

1918 (SPI) Derived Errata by Donald B. Johnson 02/09/2020

SPI 1918 has no official errata, but there are 2 helpful clarifications and a large concern with a specific tactic that is legal according to the rules as written; hence, this derived errata.

1. (Clarification) Combat: Note: There is **no** advance after winning a combat as a part of the Combat Phase (as is common in many other wargames). Instead, there is a Second Movement phase after the Combat phase when the phasing player may move his units again.

2. (Change) Combat: With the rules as written one non-artillery unit may attack up to 6 adjacent enemy units and one artillery unit with a range of 3 might attack many more than 6 enemy units; such an attack is resolved as a 1-1 combat per the 1918 CRT (which does not have any lower odds attacks, 1-1 is the lowest possible attack) and if an Ex is the result (a 1/3 chance in many cases), every enemy defending unit is eliminated. I think that just one use of this tactic by either side wrecks the game as a simulation. However, the rules explicitly show that two 2-7 calvary units can be attacked by one artillery unit (at 1-1 odds), so at least this specific example was clearly the designer's intent.

A proposed errata correction is as follows: A friendly unit or units (artillery, non-artillery, or both) may attack either: (1) one enemy unit regardless of its strength or (2) more than one enemy unit (in more than one hex) up to the strength of the attacking friendly units. As the defender can stack 2 units in a hex and may choose the defender in the hex after the attacking units have been selected, when the defending hex has a stack, if either of the defending units results in a defensive strength that is greater than the attacking strength, then option 2 is not allowed.

3. (Clarification) Allied Scenario options 10 and 12 are reversed. Option 10 is actually Free Deployment, Greater French Reinforcements and option 12 is actually Actual Forces, Free Deployment. This becomes clear from looking at the reinforcement schedules.