

## That would be enough

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Orders for *LPBS*, Trophy Hunter entries and any other contributions to Pevans by 12th January 2024.

(Next deadlines: 9th/16th February, 15th/22nd March, 19th/26th April)

## Waiting lists

*En Garde!* new players are always welcome in *Les Petites Bêtes Soyeuses*. You will need the rules to *En Garde!* in order to play: [www.engarde.co.uk](http://www.engarde.co.uk)

*Railway Rivals* –Gerald Udowiczenko is on the list for three more to start a new four-player game. (Working map and rules provided).

*Star Trader* – There's room for one more player in the current game and the list is open for the next one. (Rules provided)

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ID	Name	SL	SPs	Cash	Rank	Regiment/Appointment	MA	Last seen	Club	EC	Player
FS	Baron Felipe Savant	11	F	Comfy	Captain	RFG	5		BG	4	Brick Amundsen
TdLL	Thomas de la Lune	11	F	OK	Bdr-General/3	F Brigadier	3		Hunt	5	Peter Card
HWB	Hector William Boone	11	F	Comfy	Major	RFG	5		Hunt	5	Paul Wilson
AlCh	Baron Alvin Charles	11	F	Comfy	Lt.Colonel	GDMD	10		F&P	2	Graeme Wilson
AB	Sir Ari Beaux	10	F	OK	Lt.Colonel	13F	7			4	Graeme Morris
FXC	Frank X Change	9	F	Comfy	Lt.Colonel	KM	6		BG	4	Nigel Monaghan
VdP	Vinne d'Pooh	9	F	Withy	Lt.Colonel	RM/1 F Brigade Maj.	4		RP	2	Terry Crook
TTT	Tiny Thierry Toothpick	8	F	Comfy	Captain	RFG	5		BG	1	Jason Fazackarley
MCC	Michael Chevalier-Cavaller	7	F	OK	B.Lt.Colonel	DG	4		F&P	4	Mark Cowper
SE	Stephane Etranger	7	F	OK	Major	CPC	3		F&P	4	Neil Packer
CA	Come Asiouar	6	F	OK	Captain	QOC	3		F&P	4	Jacob Andersson
BN	Beau Nidle	5	F	OK	Captain	CPC	2		RP	3	Paul Murphy
RRT	Ramond Repose de la Tombe	5	F	Comfy	B.Colonel	PM	7		RP	1	Olaaf Schmidt
PP	Pierre Pressure	4	F	Poor	Captain	GDMD	3			1	Ray Vahey
X3		4	0	Poor			2			3	Pauli Kidd
BLC	Botte Le Chimiste	4	F	OK	Captain	GDMD	2			4	Tym Norris
JdA	Jean d'Aubergine	4	F	OK	Lt.Colonel	4A	3		RP	3	Paul Robbins
AA	Armand Alsace	3	F	OK	Lt.Colonel	53F	7			4	Sebastian Emde
EIF	Elroi le Flingue	3	F	Poor	Captain	GDMD	6			4	Daniel Racke

An F under SPs means that the character was at the Front, RIP that he died. Ret that he retired.  
 + against SL means it went up this month, - means it went down.

Cash: Poor = <500, OK = 500-1500, Comfy = 1500-5000, Withy = 5000-10000, Rich = 10000-25000, Flthy = 25000+  
 Last seen is the lady the character was last seen with in public.

EC is Endurance Class: 1 = <60, 2 = 60-90, 3 = 91-120, 4 = 121-159, 5 = 160-200, 6 = 201+

# The Greasy Pole

ID	Name	SL	SPs	Cash	Rank	Regiment/Appointment	MA	Last seen	Club	EC	Player
BeV	Viscount Ben e'Volence	25	F	Withy	B.Bdr-General	CPC/War Minister	11		Flr	3	Ash Casey
JdG	Count Jacques de Gain	24	35	Fithy	Fld Marshal		24		Flr	6	Ben Brown
PdC	Count Pierre Cardigan	24	34	Withy			10	Justine	Flr	6	Matt Shepherd
BRJS	Count Beau Reese Jean Seine	24	F	Fithy	B.Bdr-General	RFG/State Min.	12		Flr	4	Bill Hay
JJ	Count Jean Jeanie	23	60	Fithy	General		32	Jacky	Flr	3	Andrew Kendall
GdB	Count Greg de Bécqueur	23	F	Rich	B.Lt-General/Cds	Brigadier	13		Flr	5	Anthony Gilbert
BdLS	Count Bernard de Lur-Saluces	22	51	Fithy	Lt-General		18		Flr	3	Rob Pinkerton
TC	Count Terence Cuckpowder	21	F	Withy	B.Lt-General/HGds	Brigadier	6		Flr	6	Mike Dommert
CdP	Marquis Camille de Polignac	21	F	Comfy	Lt.Colonel RFG/Justice Min.		4		Flr	4	James McReynolds
Anon	Baron Les Anonyme	20	44	Poor	Bdr-General/Min w/o Port		3		Flr	5	Bruno Giordano
ZUT	Baron Zavier Ulric Turenne	19	37	Comfy	Lt-General/Min w/o Port		4		Flr	1	Bob Blanchett
HDS	Earl Henri DuShite	18	F	Rich	B.Bdr-General	RM	14		Both	4	Dave Marsden
RS	Baron Rick Shaw	18	F	Withy	B.General/2nd Army	Commndr	2		Both	6	Charles Burrows
JiT	Viscount Justin Thyme	17	F	Rich	B.Bdr-General	QOC	15		Both	2	Gerald Udowiczzenko
XM	Baron Xavier Money	17	RIP								Pam Udowiczzenko
LR	Baron Louis Renault	16	F	Rich	Lt-General/1st Div	Commandr	2		Both	4	Roy Bleasdale
GM	Sir Gaz Moutarde	15	31	Withy	Bdr-General		4		Both	2	Mike Clibborn-Dyer
CdN	Sir Claude de Nord	15	F	Withy	B.Bdr-General	KM/CPS	3		Flr	4	Andrew Larder
NM	Sir Neville Moore	14	F	Withy	Captain RFG/LtGen's Aide		1		Hunt	2	Cameron Wood
MdG	Martin de Garnache	13	F	Comfy	Major RFG/RFG Regt. Adjt.		3		Both	4	Bill Howell
JH	Sir Jacques Hatt	13	F	Comfy	B.Lt-General/Cav Div	Commandr	4		Both	3	Joel Halpern
BS	Marquis Balzac Slapdash	12	F	Withy	B.Bdr-General	PLLD/Drgn Brigadier	18		Hunt	5	Matthew Wale
ZvT	Sir Zeold von Tu	12	F	Withy	Lt.Colonel CG/Ensn.C's Esc		7		Both	3	Tim Macaire
LSD	Sir Louis Severin Descartes	12	F	Comfy	B.Bdr-General	GDMD/FMshl's Aide	4		Hunt	1	Chris Schotmann



## Chatter

First off: a very merry Christmas to all my readers and best wishes for 2024.

This is likely to be a thin issue as I haven't had anything from Mike and I'm trying to get the paper copies into the last post before Christmas.



The recent rain means the River (river!) Pinn has been full and flowing fast – Pooh sticks is over far too quickly. You need to be able to linger, waiting for your stick to appear...

That bridge is the Chiltern Railways track on its way to Birmingham (left) and Marylebone (right). You can just see a bit of the HS2 works beyond the bridge.



## Festive fare

Mince pies disappeared from Wenzel's again, so I thought I'd try the Co-op's *Irresistible*, All Butter Pastry, Deep Filled Mince Pies. Only two in a pack, but they're definitely deep. Good, crunchy pastry – I'd say a bit thick, but they are deep mince pies. And well filled, too. But there was a strange taste to the mincemeat – an odd mustiness that I really didn't like, so I won't be having these again.

However, the Co-op Bakery's ordinary mince pies were fine. Decent pastry, not too thick and good, sweet filling, but no hint of alcohol. Luckily, Wenzel's have re-stocked...

## Advent beers



I'm over halfway through the Virgin Wines Advent Calendar beers. So far, almost all the beers have been pale yellow with plenty of hops. Some are described as pale ales, some as IPAs and a couple as Pils(ener). All decent beers, but nothing special.

The first of the exceptions was Broken Dream (6.5% alcohol-by-volume) from Siren Craft Brew (sirencraftbrew.com) in Finchampstead (Berkshire). The description on the tin is "Nitro Breakfast Stout". And it's certainly a nice dark beer with a thick,

brown head and a smell of coffee. It tasted rich, chocolatey and gorgeous. It gets 9/10 from me.



The second was very different. RED (8.5% abv) comes from Petrus (www.redbypetrus.be/en) in Belgium. Wow: it's red! A dark red. Sounded very fizzy when I poured it, but there was no head. I didn't get much of an aroma, but the taste was slightly sour and fruity – definitely cherry after a while – but not beery. An interesting beer, but not something I'd drink regularly. It still gets 8/10.

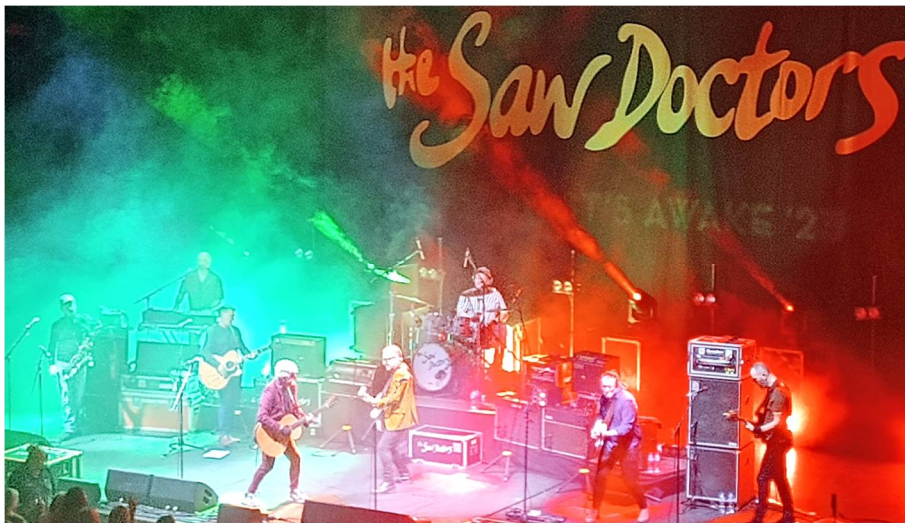
Online stats

TWJO 239 was published on 21st November and the PDF versions had been downloaded 88 times by the end of the month. The previous issue, 238, was downloaded a further 45 times in November, to make 139 in six weeks or so. The PDFs of TWJO 237 had 18 downloads in November to make 156 since publication.

All the way from Tuam

Pevans goes to Hammersmith

A few days after the last TWJO came out, I did something I've not done for at least a decade (could be closer to two). I went to a concert. And not just any concert, but these guys:



Oh, the Green and Red of Mayo!

Femmes Fatales

No	Name	SL	Attr	Lover
66	Morgane Le Fay	24	B	
67	Justine Caisse	22	I	PC
65	Therèse Le Vert	21	B/W	
7	Chris Pacquette	19		
61	Bette Noire	19	I/W	
64	Edna Bucquette	18	W	
3	Kathy Pacific	17	B	
54	Madeline de Proust	17		
35	Katy Did	16	I	
42	Maggie Nifisent	16	B	
55	Jacky Tinne	16		JJ
52	Guinevere d'Arthur	15	B/W	
10	Frances Forrin	14	B	
48	Fifi	14	B/W	
62	Alison Wunderlandt	14		
11	Laura de Land	13		
26	Ella Fant	13	B	
27	Lucy Fur	13	B	
45	Cath de Thousands	13		
8	Lotte Bottle	12	B	
17	Henrietta Carrotte	12	I/W	
28	Vera Cruz	12		
31	Bess Ottede	12	I/W	
1	Sue Briquet	11	B	
4	Anne Tique	11	W	
23	Agnes Sorel	11	I/W	
40	Sheila Kiwi	11		
63	Carole Singeurs	11		
20	Emma Roides	10	I	
38	Pet Ulante	10	W	
43	Di Lemmere	10	I	
53	Angelina de Griz	10	B	
6	Viv Ayschus	9		
59	May Banquot l'Idée	9		
19	Jenny Russe	8	W	
32	Sal Munella	8	W	
47	Eve Ningalle	8	I/W	
34	Freda de Ath	7	W	
39	Thomasina Tancenjin	7	I	
5	Belle Epoque	6	B/I	
24	Violet Bott	6	I/W	
25	Lois de Lô	5	B	

Mistresses in Paris. Attr(IBUTES): B= Beautiful, I=Influential, W=Wealthy. Lover only if seen together in public this month.

Regiments

	RFG	CG	KM	DG	OO	ALC	CPC	RM	CDMD	PLD	53F	27M	4A	69A	Gscn
Col	BRJS														
LCol	CdP	ZVT	FXC	MCC	N5+	N6	N2	VdP+	ALCh	RRT+	AB	N1	BS+	AA	N5
Maj 1	MdG*			N6	N1*	N3	SE	N3	N1						
Maj 2	HwB			N5	N1*	N3	N3								
Capt 1	NM	N6	N4	N4	N4	N3*	N5	EIF	N5	N6*	N1	N3	N3	N5	N3
Capt 2	FS	N4	N4	N4	N4	N2	N3	PP	N3	N1*	N3	N5	N6	N5*	N2
Capt 3	TTT														
Capt 4															
Capt 5															
Capt 6															

This table shows the ten senior positions in the 17 regiments by rank. Entries are Character abbreviations, N (+MA) for NPCs, blank for vacant. \* shows the regiment adjutant; + indicates the reserve position of a character assigned elsewhere due to their appointment or brevet rank.

## Army Organisation and 1675's Summer Deployment

First Army (Defence)	--/--/--/N
Cavalry Division (Defence)	--/--/--
Heavy Brigade (Defence) - ALC CPC	
Dragoon Brigade (Defence) - GDMD PLLD	
Frontier Division (Defence)	--/--/--
Frontier Regiments (Defence)	
Second Army (Siege)	RS/N/N4/N
First Division (Assault)	LR/N/N4
Guards Brigade (Assault) - RFG CG KM	
1st Foot Brigade (Assault) - RM PM	
RNHB Regiment (Assault)	
Second Division (Siege)	--/--/N2
2nd Foot Brigade (Siege) - 13F 53F	
3rd Foot Brigade (Siege) - 27M 4A	
4th Foot Brigade (Siege) - 69A Gscn	
Horse Guards Brigade (Field Ops) - DG QOC	

Organisation and Deployment for the Campaign Season with Army and Division posts (Commander/Aide/Adjutant/QMG)  
 Entries are ID for player characters, "N" (+ MA if needed) for NPC, \_\_ for vacant

### Brigade Positions

Guards Brigade	GdB/N/___
Horse Guards Brigade	TC/N/N5
Heavy Brigade	--/--/--
Dragoon Brigade	BS/___/___
First Foot Brigade	N6/___/VdP
Second Foot Brigade	N6/N/___
Third Foot Brigade	TdIL/___/___
Fourth Foot Brigade	--/--/N5

Current CO/Aide/Brigade Major of each Brigade; entries are ID for player characters, "N" (+ MA if needed) for NPC, \_\_ for vacant

### Frontier Regiments

	(On Campaign for June-Aug)				
Colonel	F1 N6	F2 N2	F3 N6	F4 N7	RNHB N6
Attached					
Also at the Front					

This table shows the Colonels of the Frontier regiments ("N" + MA for NPCs), together with the volunteers assigned for the season.



Yes, The Saw Doctors have been touring and nephew Tom and I took in the Hammersmith gig – first time they've been in the Apollo, I believe. With over thirty years of back catalogue, every song was an old favourite. And, afterwards, I could think of lots of other old favourites that didn't feature!

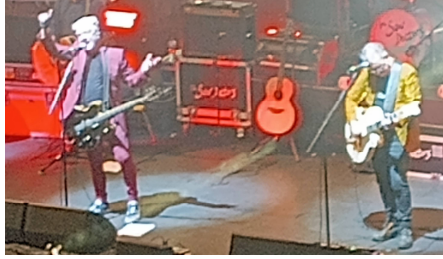
I was a bit surprised to see eight blokes on stage – I always think of The Saw Doctors as a five piece. Davy Carton and Leo Moran were front and centre, of course, with Anto Thistlethwaite on the left (playing saxophone, harmonica or mandolin as required) and the keyboard (and accordion) player behind him. Drummer at the back, bass player on the right and then two more guitar players in the middle. Well, they were certainly loud.

Tom was particularly pleased that the song he was looking forward to appeared early in the set: "Tommy K". And I was hoping for "Sing a Powerful Song" as they haven't performed it the last few times I've seen them. It came up a couple of songs later – albeit with Mr Thistlethwaite's harmonica rather than the piercing tin whistle I remember.

We did, of course, get "To Win Just Once", one of the many numbers the audience sang along with. Then there was "Share the Darkness" ("What do you think," I asked Tom. Is this a song about loneliness or is he just trying to get her into bed?" "Definitely the latter," he replied. Such cynicism in one so young {25}.) This has one of my favourite lines – "When the world belongs to distant dogs" – which beautifully sums up being awake in the wee small hours.

The song that got most of the audience on their feet was introduced by Davy Carton telling us there are venues in Ireland that will only accept bands that include an accordion. "Luckily," he said, "we have one." Cue keyboard player strapping on his accordion and moving to the front of the stage before launching into "The Joyce Country Céili Band" (céili, céili, ceili band!).

The following (last?) number got everybody else on their feet: “N17”! All together now: “Stone walls and the grass is green!” This was followed by the obligatory break before the band returned to the stage. Mr Carton struck a chord and brought the house down: “I have fallen for another, she can make her own way home!”



The ‘encore’ also featured the Monkees’ “Daydream Believer” which I understand has been a regular since they first performed it in 2012 as a tribute to the recently deceased Davy Jones. And, of course, “Hay Wrap” (Bale ‘em, bale ‘em: Hay! Hay!). All in all, a brilliant evening.

## Bye, bye brain cells

### Pevans tries out *Last Bug Standing*...

With just two of us left at the end of a recent games evening, Tom D and I tried *Last Bug Standing in the Circle of Doom*. Designed by Bez and published by Surprised Stare ([www.surprisedstaregames.co.uk](http://www.surprisedstaregames.co.uk)), the title pretty much describes this two-player game. Yes, the bugs (actually Bug-Eyed Monsters – so is ‘Bugs’ a reference to Heinlein’s *Starship Troopers*?) stand in a circle to be shot at. Except it’s not that simple.



First off, the ‘Gunner’ and ‘Vehicle’ pieces must be standing on the same type of bug. The gunner moves according to the position of the vehicle. Which moves according to where the ‘Navigator’ has got to. Which depends on where the current player moved it.

Once more, from the top: you move the Navigator on its board to determine the movement of the vehicle around the

## Tables

### Other Appointments

King’s Escort: Ensign N	Captain __
Cardinal’s Escort: Ensign ZvT	Captain N
Aides: to Crown Prince __	to Field Marshal LSD
Provincial Military Governors: N/N/N/N/N	
City Military Governor N	Adjutant-General __
Inspectors-General: of Cavalry N	of Infantry N
Commissioner of Public Safety CdN (until end December 1675)	
Chancellor of the Exchequer __	
Minister of Justice CdP (until end September 1675)	
Minister of War BeV (until end February 1676)	
Minister of State BRJS (until end January 1676)	

Shows who holds appointments outside military units (except Aides): ID for Characters, “N” for NPC, \_\_ for vacant, “CPS” for extra posts held by the CPS

### Battle Results

First Army: 4

Cavalry Division: 5

Heavy Brigade: 3

Archduke Leopold Cuirassiers: 3

Crown Prince Cuirassiers: 4

Dragoon Brigade: 1

Grand Duke Max’s Dragoons: 4

Princess Louisa Lt Dragoons: 6

Frontier Division: 4

Frontier regiment 1: 2

Frontier regiment 2: 6

Frontier regiment 3: 3

Frontier regiment 4: 5

Second Army: 2

First Division: 1

Guards Brigade: 1

Royal Foot Guards: 1

Cardinal’s Guard: 2

King’s Musketeers: 3

1st Foot Brigade: 2

Royal Marines: 3

Picardy Musketeers: 3

RNHB regiment: 1

Second Division: 2

2nd Foot Brigade: 4

13th Fusiliers: 1

53rd Fusiliers: 1

3rd Foot Brigade: 4

27th Musketeers: 1

4th Arquebusiers: 3

4th Foot Brigade: 4

69th Arquebusiers: 1

The Gascon Regiment: 2

Horse Guards Brigade: 2

Dragoon Guards: 4

Queen’s Own Carabiniers: 1

Jacques de Gain applies for Army Commander of Second Army

Justin Thyme asks NPC Lt.Colonel of Queen's Own Carabiniers to resign

Justin Thyme asks NPC Major 1 of Queen's Own Carabiniers to resign

Justin Thyme asks NPC Major 2 of Queen's Own Carabiniers to resign

## Duels

### Results of June's duels

Come Asiouar (with ZvT, gains 1 Exp) beat Louis Severin Descartes (with ELF).

Maurice Pauvre didn't turn up to fight Jean d'Aubergine and lost SPs.

Thomas de la Lune declined to meet Maurice Pauvre as he was under half Endurance.

Thomas de la Lune declined to meet Tiny Thierry Toothpick as he was under half Endurance.

### Grudges to settle next month

None!

*"adv." shows who (if anyone) has the advantage of higher Expertise: his first duelling sequence need only contain six actions.*

All duels listed above (including any to be voted on) must be fought next month unless held over (below). Orders conditional on a challenge being voted cause are acceptable.

## New Characters

Peter Farrell gets the Second son of an Impoverished Count: Init SL 11; Cash 40; MA 4; EC 4 (X1).

Tim Rattray gets the First son of a very wealthy Merchant: Init SL 4; Cash 550; MA 5; EC 3 (X2).

John Cooke gets the Second son of a very wealthy Merchant: Init SL 3; Cash 500; MA 4; EC 6 (X4).

James Waters gets the Second son of a Merchant: Init SL 3; Cash 150; MA 5; EC 4 (X5).

Steven Malecek gets the Bastard son of a small Merchant: Init SL 2; Cash 23; MA 6; EC 1 (X6).

Nik Luker gets the Second son of a well-to-do Gentleman: Init SL 4; Cash 250; MA 2; EC 2 (X7).

Pam Udowiczenko gets the Bastard son of a wealthy Earl: Init SL 8; Cash 450; MA 5; EC 4 (X8).

landscape tiles to decide the movement of the gunner round the circle of doom and, if gunner and vehicle are on the same bug icon, the bug buys it. Argh, my brain is melting! I didn't even try to think more than one turn ahead...

Each player secretly identifies with one type of bug and they lose if all 'their' bugs are zapped.

So, in the photo: The Navigator (top left) has made the Vehicle (bottom left) move one space to the right, pushing the Gunner one bug round the (severely depleted) circle (bottom right). As the gunner ended on the same bug as shown on the Vehicle's tile, it was zapped (and the Gunner moved on to the next bug).

Tom was doing well initially, zapping several bugs in my colour and collecting cards (which gave him alternative moves). But I had the last laugh, finishing off his last bug with just one of mine left (in the photo above). Phew! A lot of brain cells died to achieve that. Thanks, Bez.

If that's not enough, once you've mastered this, there are variations of the rules to try out.

## Letters

Colin Bruce chips in on mince pies:

*I'll just say:*

*Waitrose No.1 Crumble Top Mince Pies with Cranberry & Orange. "Zesty mincemeat with a dash of Valencian orange oil, tangy cranberry and a buttery crumble".*

*Yum.*

*Mike drop.*

Oi: pick that up!

## Games Events

The next Raiders of the Game Cupboard games day is on 6th January 2024 at the Waterside Community Centre in Burton-upon-Trent. It's simply a day of open gaming in convivial company. For more details, see the website at: [www.raidersofthegamecupboard.co.uk](http://www.raidersofthegamecupboard.co.uk)

A couple of weeks later, on 19th-21st January, it's Handycon 11 at the Marriott Delta Hotel in Milton Keynes. Not a con I've attended, but I've had good reports from those who have. I understand it's mostly open gaming with a library of 300+ games available as well as what attendees bring along. Expect a Bring 'n' Buy and organised playtesting as well. Find the details at [www.handycon.co.uk](http://www.handycon.co.uk)

And Toy Fair, the annual trade fair, is at Olympia from 23rd-25th January. Unless you're in the trade, there's no real appeal to this show – games are only a small proportion of what's on display and there's certainly no opportunity to play anything. You'll find the details at [www.toyfair.co.uk](http://www.toyfair.co.uk)

**Swiggers:** games club that meets on Wednesday evenings (co-ordinated on WhatsApp) upstairs at The Shipwright's Arms, 88 Tooley Street, London SE1 2TF (next to London Bridge station) – though without me these days. For more info, see [www.pevans.co.uk/Swiggers](http://www.pevans.co.uk/Swiggers) or the BGG Guild at [boardgamegeek.com/guild/1672](http://boardgamegeek.com/guild/1672)

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Cavalry Division  
Horse Guards Brigade – DG QOC  
Heavy Brigade – ALC CPC  
Dragoon Brigade – GDMD PLLD

**All military appointments lapse at the end of August** and the new posts (according to the new organisation above) will be filled at the beginning of September. **With your orders for August let me have your applications for posts** (to be resolved at the start of September) Your applications may be conditional on possible promotions in August. Remember: if you have a brevet rank, you can **only** get a military appointment at that rank (unless it expires at the end of August, when you can also apply for appointments at your permanent rank).

Appointments are resolved strictly in reverse order of the Military Appointments Table in the rules (that is, from Army commander down to Trooper in the King's Escort).

The only Ministerial appointment vacant is that of Chancellor of the Exchequer and it's up to Minister of State Beau Reese Jean Seine to fill this. Or not.

### Absent friends

I didn't receive orders from the following (No Move Received) and they suffered the consequences:

## Announcements

*All characters may use Influence (and/or a bribe) for or against these actions.*

Ari Beaux asks NPC Colonel of 13th Fusiliers to resign

Jacques de Gain applies for Army Commander of First Army

Anon Les Anonyme (Bruno Giordan) has NMR'd. Total now 1

X3 (Pauli Kidd) has been floated as Pauli's incommunicado in exotic parts (though probably less exotic to an Aussie).

### Farewell

We say goodbye to Phil Urquhart, who's finding PFL's not really interacting with others much. Sorry to see you go, Phil, and you're very welcome to rejoin us whenever.

### Notes

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**Military Missives**

To Brigadier General Descartes Sir, thank you for your kind offer. I am looking forward to joining your fine regiment. † Botte Le Chimiste

**Poetry Corner**

(All signed poetry submissions gain their author at least 1 SP)

My oh my, what have we here?  
 Michael Chevalier-Cavalier  
 Casting assertions and causing offence  
 Without any evidence.

**Points Arising**

**Next deadline is 12th January**

According to Wikipedia, the historical battle of Salzbach was an inconclusive artillery duel. The French withdrew after the death of their commander, Marshal Turenne.

The Minister of State has decided that seven Brigades (all but Fourth Foot) will be in action in next year's campaign and the Minister of War will

Makes you wonder what he meant,  
 Undermining His Majesty's  
 Government.  
 Any true Frenchman would ask, Why?  
 Could he be an English spy?

† FXC

**\*Anthem for Doomed Musketeers\***

What fun'ral bells for these who die as  
 cattle?  
 Only the thund'rous boom of the guns;  
 Only the flashing sabres' metal rattle  
 Patter out prayer for fallen sons.  
 No masses now for them; no clicking  
 beads;  
 Nor any voice of mourning save the  
 choirs –  
 The shrill, demented choirs of bloodied  
 steeds;  
 And bugles calling me to brave the  
 fires.

A moment of silence,  
 And raise up your glass,  
 For colleagues remembered,  
 Whose time has now passed.

† FXC

deploy them all on Siege operations  
 (21 in the rulebook).

- Field Army (Siege)
  - First Division
    - Guards Brigade – RFG CG KM
    - 1st Foot Brigade – RM PM
  - Second Division
    - 2nd Foot Brigade – 13F 53F
    - 3rd Foot Brigade – 27M 4A
  - Frontier Division
    - Frontier Regiments
    - RNHB Regiment

**Trophy Hunter**

**Turn 3**

**This turn's shots**

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T
1												X	X							
2	x										G									
3																				
4															X					
5							G							L	l	L				
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7		x																		
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15		A	x			x	x	l	x											
16	X							l								x				
17			x					l					M							
18																				
19		X											X							
20																				

As expected, the Elephant (centre-right) attracts a hail of shots, belying Graeme Morris's comment, quoting General John Sedgwick: "They couldn't hit an elephant at this dist...". The points are shared widely – except for the coup de grâce, administered by Rob Pinkerton for the full 5.

Eddy Richards has his "Eyes open but it won't make any difference ... hope to scrag an elephant." Hoping in vain, Eddy.

Alex Bardy and Paul Wilson take out the Lion (top right) between them.

**Key**

Animals	Symbol	Size (squares)	Number on grid	Points Value
Bush	B	1	12	0
Monkey	M	1	12	4
Antelope	A	2	9	8
Snake	S	2	?	10
Gorilla	G	3	4	-12
Lion	L	3	4	15
Elephant	E	4	3	20
Other symbols				
	X	Missed shot		
UPPER CASE = this turn, lower case = last turn, <del>Strikeout</del> = dead animal				

*Notes: animals go up and down or left and right, not diagonally, with two exceptions. Elephants are blocks of four squares; each Snake is two diagonal squares and moves by up to three squares a turn.*

*Animals only touch (if at all) at corners and only Snakes will go next to a Bush.*

**What's this all about?**

This game is essentially a *Battleships* variant and is open to all readers of *TWJO*. The 20 x 20 grid represents a safari park that needs to cull some of its animals (except the gorillas). The players are hunters who've paid to bag trophies.

All you have to do each turn is nominate two squares to take pot-shots at: F9 and M17, say (the second is only used if the first misses). Letters (A-T) run across the top of the grid and numbers (1-20) down the side (A1 is thus the top left corner).

The first hit on each animal scores points in proportion to its size. For example, a Lion is three squares and worth 15 points, so the first hit scores  $15/3 = 5$  points. If several players hit the same square at the same time, they share the points; if several players hit different squares of the same animal at the same time, they get the points for the square they hit.

Those aiming into the wild are generally unsuccessful. Apart from Anthony Gilbert, who bags a Monkey, and Nik Luker, who finds an Antelope.

Brad Martin hopes the aim of the game is a low score. However, missing everything means his score is still higher than those who've hit a Gorilla.

Starting with Chris Rudram, who digs himself further into a hole by injuring another one. And is joined by Andrew Kendall finding a third.

**Press****Announcements**

The Picardy Musketeers are looking for fine young men, especially those with the qualities that would make them good Officers. Financial assistance available to all Officers. We are off to the Front!

**\*\* Join the QOC \*\***

Gentleman of Paris, if you are new to the city or are looking for a new Regiment, then you can do no better than join the Queen's Own Carabiniers.

Please contact me for more details, and some financial help is available.

† Viscount Thyme

**Social**

To the good gentlemen of Paris, Greetings!

It seems my valet has no skill in keeping my calendar! Not only did I appear the wrong week for a party last month; but an announcement was made that I'd be holding a party in June, when of course I shall be at the front with my fellow soldiers of the King! Therefore please ignore my call to meet at the club. Instead, the important military matters I brought up can be discussed in the field at my tent between bouts of battle. I shall provide wine and cheese to all my fellow soldiery.

Yours, † Neville Moore

**Despatches from the Front**

Remember, lads: do it to them before they do it to you. Also, aim low!

† TdLL

Dear Maman,

Thank you for your recent letter and invitation to visit the chateau Papa inherited from great-uncle Timothy.

I am sorry to say that I won't be able to go. After several summers of boredom, doing nothing constructive. I have decided to rejoin the army and go to the Front.

Your loving son,

† Xavier

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Dear Friends,

My old friend the Picardy Musketeers' Regimental Surgeon has read me the riot act after two months of Conthpichichic-ous Consumption and has locked me in the gym for the next two months.

Do not buy me Drinkth.

I have purchased enough parsley and onions to make outfit a German Regimental band with a dozen Tubas.

Sinsaladly yours,

† Turenne

Acting Second Army commander Louis Renault basks in the success of his men and his own Mention in Despatches (“Is he developing a tan?”). Diving into the pot of loot, he comes out with well over two thousand crowns’ worth.

**Still going Dutch**

In the United Provinces, First Army is holding the ground taken by the French so far. Jacques Hatt is acting Army commander, which brings him a Mention in Despatches (“That’s good acting”). A couple of hundred crowns come his way.

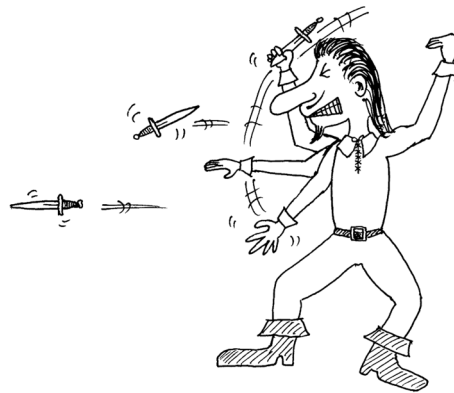
Down the chain of acting commanders, Crown Prince Cuirassiers commander Ben e’Volence takes charge of the Heavy Brigade. There’s a Mention for him and just a hundred crowns worth of goodies, but he turns down formal command of the Brigade to remain Minister of war. His regiment has a difficult time, but there’s a MiD for Major Stephane Etrange (“His armour’s not as shiny this month”), along with over a hundred crowns from his booty. Captain Beau Nidle just gets a Mention (“Not living up to his name”).

Dragoon Brigadier Balzac Slapdash is not acting and makes a point of getting his snout in the looting trough. However, he acquires less than 500 crowns’ worth. It’s a tough month for the Grand Duke Max Dragoons. CO Louis Severin Descartes’ personal bravery lets him plunder over two hundred crowns for himself. Lt-Col Alvin Charles doesn’t manage to do that. The competition between the three Captains is won by Botte Le Chimiste, who pockets 200 crowns. Elroi le Flingue and Pierre Pressure get nothing.

Brigadier-General Xavier Money is still with Frontier regiment 1 and enhances the regiment’s fighting abilities to see off a Dutch attack. Unfortunately, Money is amongst the casualties. RIP.

**Meanwhile, back in Paris 2**

Back in Paris, July looks very much like June. Gaz Moutarde spends his time with his mistress. Jacques de Gain and Zavier Ulric Turenne spend theirs with their rapiers. Bernard de Lur-Saluces visits the Bawdyhouse for some female company and then returns to his dagger practice for the rest of the month. Jean Jeanie starts with two weeks rapier practice before taking Jacky Tinne to the Fleur for a fortnight. Pierre Cardigan and Justine Caisse are there all month. ❖



Once an animal has been identified, subsequent shots share the points of new squares hit (no more points for the first square/s). So if players A and B hit the second square of that lion and C gets the third, C gets 5 points, A and B 2½.

An animal is dead when all its squares have been hit. No more points can be scored for this animal.

After 10 turns or when the board is clear (except for any snakes), the player with the most points wins.

**Scores**

Player	Shots	This turn	Total
Alex Bardy	O6, P5	5	10
Colin Bruce	P9, P11	0.83	0.83
Charles Burrows	P9, P11	0.83	-3.17
Mark Cowper	P9, P11	0.83	0.83
Mike Dommett	B19, M19	0	0
Anthony Gilbert	M17	4	4
William Hay	P9, P11	0.83	3.33
Andrew Kendall	K2	-4	-4
Andrew Larder	L1, M1	0	0
Nik Luker	A16, B15	4	4
Tim Macaire	Q9, O4	0	4
Brad Martin	P11	0.83	0.83
Graeme Morris	O10	1.25	1.25
Rob Pinkerton	P9, O11	5	5
Mike Pollard	P11	0.83	10.83
Eddy Richards	Q10, R10	0	0
Alex Richardson			0
Chris Rudram	G5	-4	-5.5
Pam Udowiczenko	M8, Q10	0	10
Matthew Wale	Q10, O10	1.25	1.25
John Watson	O10	1.25	1.25
Graeme Wilson	O4, O10	1.25	1.25
Paul Wilson	N5	5	5

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## June 1675 (376)

Paris is bustling as the army prepares to march for the summer campaign. Though there's still time for a few things to happen. First: affairs of honour. QOC Captain Come Asiouar has a score to settle with GDMD CO Louis Severin Descartes. Both men use their cavalry sabre and Asiouar's old injuries put him physically on a par with Descartes. And both have one second out of the two they invited: Elroi le Flingue supports Descartes, Zeold von Tu backs up Asiouar – Jacques Hatt and Maurice Pauvre are the no-shows. Descartes tries to surprise his opponent by opening with a furious lunge. Asiouar is ready for him, though, parrying the lunge and riposting to draw first blood. Honour is satisfied and Descartes concedes.

Not only is he not in evidence as a second, Maurice Pauvre doesn't show up as a principal, much to Jean d'Aubergine's disappointment. Nobody is surprised when Tiny Thierry Toothpick doesn't turn up for his appointment, but Thomas de la Lune is too unwell to fight him (or Pauvre) anyway.

### Last minute changes

Talking of Thomas de la Lune, he calls in a favour to persuade the Brigadier of Third Foot to resigns and then another to make sure he takes the vacated position.

Louis Severin Descartes uses his influence to add to all Frank X Change's and remove the junior Major in the King's Musketeers. Beau Reese Jean Seine gets rid of the senior Major all on his own. (Well, he is Minister of State.) It is no surprise that Change buys his way to Major and second in command.

It's a bloody fight that the Cardinal's Guard get involved in. Lt-Col Zeold von Tu has to clean the blood off his loot before he can get it valued – that's nearly 2,500 crowns. There's a Mention in Despatches for him as well ("That's a good haul").

The King's Musketeers' battle sees them making little progress against a stiff defence. Colonel Claude de Nord still finds over fifteen hundred crowns' worth of loot. Brevetted to Bdr-Gen, he is also Mentioned briefly in Despatches. There's a longer Mention for brevet Lt-Colonel Frank X Change whose promotion makes him a full Lt-Col. His looting brings him over a thousand crowns.

Alongside the Guards, First Foot Brigade makes little headway. RM Lt-Col Vinne d'Pooh is Brigade Major and puts a positive spin on the Brigade's efforts. Unsurprisingly, he features in the Despatches ("Good bit of writing") and earns well over 2,500 crowns' worth of booty. Henri DuShite leads the Royal Marines and finds his name Mentioned twice. A useful bit of plunder brings him 1,300 crowns. Ramond Repose de la Tombe may only be a Lt-Col, but he's in charge of the Picardy Musketeers and gains a (brevet) promotion to Colonel together with a footnote in the Despatches. His looting gets him close to fifteen hundred crowns income.

The Horse Guards Brigade handles scouting for the Army and there are two Mentions for Brigadier Terence Cuckpowder. These bring him elevation to Count, but only 500 crowns' worth of spoils. The Dragoon Guards mix it inconclusively with Imperial cavalry and Major Michael Chevalier-Cavalier's only reward is a brevet promotion to Lt-Col despite commanding the regiment. Queen's Own Carabiniers' commander, Justin Thyme, gets just over 500 crowns worth of loot, but two Mentions (Surely he could carry more?). Captain Come Asiouar's looting brings him less than five hundred crowns to accompany his MiD.



**CHAAAAAARGE!!**

## July 1675 (377)

With the French hold on Roussillon settled, Second Army marches north once more to join the fight in the United Provinces. However, with the Imperial army threatening the Rhineland, the army diverts to counter the threat. The Imperials withdraw across the Rhine and Second Army crosses on pontoon bridges to confront them at Salzbach – once the heavy rain has abated.

Second Division holds the enemy in place while First Division seeks ways and means to attack. Lieutenant-General Rick Shaw, commanding Second Division, is brevetted to General and adds over a thousand crowns' worth of loot to his wealth. He is given command of Second Army for the last month of the campaign.

Second Foot Brigade is the most successful within the Division. The 13th and 53rd Fusiliers lay siege to an enemy bastion that falls quickly. Lieutenant-Colonel Ari Beaux of the 13th grabs almost a thousand crowns' worth of booty. Lt-Col Armand Alsace leading the 53rd gets a pat on the back for his sterling work.

Thomas de la Lune, Brigadier of Third Foot, plunders a few hundred crowns for himself, capitalising on the victorious 27th Musketeers. The 4th Arquebusiers back them up, bring their commander, Lt-Col Jean d'Aubergine, the best part of a thousand crowns' worth of loot.

### What's on the cards?

Guards Brigadier Greg de Bécqueur continues as acting commander of First Division. He organises a Cribbage tournament for the officers in his command. This is a tie between Martin de Garnache and Tiny Thierry Toothpick and there's no time for a decider as the troops go into action. The Division's minor victory lets him loot over a thousand crowns' worth. He is also Mentioned in Despatches, twice ("Should he get the job officially?").

This means RFG Colonel Beau Reese Jean Seine acts up to Brigadier. He is brevetted back to Brigadier-General – his previous brevet expired this month. His share of the loot is closer to fifteen hundred crowns' worth. And there's a Mention in Despatches for him, too ("Let's make him Bdr-Gen again").

As acting commander of the Royal Foot Guards, Lt-Col Camille de Polignac has another good month. The Guards are victorious in their assault, providing lots of looting opportunities. For Polignac that means a round 1,500 crowns and a Mention ("Always thinking of the men"). For Major Martin de Garnache it's just a thousand crowns, while what Major Hector William Boone seizes is a couple of hundred crowns more than that. Captain Neville Moore goes big and amasses two thousand crowns' worth. Captain Felipe Savant is at the fifteen hundred mark. And brevet Captain Tiny Thierry Toothpick gets promoted again, securing his rank. Oh, his loot comes to just over the 1,500 crowns.

Zavier Ulric Turenne tries to persuade his Aide to retire, but the man gains support from Zeold von Tu and hangs on.

For his own regiment (the Grand Duke Max Dragoons), Descartes recruits two new arrivals: Botte Le Chimiste and Pierre Pressure. Pressure would like to be a Major (and he's borrowed plenty of cash), but there's no vacancy at this rank so he's just a Captain. Chimiste only wanted to be a Captain anyway, so he's happy at this rank and hangs on to the rest of his loan.

Ari Beaux is another fresh face in Paris, but seems to know his way around – and have some disposable cash. He signs up with the 13th Fusiliers and buys his way to one of the vacancies at Major.

It seems Tiny Thierry Toothpick has had enough of life as a Subaltern in the King's Musketeers and quits the regiment to sign up with the Royal Foot Guards, courtesy of Beau Reese Jean Seine. Toothpick looks on this as a promotion, but he's not qualified to be a Captain and must remain a Subaltern.

Pierre Cardigan quits the Archduke Leopold Cuirassiers to spend more time ~~with his family~~ in the Fleur de Lys.

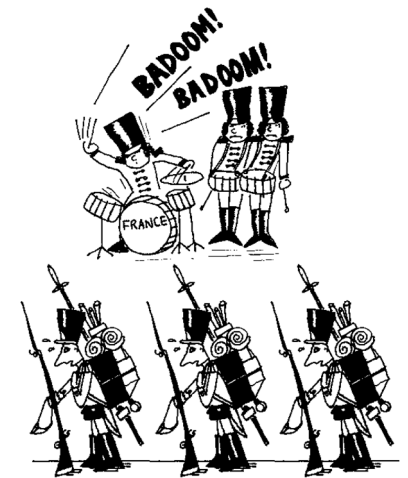
Despite the imminent campaign, Field Marshal Jacques de Gain still leaves both Army commands vacant. Some Division commanders will step up and be tested.

And the final activity before the army marches is several Parisians investing money into Arms in the expectation of a good return come September. Alvin Charles even borrows his investment stake from the moneylenders. In increasing size of investment, we have Hector William Boone, Frank X Change (borrowing a little to round up his funds), Gaz Moutarde, Louis Severin Descartes and a hefty amount from Lou Scannon.

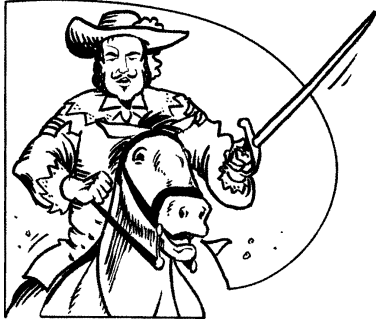
As the troops march out of Paris, Brigadier-General Xavier Money tags along behind. Presumably hoping a Brigade command will come available.

### Flanders fields

First Army marches north to bolster the Frontier regiments in holding the French gains in Flanders and the Rhineland against the Dutch and their allies. Despite the cavalry support, the Frontier troops have a torrid June. Bdr-Gen Xavier Money sees this first hand as he is assigned to First Frontier and is lucky to survive a



Dutch pike that removes an epaulette. He is Mentioned (briefly) in Despatches (“That was close!”).



The Heavy Brigade keeps running into Imperial horsemen and neither side can claim a victory in these skirmishes. Crown Prince Cuirassiers commander Ben e’Volence gets his own Mention and picks up some spare change in loot. (He was given substantially more by Frank X Change before leaving Paris.) Newly-purchased Major Stephan Etrange is proud to command “shiny-attired cuirassiers” and ensures “our banners fly high!” He does a bit better at looting, while Subaltern Beau Nidle earns promotion to Captain.

In the Dragoon Brigade, Grand Duke Max’s also find themselves stymied by enemy cavalry. There’s a Mention in Despatches (“He stepped up”) for acting commander Alvin Charles and a Barony awaits him. The Captains – Botte Le Chimiste, Elroi le Flingue and Pierre Pressure – survive without a scratch.

Princess Louisa’s Light Dragoons score a notable victory over the Dutch cavalry that brings a Mention in Despatches (“Dashing and splashing!”) to CO Balzac Slapdash. This brings him elevation to Marquis and he helps himself to some four hundred crowns worth of booty. He also takes over as Dragoon Brigadier.

This is after Louis Severin Descartes’ month as acting Brigadier. His personal bravery means he is also Mentioned and he plunders a hundred crowns or so. Brigadier Jacques Hatt is acting Division commander and, as he already has the rank of Lieutenant-General, he gets the job permanently. That’s worth a note in the Despatches.

### Trouble in the deep south

Second Army is a bit surprised to be marching south, but the Spanish have been causing trouble in Roussillon (or northern Catalonia as the locals still think of it). The aim is to re-take Fort Bellegarde (and the town of Le Perthus) from the Spaniards. Second Division will lay siege to the fort while First Division prepares to assault weak spots when identified and the Horse Guards patrol the countryside to spot any enemy reinforcements and keep the peasants in their place (France, not Spain!).

The soldiers of Second Division are quick to work through the town and set up their positions around the fort. In Second Foot Brigade, the 13th Fusiliers beat off a sally by the Spanish garrison trying to disrupt their rampart-building. New Major Ari Beaux literally beats a Spanish musketeer with a spade, earning himself promotion to Lt-Colonel and a Mention in Despatches (“That’s one sharp spade”).

ID	Name	SL	SPs	Cash	Rank, Regiment/Appointment	MA	Last seen	Club	EC	Player
FS	Baron Felipe Savant	11	F	OK	Captain RFG	5	BG	4	Brick Amundsen	
TdLL	Thomas de la Lune	11	F	OK	Bdr-General/3 F Brigadier	3	Hunt	5	Peter Card	
HWB	Hector William Boone	11	F	Comfy	Major RFG	5	Hunt	5	Paul Wilson	
AICh	Baron Alvin Charles	11+	F	Comfy	Lt.Colonel GDMD	9	F&P	2	Graeme Wilson	
MP	Maurice Pauvre	10	RIP						James Waters	
AB	Sir Ari Beaux	10+	F	Poor	Lt.Colonel 13F	7			4 Graeme Morris	
FXC	Frank X Change	9	F	Poor	B.Lt.Colonel KM	5	BG	4	Nigel Monaghan	
VdP	Vinne d’Pooh	9	F	Comfy	Lt.Colonel RM/1 F Brigade Maj.	4	RP	2	Terry Crook	
TTT	Tiny Thierry Toothpick	8	F	OK	B.Captain RFG	5	BG	1	Jason Fazackarley	
MCC	Michael Chevalier-Cavalier	7	F	OK	Major DG	4	F&P	4	Neil Packer	
SE	Stephane Etrange	7	F	OK	Major CPC	3	F&P	4	Jacob Andersson	
CA	Come Asiouar	6	F	OK	Captain QOC	3	F&P	4	Tim Rattray	
JCE	Jean-Claude Etienne	6	RIP						Nik Luker	
RdS	Ray de Sofelosdarc	5	RIP						3 Paul Murphy	
BN	Beau Nidle	5	F	OK	Captain CPC	2	RP	1	Olaf Schmidt	
RRT	Ramond Repose de la Tombe	5	F	Comfy	Lt.Colonel PM	7	RP	3	Paul Robbins	
JdA	Jean d’Aubergine	4	F	Poor	Lt.Colonel 4A	2	RP	1	Ray Vahey	
PP	Pierre Pressure	4	F	Poor	Captain GDMD	3			3 Pauli Kidd	
X3		4	0	Poor		2			4 Tym Norris	
BLC	Botte Le Chimiste	4	F	Poor	Captain GDMD	2			4 Sebastian Emde	
AA	Armand Alsace	3	F	OK	Lt.Colonel 53F	6			4 Daniel Racke	
EIF	Elroi le Flingue	3	F	Poor	Captain GDMD	6			Steven Malecek	
PL	Pierre Luckless	1	RIP							

An F under SPs means that the character was at the Front, RIP that he died. Ret that he retired. + against SL means it went up this month, - means it went down.  
 Cash: Poor = <500, OK = 500-1500, Comfy = 1500-5000, Withy = 5000-10000, Rich = 10000-25000, Flthy = 25000+  
 Last seen is the lady the character was last seen with in public.  
 EC is Endurance Class: 1 = <60, 2 = 60-90, 3 = 91-120, 4 = 121-159, 5 = 160-200, 6 = 201+

# The Greasy Pole

ID	Name	SL	SPs	Cash	Rank, Regiment/Appointment	MA	Last seen	Club	EC	Player
BeV	Viscount Ben e'Volence	25	F	Withy	B.Bdr-General CPC/War Minister	10		Flr	3	Ash Casey
JdG	Count Jacques de Gain	24	37	Fithy	Fld Marshal	24			6	Ben Brown
PdC	Count Pierre Cardigan	24	34	Withy		10	Justine	Flr	6	Matt Shepherd
BRJS	Count Beau Reese Jean Seine	24	F	Fithy	B.Bdr-General RFG/State Min.	12		Flr	4	Bill Hay
JJ	Count Jean Jeanie	23	60	Fithy	General	32	Jacky	Flr	3	Andrew Kendall
GdB	Count Greg de Bécqueur	23	F	Rich	B.Lt-General/Cds Brigadier	12		Flr	5	Anthony Gilbert
BdLS	Count Bernard de Lur-Saluces	22	48	Fithy	Lt-General	18		Flr	3	Rob Pinkerton
TC	Viscount Terence Cuckpowder	21	F	Comfy	B.Lt-General/HGds Brigadier	6		Flr	6	Mike Dommert
CdP	Marquis Camille de Polignac	21	F	Comfy	Lt.Colonel RFG/Justice Min.	4		Flr	4	James McReynolds
Anon	Baron Les Anonyme	20	42	Poor	Bdr-General/Min w/o Port	3		Flr	5	Bruno Giordan
ZUT	Baron Xavier Ulric Turenne	19	39	Comfy	Lt-General/Min w/o Port	4		Flr	1	Bob Blanchett
EdL	Baron Eclair de Laine	18	RIP							Peter Farrell
HDS	Earl Henri DuShite	18	F	Rich	B.Bdr-General RM	14		Both	4	Dave Marsden
RS	Baron Rick Shaw	18	F	Withy	Lt-General/2nd Div Commandr	2		Both	6	Charles Burrows
JIT	Viscount Justin Thyme	17	F	Rich	B.Bdr-General QOC	14		Both	2	Gerald Udowiczenko
XM	Baron Xavier Money	17	F	Withy	Bdr-General	7		Both	3	Pam Udowiczenko
LS	Lou Scannon	17	RIP							John Cooke
LR	Baron Louis Renault	16	F	Withy	Lt-General/1st Div Commandr	2		Both	4	Roy Bleasdale
GM	Sir Gaz Moutarde	15	31	Withy	Bdr-General	4		Both	2	Mike Clibborn-Dyer
CdN	Sir Claude de Nord	15	F	Comfy	Colonel KM/CPS	3		Flr	4	Andrew Larder
NM	Sir Neville Moore	14	F	Withy	Captain RFG/LtGen's Aide	1		Hunt	2	Cameron Wood
PFL	Sir Phillippe F'Loppe	14	RIP							Phil Urquhart
MdG	Martin de Garnache	13	F	Comfy	Major RFG/RFG Regt. Adjit.	3		Both	4	Bill Howell
JH	Sir Jacques Hatt	13	F	Comfy	B.Lt-General/Cav Div Commandr	4		Both	3	Joel Halpern
ZvT	Sir Zeold von Tu	12	F	Comfy	Lt.Colonel CG/Ensn.C's Esc	6		Both	3	Tim Macaire
LSD	Sir Louis Severin Descartes	12	F	Comfy	B.Bdr-General GDM/D/FMshl's Aide	4		Hunt	1	Chris Schotmann
BS	Marquis Balzac Slapdash	12+	F	Withy	B.Bdr-General PLLD/Drgn Brigadier	17		Hunt	5	Matthew Wale

A grateful King awards him a Knighthood. There's no such skirmish to bother the 53rd Fusiliers and Lt-Col Armand Alsace thus has no reward.

In Third Foot, the 27th Musketeers are the subject of another attack. Again, the Spanish are defeated, but Captain Ray de Sofdelosdarc fails to ward off the soldier who attacks him. RIP. In 4th Arquebusiers, Major Jean d'Aubergine is promoted to Lt-Col and takes over command of the regiment. Pretty good for a man who was expecting to be in Paris this month. Brigadier Thomas de la Lune is also promoted, making his Bdr-General rank permanent and removing him as leader of the 4th.

The 69th Arquebusiers, in Fourth Foot Brigade, come under intermittent fire from the Spanish guns on the fort. One barrage causes the heap of spoil from the digging to collapse, smothering the unfortunate Subaltern Pierre Luckless. RIP.

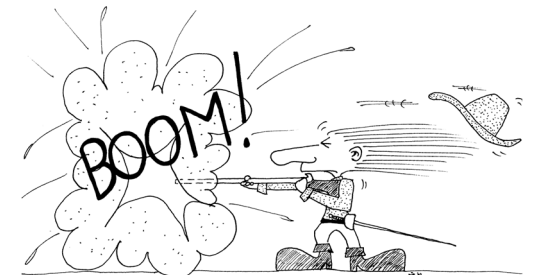
Second Division commander (brevet) Lieutenant-General Rick Shaw is pleased with his men's work overall and earns promotion to full Lt-Gen. He is Mentioned in Despatches and takes a few hundred crowns from the pot of loot.

After a few weeks of siege, the unprepared Spanish garrison has run low on supplies and the French think they've identified a weak point in their defences. First Foot leads the assault, the Picardy Musketeers in the lead. However, the enemy haven't run out of shot yet and a volley from the artillery wreaks havoc in the Musketeers. Colonel Maurice Pauvre is the first to fall. RIP. Lt-Col Ramond Repose de la Tombe rallies the survivors as the Marines charge past and leads them over the ramparts to start the looting. Over fifteen hundred crowns come his way, more than enough to buy that horse he needs.

Yes, it's the Royal Marines who lead the way over the fort's ramparts past the remaining Picardies. Their commander, Bdr-Gen Henri DuShite, is Mentioned ("First across the wall") and amasses fifteen hundred crowns worth of booty. An Earldom is coming his way as well., Major Jean-Claude Etienne leads a detachment to capture the enemy guns, not realising they've been reloaded. Only one has been swivelled to fire on the French incursion, but it's enough to take out the Major. RIP.

Despite his newly purchased rank of Lt-Col, Vinne d'Pooh is still First Foot Brigade Major. From this position he makes sure of some loot, though he doesn't quite reach the 1,500 mark.

With the defences breached, the Guards Brigade is flung into the fray. However, the King's Musketeers get bogged down working their way through the soft ground behind the fort. This means no reward for Colonel Claude de Nord. Major Frank X



Change urges on his men, earning himself promotion to Lt-Col and a Mention in Despatches (“Very urgent”).

The Cardinal’s Guard is on solid ground and Lt-Col Zeold von Tu is quick to get First Battalion into the heart of the fighting looting. He hits the jackpot with two and a half thousand crowns’ worth of booty. There’s a Mention in Despatches to go with this (“How did he carry it all?”) and a Knighthood to follow.

As resistance begins to die down, the Royal Foot Guards stroll in to see what they can pick up. In the case of Captain Lou Scannon, it’s a nasty dose of shrapnel as he’s caught on the fringes of the Spanish artillery’s last cannonade. RIP. The blast goes over the head of Subaltern Tiny Thierry Toothpick who is promptly brevetted to Captain – the rank he wanted to begin with. He earns a thousand crowns from his sales of shrapnel souvenirs. There’s a thousand crowns’ worth of plunder for Captain Neville Moore, too, more than making up for what he’s spent entertaining fellow officers with wine and cheese in his tent. Captain Felipe Savant does better with closer to fifteen hundred crowns’ worth, a Mention (“He’s found the pay chest”) and the title of Baron. The same amount goes to Captain Hector William Boone, though his main prize is promotion to Major as there’s a sudden vacancy... Senior Major Martin de Garnache sticks to the looting and gets over a thousand crowns’ worth. While Lt-Col Camille de Polignac, leading the regiment as Colonel Seine is acting Brigadier, gets close to fifteen hundred crowns’ worth and a substantial Mention in Despatches (“Fine display of leadership”).

Yes, Beau Reese Jean Seine is acting Guards Brigadier with RFG Major Eclair de Lame as his Brigade Major. Unused to his new level of command (something he’s stayed away from), Seine insists on joining his cherished RFGs in the assault. This does him the world of good as he plunders over two thousand crowns’ worth of booty for himself and is Mentioned twice in Despatches (“Should he be doing that?” “Oh dear”). However, his survival is owed to Brigade Major Lame who throws himself between his boss and a Spanish pike, receiving a fatal wound. RIP.

The Guards Brigadier, Greg de Bécqueur is acting Division commander and the Division’s exploits bring him substantial rewards, but keep him too busy to run the promised “Dominoes and Darts Tournament”. He is brevetted to Lt-General,

Mentioned in Despatches and gathers over a thousand crowns’ worth of loot. He gains the title of Count into the bargain. And First Division commander Louis Renault is acting Army commander. A position that earns him promotion to full Lt-Gen and booty worth over fifteen hundred crowns. He becomes a Baron.



This leaves the Horse Guards, scouring the countryside for supplies and any Spanish reinforcements. There’s a Mention in Despatches for Brigadier Terence Cuckpowder as he acquires over a thousand crowns’ worth of loot. The Dragoon Guards encounter little resistance and brevet Major Michael Chevalier-Cavalier becomes a full Major.

The Queen’s Own Carabiniers, however, are in the right place to finish off Spanish survivors fleeing the assault on the fort. Colonel Justin Thyme is brevetted to Bdr-General and grabs some booty – just over two hundred crowns’ worth. Captain Come Asiouar goes in for the looting and accumulates plunder worth nearly five hundred crowns – very useful as the bailiffs were on his tracks in Paris.

### Meanwhile, back in Paris

There’s a very subdued atmosphere in Paris this month now that the soldiers have left. Gaz Moutarde is very restrained, spending all month at home with his lady.

Conversely, Pierre Cardigan and Justin Caisse whoop it up in the Fleur de Lys for four weeks. Jean Jeanie and Jacky Tinne hit the Fleur for the second two weeks, once Jean has got his rapier practice out of the way.

In the gyms is where to find everybody else. Jacques de Gain and Zavier Ulric Turenne work out with their rapier four times while Bernard de Lur-Saluces is learning knife fighting. ❖

### Battle Results

First Army: 5

Cavalry Division: 5

Heavy Brigade: 6

Archduke Leopold Cuirassiers: 3

Crown Prince Cuirassiers: 3

Dragoon Brigade: 3

Grand Duke Max’s Dragoons: 4

Princess Louisa Lt Dragoons: 1

Frontier Division: 5

Frontier regiment 1: 5

Frontier regiment 2: 5

Frontier regiment 3: 5

Frontier regiment 4: 3

Second Army: 2

First Division: 1

Guards Brigade: 2

Royal Foot Guards: 3

Cardinal’s Guard: 2

King’s Musketeers: 4

1st Foot Brigade: 2

Royal Marines: 1

Picardy Musketeers: 3

RNHB regiment: 1

Second Division: 3

2nd Foot Brigade: 1

13th Fusiliers: 2

53rd Fusiliers: 3

3rd Foot Brigade: 5

27th Musketeers: 2

4th Arquebusiers: 3

4th Foot Brigade: 5

69th Arquebusiers: 4

The Gascon Regiment: 3

Horse Guards Brigade: 2

Dragoon Guards: 3

Queen’s Own Carabiniers: 1