

4-4-14. Canadian 1st Mechanized Division will be completed by this weekend. 1st Canadian Mechanized Brigade Group is next. I haven't located much info on it but I will probably modernize it with Coyotes and Bisons. After that I plan on completing the Danes, Czechs and Dutch in that order. At that point the basic European Armies will be represented. I may start on the Middle East, Israel, Syria, Jordan, Egypt; or I may tackle the North and South Koreans. The third option I have is to go back and add more units to the European Armies; possibly include the Norwegians, Swedes, and Finns. I hope to be able to produce maps at some point but we'll see how that goes.

4-5-14. Completed the Canadian 1st Mech Division. I went with a mid-2000 structure for the 1st CMBG. That way I got to add Leopard C2s and Bisons. The C2s were under development in the 90s and the Bisons are basically Canadian versions of the LAV. The C2s have increased armor protection but still retain the 105mm. No composite armor but extended laminate. I will add a divisional headquarters and some CF-18s for CAS. All the data and information I can find on the Canadian contribution to NATO indicates that the Canadians were committed in brigade size units as reserves to the various Corps in CENTAG and NORTHAG. I haven't found any references to the Canadians fighting as an homogeneous unit, so I am not sure that a 1st Canadian Mechanized Division was ever trained to fight as a single entity.

4-6-14. The Danes are turning out to be a very interesting Army to model. Interesting mix of armor and wheeled vehicles. I had to do a little estimating on the makeup of the Dragoon units. I know that they had 20 Leopards and 27 M113s. I put the Leopards in one company with 4 tank platoons and 4 tank Company HQ. The M113s I broke down into 3 companies. I used M-966 and M-1025 Humvees in the Queen Life's Regiment. I could not locate the date that the Danes begin using Humvees as opposed to the Mercedes GD. I left the Mercs in the Dragoons and Funen Life Regiment for contrast. The Danes took delivery of the Swedish CV 90 and Leopard 2A4s in the 2000s. Since the CV90 was around since 1993, I may accelerate it and assume the Danes had a battalion of them and the Leopard 2A4s. The Danes are turning into quite the project. The Jutland Division has quite a few units. 3 brigades and a battle-group with Centurions. I should have that out in the next two days. Apparently there is also another Dragoon Bn, infantry Bn, and a interestingly mixed artillery Bn at Division level.

4-10-14. Well, I got all the original armies on the board so to speak. Still mulling over what to release next. If anyone has any opinions please e-mail me. I will at least add a Czech MRD and Army level units. Need to finish up the Dutch 4th Div. Is there any interest in the Middle East? I've got Israelis, Egyptians, Jordanians, Syrians and PLO from the 60s through to the 2000s. I have also got the North and South Koreans.

4-11-14. Some of you may have noticed that the Dutch mech infantry battalions have larger anti-tank sections (PRAT) then in the original game. All the references and sources that I have found, indicate that there were actually 16 PRATS assigned to the battalions not 8 as is portrayed in the original Chieftain. This works out to the equivalent of 4 full strength counters. In the American pre-2000 mech battalions, I have included the entire Echo Company. I didn't really understand why they wouldn't have the whole company and the same goes for the Engineer units. There is also a change to the Dutch Recon Battalion. The two sources I have for it's TO & E, list the battalion as having a company of 18 Leopard 2A4s in 1989. There is no reference to M106s. So, the L2A4s are in and the M106s are out.

4-12-14. Working on adding the entire 1 Guards Tank Army. Got the 9th TD and already had the 20th GMRD, hopefully will get the 11th GTD this weekend and the rest of 1 GTA assets

4-13-14. Finished up the 1st GTA and started on the 2nd GTA. I want to get all the GSFG and CGSF done. The templates are making it easier. Big news may be coming for the Korean version of Assault.

4-15-14. The publishing of the Soviet Army in Europe is well underway. I am looking to upgrade my art software before beginning the Korean Assault. It will be a modern 2000-era setting. That means Strykers, K2s, USMC, Sea-Cobras, some of the fine Japanese equipment, the Australians, the Chinese-PRC and Taiwan, Harrier 2s, maybe even F-35s (if they ever get those to work right) and V-22 Ospreys.

4-23-14. Took a few days off to spend with my youngest on his spring break. Trout fishing trip to the Appalachians in a week, so I thought I'd pump out the 11th Panzergrenadier Division and complete the I German Corps. I really like modeling NORTHAG, it has everything as far as NATO goes. I want to thank Dave Malesevich for loaning me his copy of FM 34-71 North Korean Military Forces. It is an awesome resource for modeling the PRK.. Korean Assault is progressing past prototype stage and I think everyone will be pleased with the results. Looking to begin publishing Korean Assault beginning in June. In the meantime, I will continue to work on NORTHAG and the Soviet GSFG

5-6-14. Sorry for the delay in proceeding with things. I have been on a trout fishing expedition in the Great Smoky Mountains (southern Appalachians) in Tennessee. I will try to have publish the UK 1st Armour Division and possibly something on the North Koreans by the end of the week.

5-7-14. Look for a total redo of the BAOR. I will move the current 3rd UK Mech, which is a 2000+ unit to its own separate section, and publish the entire BAOR as it was from 1988-1995.

5-14-14. I will correct the British engineer units by this weekend. Each Engineer Regiment should have 6 AVLBs in addition to what has already been published.

5-16-14. Completed the BAOR. Next up will be the rest of the I Belgian Corps and I Netherland Corps.

5-22-14 Completed the I Belgian Corps and most of the I Netherlands Corps. The Dutch corps is very asset heavy. Got the 1st Division (NL) added and will have the 5th Division (NL) and the 3rd Panzer Division (FRG) within the next couple of days. After that I am going to add the U.S. III Corps, the Berlin Brigades (U.S., U.K., and French) and that will complete NORTHAG. By then I hope I am able to get the North and South Koreans started. A lot to get accomplished in the next 3 weeks.

5-27-14. Slight change in orders. I realized that I had done a disservice to the Danish and Germans, so I am going back and adding in the LANDJUT Corps. I have completed the 6th Panzergrenadier Division as you see with the very interesting 51st Heimatschutz Brigade (Home Defense Brigade). The 51st HS was activated in 1982 and assigned to the 6th Panzergrenadier Division in 1985. Look for the addition of the Zealand units, the British 1st Infantry Brigade and the U.S. 9th Infantry Division. The British and American units were tagged as reinforcements to LANDJUT, though I doubt that the 9th would have actually been deployed there. In the 1980s, the 9th was a "Motorized" infantry division, famously equipped with dune buggies. Don't look for those however, since the vehicles were too prone to rollover and replaced by Humvees. I am sorry that I have had to delay the Koreans but I really want to get Northag completed since it has just about every NATO nationality represented.

5-29-14. I've got most of the LANDJUT Corps published. I started working on the U.S. III Corps, the last major corps for NORTHAG. I have found a pretty good OOB for the U.S. 9th Infantry Division thanks to Pat Callahan at microarmormayhem.com . I will get the

"Old Reliables" published soon, hopefully by this weekend. Interesting fact about the III Corps, the 1st Infantry Division (M) and the 4th Infantry (M), while part of III Corps would deploy to the VII and V Corps respectively once REFORGER began. The more I research these units the more I begin to realize that there is no way that the Soviet Union and the Warsaw Pact could have conducted a conventional war against NATO. NATO combat power and organization is overwhelming to say the least. I can understand why the Soviets would be frightened of a mobilized NATO.

5-31-14. Got just about all the III Corps completed. Need to add 2 more artillery brigades then add the Berlin Brigades and I think that NORTHAG will just about be done. I have really enjoyed adding in the Army National Guard units. I have a special affinity for those units, especially the Guard units of the late 1980s and early 1990s. I believe those units went a long way in proving that the "Roundout" concept would have worked if used as planned. I am not sure that the RDF (Rapid Deployment Force) or the XVIII Airborne Corps was the proper place for a roundout brigade (Ga ARNG 48th Infantry Brigade) but when finally mobilized for Desert Storm the 48th Brigade was ready in 90 days. If the Brigade had been mobilized when the 24th Infantry Division began to deploy in August 1990; they would have been ready by November 1990. Schwartzkopf, never a fan of the roundout concept as Carl Vuono was, needed troops fast so the 197th Inf Brigade (Ft Benning Ga) was sent. In the long run, it did not matter as by the late 1990s the National Guard combat units were modernized and were taking over vital roles as the active units were gutted by politics. In the 2000s the Army cannot perform its mission without National Guard combat units, indeed the 48th Brigade sent the 1/121 Infantry Bn to Bosnia in the late 1990s and was one of the first National Guard combat brigades deployed to Iraq. I also made changes to the BUNDESWEHR page. For some reason, unknown to me, the original designers decided that the Marder was upgraded to a 25mm cannon. That NEVER occurred. Instead with the Marder M1A1 (+), the 20mm Rheinmetall Mk 20 Rh 202 was fitted with a double feed to allow for variable ammunition selection and a Thermal Imager was added as all the infrared spotlights were removed. I adjusted the 1990s German Direct Fire Chart for the Marders. I left the original 1985 Direct Fire Chart as provided in the original Bundeswehr module with the incorrect weapon.

6-2-14. Completed the U. S. 9th Light Infantry Division (Motorized) for LANDJUT. That was a very interesting division to model. I am not to sure how well the 81st Mech Infantry Brigade (Wa ARNG) meshed with the light infantry division concept but that will be a good division to put on the map. Berlin Brigades next just so I can say I have modeled NORTHAG. Then I think we are finally going to get to the Koreans and the 21st Century.

6-4-14. Just recieved the 1996 version of Jane's Tank Recognition Book. I am taking another look at some of the vehicle factors and realized some changes must be made to better reflect combat capabilities. I updated the Soviet Direct Fire Charts. The BMD-3 does not have the same turret as the BMP-3, rather it has the same turret as the BMD-2/BMP-2. The upgraded firepower for the BMD occurs in the current incarnation, the BMD-4. Also, after consideration, I realized that the ROF for the T-90s is too low. No sillouettes needed to be changed, just the fire charts. I am also redoing the Charts and Tables to make them more user friendly.

6-6-14. Remember D-Day and all those who fought; Thanks to all WW2 Vets!! I reconstructed the French Army page to make it easier to follow. I also made some minor corrections to some of the units to more correctly illustrate the actual TO&E these units had through the

1990s. I am going to go ahead and start on the North Koreans this weekend. Have a safe weekend.

6-11-14. Been doing a little backtracking. I decided to give the East Germans a little more firepower so I am going to add the East German 3rd and 5th Armies. I will probably complete the Polish and Czech Armies too. I have temporarily delayed the Koreans again. Sorry, but I am waiting on the birth of my daughter so priorities before beginning something new. I have managed to get all the North Korean and South Korean vehicle factors completed and have templates for the units. I still need to do Japan, China, Taiwan, Australia and update American, and British to the 21st Century. Please be patient, it will come.

6-23-14. Okay folks, baby birthing time is almost upon me, so it may be a few weeks before I post something new. In the mean time enjoy the updated Polish page, NEW additions to the 1990s Equipment Updates, corrected Dutch Recon units, and updates throughout the entire sight.

6-25-14. I am enjoying revamping the Soviet page. Looking forward to putting out the 3rd Shock Army over the next week and then the rest of the Poles and Czechs. The "7 Days to the Rhine" strategy was developed by the Soviets in the late 70s and was to be preceded by nuclear attacks. The Soviet planning was actually supposed to be a response to a NATO invasion to re-unite Germany. The Czechs were skeptical and did not put much faith into the Soviet goal of reaching the Rhine.

7-02-14. Okay. Got the Poles completed. Working on the Czechs and the CGF. I am taking a break for a few days so don't expect much before July 11. Enjoy the Fourth of July and stay safe everyone.

7-09-14. Completed the Central Group of Forces, Soviet 28th Army and the Czech 1st Army. Next I think its time to work on CENTAG. U.S. 7th Army, V and VII Corps and German II and III Corps. Maps soon. Within the next 2 weeks. Enjoy.

7-14-14. I have established the CENTAG page which is basically the U.S. 7th Army. As I publish units the links will become active. The Engineer Brigades for the 7th Army and the 7th Corps are active. You also have access to the 7th corps 1st U. S. Infantry Div; 1st Canadian Division; 2nd U.S. Armored Cavalry Regiment. Thanks to Jeffery Wright for catching the problem with the Polish 92nd MIR..Its fixed now. I will finish up the 7th Corps this week then get one of the German Corps next week.

7-19-14. You will notice that beginning with the recently added U. S. 3rd Armor Division, the engineer units are riding in the ESV. The ESV or Engineer Squad Vehicle, is essentially the M2A2 sans TOW missiles. You can continue to use the M2A2s with or without the TOWs.

7-23-14. I have started working on the final components of CENTAG. Over the next week or so I will complete II German Korps and III German Korps. In modeling these two corps, I am going to use the Bundeswehr designations for companies where possible. I am sure most of you know that the Bundeswehr utilizes numbers instead of letters for company designators. I also have done my best with updating the German Army Aviation unit structure. All the sources I have found give a total number of aircraft in each regiment but not how they were organized into squadrons/flights. So I tried apply logic and I think I came up with a pretty good simulation. You will also see the addition of the Tiger to the attack squadrons. The Tiger or Tigre (French version) did not actually enter service with the Bundeswehr until 2003, even though development was completed by 1994-95. Just like with the French, the procurement of

the helicopter was delayed as a direct result of the "fall" of the Soviet Union and dissolution of the Warsaw Pact. You will find 2 flights of Tigers in each Attack Helicopter company. I thought it would be a good model of what might have occurred as the Tiger was integrated into Army Aviation circa 1996-97 or earlier and the Warsaw Pact was still in place.

7-25-14. WHEW!!! The German 1st (Mountain) Gebirgs Division was tough. It is a VERY unique organization; especially the 23rd Gebirgsjager Brigade. Yes, those are mules in the Mountain Mounted Company (LOGISTIC). It is also a very large division with 4 combat brigades. I did the best I could and was fortunate to find some German language Bundeswehr websites that provided some extra detail in the makeup of the 23rd Gebirgsjager Brigade. The 4th Panzergrenadier and 10th Panzer Divisions should not take so long since they were pretty standard. Enjoy!

7-28-14. While I am working on Ill Ge Korps, I am also updating Direct Fire and Indirect fire charts, and will be re-examining some of the vehicle factors. I was looking at a couple of them last week and all I could say was "What was I thinking?". The math for some looks a little skewed. I may add some more vehicles. I am trying to keep this mostly focused on units and vehicles that were developed in the 1980s-90s. There are numerous weapons systems that are in use today that were ready for production in the 1990s but were purposely delayed as part of the "peace dividend" with the "collapse" of the Soviet Union and the CFE treaty. What you see is mostly how NATO and the Warsaw Pact appeared in 1988-89 and what they may have "appeared" like in 1998-99. Why not give everybody the "high-end" equipment? Cost. Re-equipping an entire nation's military force at once just wasn't feasible. That's why I feel you would have still found M-60A3s and T-55s in the late 90s; especially with the Warsaw Pact equipment. The old Pact countries just did not have the economies for massive scale re-equipping. You will find an updating of the indirect fire charts for the U.S., UK, FRG and the Soviets. The original IDF for the NATO M-109 was using data for the M-109 to the M-109A3. Beginning with the M-109A5, a longer barrel was used. Consider all U.S. M-109s to be M-109A6s in scenarios after 1990. In the current incarnation, the M-109A6, it has increased ordinance range, storage capacity, and along with the PzH2000 and AS-90, there is no need to deploy as with older systems. These digital fire systems can move, receive a fire mission, stop, fire and resume moving in less than a minute without the need to execute the deployment function; i.e. emplace, lay, and safe the gun. The data for the 2S19 was corrected for range and HE attack.

7-29-14. In order to reduce paperwork, I created some PAD (portable air defense) counters to represent the Stingers, SA-7s, UK Javelins/Blowpipes, Mistral's man portable surface to air missiles. In the original rules, each maneuver company received one shot of portable SAMs that was recorded as a round of ammunition for one of the platoons assigned to the company. For those of you wishing to reduce paperwork, simply place a PAD counter underneath the platoon or unit of your choice. If the unit is destroyed, the counter is destroyed. If the SAM round is fired, simply remove the counter from play. The counter sheet for the PAD units is available in the NEUTRAL section.

8-1-14. I hope you like the PzH2000 SPH for the German Army. I took a re-look at the Indirect Fire Rules. The capability of the M109A6, AS-90 and PzH2000 to basically shoot and scoot without the time consuming process of deploying is pretty awesome. The 2S19 has a semi-active version of the digital fire control system of the 3 NATO vehicles. Not quite sure what that means and I am going to do a little more research on it.

8-5-14. I have added a North Korean page. It is in the experimental stage. I have added an independent NK Armor Regiment. The North Koreans are a leg infantry army for the most

part. According to FM 34-71 (Opposing Force Training Module: North Korean Military Forces) there are probably on 3 Armor and 3 Mechanized Infantry divisions in the NKPA with the bulk of the army consisting of leg infantry. More to come.