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A brief wrap up of gaming on October 6th at Rick's house, with four players present: Stephen, Stephen Dale, Rick and Bart.

Ltn. Bruno Walltz (Bart, 9/2, Fokker DVII 185) logged his 9th mission but lost his wingman in the first mission of the day. Locked in combat with Rick Lacy's Camel pilot, Walltz was unable to help Stephen Dale's DVII pilot who took two bullets through the head and four critical hits from 2Lt. Purvis Leiter (Stephen, 27/11, Camel).

The famed Hess brothers took to the air in the day's second mission. Ltn. Arthur Hess (Stephen Dale, 10/4, Fokker DVII) survived his 10th mission and is now desperately close to acehood not bad for a 12-year-old player! His wingman, Obltn. Aron Hess (Stephen, 42/22, Fokker DVII) knocked down Bart's Nieuport 28 by sawing off its left wing. Rick's Nieuport 28 pilot successfully escaped. Aron Hess flunked his second straight roll for the Pour le Merite/Blue Max.

Mission number three was a weirdo. Bart's Albatros followed Stephens Sopwith Strutter all over the sky, pounding it time and again. Stephen dove his Strutter after a German balloon and downed it in two passes. Desperate after jamming the Strutter's rear Lewis gun, Stephen only shook Bart after the latter flew his Albatros into a building. Rick survived (again).

And the last mission was a wild one, too. A North Sea mission pitted German Hansa-Brandenburg W19's (Stephen Dale and Bart) against Rick's Short 184 seaplane and Stephen's Camel. Purvis Leiter jammed a gun (Stephen, 27/11, Camel) but still managed to hit the prop of Stephen Dale's Hansa-Brandenburg and force him to land on the ocean.

Bart managed to put 9 hits and a critical into the wing of Stephen's Camel (forcing him to sweat over the fate of his double ace!), then dove down to land fire beside Stephen Dale's seaplane in an effort to save the crew. Rick was chivalrous enough to let him try without firing on him during landing. Bart made the pickup, but crashed while trying to take off with 2 extra passengers. He managed to get his crew picked up by a bypassing German ship Stephen Dale's pilot and observer weren't so luck. Rick survived (again).

That's a wrap. Be there next time!