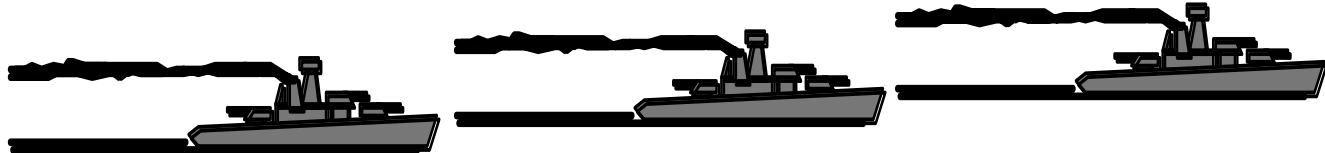


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NATs 2007 !

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Victorious Axis Admiral Lou Meszaros...

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BEST OF CLASS AWARDS

CLASS	# IN CLASS	CAPT.	SHIP	SCORE
1	3	DW Fluegel	Karlshruha	1594
2	4	Chris Pearce	Froggy	3369
3	10	Chris Kessler	USS Brooklyn	7544
4	9	Steve Reynolds	HMS Invincible	10269
5	12	Steve Crane	Nagato	10654
6	12	Charley Stephens	Killerina	11600
7	1	Brian Koehler	HMS Vanguard	10186
8	1	Rob Stalnaker	Yamato	5410

NATS 2006 !

Now zat zee Glorious Axis Fleet haf driven zee Allied fleet to it's knees, zer vill be a few changes around here....

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Unnamed victorious DKM sailor enjoying a well earned beverage...

NATs MONDAY - PKD

NATs started under the shadow of, and soon under the influence of, tropical storm Alberto. Since the area hadn't had rain in quite some time, the tropics picked NATs week to make up for the shortfall. We were on the south side of the storm, so we didn't get the full brunt of it. Things were actually well timed, as the storm bands swept across us during the breaks between battles, or at the end of the day. Rick King sure had things well scheduled!

I was on the Allied team, commanding the U.S.S. Des Moines. I was teamed up with Chris Kessler with his U.S.S. Brooklyn, as part of the Allied cruiser fleet.

The NATs lake had an island at one end, with a narrow channel on the NATs tent side, and a wider channel on the opposite side. Our mission was to hold the entrance to the wide channel, to prevent any

Axis from using that avenue to approach the Allied rear. The Allied 'fast' fleet was to locate further out in the lake, and whose mission was to (attempt to) draw the Axis fleet into the narrows, where the Allied 'slow' fleet had set up shop. The Axis recognized this "trap", and weren't inclined to take a tour of the narrows. Most of the action ended up taking up directly in front of the narrows, where the Axis fleet had room to maneuver.

Prior to the battle, Kevin Bray had nick named my wingman Chris, "The Gingerbread Man". This was based on Kevin's past experience with Chris' talent to "strategically redeploy" during a battle in order to prevent taking too many points and thereby hurting his team. This was a good pairing for me, as I tend to be too much of a bulldog, getting in where I don't belong in order to tangle with the enemy. Chris would help keep me

BATTLE: MONDAY AM

TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
Allied	18	84.0	21855	0	21855
Axis	19	100.5	17460	0	17460

ALLIED

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Dave Au	Glorie	0	1	2	No	125	None	635.78
Dana Graham	King George	8	0	2	No	180	None	1589.45
Chris Pierce	Froggy	6	0	1	No	110	None	635.78
Steve Reichenbach	USS Portland	2	3	0	Yes	695	None	476.84
Doug Hunt	USS West Virginia	53	4	7	Yes	1980	None	715.25
Frank Falango	USS Arizona	22	5	16	No	1145	None	1430.51
Tim Krakowski	USS South Car.	56	3	8	No	1035	None	1271.56
Joel Goodman	USS Indiana	70	5	22	No	1925	None	1589.45
Steven Reynolds	HMS Invincible	40	5	4	No	725	None	1271.56
Ty Supancic	HMS Inflexible	72	2	25	No	2020	None	1271.56
Brian Koehler	HMS Vanguard	23	2	6	No	580	None	1589.45
Chris Kessler	USS Brooklyn	12	1	2	No	245	None	953.67
Peter Demetri	USS Des Moines	18	2	3	No	380	None	953.67
Kevin Bray	Big Mammie	103	13	12	No	1955	None	1589.45
Clark Ward	HMS Invincible	0	0	0	Yes	800	None	1271.56
Bob Hoernemann	HMS Warspite	38	3	20	No	1455	None	1430.51
Don Cole	USS Alabama	20	1	7	No	575	None	1589.45

AXIS

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Wade Koehn	Bismark	30	0	1	No	350	None	1094.67
Lou M	VV	3	0	0	Yes	1230	None	1094.67
Rob Stalnaker	Yamato	87	5	13	Yes	3245	None	1094.67
Randy Stiponovich	Von Der Tann	18	9	9	No	855	None	875.74
Mark Roe	Scharnhorst	11	0	6	No	410	None	985.20
Steve Crane	Nagato	52	1	0	No	545	None	985.20
DW Fluegel	Karlshruha	36	8	2	Yes	860	None	218.93
Brandon Smith	Fuso	3	0	0	No	30	None	985.20
Alan Oster	Konig	14	4	11	Yes	1790	None	492.60
Peter Kunisch	Derflinger	6	1	0	Yes	885	None	875.74
Dallas Fluegel	Baden	44	19	27	No	2265	None	985.20
Trent Thompson	Roma	30	0	2	No	400	None	1094.67
Luis Negron	Osfriesland	2	0	1	No	70	None	875.74
Rick King	Nagato	132	5	8	Yes	2845	None	985.20
Brian Lamb	Bismark	65	14	19	No	1950	None	1094.67
Trystan Thompson	Graf Spee	44	4	5	No	790	None	656.80
Tim Becket	Bismark	82	8	23	No	2170	None	1094.67
Lief Goodson	Molke	53	3	11	No	1155	None	875.74
Dirty Dave	Mutsu	1	0	0	No	10	None	1094.67

in check. I will state for the record that Chris was a fantastic wingman, and together we carried out our missions in full (well, at least in spirit we did).

Chris and I were standing on the island, with our ships stationed farther out in front of the wide channel. We were the first line of defense for this channel. Most of the action drifted towards the narrows, but we held our station. Her Fluegel (standing on the far shore – opposite the main battle) drove the Köln around to our operational area, and decided to test our defenses. We spent the next little while chasing the Köln around out in front of our side of the island, until Fluegel had

expended all his bb's, he called his "five" and got out of there. The Karlshruha, being faster than either of us, withdrew without being hassled too much. Next thing we knew, DW was pulling the Karl out of the water! Chris & I claimed our first kill of the week. After this, Chris and I decided to see what else we could do to make ourselves useful in the main battle.

Chris and I were looking to have fun during this NATs, and trying not to get too geeked up over whether or not the Allies were winning every battle, or that we were using our bb's wisely. We fired our bb's in the direction of the Axis ships when we could, sometimes hitting, sometimes not.

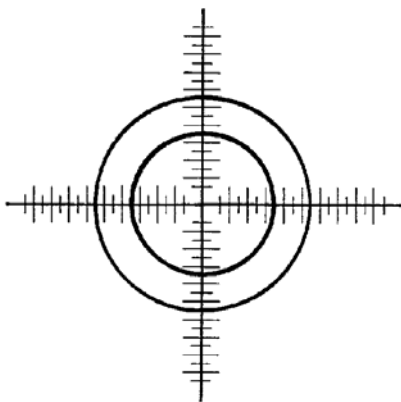
Divers... We had the services of two divers, Leroy & Curtis, and they were immensely helpful with all aspects of NATs. Not just boat retrieval, but aiding in the launching of ships, setting up the various campaign items, and helping out anyone that asked for help in whatever capacity. They did a fantastic job, and I know everyone was greatly appreciative of all the assistance. And anyone that didn't want to get their feet wet, didn't have to. Especially since the water was not all that clear, and was deeper than we had hoped, making ship retrieval a good use of their scuba diving talents.

Due to the Allies being outgunned during every battle (excluding campaign), any ship that had triple sterns was paid extra attention, which made it difficult to use them to full affect without paying a price. So a lot of wounded Axis ships that would be easy targets, were well and skillfully defended.

Rick King was ready to surrender on Day 1 of NATs ! Photo by G



A less than pleased Allied Grand Admiral Purvis looks on... by G



MONDAY AM BATTLE

BADEN, 'BAMA, AND ONE OF THE I-BOATS

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DOUG HAULS OUT THE W. VIRGINIA

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PORTLAND ROLLS OVER...

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Nagato getting a little help from a friend... by G



A VIEW OF THE 'NARROWS'

Photo by G



A VIEW OF THE WIDE CHANNEL,
AS SEEN FROM THE ISLAND

Photo by G



BATTLE: MONDAY PM

TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
Allied	15	65.8	15630	0	15630
Axis	17	85.0	18990	0	18990

ALLIED

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Dave Au	Glorie	2	0	1	No	70	None	635.78
Chris Pierce	Froggy	6	1	0	No	85	None	635.78
Charley Stephens	Killerina	65	11	30	No	2425	None	1589.45
Joel Goodman	USS Indiana	9	0	6	Yes	1590	None	1589.45
Peter Demetri	USS Des Moines	14	0	1	No	190	None	953.67
Tim Krakowski	USS South Car.	12	1	2	Yes	1045	None	1271.56
Brian Koehler	HMS Vanguard	21	0	10	No	710	None	1589.45
Bob Hoerneman	HMS Warspite	82	8	20	No	2020	None	1430.51
Dana Graham	King George	7	1	7	No	445	None	1589.45
Don Cole	USS Alabama	25	1	4	No	475	None	1589.45
Steven Reynolds	HMS Invincible	60	4	16	No	1500	None	1271.56
Frank Falango	USS Arizona	29	4	42	Yes	3490	None	1430.51
Steve Reichenbach	USS Portland	20	0	4	No	400	None	476.84
Chris Kessler	USS Brooklyn	6	2	0	No	110	None	953.67
Ty Supancic	HMS Inflexible	126	15	40	Yes	4435	None	1271.56

AXIS

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Trent Thompson	Roma	54	6	10	No	1190	None	1094.67
DW Fluegel	Baden	63	10	38	No	2780	None	1203.59
Luis Negron	Osfriesland	5	1	4	No	275	None	875.74
Nathaniel Goodson	Von Der Tann	61	9	21	No	1885	None	1069.86
Trystan Thompson	Graf Spee	33	1	13	Yes	1605	None	656.80
Brian Lamb	Bismark	20	1	3	No	375	None	1094.67
Wade Koehn	Bismark	30	0	1	No	350	None	1094.67
Randy Stiponovich	Von Der Tann	35	3	4	No	625	None	875.74
Tim Becket	Bismark	34	3	1	No	465	None	1094.67
Alan Oster	Konig	24	9	12	No	1065	None	492.60
Dirty Dave	Mutsu	11	0	0	No	110	None	1094.67
Dallas Fluegel	Karlusche	11	6	8	No	660	None	267.46
Lou M	VV	33	6	16	No	1280	None	1094.67
Gerald Roberts	Lutzow	68	4	2	No	880	None	802.39
Steve Crane	Nagato	51	3	7	No	935	None	985.20
Peter Kunisch	Derflinger	35	2	6	No	700	None	875.74

Wade discovers that the Bismarck is having a little trouble... Photo by G



MONDAY PM BATTLE

DIVERS EAGERLY WAITING ANOTHER SINK by G



THE HERD ...

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JOEL LETS A LITTLE WATER OUT OF THE INDIANA

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TEACHER & STUDENT

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WARSPITE & DERFLINGER TANGLE

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SPEE RACING ALONG SIDE 'BAMA

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NAGATO LOOKING A LITTLE LOW IN THE WATER

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TY HAULS THE INFLEXIBLE UP OFF THE BOTTOM

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BATTLE: TUESDAY AM

TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
Allied	15	74.0	14335	0	14335
Axis	22	107.0	24410	200	24210

ALLIED

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Doug Hunt	USS West Virginia	36	2	4	No	610	None	715.25
Charley Stephens	Killerina	82	12	23	No	2270	None	1589.45
Don Cole	USS Alabama	44	0	7	Yes	1990	None	1589.45
Kevin Bray	Big Mammie	1	0	2	Yes	1310	None	1589.45
Ty Supancic	HMS Inflexible	58	4	2	Yes	1580	None	1271.56
Joel Goodman	USS Indiana	29	3	2	No	465	None	1589.45
Peter Demetri	USS Des Moines	86	7	4	No	1235	None	953.67
Bob Hoernemann	HMS Warspite	58	7	20	No	1755	None	1430.51
Steve Reichenbach	USS Portland	21	2	7	No	610	None	476.84
Chris Kessler	USS Brooklyn	11	1	14	No	835	None	953.67
Brian Koehler	HMS Vanguard	135	10	16	Yes	3800	None	1589.45
Tim Krakowski	USS Augusta	29	3	2	No	465	None	728.90
Frank Falango	USS Arizona	66	12	17	Yes	2810	None	1430.51
Steven Reynolds	HMS Invincible	48	2	7	No	880	None	1271.56
Dana Graham	King George	37	13	38	Yes	3795	None	1589.45

AXIS

CAPT	SHIP	A	O	B	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Tim Becket	Bismarck	48	7	15	No	1405	None	1094.67
Wade Koehn	Bismarck	164	11	23	Yes	4265	None	1094.67
Randy Stiponovich	Von Der Tann	6	1	3	No	235	None	875.74
Brian Lamb	Bismarck	41	12	16	No	1510	Ram	1094.67
Rob Stalnaker	Yamato	16	1	1	No	235	None	1094.67
Alan Oster	Konig	11	0	8	No	510	None	492.60
Luis Negron	Osfriesland	7	0	2	No	170	None	875.74
Steve Crane	Nagato	53	3	3	No	755	None	985.20
Trent Thompson	Roma	3	0	1	No	80	None	1094.67
Dirty Dave	Mutsu	11	0	2	No	210	None	1094.67
Dallas Fluegel	Baden	7	2	3	No	270	None	985.20
Mark Roe	Scharnhorst	25	2	5	No	550	None	985.20
Peter Kunisch	Derflinger	6	0	2	No	160	None	875.74
Trystan Thompson	Graf Spee	1	0	0	No	10	None	656.80
Lou M	VV	48	7	16	No	1455	None	1094.67
Gerald Roberts	Lutzow	0	0	0	No	0	None	802.39
Rick King	Adm Scheer	13	0	0	No	130	None	830.06
DW Fluegel	Karlshruha	36	7	4	No	735	None	218.93
Chris Pierce	Froggy	2	0	0	No	20	None	635.78
Lief Goodson	Molke	32	4	17	No	1270	None	875.74
Dave Au	Glorie	6	2	3	No	260	None	635.78
Brandon Smith	Fuso	10	0	0	No	100	None	985.20

TUESDAY - PKD

Morning battle. The worst battle, as far as damage goes, that I've ever had while using my Des Moines. After the battle I had 85 aboves, a few belows (I didn't sink). I took all this damage while carrying out my orders, which were, during the second sortie, along with three other cruisers, to go sink Steve Crane's Nagato, which had been heavily damaged during the first sortie.

Tim Krakowski, Chris Kessler and I formed up, and we were going to go after the stricken Nagato. If we had thought about it a little, we'd had realized that the Axis had

decided to use the Nagato as bait. We were also well out of position in order to carry out a well-executed plan (which we didn't have any way). We had talked about relocating to just off the dock, which was located directly opposite the island, but battle started before we could set up. Steve Reichenbach and his Portland, were not part of the original plan, but he charged in to go after the Nagato once battle was started. I thought that two ships had a better chance than one, and followed. Steve soon ran into trouble getting to the target, which was located well in the rear of the Axis fleet. Chris & Tim tried to get in there as well, but to no avail. I suffered about 1200 damage points in this battle alone for my efforts. I actually

had almost twice the damage that Rob Stalknacker's Yamato had taken during the same battle. (I guess no one wanted to tangle with him) The Nagato survived it's "five", of course.

TUESDAY CAMPAIGN

I spent most of my time shooting targets, with Chris' assistance, and we managed to knock most of them down. Later in campaign, I sank during my fourth sortie. I was out shooting up a Bremen, which was on the far side of the lake, when I noticed my ship acting a little strange, riding too low in the water for not being shot up. My ship had taken some damage, but not enough to sink me without me doing something

dumb, like not turning my pump on, or turning it off when I thought I was turning in on. I sank when I was on my way in to see if I was in real trouble. Post sink investigation showed that I had been rammed. Earlier during this sortie, I knew I had been rammed, but when I looked at it, all I saw was a horizontal crack, about $\frac{3}{4}$ " from the deck rim, well out of the water, so I went back out. I did not see the vertical crack that ran from there to below the waterline. When the ship was retrieved, after spending some time down under (because of the campaign rules) the receiver was still functional. Upon closer examination later that night, I found that a small amount of water had gotten into my receiver. Although I had sealed the receiver (I do not have a waterproof box in my Des Moines), apparently I hadn't sealed it as good as I thought, and some water had seeped in and corroded part of the 2.4GHz receiver. But a little alcohol, some corrosion removal, and an epoxy dip, sealed it up later that night.

The Allies carried the day during this campaign, making more convoy runs that the Axis.

A YAMATO CAN GET REALLY HEAVY WHEN IT'S FILLED WITH WATER.

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WARSPITE LEAVING AN UNFRIENDLY NEIGHBOR HOOD

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TUESDAY AM BATTLE

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LOU'S VV LINIG UP ON WARSPITE... Photo by G



ANOTHER SUCESSFUL RESCUE... Photo by G



WARSPITE DRAWING A LITTLE ATTENTION... by G



A VIEW OF THE COVE BEHIND THE ISLAND,
WITH THE NARROWS IN THE FOREGROUND

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AXIS HEAVY GUNS WAITING FOR SOME ACTION...

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TUESDAY CAMPAIGN

TEAM	# SHIPS	# UNITS	CAMPAIGN PTS	DAMAGE	PEN	TEAM SCORE
Allied	15	26.0	9600	5900	200	15300
Axis	10	32.5	5600	5550	800	10350

CONVOY SHIPS

ALLIED

CAPT	SHIP	FWD RUN	RTN RUN	SUNK?	PENALTIES
Clark Ward	LST	1	1	No	None
Joel Goodman	Freighter	1	0	No	None
Doug Hunt	CVL	0	0	Yes	None
Clark Ward	Imp	1	1	No	None
Kevin Bray	LST	4	4	No	None
Ty Supancic	CVL	2	2	No	None
Martin Helsing	CVL	1	0	No	None
Dana Graham	PT Boat	1	0	No	None

AXIS

CAPT	SHIP	FWD RUN	RTN RUN	SUNK?	PENALTIES
Mark Roe	Akashi	1	0	No	None
Dirty Dave	Bremmen	1	0	No	None
Mark Roe	Europa	2	1	No	None

WARSHIPS

ALLIED

CAPT	SHIP	PRI/SEC SHIP	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Joel Goodman	Augusta	Secondary	Yes	600	None	0.00
Peter Demetri	USS DesMoines	Primary	Yes	600	None	953.67
Doug Hunt	USS West Virginia	Primary	Yes	1000	None	715.25
Steve Reichenbach	Pink Submarine	Secondary	Yes	200	None	0.00
Brian Koehler	HMS Vanguard	Primary	Yes	1400	None	1589.45
Tim Krakowski	USS Augusta	Secondary	Yes	600	None	728.90
Bob Hoernemann	USS Minneapolis	Secondary	Yes	600	Ram	0.00

AXIS

CAPT	SHIP	PRI/SEC SHIP	SUNK?	DAMAGE	PEN	SCORE
Dave Au	Glorie	Primary	No	0	Unseaworthy sink	635.78
Dallas Fluegel	Karlusche	Primary	Yes	200	None	267.46
Luis Negron	Osfriesland	Primary	No	0	Ram (x2)	875.74
Tim Becket	Bismark	Primary	No	0	Ram	1094.67
Brandon Smith	Fuso	Primary	Yes	1000	None	985.20
Trent Thompson	Roma	Primary	Yes	1200	None	1094.67
DW Fluegel	Baden	Primary	Declared	2000	None	1203.59

TUESDAY CAMPAIGN – Bob H.

There is always a big rush right before campaign to get things ready. The site hosts are setting up the bases. Captains are getting their battleships and cruisers ready to go. Then there are the crazy few that bring multiple convoy ships. They are always running around like headless chickens fixing this and that, trying to get all their ships to function. Tuesday always seems to be more hectic than Thursday, and there is just never enough time to get everything ready.

To start this year's campaign on Tuesday the Allies had planned to have about half their fleet go out with cruisers and half start with battleships. Then the captains who had a second ship would change about halfway through. We were also going to launch several convoy ships right as campaign started. Things did not go as

planned. The weather was very windy ruling out USS Yorktown (Our only Class 10 ship). I was also worried about the CVLs being able to make runs in the wind. Before campaign I tested one of them to make sure it would not be blown over. Thankfully things looked good on the test run. We spent a lot of time getting them ready right before campaign. Each one needed to get the deck tapped down so no extra water gets inside. This took a lot longer as we also needed to tape the flimsy plastic flight decks on, the Velcro would not hold them down in the wind.

Campaign started and our cruisers attacked the Axis targets, as they did the same to us. I still did not have the Minneapolis on the water as I was trying to get CVLs going. The Axis had launched the Europa and Bremen close to the start of campaign and were able to sit around with little attention. The

Allies had already lost one of their big battleships as Don Cole came off the water with some kind of problem and two Houston Class Cruisers of Joel Goodman and Tim Krakowski also sank early on. The Houstons floated down the pond with their bows in still out of the water. We just did not have the fire power needed to kill the big Axis convoys. They were able to drift along as the wind blew them around the pond. The Europa went into a turn, took the wind on the side and moved more sideways than forward. The Allied cruisers finally found these large targets but had already spent most of their shots shooting targets. I was only able to get a few shots into them before they completed their forward run. Meanwhile the Allies had launched Kevin Bray's LST (He would make

4 complete runs without getting hit), Charlie's tiny Empire Campton, Steve Reichenbachs "Operation Petticoat Pink" sub and the three CVLs. The plan was for the CVLs to go into the channel and hide in the cove then make the run to the home base. Because we did not get them ready in time, Tim & Brian had their Bismarcks ready for us. Tim had already managed to hit Steve's sub, even thought he knew there were women aboard, sinking her far from shore. Tim said he saw a small section of the pink hull turn black from a sidemount shot and knew it was a sunk ship. Steve Reynolds changed plans as the CVLs got to the channel and headed out to sea. Doug Hunt, running one of the CVLs, was not able to follow as the rudder on his ship was not responding. He drove into the channel and Tim followed to pound him until he sank. The other CVLs made their run with out damage. The Axis dumped out the water from the big liners and sent them back out. The Allies cruisers were more prepared this time and started shooting up the big ships. The Bremen lost forward power and was an easy target. She sank in almost the middle of the pond. The Europa continued to the forward base under constant attack, fighting the allied ships and the wind. Her run was completed with out taking too much damage. The Allies quickly launched the CVLs to make the return run. The "Q" ship's deck did not get on the right way and it looked like it would drag her under. She managed to make it to the far side of the pond before it fell off, somehow the ship managed to stay afloat. Steve Reynolds and Ty Supanic completed their return run and patched the convoy ship for another forward run.

The Allies were not the only ones having problems. As Fluegel launched his Baden he lost propulsion. His pump and guns still worked but he could not move. Dallas pushed him so he was sitting by the Allies home base. One side was against the wood barrier and the haymaker side was out to sea. His stern guns lined up just right so any Allied ship coming into port would get a couple quick shots.

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A STRANGE PINK OBJECT WAS BRIEFLY CAUGHT ON FILM... by G



A SLEW OF ALLIED CONVOY SHIPS WAITING TO GO... by G



DW grabbed a chair and started to have an easy campaign. About half way through campaign all the Allied targets were down and only a few Axis targets remained. Wade and Luis were doing a good job guarding them. Wade had several pumps in his Bismarck to keep from sinking just for this. After shooting off the last of my bbs I called five and started to wait it out. I went over to Fluegel's Baden and tried to push him around so his haymaker was to the shore. Doug Hunt also came over to start shooting him up. Tim & Brian came by and moved us away. Then I lost control of the Minneapolis. The pump turned off and I could not move, the receiver battery had died. Randy was nice enough to come over and shoot me a few times, then prop wash me, then try and push me closer to shore. She did not make it very far before sinking. I started to get the Warspite ready but found I had no control of her, another bad receiver battery. I switched to the one in the sunken CVL and headed off to make trouble with Flugel. By the time I had got Warspite ready the Baden had drifted to the channel. Kevin Bray had put the LST away and was ready to help me sink DW. I walked over to his ship and looked for Flugel. He was not paying any attention to the Baden. He was working on someone else's ship. I yelled over to him "Hey, Fluegel do you want to declare?" He looked over to see Bray and I lining up on him and came running over. As I got my haymaker in his bow I again asked "Fluegel you sure you don't want to declare?" I fired off three quick shots and he yelled out "I declare!" I was shocked and as I looked at Fluegel he was too. Holes in campaign don't count and he had just given us an extra 1000 points for the declare and I had only used three bbs! Kevin and I left DW to ponder his sink and started after some more Axis. Clark Ward was now making a run with my LST and Joel Goodman had taken out his freighter. The Axis had launched the Akashi. The bbs were getting low in most ships and all of these convoys made complete runs. Dana Graham launched his PT boat and made it to the forward base but was sunk on the return trip. After Clark was done with

THE ROMA BEING DRAGGED UP BY HER STERN...

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FUSO & THE LONG WALK BACK TO SHORE...

Photo by G



the LST he also took the Empire Campton out for a run. The Allies had now also lost Pete Demetri's Des Moines, Brian Kohler's Vanguard and Doug Hunt's West Virginia. Brian and Doug both fell victim to Tim and Brian's Bismarcks. Trent Thompson's Roma had taken the plunge for the Axis and Dave Au's Frog CL had an unseaworthy sink for the Axis. I found Dallas a little too close to the Allied base and managed to trap him against the wood side and got a few haymakers into him. He pulled out of the base pumping pretty hard and ran to the far side of the pond. He told me that he had pumped out

then turned off his pump, forgot to turn it back on and sank. The Axis had again launched the Europa. The Allies now had more big ships on the water and were able to hit her pretty hard. Luis rammed me and as I came into shore he hit me again on the other side. It looked like the end of Warspite as she barley held on but was able to make it to shore with out sinking. I patched her back up and headed back out. The Bremen made a forward run but did not try for a return. Charlie and I now found Brandon Smith's Fuso and started after him. We chased him around the pond shooting him up before he sank by the Axis base. It was getting near the end of campaign.

Steve had asked for a five minuet extension and we launch Joel's Freighter, the Empire Campton and a CVL run by Martin Helsing. The CVL was a little slow in hitting the water and campaign ended with 5 seconds left on his timer. These 1600 points that were missed by 5 seconds was the difference in victory and defeat. The Axis still had 3 targets still standing, at the time they did not seem important, but they started to add up latter in the week. Our wonderful divers had a lot of work to do. Curtis went after the Minneapolis and the top of the CVL that had fallen off. It took about 20 minutes to find Minneapolis, he could hear the pump running under the water or it would have taken longer. It took at least 30 minutes to find the top of the CVL. Leroy spent the rest of the day and several hours Wednesday looking for the pink sub. In the middle of the BOD meeting we saw him raise the sub out of the water as he walked in to a big round of applause. -----

NATS 2006 RULES VOTE TALLY

Rule Proposal 2006.01: FAILED, INSUFFICIENT CO-SIGNERS
TITLE: Fix sink points for Iowa and Yamato.

Rule Proposal 2006.02: PASSED, 32 YES, 2 NO
TITLE: Fix drop testing procedure.

Rule Proposal 2006.03: FAILED, INSUFFICIENT CO-SIGNERS
TITLE: Eliminate 25% overweight for CO2.

Rule Proposal 2006.04: FAILED, 11 YES, 17 NO
TITLE: Limitations on Light Source Size in Night Battle.

Rule Proposal 2006.05: FAILED, 16 YES, 17 NO
TITLE: Update ram penalty.

Rule Proposal 2006.06: PASSED, 19 YES, 13 NO
TITLE: Remove excess Awards, and rename one reward.

Rule Proposal 2006.07: PASSED, 19 YES, 11 NO
TITLE: Clean up Individual Scoring Rule Proposal.

Rule Proposal 2006.08: PASSED, 23 YES, 6 NO
TITLE: Change Shore Targets Scoring

Rule Proposal 2006.09: FAILED, 15 YES, 18 NO
TITLE: Change NATs to match play scoring model.

Rule Proposal 2006.10: FAILED, INSUFFICIENT CO-SIGNERS
TITLE: All ships to be weighted according to the scale they were built.

Rule Proposal 2006.11: FAILED, 13 YES, 21 NO
TITLE: End of Grandfather Clause for 1/150th Scale Ships.

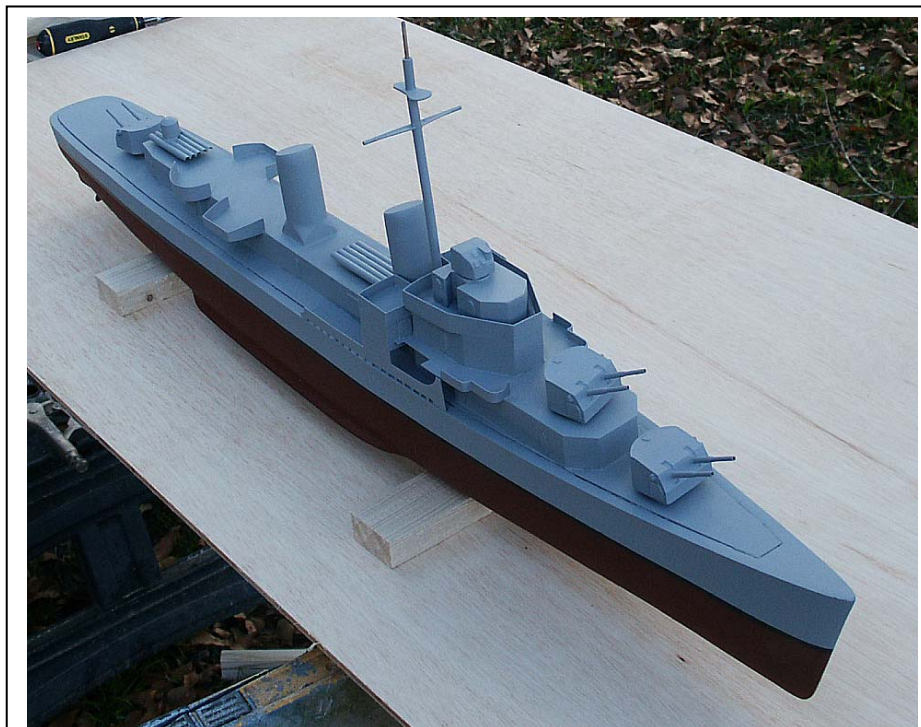
Rule Proposal 2006.12: PASSED, 21 YES, 13 NO
TITLE: Adjust Rudder area for 1/150th ships.

Rule Proposal 2006.13: PASSED, 20 YES, 12 NO
TITLE: Expire 1/150th Grandfathering.

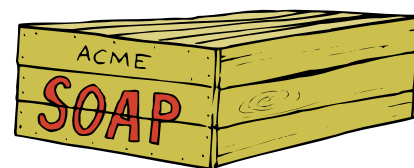
Rule Proposal 2006.14: FAILED, 11 YES, 21 NO
TITLE: Eliminate Reverse Systems.

Rule Proposal 2006.15: FAILED, 10 YES, 23 NO
TITLE: Slowing Speeds in Reverse.

Rule Proposal 2006.16: WITHDRAWN (Insufficient time to study FCC rules)
TITLE: Convoy Channel Chances.



Some time ago, an Air Force officer, Mike Norkus stationed in Iraq, contacted one of our members, inquiring about our hobby, and where he could purchase a model like ours. Just prior to NATs, I hit upon the idea of building one for him, instead of him buying one himself. The hull, motors, and props were donated by (I don't remember who, please contact me!), the battery charger and radio were donated by Tim Krakowski. I supplied the rest. The full story will be in future issues, but the model was completed before Christmas. Mike had leave for Christmas, so I sent the ship to his home in Virginia. His wife would send it on to him in Iraq later. He was more than pleased with this gift, which I stated came from ALL of us in the MWCI. I accepted no money for this project, but told him if he felt he had to pay for it, he should make a donation (which he has done, in our name) to the USO. - PKD



Georgie Kunisch (Photo by G) took all of the photos in this issue. John Bruder (Photo by JB) and Georgie took the photos for the Winter issue. Even though there are photos of the night fight, they don't print well. There were over 1,500 photos taken of this NATs, from Saturday through the Friday banquet! I tried to use the best of the lot, but there are still plenty of photos worthy of publishing. I believe that Peter Kunisch or John Bruder would supply a CD of the photos if requested.

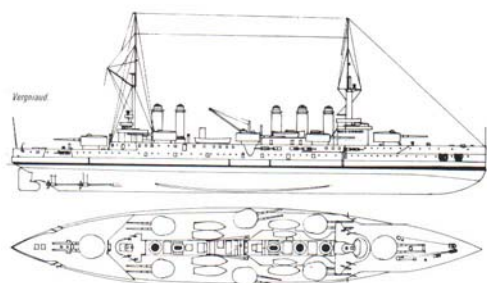
Scores. You'll notice that some of the scores might be missing individual ship reports. This was found out way to late to correct. However, the overall scores are correct for each battle.

'07 looks like it's going to be another great year for battling! NATs '07 will be in Houston again, at the H&H Ranch, which, apart from the fire ants, is a great place to battle!

My apologies for the tardiness of this issue of TF144. I know that some people rely on this publication for news about what's going on in our hobby. As my work load has increased, and Lars' work load has decreased, he has agreed to resume editorship of TF144, starting with the Spring '07 issue.

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"In a man to man fight, the winner is the one who puts an extra round in his magazine." - Field Marshal Erwin Rommel