

# Britains figurer - Krigsspilsregler

## Indledning

Dette billede kan tjene som et apropos til omtalen af H.G. Wells bog "Little Wars".

[Og ligeledes som tankevækkende for nutidens regelforfattere med deres "murstensværker", Kaare Myltoft]

Der er tale om bagsiden af en æske til Britains soldater, som blev introduceret i 1962. Principperne for krigspillet svarer til H.G. Wells regelsæt, men med mulige tilføjelser af moderne våben.

**Let's fight a Battle**

Test your skill as a General with this set of basic Rules for model Warfare

THE SIMPLE RULES BELOW WILL PROVIDE A BASIS FOR ADDITIONAL FUN FROM YOUR MODELS AND IT WILL BE EASY TO INVENT YOUR OWN RULES FOR THE INCLUSION OF TANKS, PLANES AND OTHER MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM YOUR TOY CUPBOARD.

**THE BATTLEFIELD.**  
Follow these instructions and study the diagrams. Share out your collection of soldiers into equal numbers of Infantry and Cavalry with your opponent. Line up at each end of an area 6 ft. square on which models will stand steadily. Include guns which will knock over a soldier at a range of three feet, man each gun with a crew of four soldiers. Arrange a simple series of obstacles such as building bricks and boxes with leafy twigs for cover. One Player arranges the battlefield whilst the other has choice of end from which to start. The scene is now set for battle and the game is played by a succession of moves by each Player. By keeping to the Rules the result will be total annihilation of one of the opposing forces.

**THE MOVEMENTS.**  
The first Player MUST MOVE ALL his army the following distances in a straight line but in any direction he chooses. FOOT SOLDIERS 12 in. MOUNTED SOLDIERS 24 in. GUNS may move 12 in. with their team in any direction OR remain stationary and fire FOUR SHOTS. This completes the first operation and the second Player may advance his army likewise from the opposite end of the field.

**CASUALTIES.**  
A soldier is killed and removed when knocked over by a shell or if he moved within 4 in. of an enemy soldier. Thus if three soldiers are moved within 4 in. of six enemy soldiers, all the soldiers are removed except the three enemy survivors. GUNS can only MOVE OR FIRE with a full crew of four. A Gun can be captured and used by your opponent if a superior number of enemy soldiers are allowed to reach within 4 in. of your Gun.

**OBSTACLES AND COVER.**  
The objects placed on the battlefield will provide cover from the direct fire of an enemy Gun and full use should be made when placing troops. Soldiers can be moved on to or over an obstacle less than 2 in. high. A detour of two straight line moves must be made round obstacles over 2 in. high.

**VICTORY AND SURRENDER.**  
As the opposing forces are reduced in numbers by shells or contact with opposing troops increased skill will be required to outthrust and outmanoeuvre the enemy. Victory can be assumed when one side is annihilated or terms of surrender agreed.

**ADDITIONAL RULES FOR USE WITH OTHER STANDARD SIZE MILITARY EQUIPMENT**

<b>TANKS</b> MAY BE MOVED 6" Kills any enemy soldier within 4". Must be removed after one hit by a shell.	<b>ARMOURD CARS</b> MAY BE MOVED 6" Kills any enemy soldier within 4". Must be removed after one hit by a shell.	<b>PLANES</b> Can drop two bombs from 2" high twice during battle. All soldiers knocked down by bombs must be removed.	<b>ROCKETS</b> Can be fired twice from base line twice only during battle. All soldiers knocked down must be removed.
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## Egne erfaringer

Jeg fik i midten af 1960'erne en æske med 15 venezuelanske soldater, der blev solgt meget billigt i den daværende legetøjsforretning Rønberg, i Store Kongensgade.

Inspireret af billederne på æskens bagside og med translatorbistand fra min søster, måtte jeg naturligvis prøve et spil.

Det var her jeg gjorde mine første erfaringer i, hvad der kan ske med en Britains tinsoldat, når man skyder på den med en kanon, ladet med et metalprojektil... En af de nye figurer modtog et alvorligt sår (= hul) i

brystet, og det var også her, at jeg lærte, at Britains tinsoldater er hulstøbte...

## **Kilde**

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