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SEP UPDATE

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Greetings to all. This marks the first of several columns to appear regularly in this newsletter. SEP UPDATE will deal mainly with the scenarios that are to be included in several issues of "On All Fronts".

I know many of you are familiar with SEP and its offerings but, for the benefit of those who are not acquainted with SEP's format, allow me to explain. SEP is a program wherein new scenarios are submitted for playtesting by all who receive them. The idea is to come up with several scenarios of high quality to supplement the amount of scenarios that Avalon Hill provides. When a finished version is complete with all or any necessary revisions, these scenarios will be given a final printup similar to the format used by AH in the "official" scenarios produced to date. The end result being a wider variety of scenarios available to all SL enthusiasts. The quality of work will already have been proven as it is we who will work on them to insure a balanced, enjoyable scenario. In short, SEP members may submit them, then all in the group will work on them to come up with a creditable finished product.

So, here is the chance to see some of your work in print. All those who are interested in having their work run the SEP gamut of testing can submit their work to:

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Try to keep your work patterned after the style AH and SEP uses. All scenarios must contain the required descriptive narrative (situation and aftermath), an accurate Unit identification of the troops involved (merely stating Elements of Army Group South is NOT satisfactory), and try to be as historically correct in the order of battle (in other words, don't have German forces armed with Tigers in a '41 scenario). The emphasis should be on playability and historical accuracy. Do not send in improvised scenarios lacking any of the above mentioned criteria as they will not be considered.

I cannot guarantee that all scenarios submitted will be used, but I can assure you that all submissions will be considered. I reserve the right to determine what scenarios are to be used.

The next UPDATE will deal with the three upcoming scenarios voicing the comments members have made to their playability. Any changes to be made will be noted. My particular favorite in this group is "Apartment Hunting". Let me know how they fare.

NOTE: Due to a heavy workload with other SL projects, I regret that I cannot respond to all comments made. So, unfortunately, do not expect to receive an answer in reply. You can note all changes that have been deemed necessary in the following columns of SEP UPDATE.