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1-5-2018. Welcome to a new year of myassaultpage.com. This will be our 5th year of the website dedicated to all things GDW Assault. Our goals for 2018 are expansion of the 21st Century Assault; completion of the updating of the Assault 1990s; revamp of Korean Assault and the new Middle-East Assault. We had over 100,000 visits last year and hope to improve on that in 2018. Visit the Facebook page or shoot me an email with comments, criticisms, suggestions or just to say hello. I have already added a new section in Advanced Assault highlighting Soviet Operations FM 100-2-1. This is mainly to help non-military fans understand the Soviet (Warsaw Pact) concepts and doctrines and for us old grognards who's memories aren't what they used to be. I am trying to get the next scenario of the Lithuanian Incident published along with the updated Bulgarian People's Army and 2 new Alpine maps. Lots to come, in the mean time ENJOY!

2-17-18. The newest edition to Assault is the Scenario section in the 1990 Advanced Assault. This new section will introduce new graphics and new artillery rules that improve solitaire play (and I think more accurately simulates actual practice). The Campaign as a whole represents the epic battle between the US 3rd Infantry Division (M) and the Soviet 8th Guards Combined Arms Army. In the first scenario, Scouts Out, the Scout platoon of the 1/30th Mech Task Force meets the 5th Independent Reconnaissance Battalion of the 27th Guards Motorized Division. Only rules 1-16 are used and the even though Assault Map A is specified, any map can be used. Each scenario will introduce new units and more rules, in a tutorial sort of way. First Half Forward Observer 2018 The Bulgarians and the next installment of the Lithuanian scenario are still in progress and a new section with new counters based on the original Assault counters is coming soon thanks to Perry Pender. In the meantime, ENJOY!!!

2-27-18. New section featuring the original GDW style units with artwork by superfan Perry Pender. I will be adding the original Data Charts and Rules from the original game but I wanted to go ahead and get this fantastic work out. More to Come. ENJOY!!!

2-28-18. I added the original charts for the Assault 1985 pages. History has shown that some of the original charts were off in their predictions of how modern weapons performed, mainly because some systems were still classified at the time. I enjoyed playing it then and knowing of some discrepancies, it did not diminish the experience. That being said.. more to come.. ENJOY!!!

3-8-2018. The new scenario, Advance Guard, is out for the Phase III Assault. You will find NEW Artillery rules that I think are more reflective of practices in call for fire. Also, there is a new fan site; Cold War Gamer blog, that I added to the HOME page. I have used this as a source in the past and it has good reference material. Please visit. Still slowly putting together the last part of the Bulgarian Army for the Phase II artwork. Then from now on I will be using only Phase III artwork... more to come... ENJOY!!!

3-13-18. The third scenario for the Phase III Advanced Scenarios is out. DIV CAV pits the 4/4 Cav against the 68 Guards MRR and some 27 Guards MRD assests. More to come... ENJOY!!! First Half Forward Observer 2018

4-18-18. The 4th Scenario, Main Attack, in the saga of the 1st Brigade-3rd ID vs 27th MRD is available. I went to a slightly larger format so that the counters are easier to read but you can scale them to any size you want. For reference, the counter backs in Scenario 4 will only line up with the scenario 4 counters. I apologize for not publishing the Phase II Bulgarian Army. It is done but I just have not put it on the website yet. There is at least one more scenario I want to do for Phase III. I hope the Phase III material meets with approval. Anyway.. More to Come... ENJOY!!!

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5-3-18. The new Phase III Scenario is out; The Campaign: The Rock of the Marne. It is the final installment of the 1st Brigade/3rd Infantry Division (M) vs the 27 Guards Motorized Rifle Division. All rules are in effect. The Campaign rules were based on and developed from the old West End Games AIR CAV campaign game. If you have a chance to pick that up do so, it is an excellent system and is easily adaptable to miniatures. IF this is well received look for more like this. I am hoping to get the new Fulda Gap map from Patriot Wargaming Solutions and my good friend David Farrell. When I get that look for four generations scenario from the 1960s-1990s featuring battles in the Gap. Well, I hope this meets with approval....More to Come... ENJOY!!!

6-3-18. The long awaited Bulgarian People's Army is now up. Sorry for the extensive delay, but I wanted to get the Rock of the Marne Campaign out. It must have been fairly well received because we hit an all time high of 16K in hits last month which brings the total for the year over 61,000!! I First Half Forward Observer 2018 am working on a Fulda Campaign with scenarios based in the 60s, 70s and 80s using the Patriot Wargaming Solutions new Fulda Map. Hope to have the first installment out soon. Summer has started and the kinder are out of school so work slows a bit.. More to come... ENJOY!!!

8-6-18. It has been 2 months since our last update. The Greek Army is now up. All 4 Army Corps and the ASDEN as they probably would have appeared in the mid-to-late 1990s. Some upgrades were occurring prior to the Greek Army reorganization. You will find a mixture of new and old equipment. M-42 Dusters; A-7H, M48A5 MOLF; M60A1 RISE; just to name a few. When I get around to adding in Naval Assets to all the Advanced Assault, I will address the Greek Navy's landing craft then. In the mean time I have provided "inflatables" that can be used to deploy the leg units. In re-publishing the countries for the Advanced Assault, I am trying to get more detail into the OOBs and units available. IF I have left something out or anyone has specific knowledge of discrepancies please let me know. Sometimes I find the references to be scant to say the least and make "educated" guesses on what the organization may actually be. I used 3 different sources of the Greek Army and Air Forces depicted and they did not always agree; however, I think what you have is decent representation of what the Greek Army may have looked like in a Warsaw Pact world of the 1990s.

Next up, I am working on some scenarios featuring the 1970s equipment and R.O.A.D. organizations.. Yep that's right; Shillelaghs and Starships; 5 tank platoons; M60A1s versus T62s and T-64s. First up in the R.O.A.D. to Destruction series (circa 1975) is the 11th ACR fighting back the hordes in the Fulda Gap. Then later the 1st Armored Division counter-attacks. I am going to be putting the original Points system for creating your own scenarios and a version of that for the new scenarios. In the meantime; ENJOY!!!

8-13-18. I had to add a new page to the site. Fan Questions. I got such a fantastic battery of questions from fan Stephen Weatherman that I had to share them. I hope the answers help. PLEASE send any questions or comments to myassaultpage@gmail.com. I will answer them to the best of my ability. Enjoy!!

8-14-18. A little minor tweeking to the Appendix A. Sequence of Play. It more accurately reflects the intent of the new Artillery procedure. Both players record Artillery missions in the Movement phases

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prior to movement. Artillery missions are fired during the subsequent fire phase. This is more accurate in my opinion to what actually occurs; at least in my experience working with FISTs and FOs. One thing I like to encourage is players to modify these "suggestions" into their own house rules. If you like it use it, if not develop your own; just ENJOY the game!!

10-1-18. Thought I would update the blog. Real life has gotten in the way of the hobby recently but I hope to get back into the drill very soon. I just do not like the attempted solo version so that will be nixed for now. I have started work on the Norwegians and that will probably come out next. I am still tweaking artwork on the 1970s ROAD scenario. I am looking forward to getting that out. 5 tank platoons, M551s, M48s, and M60s versus T-62s, T-64s, and a smattering of T-72s here and there. Thanks for all the support from everyone out there! Enjoy!!

10-16-18. **\*\*UPDATE\*\*** Work is progressing nicely on Allied Forces Northern Europe (AFNORTH). The Allied Forces North Norway (NON) is complete and I am working on the Allied Forces South Norway (SONOR). The study of Norwegian Army will be much more comprehensive than in the first iteration. The upgrading of systems actually begin in the late late 90s but we accelerated it a couple of years to account for a viable Warsaw Pact threat throughout the decade. Leopard 2A4s have begun to replace the Leopard 1s and M48A5s. The Chaffees are gone and the CV90 has begun to make it's appearance along with the Stinger (replacing the RBS 70 in some units). So more to come. Enjoy!

11-02-18. Well the weather is getting colder and it only seems fitting that we should revisit the Northern Regions of the East-West conflict. The first installment of AFNORTH is here with the re-vamped Norwegian Army. I used three sources for the order of battle and I think this is considerably more comprehensive than my prior effort. Along with the active Norwegian units I have also included the Home Guard Brigades and Distrikt militias. I did advance the deployment of the CV-9030N but only a couple of years; however, I did not expand it beyond the historical deployment so you will only find them in Brigade Nord. You will find a mixture of Type 90, Type 90 modified, Type 78 and Type 78 modified battalions. I think we have done a decent job in modeling the Norwegian Army as it might have appeared in a Warsaw Pact 1990s world. The unit data cards will be out in the next couple of weeks. I look forward to hearing from our Scandinavian fans. In the meantime, more to come. ENJOY!!!

12-12-18. The USMC is now available. I took a different approach this time around and have attempted to model the entire II MEF along with the associated Marine Air Wing. I have also added the Aircraft Direct Fire Data Charts for all the NATO countries published thus far. I am moving towards eliminating the generic Aircraft Data Chart. I still have the Unit Data Cards to do for Norway, Canada, UK, and the USMC; but I figured it was more important at this time to push out the USMC force. I have just received some wonderfully written and presented fan rules that I am still processing and will have out soon. In the mean time... Have a Merry Christmas to those of you who celebrate and a Happy New Year to everyone. Stay safe and ENJOY!!!