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**51 MISSION ACE DOWNED IN INDY FORUM INVITATIONAL**

**Ltn. Schaefer Hero for Germans**

**2nd and 4th Ranking U.S. Aces Narrowly Escape**

13 July, 1918, over the front (August web game on [dawnpatrol.org](http://dawnpatrol.org))-Thanks to John Noddings, several of ISD Online's regular forum members were invited to a web-based grudge match that pitted 4 American Nieuport 28's against a mixed bag of 4 German fighters. A glance at the roster shows that the Americans went up in force, while the German flight leader's supporting cast was weak at best:

Americans	Germans
Dan Danoski Lt. Joe Henry (51/22) Nieuport 28	Brian Wolowich Ltn. Siegfried Steinman (18/2) Fokker DVI
Jon Naughton Lt. Jack Wayne (6/0) Nieuport 28	Mike Marchi Ltn. Karl Schaefer (1/0) Fokker Drl
Graham Cox Lt. Ernest P. Worrell (22/9) Nieuport 28	Stephen Skinner Ltn. Svelten Gloppenstop (1/1) Albatross DIII
George Cunningham Lt. Roger Healy (1/0) Nieuport 28	Al Christenson Ltn. Friedrich Scharffenstein (2/0) Roland DVIIb

It looked bad for the Germans from the beginning. Facing two top-ranking American aces in superior planes, the Germans were surprised on the game's first turn. After taking a suitable pounding in his tail and wings from both US aces, Ltn. Schaefer (Mike) found himself tailed by both of them. Schaefer zipped his Drl into a rotary right, forcing both aces to take poor shots and opening up Lt. Joe Henry (Dan, 51/22) to a vicious triple-team attack from the remaining Huns. Ltn. Gloppenstop (Stephen) closed in for a 150' side shot that scored a cheap (5%) critical in Henry's Nieuport, shooting him down with a fuel tank hit and turning the tide of the fight toward the underdog Germans. From 14,000 feet, Henry was able to glide back to the safety of his own lines and successfully land.

Now outnumbered, the American fight became scattered and unorganized. Lt. Healy (George) scored several good hits but was later criticized when he used his top speed to escape a certain pounding and failed to box with his wingmen. Healy rejoined the fight and began to hammer away at Gloppenstop's Albaslug. Gloppenstop was in serious trouble when Schaefer dove his battered Drl to the rescue, firing a 250' head-on burst at Lt. Healy and breaking up his attack. Ltn. Steinman (Brian, 18/2) was the next combatant to go... the flight leader and only German ace had his Fokker DVI rocked by a boatload of wing hits and one of the worst criticals imaginable. With one Spandau jammed he limped from the fight and scrambled home, thanks in part to the sharp shooting of Lt. Jack Wayne (John, 6/0) and Roger Healy.

Ltn. Schaefer rose to the occasion yet again late in the fight when Gloppenstop, again under fierce attack from the game's only remaining ace (Lt. Ernest P. Worrell/Graham, 22/9), was again set up for attack. His decrepit Albatros DIII tail-heavy with lead and sporting 4 separate critical hits, Gloppenstop was relieved to see Schaefer throw his Tripe at Worrell's Nieuport in another

head-on clash. Schaefer came out the worst with a smoking engine, but he saved his wingman in the process. Ltn. Scharffenstein (AI, 2/0) did his best to help his remaining wingmen and managed to punch an admirable number of holes in Worrell and Healy's Nieuports... especially admirable for a guy who flew most of the game while fighting with his own jammed guns.

As the only remaining Americans, Worrell and Healy were eventually overwhelmed and forced to run for their lives, shocked at their inability to score kills at critical junctures in the dogfight. Gloppenstop was awarded the only kill in a bloody game for his chance fuel tank hit on American super-ace Joe Henry. As for the Germans, despite being saddled with inferior planes, they proved once again that it ain't always the size of the dog in the fight... sometimes its the size of the fight in the dog.

### **The Latest Dirt**

Why yes, this issue is a bit late. Around two months, I'd say. And its short, too. But for good reason. The last time we gamed was in late April in our record-breaking Red Baron Fight, when players from 4 states came to Indy and set a new attendance mark. Graham Shepfer smashed the competition in RBF XI, and the western front has been quiet ever since.

But lo, we returneth to the fray on September 9th at Dory's abode! Be sure and be there. Several players are already confirmed for the games and it should be a lot of fun.

Oh, by the way. This being a cheap gossip column and all, I might as well pass along the latest. Indy member Kevin Richeson has enrolled in seminary to become a minister, and Stephen and Alice have just had baby #4, Ethan Charles, on August 16th. Now all the Indy Squadron needs is an undertaker. Scott Jones is cyberdating a Malaysian chick, and flirting in a shameful manner with another one in the Phillipines. The Malaysian babe sent him a picture of herself in a swimsuit (quite impressive, actually) and it apparently had the desired effect. Scott leaves for his 25-hour plane flight in late November. The Phillipino girl's slow reactions proves the old adage once again... all other things being equal, the one with the least on wins. So off goes Scott to adventure and danger in the third world. Like a cross between "Brokedown Palace" and "Gilligan's Island." But let's not count our chickens... Scott may actually survive this and give Kevin his first gig. Several Indy Squadron insiders suspect that Scott is plotting to have a wife in all the major tropics, which could keep Kevin in work for some time to come.

Other late breaking gossip trash. Stephen leaves for France around November 14th to oversee the restoration of the plaque on the Frank Luke monument in Murvaux. A noble deed, no? Be sure and check out the link on this site for details... we need donations to cover the costs of the plaque. And besides, its a quick and interesting read about Stephen's trip. You can also see the link on [TheAerodrome.com](http://TheAerodrome.com).

And finally, for those of you who don't often hit the ISD Online Forum, shame on ya. You could have been invited to the first Indy Forum Invitational, the web game featuring regulars from this site's forum. The taunting alone is worth the price of admission.

Send your cheap, trashy gossip to Stephen's email. We're getting a little light here.