

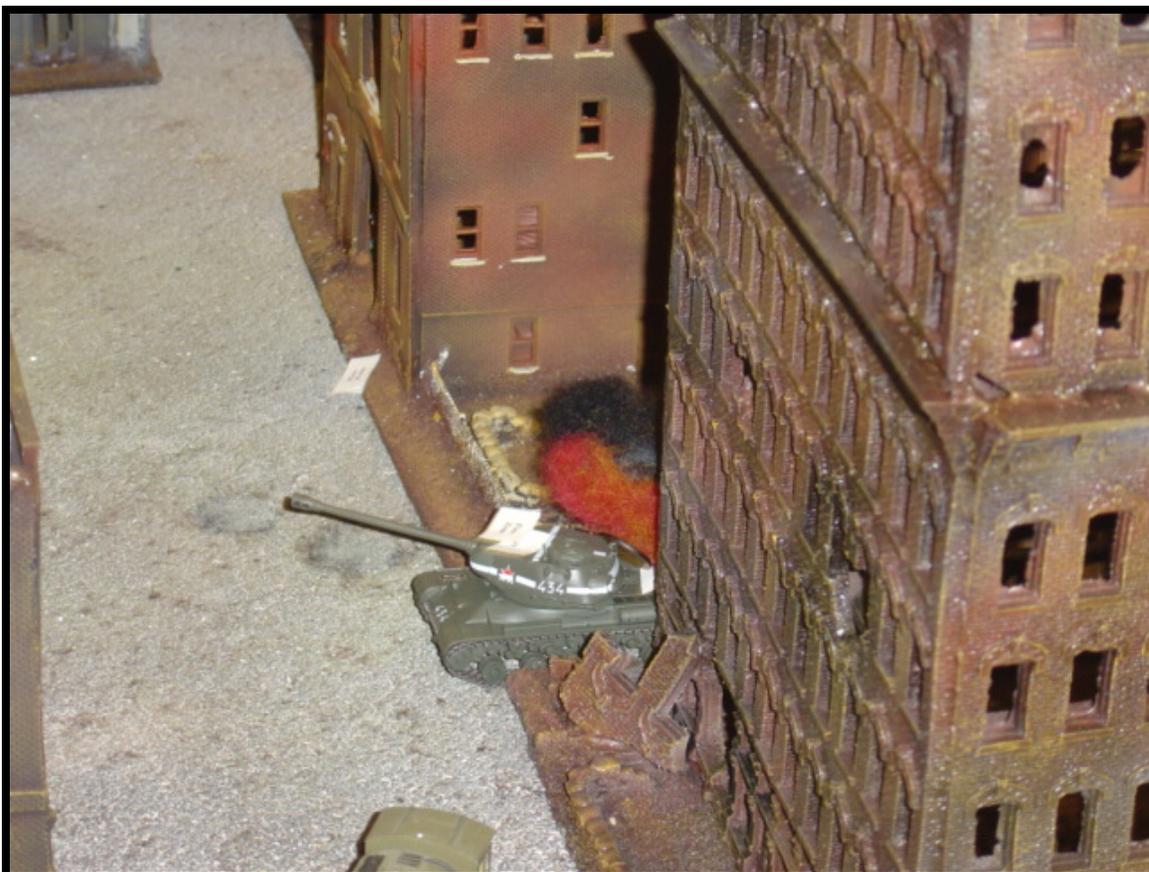


Andy's Gorgeous Representation of Berlin 1945

The Battle for Berlin

The Dulles Wargaming Club gathered for Andy Turlington's presentation of *The Battle for Berlin*. The buildings and overall terrain table were spectacular. The two sides slugged it out in a massive battle that pitted a platoon of Russian infantry, two IS 2's and two T34/85's against one Panther Ausf. G, one König Tiger and one platoon of German infantry.

Most of us assumed the Russians would have the upper hand, but when Comrade Lacy is commanding a tank, nothing is guaranteed. In short, it was not my finest hour, and I managed to squander the Russian advantage in the first turn of play. My IS2 squared up to face the König Tiger, and I created enough of an attack angle to present the toughest target possible. Suddenly, the Panther appeared on my flank and sent a 7.5cm projectile crashing through my turret. The ammunition cooked off and WHAM, explosive damage!



My Hapless IS2 is Bushwhacked by Jeff's Panther

My comrades continued the struggle and Andy decided to give me another chance. With a roll of the dice, I was granted another IS2. I wouldn't make the same mistake twice. As I entered the open street, two hidden Panzerjägers fired their Panzerfausts at my tank. The first one was a dud, and I smiled as my luck was surely changing. However, the second one found its mark and the second IS2 was a smoldering hulk.

With only one T34/85 remaining, Rich Low's tank roamed back and forth conducting reconnaissance by fire missions on the buildings. Sadly, Jeff's Panther finally cornered him, and in the ultimate showdown, both gunners fired simultaneously. The Russian 85mm round struck the Panther on the hull, but the 45° angle caused the projectile to bounce off the thick steel plate. Unfortunately, the T34/85 was facing straight away, and the German 7.5cm round found its mark. The Russian tank exploded, and we called it a day.



Rich's T34/85 Patrols the Streets

Lest you think it was just an armored clash, the infantry did its part too. Rifle and machine gun fire echoed throughout the entire battle resulting in numerous casualties. A barrage of Katyusha rockets fell randomly over the battlefield, and one lucky hit disabled the tread on the König Tiger.

We all enjoyed his game and look forward to many more. A big thank you to Peter Fliss, Rich Fisher, Ashley Johnson, Brian Kuykendall, Andy Turlington, Rich Low, Mike Ottenberg, Stan Paukovich and Jeff Vick for helping to make the game a success.