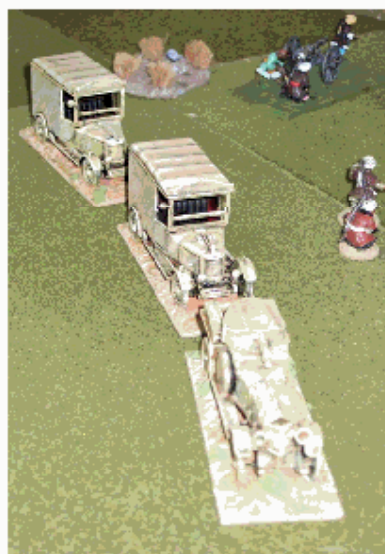




REDS AND POLES CLASH



Thinking that his troubles were over with the destruction of the Red train the Baron was shocked to find his men attacked by elite bodyguard troops travelling on the train. Fierce hand to hand fighting took place all along the front but eventually the Bolsheviks were thrown back and this finally freed the Baron to carry on with his plan to rescue the Royal Family.



Hearing of the plight of Yesai Khan, mobile columns from the Army of God set off for Samarkand but most people were unsure which side the Indians would join. At this stage of the battle the armies of various factions, the Army of God, Yuri Deadovitch, Ming the Merciless, Baron Rypverheidov, the Japanese and Adolph Jung were all heading for a collision in the town which was bound to bring death and destruction to everyone around. So much for the plans of the Khan, it was only the onset of night that postponed the inevitable disaster.

Why everyone was racing for the town was mystery to most people. We knew about the Baron but what about the others. It would appear that the Indians, Chinese and Japanese had heard that the Beg of Bokharas favourite Concubine, Phatti was being held somewhere in the pink palace of Samarkand and they all wished to be the rescuers.