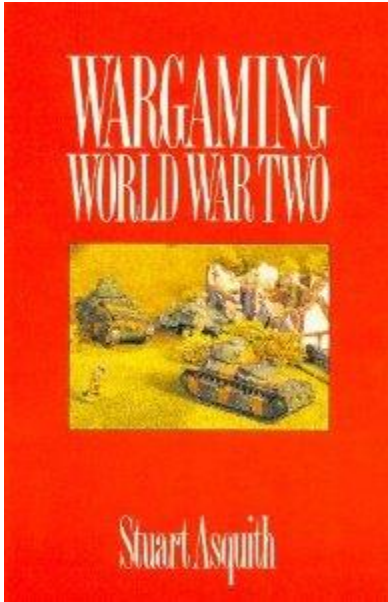


'Wargaming World War Two'

By Stuart Asquith

Review by Paul Le Long

I like Stuart Asquith's books but this isn't one of his best; though at the current price of 1p, you should still buy it! As a book on wargaming it's not that great, as a data book on WWII, it's rather better.



We start off with 25 pages of narrative history of the war, which while nicely written will not add anything to the knowledge of anyone reading this review. The rest of the book is divided up into sections on the war on land, sea and air. The first section of the war on land is by far the longest, so let's see what you get.

First off, we have organisation of armies and we go through every major army (and some more peripheral ones as well) in alphabetical order. There are also quite a few organisational charts scattered throughout which are useful. There is brief advice on organising wargames units before we move on to weaponry and again we go through country by country in alphabetical order.

Weaponry includes tanks, artillery and infantry weapons. Obviously, the listings for some countries are longer than others of the listing for Australia has just two tanks and

one SMG, while US equipment runs to over 4 pages, for example. This data list is in my view the chief value of the book. It isn't comprehensive but there is plenty of information here to satisfy most readers.

The war on land section continues with 13 pages of rules and three scenarios of set in the jungle, desert and an urban street-fight respectively. The rules are pretty standard fare, where you roll 1D6 with high rolls killing an enemy figure. The rules include artillery, tanks, infantry combat and so on of workmanlike, but no more. We round off the section with a list of figures and kits available, reading list (history) and a list of wargaming books on the subject.

We repeat the formula in the sections on sea and air warfare but in truncated fashion. Whereas the war on land section runs to over 100 pages, those on sea and air run to just 20 pages each.

I suspect that most *Lone Warrior* readers will learn very little from this book and will not be dropping their favourite set of rules (land, naval or air) for the ones presented here. Nevertheless, the organisational details are useful as is the data on equipment. Having all of this broken down country by country is nice as well. So not a great book but not all bad either and certainly well worth the current asking price on Amazon.

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