

## **Savage Tales 9 (Ireland 1511)**

### **The Sound of Thunder**

The Savage Steel Company lands at a small Irish port to be met by The great Garret. The most powerful Noble in Ireland. Fighting with Western rebels he has encountered a force of Almain mercenaries who are winning every encounter with his own forces. He has employed the Savage Steel Company to counter this threat or so he tells them. They have brought gunners with them and as they march through the Irish countryside they are pelted with filth by the locals and insulted in a host of terrible and entertaining ways. They are denied food and shelter by the locals and they resort to taking what they need to survive. Finally they encounter the the enemy forces and arrange a defence with a weak centre but protected by a marsh to the right and some woods to their left. The wild Irish troops charge and are beaten back with archery and armoured bill-men. The Almain mercenaries follow at a more measured pace and the Savage company falls back in the face of their implacable foe. On the signal the gunners hidden in the woods open fire on the flank of the Almain mercenaries and the troops of the Great Garret surge out of the marsh where much of their force has been hiding. The rest of the Savage Company returns to the fray and the Almain fall back still in good order until trapped by a deep ditch. They offer their surrender which the Savage Steel Company accepts. There are some disagreements with the troops of the great Garret who want to destroy the mercenaries but the words of Captain Savage prevail and the Almain are captured. On the return march there are attacks and skirmishes in which a number of the Almain prisoners are killed. The surviving mercenaries are sworn in to the Savage Steel company for a short while and allowed weapons and armout to defend themselves. The great Garret appears unable to prevent the attacks. Eventually the Company departs from the original planned route and captures a ship docked in a port town along the coast and sail back to England.