning and some experimental battles in the afternoon.

We had a total of 21 active tankers registered at the event.

The following clubs had members in attendance;

ACE

AGE

East PAC

HEAT

VAD

Competition battles detailed:

Saturdays Historical Platoon/Team Competition Battles;

Allied Platoons/teams: HEAT & VAD A-Team

Axis Platoons/teams: Das Reich & JadgenKattzen

Round 1.

Allied: VAD A-Team versus Axis: Das Reich victor: Das Reich (Axis)

Allied: HEAT versus Axis: JadgenKattzen victor: HEAT (Allied)

Round 2.

Allied: HEAT versus Axis: Das Reich victor: Das Reich (Axis)

Das Reich and the Axis forces were the winners of the Historical Platoon/Team Competition Battles.

Saturday 2 Grand Competition Battles were held.

1st Grand Battle:

Allied: (7 AFVs)
4- M26
1- M4A3E2 (Jumbo)
1- M4
1- T-34/85

versus

Axis: (7 AFVs)
1- King Tiger
5- Tiger I
1- T-34/85 (captured)

Victor: Allied forces

2nd Grand Battle:
Allied: (6 AFVs)
3- M26
1- M4A3E2 (Jumbo)
1- M4
1- T-34/85

versus

Axis: (6 AFVs)
5- Tiger I
1- T-34/85 (captured)

Victor: Axis forces

Sunday 2 Grand Competition Battles were held.

3rd Grand Battle:
Allied: (8 AFVs)
5- M26
1- M4A3E2 (Jumbo)
1- M4A3E8
1- M4

versus

Axis: (8 AFVs)
1- King Tiger
6- Tiger I
1- T-34/85 (captured)

Victor: Axis forces

4th Grand Battle:
Allied: (8 AFVs)

5- M26
1- M4A3E2 (Jumbo)
1- M4A3E8
1- M4

versus

Axis: (8 AFVs)
2- King Tiger
5- Tiger I
1- T-34/85 (captured)

Victor: Axis forces

Awards ceremony detailed:

Axis Awards:

After participating in sufficient battles, Dick Bernier was presented with the German Tank Assault Badge (2nd Level).

Allied Awards:

After participating in sufficient battles, Bret Bensen, Alan Provo, John Sprouse, & James StewartNewman were presented with the American Tank Assault Badge (1st Level).

After participating in sufficient battles, Martin Provaznik was presented with the Russian Tank Assault Badge (1st Level).

Campaign battles detailed (Note: this report is from Tony Hawkins who ran the battles):

At the September 2006 Battleday we tried a new format for campaign battles. This consisted of taking some of our standard battle scenarios and linking them together with an historical context, and for this initial trial we had six battles that loosely followed the fighting in NW Europe during WWII.

1. Battle of France, May 1940 -- Zone Defense, Allied
2. Dunkirk, May 1940 -- Last Man Defense, Allied
3. Pegasus Bridge, June 1944 -- Bridge Defense, Allied
4. Normandy Breakout, June 1944 -- Zone Defense, Axis
5. Arnhem, September 1944 -- Bridge Defense, Axis
6. Berlin, May 1945 -- Last Man Defense, Axis

The battles were scored, with the winner of each Zone Defense battle earning one point and with the winner of each pair of Bridge Defense and Last Man Defense battles earning one point, for a total of four points. The latter two scenarios are scored as pairs because they are timed battles, the winner being the side with the better of the two battle times.

The Allied forces started out strong, resisting the German blitzkrieg in France for 27 minutes (by far the longest campaign battle), though in the end France fell. The Allies also did well defending Dunkirk, easily beating the time the Germans scored when defending Berlin. Alas, the defense of Dunkirk was the only point the Allies scored, with the Axis taking the other three points to win the campaign.

Last-minute schedule changes spread the campaign battles across Saturday and Sunday but the tankers' enthusiasm for finishing the campaign kept it going. We definitely will be planning campaigns for future Battledays.

AFV roster detailed:

The following is a list of 1/16 scale R/C battle unit capable tanks/AFVs present;

W.W. II, Axis-

German:	Qty ~ (15 total)
JadgTiger	1
Pz VI-B “King Tiger”	2
Pz VI-E “Tiger I” (Early)	7
Pz VI-E “Tiger I” (Late)	1
Pz V-D “Panther”	1
Pz IV-F2	1
(Captured) T-34/85	2 (operated under German colors)

W.W. II, Allied-

American:	Qty ~ (12 total)
M26 “Pershing”	7
Shermans	
M4A3E2 “Jumbo”	2
M4A3E8 “Easy 8”	1
M4 (105) HVSS	2

Russian: Qty~ (3 total)

T-34/85	3
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Post W.W. II AFVs-

American:	Qty ~ (1 total)
M41A3	1

Grand total of AFVs = 31

I would also like to thank all of those that volunteered to be Referees, Judges, Event Organizers, Monitors and the Battlefield Committee for all their hard work.

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