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Game Title: **Sixth Fleet** Price: **\$8.00**  
 Publisher: **SPI** Pub. Date: **1/75**  
 Subject: **Hypothetical modern-day naval warfare in the Mediterranean; Soviet forces vs. NATO forces.**  
 Design/Art/Develop: **James F. Dunnigan/Redmond A. Simonsen/Frank Davis**  
 Number of Players Reviewing: **192** Date: **11/75**

Rating Area	Rating	[Typical Rating]
A -Map, Physical	6.60	(6.1-6.7)
B -Rules, Physical	6.16	(6.3-6.9)
C -Counters, Physical	7.40	(6.7-7.4)
D -Ease of Play	6.09	(6.4-7.0)
E -Completeness	6.55	(6.3-6.9)
F -Play Balance	6.11	(6.2-6.8)
G -Length Suitability	6.09	(6.3-6.9)
H -Set-up Suitability	6.07	(6.2-6.8)
J -Complexity Suitability	6.41	(6.0-6.6)
K -Realism	5.90	(5.8-6.4)
L -Overall Rating	6.24	(6.2-6.8)
M -% Who'd still buy	68%	(75%)
N -% Rec'd money's worth	82%	(79%)

S&T SURVEY DATA: % who've played game: **77**. Acceptability: **6.51**. Complexity Ranking: **6.3**. Game Length (hrs): **3.5-4**. Solitaire Playability: **6.0**.

**Comments:** Originally published in S&T 48. Uses sequential movement with combat before movement. Differential system with extensive unit differentiation.

Game Title: **Third Reich** Price: **\$10.00**  
 Publisher: **AH** Pub. Date: **11/74**  
 Subject: **Strategic level simulation of World War II in European Theatre. Covers Italy, North Africa, Russia and Finland.**  
 Design/Art/Develop: **John Prados/W. Scott Moores/Donald Greenwood**  
 Number of Players Reviewing: **89** Date: **11/75**

Rating Area	Rating	[Typical Rating]
A -Map, Physical	7.16	(6.1-6.7)
B -Rules, Physical	6.62	(6.3-6.9)
C -Counters, Physical	7.03	(6.7-7.4)
D -Ease of Play	6.06	(6.4-7.0)
E -Completeness	6.15	(6.3-6.9)
F -Play Balance	6.59	(6.2-6.8)
G -Length Suitability	6.10	(6.3-6.9)
H -Set-up Suitability	5.87	(6.2-6.8)
J -Complexity Suitability	7.00	(6.0-6.6)
K -Realism	6.37	(5.8-6.4)
L -Overall Rating	6.73	(6.2-6.8)
M -% Who'd still buy	71%	(75%)
N -% Rec'd money's worth	75%	(79%)

S&T SURVEY DATA: % who've played game: **35**. Acceptability: **6.58**. Complexity Ranking: **6.5**. Game Length (hrs): **4.5-6**. Solitaire Playability: **6.0**.

**Comments:** Sequential movement/production with Strength Points and differential CRT. Diplomacy and unit capabilities. Scenarios and campaign game.

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