

Modelling the Angolan Wars

Besides the scenarios opposing Nato vs Warsaw Pact or the Arab-Israeli wars, we've been conducting some studies and creating scenarios based on the long war that opposed the Angolan FAPLA and their Cuban and SWAPO allies to UNITA and the SADF.

If GHQ has a full spectrum of Soviet-related vehicles, unfortunately they have almost nothing that may be used to equip the South African forces. That's a shame but then, there's always Scotia miniatures ...

By far and large, Scotia's models are not as perfect as GHQ's, but regarding the South African subjects they're not bad. With a few scratches here and there they do the job perfectly.

We decided then to mix GHQ and Scotia, using the best models whenever possible. The choppers (Mil-8 and Allouette III) are all GHQ, as well as the Land Rovers and most of the Eland. The South African "native" vehicles such as the Ratel, the Buffel and the Casspir are all Scotia.



A Casspir, a Ratel and two Buffels. Note the staple turned into a handle on the far right model.



The Casspir with a mounted 7.62 MG; the Ratel and the Buffels.



The finished Ratel and the Buffels. This Casspir took a camouflaged painting scheme.



The vehicles in action!