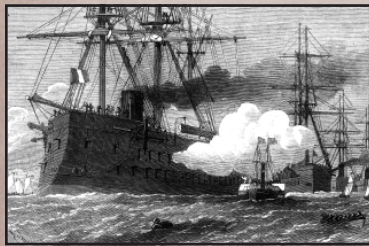


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Coming up in issue 26 we move to the Normandy area of WWII with Ted Racier's game *The Pocket at Falaise*. As the German player, you will be endeavoring to escape the tightening noose of the Canadian and Polish forces moving in from the north and the Americans coming up from the south with as much of your army as possible while holding off the British and American units pushing from the north, south and west. Some will make it out, but will it be enough? Ted has designed a great game here which nicely reflects the the Allies' air superiority and the unique dynamics

of this operation. It captures the desperation of the Germans trying to exit, and as the Allied player you feel the angst of trying to both close the hole and keep your other forces in contact with the withdrawing Germans. The game comes with a 22" x 34" map, 218 9/16" counters (a new size for our company) and 16 pages of rules and charts.

Issue 27 has us looking at the American Revolution in the south with Mike Joselyn's game *Tarleton's Quarter*. The game comes with a 22" x 34" map, 280 1/2" counters and 20 pages of rules and charts. The game deals with the British campaign from 1778 to 1781 in monthly turns to bring the four Southern colonies of Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Virginia back under British control. Each one month turn of *Tarleton's Quarter* is basically divided into two parts. The first half of the turn is devoted mostly to those things

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