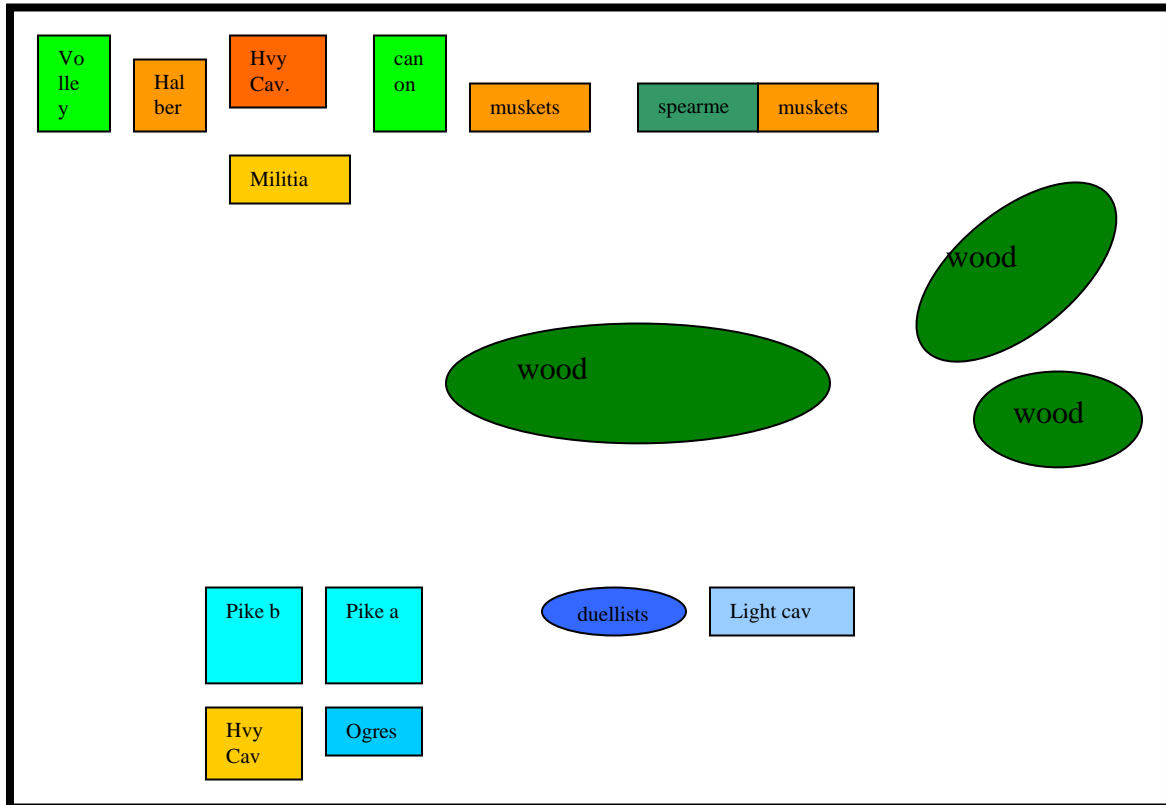


Plundering the State of Altdorf

EDIT: one of the finest examples of Ulric's Free Legion's Blind Side Peel.

Ok James – here we go: another battle against the empire!! My first battle against an empire army with my dogs, and the first time I have up against a canon and an volley gun.

A little bit worried I must say: but with faith in the gods of plunder – we were sure of our right to kill the enemy!!



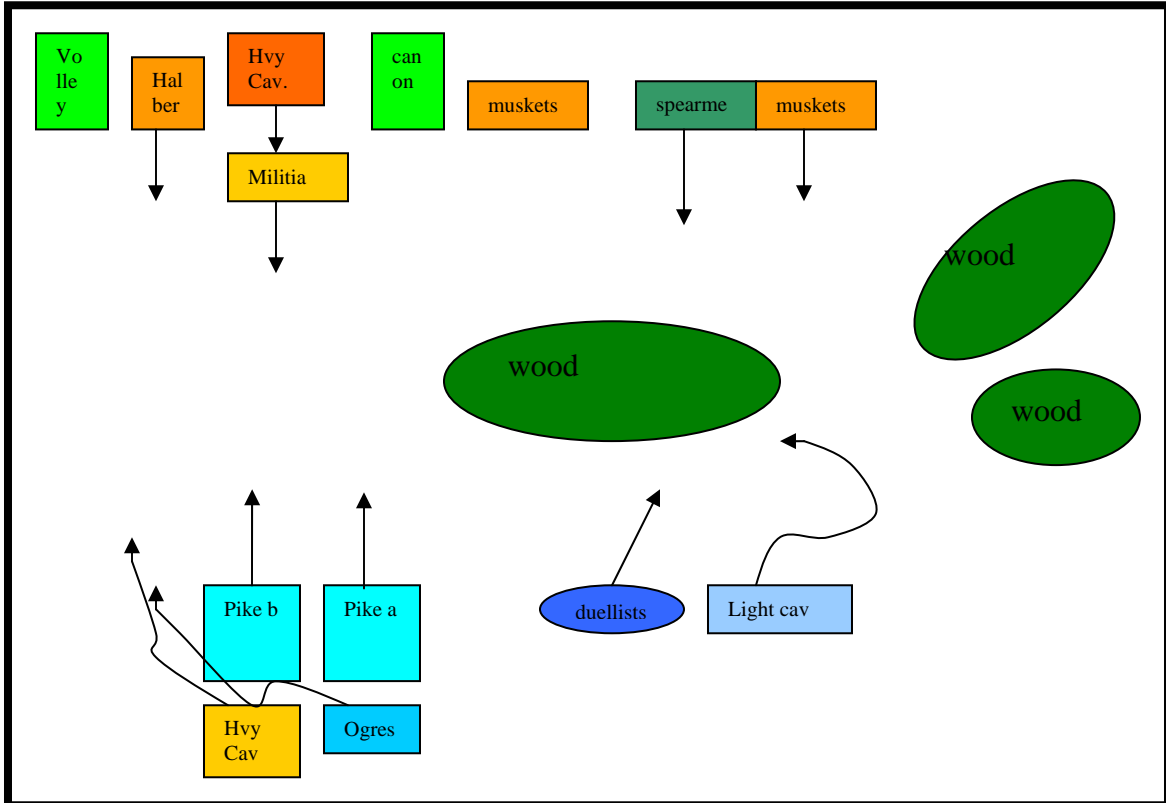
OK – the battle lines were drawn up. I made sure I put the wood in the middle of the field because I didn't want to have two avenues of attack against me: and was happy to give myself some cover for my army to come forward with: whilst giving the duellists and light cavalry something to advance behind.

We went first and charged!!

Round One:

The Dogs advanced, one man was hit and killed by a canon ball, the muskets killed another three from pike A, while the volley gun killed three of the heavy cavalry. The light cavalry sheltered behind the wood. The skirmishers advanced fearlessly.

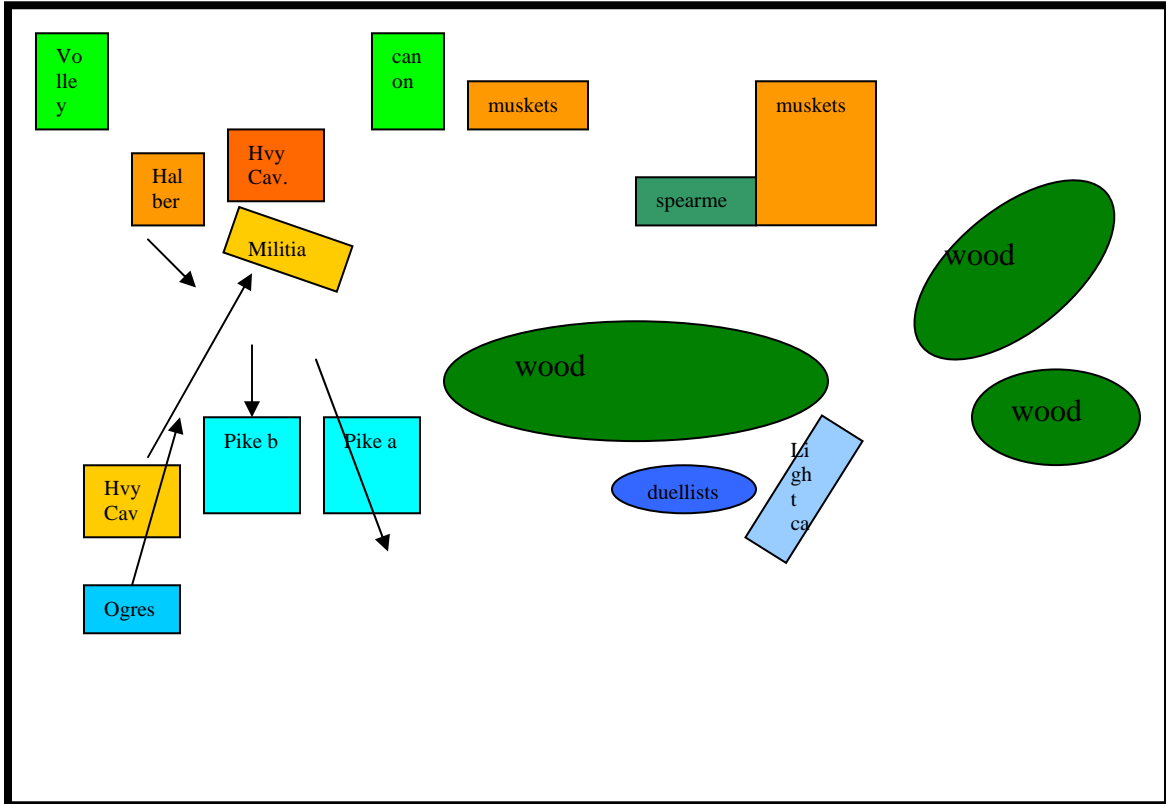
With the ogres I had one in the front rank, and then two characters – Ulric and Theseus with pistols and lances, and then two ogres in the next rank.



Round Two:

The heavy cavalry charged, and killed lots of militia: but still somehow managed to lose the combat: and they passed their leadership test. They were charged in the flank by the halberdiers, and were broken, and fled. The halberdiers pursued into my pikes.

The corner of the halberdiers shielded my ogres from being shot by the volley gun. The canon over shot. Muskets killed some more pikemen.



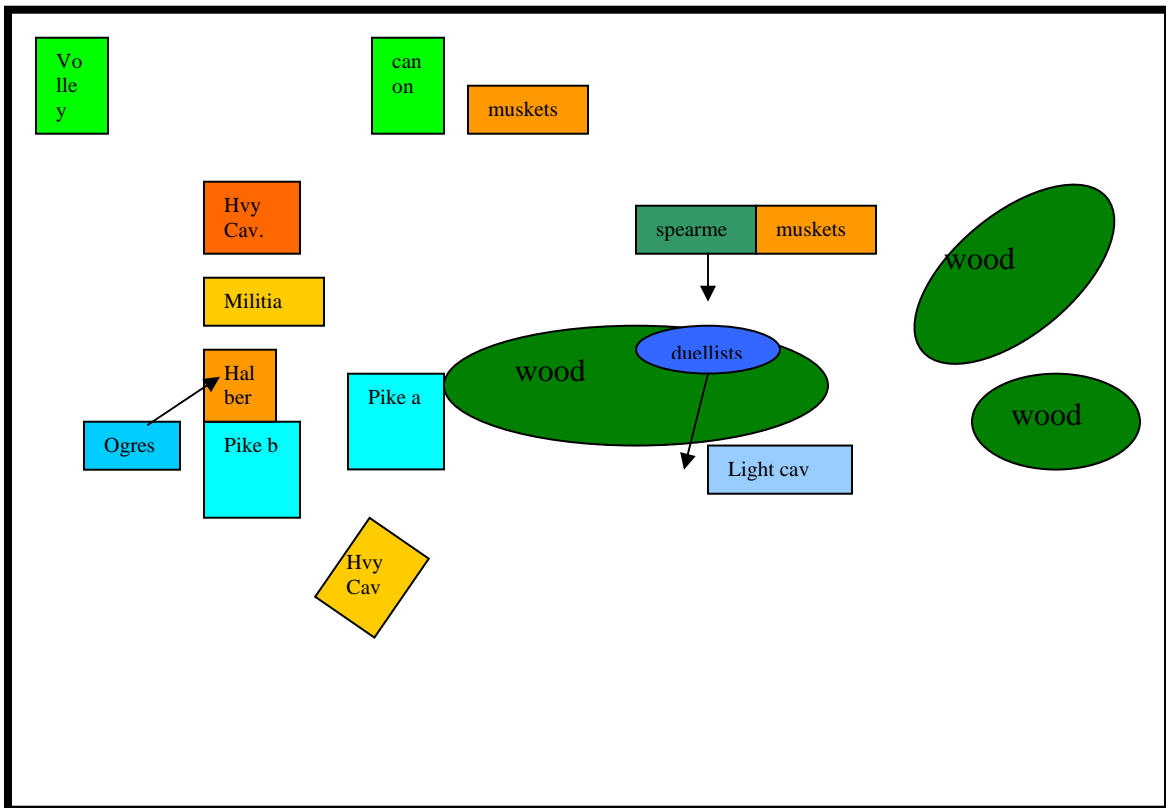
Round Three:

The halberdiers (16 I think) were absolutely massacred: the pikes hit first, the ogres second, the two characters next. At the end there were just 2 halberdiers left. They fled. The ogres pursued into the militia. Bingo!

Duellists moved out of the woods to shoot, and killed three spearmen.

Heavy Cavalry rallied, and three of them followed up along behind the pikes.

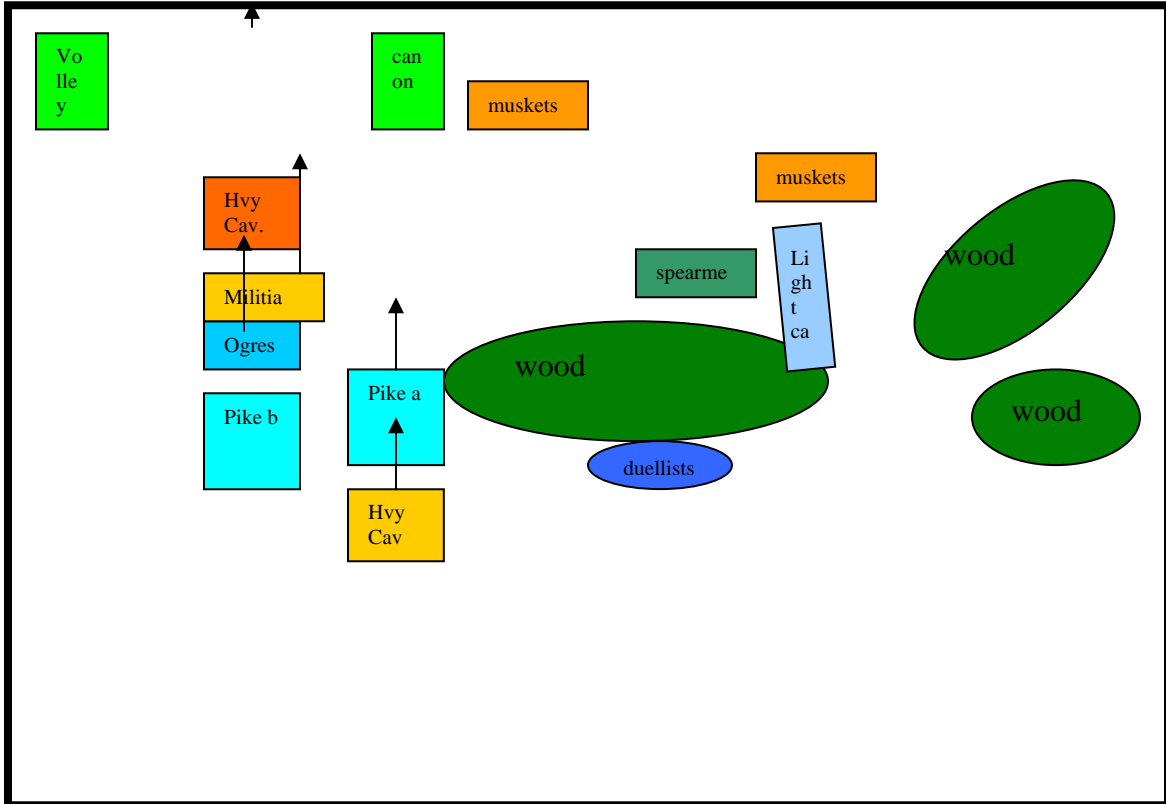
The spearmen charged the duellists, who stood and shot: and then were broken in combat, having lost two men.



Round Four

The militia were slaughtered and fled, they were run down and slaughtered. The ogres pursued into the Heavy cavalry: big combat of the battle coming!!

The light cavalry moved around the flank.



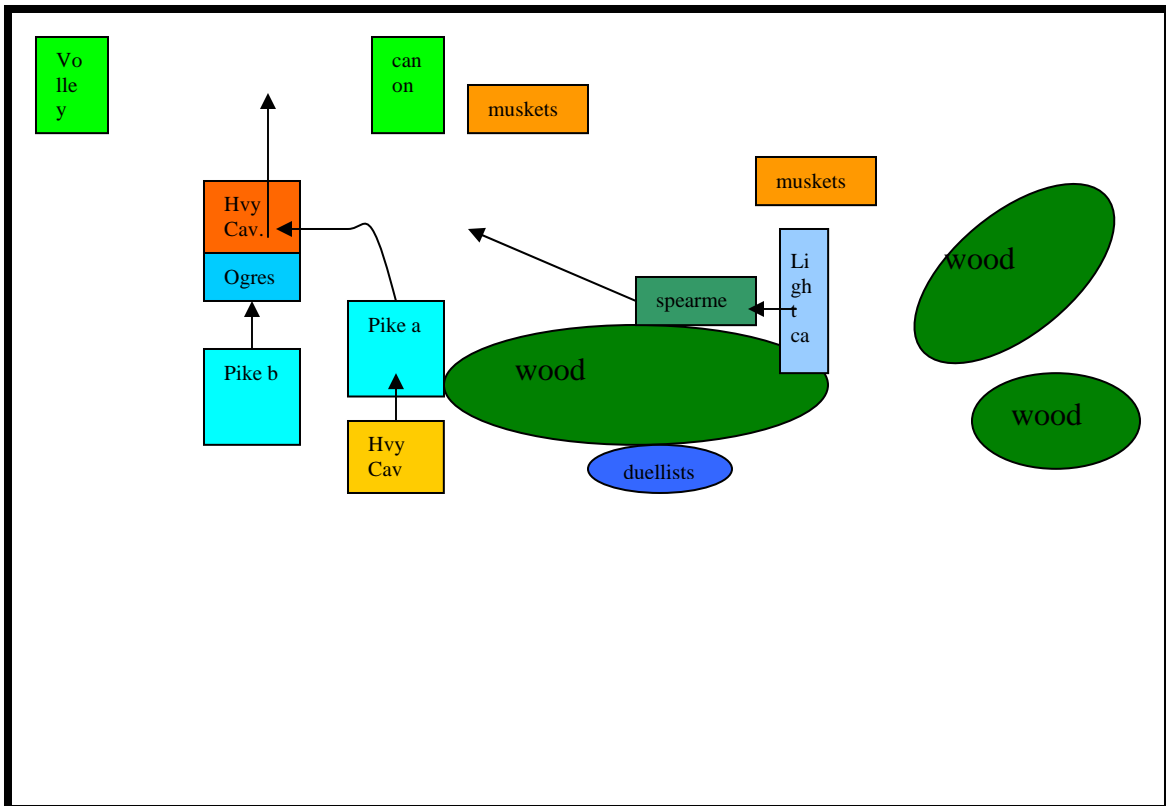
Round Five

Ok – big round.

The pikemen charged the heavy cavalry in the flank. In the combat – the ogres and heroes and pikes all rolled really badly – and I thought – oh no – here it all goes: but with the definite advantages: flank attack, ranks, no ranks for you, I beat him by one point and e broke and fled (ah the stupidity of going out to fight without a bsb.)

The light cavalry broke the spearmen and ran them down. The duellists rallied.

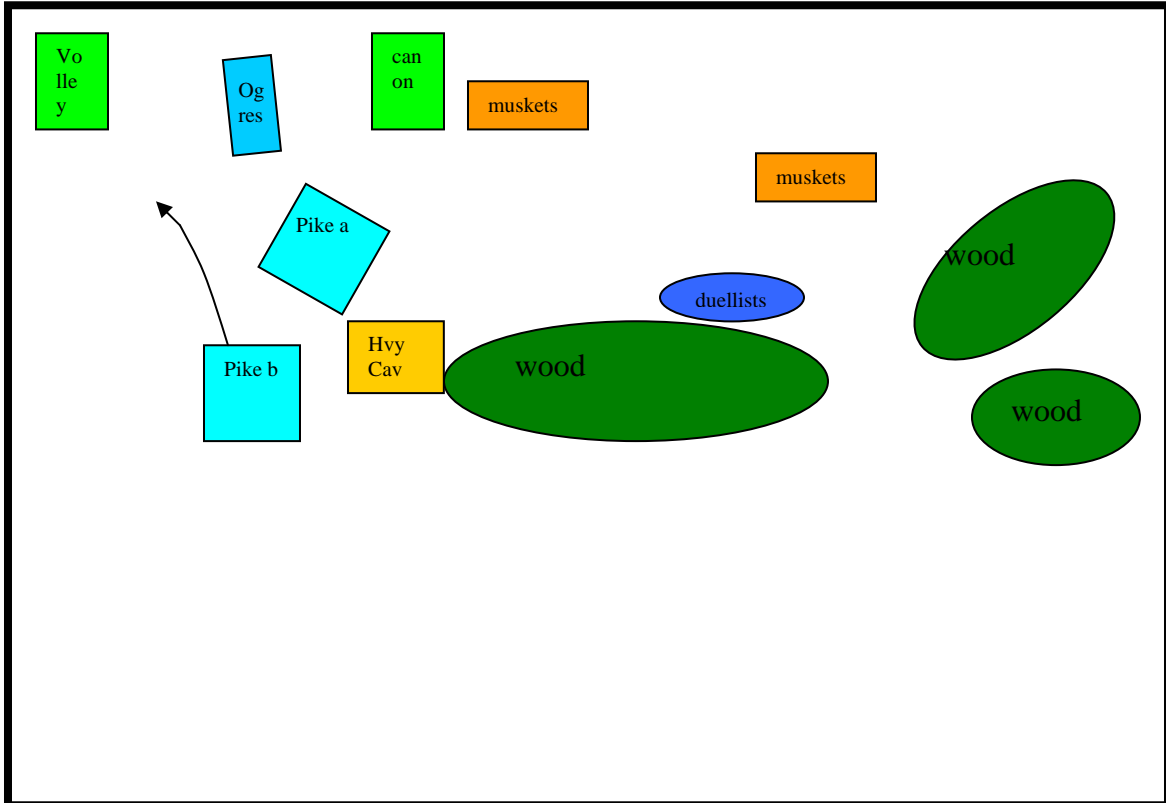
The light cavalry were grapeshot by the canons: and all died. Well done men!! Brave men indeed!!



Round Six:

This round I was a little worried because my ogres had just overrun into a crossfire of volley gun and canon. Shite!!

Luckily: my enemy didn't do this: he grapeshot my pikes (who reformed) and the volley gun shot the other pikes and killed a few of them. The duellists shot the muskets. The ogres reformed to charge the canon. The cavalry were killed by musketshots.



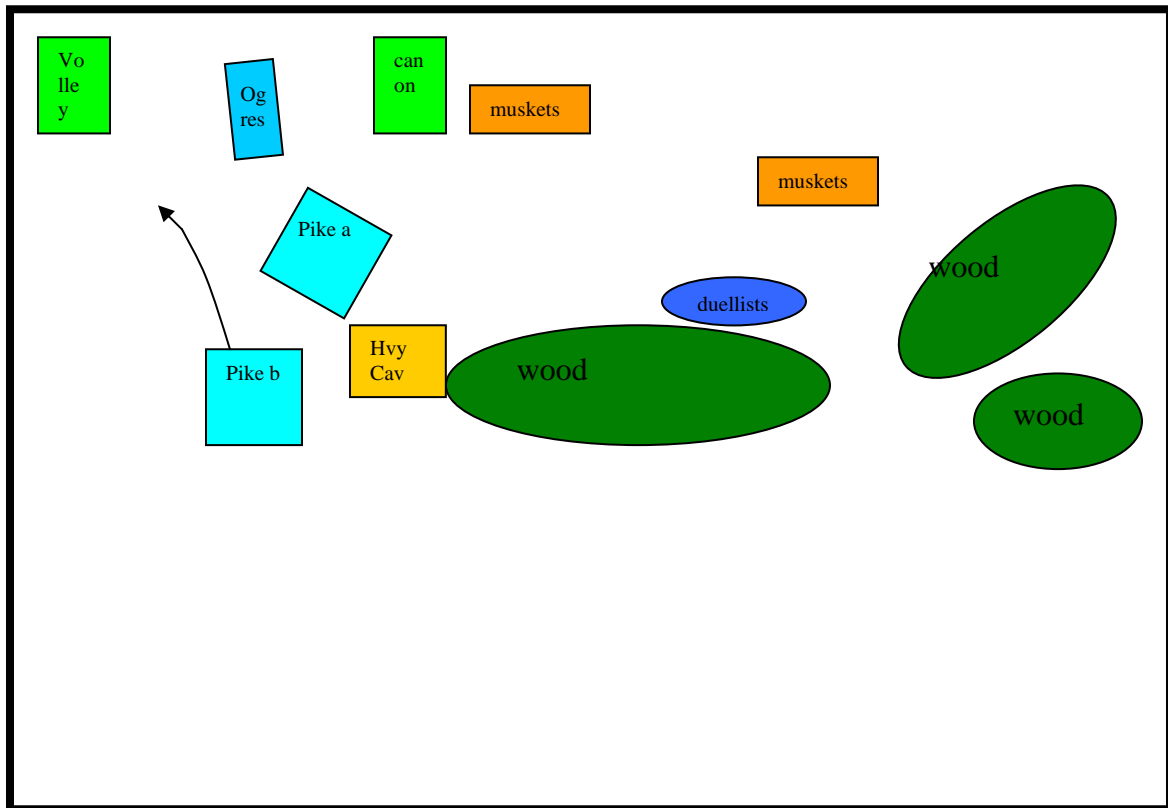
Round Seven

The rage of slaughter must have got the better of my men somehow – I think we played about 8 rounds: it must have been the bloodlust, seeing the light cavalry torn to bloody shreds, or just the fact that they were winning.

Anyway: the pikes charged the volleygun and destroyed it. They charged the canon with the ogres, and the ogres pursued into the muskets. The duellists charged the muskets and broke them and charged them down.

At the end of the battle there were no enemy left on the table!!

Ah – the smell of victory and a captured canon!!



Very pleased with this battle: worked perfectly – the fact that this was his first go at fantasy might have had something to do with it – but he worked at the store and is a veteran 40k player. He said he was trying to bottleneck me on the left flank: but instead I demolished his units one by one. I think my experience paid off here by getting my pikes into a flank charge – the ogres would probably have lost the combat against the heavy cavalry otherwise.

This now brings my scorecard to 4 wins and 4 losses: and something of a winning streak for me!! I'm going to take my Crinan IVth to battle tomorrow night: which is bound to be a defeat for me, but there's a big tournament happening in February where I want to be at least on top of the rules by.