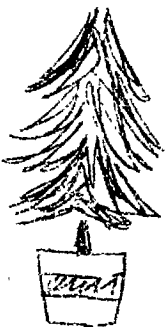
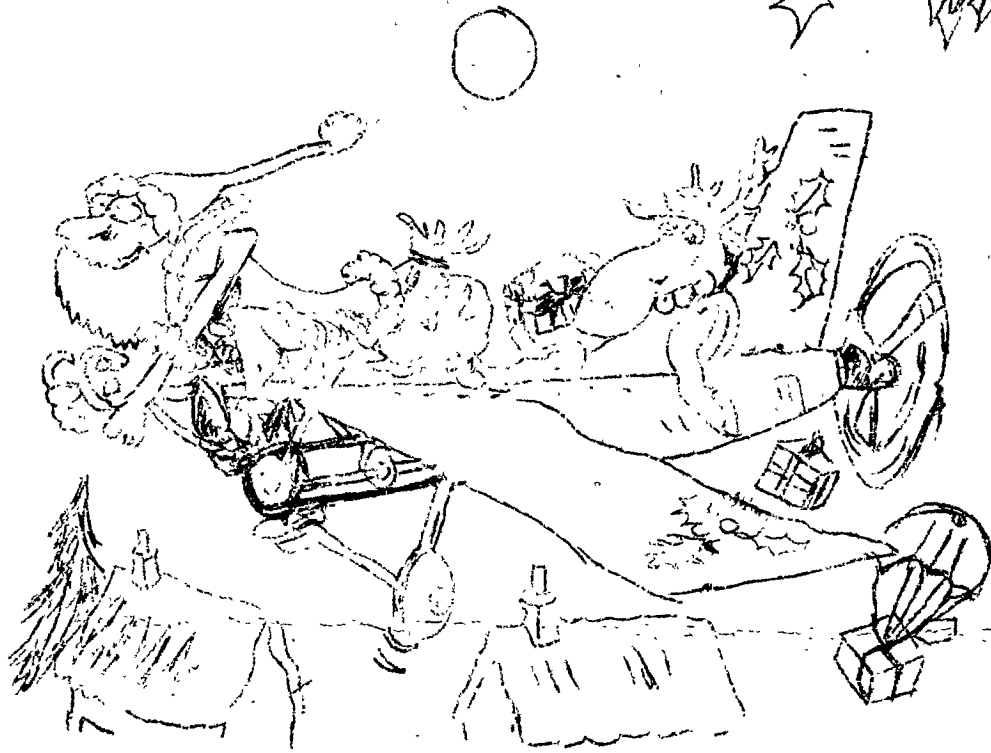


# DIB DIB DIB

ISSUE 25



Merry Dibmas



This is number 25 (a very apt number) of what was intended to be a festive issue of Dib Dib Dib. This eventually slightly thin zine deals in Diplomacy, Sopwith, fast talk and fast women - all of which you get for a mere 34p. To subscribe all you have to do is send a Christmas card and perhaps the odd £1 to £5 to Tom Tweedy, 29 Stanley Hill Avenue, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 9BD. (Tel. 02403 4513)



EDITORIAL



Before going any further I'd just like to say thanks to all those that sent me Christmas cards (and to those that haven't - where are they?) and I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and certainly a happy New Year. Great innit? I do like to enjoy Christmas time. I suppose it's the child in me - I never did like growing up. Hands up all those that don't believe in Santa...

Actually I've already opened my early Christmas present - Jan bought me a second disk drive - it's come in quite handy doing the zine. But just getting presents (personally getting them) is not what Christmas is all about. Certainly it's the religious side: goodwill to all men and all that - but it's the traditions that I like: The turkey, the tree, crackers, Christmas carols/records, watching the kids open their presents and hopefully, the snow. It's a shame but some people seem to find Christmas time boring. It can be at times I suppose, but the secret I've found is that if you go out of your way to play it up for other people; so that they enjoy it (in the traditions that you would want to, of course), it seems to generate much more of the old Christmas spirit.

I had a letter from George North last week (as I imagine everyone did) detailing his Christmas. It seems he enjoys it like wot the Tweedys does. Being pleasantly stuffed, with a glass of hi-carb. beside you, kids and the wife's family making a row, Christmas wrappers all over the place, torn party hat worn at a jaunty angle ..... great eh? Well done George.

But enough of this and on to the boring serious stuff again. Can anyone tell me: WHAT ON EARTH HAS HAPPENED TO PETE CALCRAFT AND THE DIPLOMACY STATS? I've been sending Dib regularly to him for the past year now and have got absolutely nothing from him in return. I know at least of a couple more zines with the same problem ( Greatest Hits was the last one I heard about). It seems to me that Peter is getting a whole lot of something for nothing. We never had this problem when Mick Bullock did the stats. Mick gave the hobby one hell of a service - what has Pete Calcraft given us? Nothing. I think it's right that the stats should be done for the hobby, not just for the person doing them. After all, we, the zine editors are paying for them every time we send him a zine. If Pete can't give us the service then I think he should hand the stats over to someone who can.

I have published a letter from Wink Thompson, who compiles and edits the NGC Diplomacy Ratings, complaining about Pete Calcraft's failure in sending out the information much-needed to do the ratings. I'll admit the NGC system is not liked by everybody, but Wink likes doing it, and it gives a fair representation of what players should be at the top, and what players should be at the bottom. A worried Wink says:-

"I'd like to request, through your zine, that all GM's send their finished game results to me, so that I can update the NGC Ratings List.

The ratings are getting more and more out of date due to the non-appearance of game results from Pete Calcraft, and if I don't start getting results soon I will have a horrendous task to catch up, judging from Calcraft's past timekeeping. All GM's who send me results will get the complete ratings list at regular intervals. I've been keeping the records up to date since Richard Sharp handed them over to me 5 or 6 years (and 4 addresses) ago. The last lot of games that I rated started back in '79 and '80 (fifty-five 1979 games and eleven 1980 games, out of a total of 130 games), which clearly shows how far behind the ratings are. Those that want/need the NGC rating need only send their game-end results to:-



Wink Thompson, 6, Waterbeach Road, Slough, Berks, SL1 3LB. (Slough 34471)"

Nice to meet you last week Wink.

I'll certainly be sending Dib to Wink. Most people seem to prefer playing in games with Boardman numbers anyway, so their games can be rated - why not, it adds a bit more meaning to WINNING a game. And this was my only reason for trading with the stats in the first place.

Just to finish off here, changing the subject again, the Angel cartoon strip will be back again next issue. I didn't have time to get the stencil cut for this issue. Nevertheless Chris Sandow has informed me that the current Angel saga is coming to an end, and that George North should beware the final instalment.

Actually, talking of Chris Sandow - he paid me a visit for the first time a couple of weeks ago. If it hadn't been the fact that he left a £10 note for subscription I'd bar the man from my doorstep forever!

I mean, just to fill in time before lunch (we were going onto the computer afterwards) I suggested we play one of my favourite two-player games called 'Cul-de-Sac' (produced by 'Lazy Days') - my favourite mainly because I win at it. I've even thrashed Richard Sharp at it! Yeah, thought that would impress you.

Anyway, as I was laying the pieces out I said to a rather confused looking Chris: "Don't worry about losing the first game, Chris, it takes one or two tries before one gets used to it." After which the backstabbing rat proceeded to beat me! "HUSTLER!" I cried. "You've played this before." "No I haven't" he protested. "Yes you have" and immediately dashed the pieces to the floor.

You'd think a man would have the manners to let the host win the first game, wouldn't you?

JOTTO Turn 6

I choose six words from the Shorter Oxford English Dictionary, each six letters long. Each month you send in one word and I then score each letter against each of my six words. For instance, if you submitted DETOUR and the six secret words were: RESORT, BASKET, GENTLE, PRIEST, MORTAR, BOTTLE the scores would be: 4, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3 respectively. Obvious aim is to find all six words.

When you think you know all six words you may take a guess at them (you must guess at all six) - but you must get ALL six right! Get one wrong and you're out.

((To those that NMR'd, just send in two words/guesses next month to catch up.))

IAIN SINGER: 6th (3,3,2,1,1,3)	ALAN PARR: 6th (2,1,1,3,4,2)
KEITH LOVEYS: 6th (1,2,1,3,2,2)	PETER COWLING: 6th ( - NMR - )
RICHARD BASS: 6th (1,2,2,2,1,2)	ROBERT LOZYSKYJ: 6th (0,2,2,1,0,0)
SANDY PETERS: 6th (1,2,2,2,3,3)	RICHARD MORRIS: 5th (1,1,3,3,2,1)
NICK MARSHALL: 6th ( - NMR - )	6th (5,1,3,2,1,2)
TIM BALL: 6th (1,3,0,1,2,3)	GEORGE NORTH: 6th ( - NMR - )
MARK LIPTON: 5th (1,2,1,3,2,2)	NICHOLAS CLIFTON: 5th (0,1,1,1,3,1)
6th (3,1,2,1,2,1)	6th (3,2,1,1,1,2)
R.J. LAMPARD: 6th (3,1,3,3,2,3)	RICHARD WALKERDINE: 5th (1,2,2,3,1,0)
ALAN SHARPLES: 6th (2,3,1,0,2,1)	6th (3,0,1,2,4,2)
LARRY TRASK: 1st (3,0,1,1,1,1)	SIMON CRADDOCK: 6th (3,4,1,2,1,2)
2nd (2,1,2,2,2,1)	DAVID HALL: 6th (1,1,3,2,1,1)
3rd (2,2,0,0,1,2)	
4th (0,0,1,2,1,0)	
5th (1,2,2,3,1,0)	
6th (2,1,1,1,0,0)	



LETTERS

MATT QUARTERMAIN:

"May I denounce the filthy scandalous, libellous comment about Socialists and Orc Dung in Dib 24. This disgusting bigotry and political railing must be the product of a filthy warped mind. He's the ultimate racist in the most abhorrent fascist clique, in that he likens the excrement of Orcs to those left of Shirley Williams. Any more of it and we'll send the Orcs round to give a formal complaint, emphasised by the sharpened edges of their axes."

((What can I say ..... this man is so definitely right. It's my fault entirely for forgetting, even Orcs must have feelings...))

MATT (CONT.):

"Will Shand can't spell cirrhosis. ((Actually, neither can I unless I look it up)) Sirocis indeed. Could understand it if he studied Engineering at Brunel (c'est moi) but English? Bleah. As for me, I'm 22 in December, looking for ways of getting out of working and still being rich when/if I graduate, and a Hawkwind/Quo/Dylan/Floyd/Young/etc. freak. I do not know George North or Dave Tottey/Tooty; but I correspond with Andreas Sarker."

((Name dropper! Anyway, what do you mean you're a Hawkwind freak? ....what sort of taste in music is that? The only other maniac I know with an ear for this sort of noise, is Pete Mearns (of Puppet Theatre News fame) - and there was talk of locking him away.))

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MARK LIPTON:

"I'm close to Bolton, didn't you do Geography, for a hobby meet in Greater Manchester. ((Course I did bloody Geography - I could stick my finger right now where England is!))

I thought it might be a good idea to have a medical problem page as there does seem to be a large number of mental aberrants in our hobby."

((You ain't just whistling into the wind there (thought it'd be better to mix metaphors there - this is a family mag). I think as you're an M.D. (mental deviant) yourself, why don't you do a column in Dib? I must warn you though, in subjects as tricky as this, it's quite easy to lose control. I don't think I'm ready for the ailments of some of my subscribers!))

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IAIN SINGER:

"Thanks for the last issue of Dribble - most interesting - definite psychotic case - rest is required."

MidCon article was good.

Could you mention the Glasgow Hobbymeet - corner of Old Dumbarton Road and Yorkhill Street, at 8.45 in the Overflow - supposedly sells good English beer (!?) - 3rd Thursday of December. Look for someone wearing a Dib, Dib Dib badge!!!!"

((You're not actually going out (especially in Glasgow) wearing a badge with Dib Dib Dib on it are you?! Geez, that takes some guts, even I'm not that stupid.))

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BRIAN MOORE:

"I now have a regular Games Club formed, which meets at my place every from 2.00pm to 10. There is me and 2 others at the moment, so if anyone fancies a trip to Bolton they'd be quite welcome, provided I know in advance, of course."



((Well it's nice to know Dib has achieved something. Anyone else interested in this gamesmeet can contact Brian at:-  
17 Westway, Hall i'th'Wood, Bolton, Lancs, BL1 8SS.))

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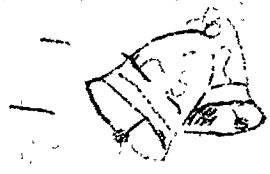
LARRY TRASK:

"The arrival of Dib 24 has reminded me that I meant to join your Jotto game last time. Well, I forgot, but here goes now. A question, though: your words come from the 'Shorter OED', right? But you don't say anywhere that our guesses have to be in the SOED, do you? The thing is, I want to use some words which aren't in there (I don't have a copy of the SOED, but I had a look at somebody else's). All the words I'm using as guesses, though, are in the 'Official Scrabble Player's Dictionary', all are in the 'Heritage Dictionary', and all but one are in the 'Collins English Dictionary'.

I don't really think the 'Shorter OED' is a good choice for word games -- apart from its habit of giving all entries with capital letters, it's just antiquated. It was originally published in 1933, and its latest addendum is only dated 1974. In any case, it's fundamentally an abridgement of the OED, most of the work on which was done many decades ago. The 'Collins English Dictionary' or the 'Chambers' Twentieth Century Dictionary' would be better choices, and the 'Official Scrabble Player's Dictionary' a better one still."

((And to think I thought this was going to be a simple word game. Well Larry, points taken, but not really needed. The only reason I mentioned a Dictionary at all was merely to point out that my six words existed somewhere. You don't think I can just draw six-letter words out at the drop of a hat, do you? My vocabulary only extends to five-letter words!))

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And from another American....

CATHY CUNNING:

"Dear Mr Tweedy bird, ((Hrm. I can spot a troublemaker here))

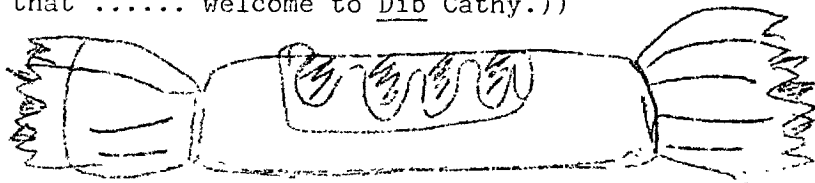
First if you look at the date, you'll say that either I was slow or the post office was. Well I was already to send all my gold bullion off to Pete Birks and then what happens? DDD comes to my house, just yesterday!

Not an easy choice let me tell you. To choose between the Birks and a chameleon, however there was one big selling point. In DDD I wouldn't have to read anything by Mark Berch! Boy what a relief that is. Besides, if I don't sub, who's going to let you in on all the gossip from te American hobby? ((Well, there's...))

But enough of this - let's get to the big money areas. Enclosed is your gold bullion, but since the exchange rate is so funny with gold, I'll try to put some form of pounds in here. Do you realise that I live in the unchartered wilderness where cowboys and indians still roam the plains? When I go to a bank and ask for pounds (£), they tell me that I look just right the way I am and I don't need any more pounds (lbs). Urg!!

You must let Martin Allen have more of his letters published. Most of your subscribers are currently suffering from brain damage - "What is a chameleon?" - so you needn't worry about that."

((It's not the brains of my subscribers I'm worrying about - as you say, most of them are past redeeming anyway - it's my own sanity I worry about. But as to the money: what gives? Three crumpled notes and an I.O.U. from a post office employee for one gold brick? It's not on you know. I can't help it if you live in an uncivilised part of the world where everyone uses Monopoly money - gold bricks I say or I'll feed you back to Pete Birks and Mark Berch. You have been warned. Apart from that ..... welcome to Dib Cathy.))



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JOHN LEE:

"I hate to disillusion the author of your spacefiller, but Pete Birks (of whom, it must be said, has sat in many positions) doesn't sit at God's right hand. Jesus was either Mad, Bad or telling the truth. I don't know of any other 'madman' who hasn't got a grave, of anyone bad who tried to do something for others (and those who hated him as well!) or of a lie living on so prominently for 2000 years. I do have first hand experience though, of healings done in the Lord's name, utterings of strange languages the speakers didn't understand (though others did) and visions that have come true. If you don't want to believe it all, that's up to you, but be sure that there's a time coming when you will have no longer have that choice."

((Good Grief, Lee - are you trying to preach to me in my own mag? You didn't bother putting stuff like this in Voice - what gives? If all you want to say is that said spacefiller was in bad taste, then by all means go ahead, let's not clutter it up with theological entanglements. I'm not saying that what you've seen and heard is just religious mumbo-jumbo mind - I'd say you're a fortunate man indeed if you have witnessed all that you say you have - but, is Dib really the place....? Anyway if you know something I don't, then out with it - why would someone want to relieve me of my choice of believing all that I see and hear?))

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MICK ANTROBUS:

"Thanks again for an issue full of interest, if Dib fails to win the best lettercolumn category in the Gladys Awards, then the results must be rigged, it certainly gets my vote.

Before I continue, I seem to remember approx 3 issues ago, you mentioned briefly the computer game of 'Adventure'. Perhaps you would allow me to pick your brain? I have use at work of an Apple + disk drive, and a few days ago I was given the Adventure disk (my first attempt at this type of game I might add). Anyway to shorten the letter, I can find my way into the cave etc, pass the bird, and can even conjure up the Crystal bridge, to cross the chasm. However that's about it, after collecting a few treasures I usually find I am wandering around a maze which my computer tells me looks the same, I am then chased by the amazing little dwarves until relieved by the jolly pirate. Perhaps you could tell me how to get<sup>4</sup> out of the maze, and also how the hell do you get past the snake in the King's chambers? I know this is cheating but the 'friend' at work who owns the disk refuses to enlighten me, and gets great enjoyment from seeing me turn into a demented wreck, who is turning grey, and is unable to concentrate on work and possibly facing the sack due to this damn disk. If it's the same game as you possess, then PLEASE put me out of my misery, before it's too late; and the console ends up in the car park 3 storey's below."

((Hmm. Yes, a very bad case indeed. It saddens me to see a grown man practically in tears, becoming a vegetable, a terminal junkie, but there's nothing I can do. I haven't played that game before (but even if I had I think I'd see you suffer a little more! - heh heh). The Apple game I was talking about is a hi-res graphic game called 'Wizardry' - the ultimate in computer adventure games. Now if you wanted help with that.... I've just finished it after a year of playing! Am now just starting on the 2nd scenario. I suppose I'm just a glutton for punishment.))

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PETER NORTHCOTT:

"Ref. your reports on RYODA, last time's diabolical delay in LS was their fault:- my turnaround - 3 days; theirs: 16 days. (This is NFP!)"

((Exactly my point.))



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MARTIN LE FEVRE:

"When Rip showed me your last DDD, my first reaction was: He's having a go at me". Well maybe you were but I discern far more common ground and concern than acrimony so I'll assume we have the same ends in sight and build upon them.

You are indeed right to be concerned about the sort of zine you give games to and it is a concern I share. I regret I cannot offer any suggestions except to say I will support you in any action you take in refusing games to zines you consider unsuitable. I would call on other hobby members to join in this support.

There is no formal hobby organisation so those who find themselves in a focal point have to exert the influence themselves. I actually think the worst any of us could achieve is to set the letter columns afire for a month or two. But then these are often inflamed by remarkably small trivia and can be taken with a pinch of salt.

Perhaps one standard you could apply to zines is that to qualify for a CGS game they have to appear within a week of the predicted publishing date for several consecutive issues. You can still exercise your discretion for editors having unusual circumstances. This does still come down to your judgement.

Now news of a CGS game which must have been giving you plenty of concern, the one in Stick.

I wrote to Nigel offering to write, type, adjudicate, print, post, pay for his next zine, in fact anything to get it moving. I didn't even get a reply. In the light of this and his NMR's all over the place I have decided unilaterally to take over forcibly lock stock and barrel. Stick has folded.

Will Haughan and I are to resurrect Howay the Lads and run all the Stick games therein. All credits will be considered transferred and I will duff Nigel up to recover them. This means I foot the bill until then.

I hope you will see this as a responsible action to protect the players in the light of Nigel's irresponsibility. I am writing to all players to inform them of the situation and I ask all editors to tell their readers so that any I miss are aware. One of the names is missing off the published CGS gamestart list in Stick 7. Is it possible you have a record so I can get in touch. Nigel lists him as Mr I. Rogers.

Could I end with a plea for you and others to look a little more kindly upon me and my service. I am not a source of delay and frustration, but a service. I let Mike Benyon start, Rip Gooch get prettier each issue, help John Dodds through his moving period, I am trying to be an active, contributive hobby member. Just like all the rest. It merely happens that I own a printing machine."

((I feel a bit guilty now. I'll admit, I was having a little dig at the time - though it was merely because I needed somebody to aim at. But you were right, I was more concerned with the kind of zines the novices are getting lumbered with than dragging your name (and RYODA) through the mud.

You're also right about the Stick game causing me some concern - I applaud the way you and Will Haughan have taken it over. Certainly it shows us all that you are willing to keep your own house in order. This being the case, yes, I will be looking a little more kindly (and in a new light) on your RYODA service. Also, what you say about RYODA being just a service is correct - it IS up to others whether they choose to use it or not.))

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MARTIN IVES:

"Seasons greetings to you old man. Thanks for number 24 I liked the George North portrait on page 25 - do you think he would sign one and send it to me?

I feel I cannot sit by and let this Will Shand fellow (sounds like a finger disease) call my brand new friend and ally (Dave Tottey) ignoble. Whatever may be wrong with young Dave he is most certainly not 'of inferior kind'. Besides, ignoble is used specifically in falconry to describe short-winged hawks which chase their prey, as opposed to the noble falcons which attack by a single swoop.





I think this Shand chappy should sit down in a corner of a disused railway station on his book 'An Outline of Psychology' by William McDougal (published Metrheun) and start to collect dust."

((A bit harsh. Still it seems Will has stirred up a hornets nest with his letter - will he let them get away with it I wonder.))

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And just to finish.....



Dear Mr Tweedy,

Having read your publication for some months now, I am gratified to notice that you have finally stopped printing criminally obscene letters from perverts such as Mr. M Close who seem to delight in the torture and degradation of poor innocent animals, naturally the much-maligned c\*\*\*\*\*n. ((CENSORED - You won't catch me as easy as that, Close!)) It's bad enough seeing animals forced to perform in pathetic advertisements such as Benson & Hedges (c\*\*\*\*\*ns), Cats and Dogs in dog-food, and various animals mistreated in programmes such as 'Barbara Woodhouse Roadshow', and 'One Man and a Dog' (who would want to be a sheep?)

I should point out that continuing to publish such letters is a criminal offence and if you persist, our Society will have no choice but to prosecute you under the law.

Yours sincerely  
W.P. Snodgrass  
Chief Inspector, RSPCA.

P.S. Steps are now being taken to stop the infamous activities of Messrs. Close, Loveys and Allen.

((Well, I did have a Mike Close chameleon letter to come next but thankfully the RSPCA have closed this column down. Pity. Heh heh))

Well that's the column for another issue. I have dozens of letters left but unfortunately no time to print them. Letters will be kept for next issue. Many thanks to all those who wrote.

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\*\*\* DIB'S GALLERY \*\*\*

NAME: ME ((Nicholas Clifton))

"Misunderstood from birth, this rare creature can currently be found hibernating in Chislehurst Caves. Where it occasionally rouses itself to answer the odd letter or torment itself by reading a copy of Dib. This strange method of self-torture is quite common amongst this type of computer freak, and is especially pronounced in the sub-species.

Nearly extinct, there is a large reward for any capture, live, specimens."

((Yes, well I'm offering an even larger reward for this specimen dead - that'll teach you for shooting me down in the bloody Sopwith game, Clifton!! Now I suppose you'd like a bloody free issue for this pathetic excuse for an introduction, wouldn't you?))





'Anu' (1981DQ)

Autumn 1908

## RUSSIAN WINTER FAILS TO STOP AUSTRIAN ADVANCE --WARSAW FALLS

AUSTRIA (Rob Chapman) A(Gal)-War, A(Ukr) S A(Gal)-War, A(Sev)-Mos, \*A(Pru)-Lvn, A(Vie)-Gal, A(Boh)-Sil, A(Tyr)-Mun, A(Alb)-Ser, A(Pie) MS A(Ven); F(ION)stands, F(AUS) S F(ION)

FRANCE (Colin Bruce) A(Bel) S A(Bur), A(Bur) S GERMAN A(Ruh)-Mun, A(Mar) S A(Bur), F(ENC) S A(Bel), F(Spa sc)-GOL, F(Tun)-ION, F(TYS) S GERMAN A(Tus)-Rom, F(WMS) S F(TYS)

GERMANY (John Lee) F(Lon)-NTH, F(Nor)-NTH, A(Ruh)-Mun, A(Mun)-Boh, A(Ber)-Pru, A(Lvn) S A(Ber)-Pru, A(Sil) S RUSSIAN A(War), A(Tus)-Rom

ITALY (Keith Loveys) F(Nap) S A(Rom), A(Rom) S F(Nap), F(Apu)stands

RUSSIA (Richard Hucknall) \*A(War) S A(Mos), A(Mos) S A(War), A(StP) S A(Mos)

Retreats: RUSSIAN A(War) dies (NRP); AUSTRIAN A(Pru) dies (NRP)

COA: Colin Bruce, 33-Cockburn Place, Bishopmill, Elgin, IV30 2HY. ('till after' the hol's)

## GAME-END PROPOSALS:

- (a) 3 way draw A/F/G. ((defeated - but was re-proposed))  
 (b) 5 way draw A/F/G/I/R ((defeated - but was re-proposed))  
 Another new proposal has been put forward:-  
 (c) A 4-way draw, excluding Keith Loveys.  
 ((votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as 'YES' ))

## Winter 1908 Adjustments:

AUS: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Bul, Rum, Con, Scv, Ank, Smy, Gre, Ven + War	Builds: F(Tri), A(Bud) for 13
FRA: Par, Bre, Por, Spa, Bel, Lpl, Mar, (Lon) + Tun	No Change for 8
GER: Mun, Kie, Ber, Den, Hol, Swe, Nor, Edi + Lon	Builds: A(Ber) for 9
ITA: Rom, Nap, (Tun)	Disbands F(Apu) for 2
RUS: (War), StP, Mos	No Change for 2
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'Brigida' (1981DV)

Autumn 1907

TURKEY AND ENGLAND OUT OF THE GAME - RUSSIA AND FRANCE NECK AND NECK  
(with Italy Piggy-in-the-middle....)

ENGLAND (Anarchy) NMR!! Has: A(Cly)

FRANCE (William Fisk): F(NWG) S F(Lon)-NTH, F(Lon)-NTH, F(MAO)-MAO, F(MAO)-Spa sc, A(Bur)-Mun, \*A(Kie) S A(Bur)-Mun, A(Ruh)-Hol, A(Sil)-War, A(Pru) S A(Sil)-War, A(Lpl)-Edi, \*F(Tun)stands

GERMANY (Anarchy) Has: F(Ber)

ITALY (Chris Bartram) F(ION)-Tun, F(TYS) S F(ION)-Tun, F(Tus)-GOL, F(AEG)-ION, A(Ser)-Tri, A(Mun)-Kie, F(Bul sc) stands unordered

RUSSIA (Martin Allen) A(Arm)stands, A(War)-Mos, A(Sev)-Ukr, A(Swe)-Den, F(HEL) S ITALIAN A(Mun)-Kie, F(Nor)-NWG, A(Ank)-Smy, F(Con) S A(Ank)-Smy, A(Rum) S A(Sev)-Ukr

TURKEY (Jon Rogers) NMR! Has: \*A(Ukr), \*A(Smy)

Retreats: FRENCH F(Tun)-WMS; FRENCH A(KIE)-Ruh; TURKISH A(Smy) &amp; A(Ukr) die (NRO)

## Winter 1907 Adjustments:

ENG: (Edi)	GM disbands A(Cly)	for 0 OUT
FRA: Bre, Par, Mar, Por, Spa, Bel, Hol, Mun, Lon, (Kie), Lpl + Edi, War	Builds: F(Mar)	for 12

('Brigida' cont.)

GER: Ber	No Change	for 1
ITA: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun, Tri, Gre, Sér + Kie, Bul	Builds: A(Ven), F(Rom)	for 9
RUS: Sev, Mos, (War), StP, Bud, Vie, Den, Swe, Ank, Nor + Smy, Con, Rum	Builds: F(StP nc),	
	A(Sev)	for 12(1 short)
TUR: (Con), (Smy), (Bul), (Rum)	No Change	for 0 OUT
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PRESS:

RUSSIA - ALL:

Happy Christmas to all. Christmas party for the French Ambassador in Red Square, with a demonstration cossack charge.

'Clota' (1981DY)

Spring 1907

AUSTRIAN NOOSE TIGHTENS - CAN ALLIED FORCES HOLD UP?

AUSTRIA (Peter Northcott)	F(Con)-AEG, A(Sev) S A(Ukr), A(Ukr) S A(Rum)-Gal, A(Rum)-Gal, A(Tri)-Tyr, A(Gal)-Boh, A(Vie) S A(Gal)-Boh, <u>F(GOL)-Spa sc</u> , <u>A(Pie)-Mar</u> , F(ADS) S F(A1b)-ION, F(A1b)-ION, <u>A(Ven)-Rom</u>
ENGLAND (Karl Piper)	A(Yor)stands, <u>F(ENC)-Bre</u> , F(Lon)-Wal, F(Edi)-Cly
FRANCE (John Wilman)	A(Par)-Gas, <u>A(Bre)-Spa</u> , F(MAO) C A(Bre)-Spa
GERMANY (Sandy Peters)	F(NTH) S RUSSIAN F(Nor)-NWG, A(Sil)stands, A(Den)-Kie, A(Bur) S A(Mar), A(Pic)-Bel, <u>A(Mar) S FRENCH A(Bre)-Spa</u>
ITALY (John Field)	<u>F(Tun)-ION</u> , A(Nap) S A(Apu)-Rom, A(Apu)-Rom
RUSSIA (Alan Sharples)	F(Nor)-NWG, A(War) S GERMAN A(Sil), A(Pru) S A(War), A(Mos) S A(War), A(Lvn) S A(Mos)

Retreats: None.

COA: Peter Northcott, 16 Fawley Road, London, NW6 1SH (from 17th Dec - 17th Jan).

LUTON AIRPORT: The proposal last season was defeated - other proposals have been put forward:-

- (a) = 1st A/F/G/R; 5th I; 6th E.
- (b) 1st I; 2nd A; 3rd R; 4th G; 5th F; 6th E.
- (c) = 1st A/E/R/G/F/I.
- (d) = 1st A/I/R/G/F; 6th E.

((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as 'YES' but if all are voted in favour, the proposals will be accepted in ascending order.))

PRESS:

RUSSIA - LUTON AIRPORT (RE "JUNO")

Well played, Tom. It has been a very educational experience for me. Best of luck in the end game... may the best man win (and I'm sure that you will). ((Thank you for those few kind words, Alan - it took me long enough to bust past your defences though, didn't it? Need I bother saying that you played well...?))

GERMANY - ENGLAND:

I've had to assume that you're no longer around. If you've come back, let me know what you think we should be trying to achieve - I'll be at a complete loss!

ENGLAND - RUSSIA:

You won't get stabbed. [Yet]

GERMANY - AUSTRIA:

Why should you start doubting me now that I've smooth-tongued Sharples out of a perfectly good defensive plan in favour of the present cock-up? ((Rule 1 in Diplomacy, Sandy: Don't ask leading questions. "Why should you start doubting me..." Ho ho ho ... ha ha ha ... HO HAHA...))

ENGLAND - GERMANY, LUTON AIRPORT + REST:

Apologies.... ((Okay Karl))

GERMANY - AUSTRIA:

You couldn't exorcise a chest expander!

AUSTRIA - RUSSIA:

There is absolutely nothing you can do to ally the others against me. Who would believe a lying toad like you anyway? Why not concede an Austria win eh?

'Dagda' (1981GC)Spring 1906

FRANCE IN THE LEAD BUT IT'S STILL ANYONES GAME...

AUSTRIA (Anarchy) Has: A(Bud)

FRANCE (Frank Dunn) F(Tun)-ION, F(WMS)-Tun, F(GOL) C A(Mar)-Tus, F(TYS) S F(Tun)-ION, A(Tyr)-Boh, F(NWG) S GERMAN F(Nor), A(Yor)stands, A(Nap)-Rom, A(Mar)-Tus, F(Bre)-ENC

GERMANY (Andrew Moore) F(Nor) S A(Lvn)-StP, F(Ber)-Kie, A(Lvn)-StP, A(Mun) S A(Sil), A(Sil) S A(Mun)

ITALY (Anarchy) Has A(Vie), A(Tri), A(Ven)

RUSSIA (Karl Piper) A(StP) S F(Swe)-Nor, F(Swe)-Nor, A(Pru)-Lvn, F(Den)-Kie, A(War)-Mos

TURKEY (Anarchy) Has: F(BLA), A(Sev), A(Rum), A(Ser), \*F(ION), F(AEG), A(Con), F(Smy)

Retreats: TURKISH F(ION) dies

PRESS:

RUSSIA - FRANCE:

I don't know!!!

FRANCE:

Gosh it's lonely in this 'game'. ((I can believe it!))

RUSSIA - LUTON AIRPORT:

The field seems to have narrowed down a little... ((A little ....))

FRANCE - GERMANY:

Quiet

GERMANY - FRANCE:

isn't

FRANCE - GERMANY:

it?

GERMANY - FRANCE:

Yes.

'Epona' (1982BE)Spring 1905

TURKEY BOTCHES IMPORTANT MOVE

AUSTRIA (Martin Allen) F(Gre)-AEG, A(Ser)-Gre, A(Rum)stands, A(Bud)-Ser, A(Tri)-Tyr, A(Rom)-Nap, A(Ven)=Apu

ENGLAND (Joe Gibbons) [[A(StP) S TURKISH A(Sev)-Mos]], F(GOB)-BAL, F(Den)-HEL, A(Lon)-Den, F(NTH) C A(Lon)-Den, F(Edi)-NWG, F(Bre)-ENC, F(MAO)-Spa sc

FRANCE (Dave Fish) F(Spa sc)-MAO, A(Par)-Bre, A(Gas) S A(Par)-Bre, A(Bel)-Hol, [[A(Kie)-Hol]] ((NO SUCH UNIT)), A(Mun)-Ruh, A(Mar)stands, F(Tun)-TYS, A(Ruh) stands unordered

GERMANY (Anarchy) Has: A(Boh)

ITALY (Graham Nixey) NMR! Has: F(TYS)

RUSSIA (Richard Wernick) A(Ber)-Pru, A(Pru)-Lvn, A(Mos)-StP

TURKEY (Ian Tillson) A(Sev)-Ukr, F(Bul sc)stands, A(Con) S F(Bul sc), A(Smy)-Arm, F(BLA)-Rum

Retreats: None.

PRESS:

AUSTRIA - ALL:

('Epona' press-cont.)

AUSTRIA - ALL:

Sorry chaps, no letters this month, I'm suffering from a brief spell of sanity (that should please France).

FRANCE - ENGLAND:

???? ((?))

TURKEY - AUSTRIA:

May the great camel in the sky crap all over you, oh son of a Viennese whore. ((Now that's what I call Christmas spirit!))

ENGLAND - FRANCE:

My removal of my fleet from Brest is proof of my friendly intentions.

ANON:

History yet again proves that the Vatican Swiss Guard are a better fighting force than the Italian army.

'Fergus' (1982BT)

Autumn 1903

TURKEY DROPS OUT, UNBALANCING THE GAME

AUSTRIA (Robert Lozynskyj) F(ADS)-Apu, A(Rum) S TURKISH A(Sev), A(Tri)-Ven, A(Tyr) S A(Tri)-Ven, A(Gal)-War

ENGLAND (Richard Bass) F(Edi)-Cly, F(Lpl) S F(Edi)-Cly, F(ENC)-IRI, F(NTH)-Den, F(HEL)-Kie, A(Nor) S RUSSIAN F(Swe)

FRANCE (Mick Antrobus) F(NAO) C A(Cly)-Lpl, \*A(Cly)-Lpl, F(IRI)-MAO, A(Bur)-Mar, A(Gas)-Bre.

GERMANY (Jaap Jacobs) \*F(Den)-Kie, F(BAL)-Ber, A(Ruh)-Mun, A(Hol)-Kie

ITALY (Gary Piper) A(Ven)-Tri, A(Pie)-Tyr, F(ION)-ADS, F(TYS)-ION

RUSSIA (Julian Shepley) A(Sil)-Ber, F(Swe) S ENGLISH F(NTH)-Den, A(Mos)-Sev, A(Ukr) stands un-ordered

TURKEY (Anarchy) NMR!! Has: F(Con), F(Smy), F(BLA), A(Sev), A(Bul), F(Gre)

Retreats: FRENCH A(Cly) dies; GERMAN F(Den)-SKA

Winter 1903 Adjustments:

AUS: Tri, Vie, Bud, Rum, Ser + War	Builds: A(Bud)	for 6
ENG: Lon, Edi, Lpl, Bel, Nor, (Hol) + Den	No Change	for 6
FRA: Mar, Par, Bre, Por, Spa	Builds: A(Par)	for 5
GER: Mun, Kie, Ber, (Den) + Hol	No Change	for 4
ITA: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun	No Change	for 4
RUS: StP, (War), Mos, Swe	GM disbands A(Sil)	for 3
TUR: Smy, Ank, Con, Gre, Sev, Bul	No Change	for 6
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PRESS:

AUSTRIA - ITALY:

You are not making my decisions hard are you?

FRANCE - RUSSIA:

Thanks for the tip.

AUSTRIA - TURKEY:

And you're not making them easy.

T.R.C. - AUSTRIA:

Thanks for the letter, and a reply is close. Hope everything complies. Merry Christmas.

AUSTRIA - RUSSIA:

More apologies. If I wasn't so worried about your intentions then I might have considered your proposals more carefully. (That's not to say that I didn't contemplate them).

AUSTRIA (GOVT) - WORLD:

Due to college coursework I will have to cut back on my diplomatic efforts for six months or so (I should be so lucky to be around for that long!). I will, however, reply to all letters.

'Goibniu' (1982DG)

Autumn 1902

## RED SQUARE ECHOES TO THE SOUND OF GERMAN JACKBOOTS

AUSTRIA (Steve Gregory) F(Tri)-ADS, A(Vie)-Gal, A(Ser)-Bul, A(Rum) S A(Ser)-Bul

ENGLAND (Simon Ratcliffe) F(Bel) S F(NTH)-Hol, F(NTH)-Hol, A(Lon)-Wal, F(NWG)-Nor

FRANCE (Ian Tillson) A(Pic)-Bel, F(MAO)-ENC, F(Spa sc)stands, A(Mar)-Pie

GERMANY (William Fisk) A(Lvn)-Mos, F(Fin)-StP sc, F(BAL)-Den, A(Hol) S FRENCH A(Pic)-Bel, A(Sil)-Gal

ITALY (Chris Sandow) F(Apu)-ION, F(WMS)-Spa, A(Pie) MS A(Ven)

RUSSIA (Anarchy) Has: A(Ukr), A(War), F(GOB), F(Sev)

TURKEY (Alan Charlesworth) NMR! Has: \*A(Bul), A(Gre), A(Arm), F(BLA)

Retreats: TURKISH A(Bul) dies

## Winter 1902 Adjustments:

AUS: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser + Rum, Bul	Builds: A(Bud), A(Vie)	for 6
ENG: Lon, Edi, Lpl, Nor + Bel	Builds: F(Lon)	for 5
FRA: Bre, Par, Mar, Por + Spa	Builds: F(Bre)	for 5
GER: Mun, Kie, Ber, Hol, Swe + StP, Den, Mos	Builds: F(Kie), F(Ber), A(Mun)	for 8
ITA: Ven, Rom, Nap, Tun	No Change	for 4
RUS: (StP), (Mos), War, Sev	GM disbands F(GOB), A(Ukr)	for 2
TUR: Con, Smy, Ank, Gre	No Change	for 4
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## PRESS:

AUSTRIA - TURKEY:

If that's how it's got to be.

'Herne' (1982D0)

Autumn 1902

FRANCE IS SURROUNDED AND COULD BE IN GREAT TROUBLE  
(where's the 7th cavalry?)

AUSTRIA (Tim Ball) A(Bud)-Rum, A(Gal) S A(Bud)-Rum, A(Ser)-Bul, F(Gre) S A(Ser)-Bul

ENGLAND (Mark Lipton) F(IRI)-MAO, F(ENC)-Bre, F(NTH)stands, F(Lon) S F(NTH), A(Nor)-Swe

FRANCE (Derek Wade) A(Por)-Spa, \*[[F(Spa-sc)-NAf]], A(Pic)-Bre, A(Par)-Bre, \*A(Mar)-Pie

GERMANY (Dave Tottey) F(Den)-NTH, A(Bel)stands, F(Hol) S A(Bel), A(Ruh) S A(Bel), A(Bur)-Mar

ITALY (Martyn Ives) F(WMS)-Spa sc, F(TYS)-GOL, A(Pie) S GERMAN A(Bur)-Mar, A(Tus)stands

RUSSIA (John Boogert) NMR! Has: \*A(Ukr), A(StP), A(War), F(GOB)

TURKEY (Richard Lewis) A(Rum)-Ukr, A(Sev) S A(Rum)-Ukr, \*A(Bul)stands, F(BLA)stands

Retreats: TURKISH A(Bul) dies (NRO); FRANCH A(Mar) dies (NRO); RUSSIAN A(Ukr) dies

Luton Airport - Derek: You must remember that you cannot retreat to a space left vacant due to a stand-off. And, I can only adjudicate the orders you send in; it's not up to me to judge whether an order was meant or not - the 'misorder play' is something I've used often. \*Also the provinces of Spa and NAf are NOT adjacent. Sorry.

## Winter 1902 Adjustments:

AUS: Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser + Rum, Bul, Gre	Builds: A(Bud), F(Tri), A(Vie)	for 7
ENG: Lpl, Lon, Edi, Nor, (Bel) + Swe	No Change	for 5
FRA: Bre, Par, (Mar), Spa, Por	No Change	for 4

GER: Kie,Mun,Ber,Den,Hol + Bel,Mar Builds: F(Kie), A(Mun) for 7  
 ITA: Ven,Rom,Nap,Tun No Change for 4  
 RUS: StP,Mos,War,(Sev),(Swe) No Change for 3  
 TUR: Smy,Ank,Con,(Rum) + Sev Builds: F(Smy) for 4  
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PRESS:

GERMANY - RUSSIA:

.....and I stab yours (ha ha). (!!)

ITALY - FRANCE:

Who told you that chap in London was honest?

TIMES:- MON:

The palace today issued a statement denying the rumour that H.R.H. is a ding-a-ling. The statement cont., "H.R.H. is a charming handsome, highly intelligent, deceitful person and loves ego trips."

TUES:

The battle of France is over and that for England just begun (to be said in a husky voice smoking a large cigar). ((I can manage the husky voice, but I've given up smoking cigars...))

FRANCE - WORLD:

I will surrender to the first country with an offer of help.

SEEN ON THE BOW OF A GONDOLA:

An Italian in Dib made a rhyme,  
 The contents of which were a crime,  
 The vocab was dour,  
 And the meter was poor (Ooch!) ((Urrggh!))  
 So just leave it to me next time! (Comments?) ((Arrrrggggghhh!))

FRANCE - RUSSIA:

O.K.

ITALY - RUSSIA:

Does Mark write your orders?

LATEST NEWS:

From our scientific correspondent in Manchester: Great interest is being shown in government circles at the recently published medical research of Dr. M.E. Lipton on methods of surviving a nuclear attack. After five years of meticulous research the good doctor has basically reached the following conclusion on the best course of action after receiving the "five minute warning". He states that you should sit down in the cupboard under the stairs, put your head between your knees and kiss your arse goodbye!

On reading this advice H.R.H. King Edward VII was overheard declaring that if he heard the "five minute warning" he'd grab the nearest woman and "give her the time of her life". However, Queen Alexandra was also overheard commenting that she "wondered what he'd do for the other 4 minutes". ((Cut it out - I almost laughed at that))

'Iuchar'(1982??)

Pre-Spring 1901

AUSTRIA (R.J. Lampard), ENGLAND (J. Mills-Hicks), FRANCE (John Bycroft), GERMANY (I. Winstanley), ITALY (Will Shand), RUSSIA (Peter Hall), TURKEY (Steve Rennie)

A double deadline has been requested for this game, so it's held over till after Christmas. Have orders on file from, R.J. Lampard, John Bycroft, Will Shand, Peter Hall, Steve Rennie. Orders may be changed at any time.

SOPWITH GM Tom Tweedy

'KESTREL'

TURN 23

CRASHBARRIER-WALTZER: MOVE 1 NMR! Moves A,A,A - fire 0  
 John Jones

MAJOR I. SWOTTER: MOVE 2 NMR! Stays landed and doesn't repair S10 ?? 16 7  
 Dave Tant

DAMAGES (DGE): As Waltzer crashes next time anyway, I'm cutting this game short and giving it to Dave. Dave takes Waltzer's last 8 damage points. Congratulations, Dave.

SOPWITH GM Richard Morris

'REDWING'

TURN 6

	MOVE 1	MOVE 2	MOVE 3	HEX	F/HEX	AMMO	DGE	HP
FLYING BRICK: Martin Mills	LS -*fire R,	A - fire 0,	LS - fire 0	F9	F8	12	2	6
CAPTAIN BLOODNOCK: Mick Antrobus	LS - fire 0,	A - fire 0,	A - fire 0	I7	J7	8	2	0
CAPTAIN THUNDERBOLT: Tom Tweedy	LT -*fire L,	A - fire 0,	A -*fire L+R	D7	E7	6	4	15
DOUGLAS BLADDER: Sandy Peters	BETA A - fire 0,	A - fire 0,	A - fire 0	P10	010	16	12	17
HERMAN GOERING: Rob Chapman	A - fire 0,	LT - fire 0,	A - fire A	D6	E7	9	5	5

DAMAGES (DGE): Move 1 Brick and Thunderbolt do 2pts of damage to each other. Move 2 BONK! Thunderbolt rams the cloud on C7 (1pt). Move 3 BONK! Tweedykins skulks in D7 (1pt), but shoots brick (3pts) and Herman (4pts). Nice shooting Tom. BONK! Herman takes another point of damage when the clouds move.

CLOUD POSITIONS NEXT TURN (beginning of turn 7): All move South West.

(1) A2,B2,B1,C1,C2      (2) G8,H8,I8      (3) G2,H2,H3  
(4) G11,H12,I12      (5) K7,K8,L8,M8      (A5,B5,C6,D6)

PRESS: NONE!

((What?! Oh dear, is this the lull before the storm? It it took me long enough to type up the 'Redwing' press before....))

GM: Looks like they are making things easy for Sandy. I'm looking forward to a bloodbath next time!

THUNDERBOLT - HERMAN AND BRICK:

Look - it was an accident I tell you; the gun went off in my hand! I plead not guilty to the charge of attempted murder.

SOPWITH GM Tom Tweedy

'KINGFISHER'

TURN 10

	MOVE 1	MOVE 2	MOVE 3	HEX	F/HEX	AMMO	DGE
CAPT JAMES T. KIRK: Iain Singer	LT - fire 0,	A - fire 0,	A - LANDS	J19	??	16	8
SIR WINSTON: Tim Sharrock	A - fire 0,	A - fire 0,	A - fire 0	L7	L6	2	9
LITTLE FOKKER: Richard Bass	A - fire 0,	RT - fire 0,	-A - fire 0	L12	L11	7	5
KAMEE KAZEE: Ian Tillson	A - fire 0,	A - fire 0,	LANDS	S19	??	16	5

DAMAGES (DGE): None.

CLOUD POSITIONS NEXT TURN (beginning of turn 11): All move North East.

(1) H10,I10,J10,I9,J9      (2) N16,O16,P16      (3) N10,O11,O10  
(4) N19,O2,P?      (5) R15,R16,S16,?16      (6) H13,I13,J14,K14

PRESS:

ENTERPRISE - STARFLEET COMMAND:

Coming in to dock, require additional information about combatants - also about eerie voice penetrating universe calling itself Luton Airport. ((Ah, so you're hearing voices now, eh? Sounds like battle fatigue to me.))

CAPTAIN'S LOG (STARDATE 10.1.2.3):

The Klingon ships have been dispatched to the far corners of the universe. Normal patrol is... the Enterprise is returning to base.

('Kingfisher' cont)

LITTLE FOKKER:

Come back and fight, you yellow lot. ((My very words))

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SOPWITH GM Tom Tweedy	'PELICAN'	TURN 2					
	MOVE 1	MOVE 2	MOVE 3	HEX	F/HEX	AMMO	DGE
CURLY CARRUTHERS: Brian Moore	LS - fire 0,	A - *fire R,	O - fire A+R	F4	G4	13	11
DODO DAEDALUS: Alec Winton	RT - fire 0,	A - fire 0,	A - fire 0	C6	C5	16	12
HEER BOMMEL: Jaap Jacobs	A - fire 0,	A - fire 0,	A - fire 0	P19	Q19	16	12
COL. BLOODNOCK: Mick Antrobus	A - fire 0,	RT - fire 0,	O - fire 0	R14	Q13	16	12
BLUEBOTTLE: Nick Hoyle	A - fire 0,	A - fire 0,	A - fire 0	M8	L8	16	12
COUNT McKILLEM: Peter Cowling	NMR! Moves A, A,	A - fire 0		E2	D2	16	9

DAMAGES (DGE): In the second move Curly fires and hits the Count (who takes 3 dge). After the die roll and cloud moves onto Curly (who takes 1 dge).

CLOUD POSITIONS NEXT TURN (beginning of turn 3): All move South West

(1) F4,G4,H4,G3,H3	(2) L10,M10,N10	(3) L4,M4,M5
(4) L13,M14,N14	(5) P9,P10,Q10,R10	(6) F7,G7,H8,I8

COA: Nick Hoyle, 5 Hilltop Drive, Tottington Nr. Bury, Lancs, BL8 3HW.

PRESS:

CURLY - MCCOUNT:

Uranium? This is 1914 not 1944 you know!

BLOODNOCK - FLYING DUCHMAN:

And I thought we were friends?

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SOPWITH GM Tom Tweedy	'MUDLARK'	TURN 12					
	MOVE 1	MOVE 2	MOVE 3	HEX	F/HEX	AMMO	DGE
MAJOR I. SWOTTER: Dave Tant	NMR! Moves A,A,A,	- no firing		C1	C?	6	4
SNOOPY: Keith Loveys	LT - fire 0,	LT - fire 0,	A - fire 0	F12	G13	11	7
DOUGLAS BLADDER: Sandy Peters	A - fire 0,	Lands a re-arms.		J1	??	16	1

DAMAGES (DGE): None - but perhaps soon?

LUTON AIRPORT - MONEYBAGS: Thanks for the extra cash - much appreciated.

CLOUD POSITIONS NEXT TURN (beginning of turn 13): All move North East

(1) F5,G4,G5,H4,H5	(2) L11,M11,N11	(3) L5,M5,M6
(4) L14,M15,N15	(5) P10,P11,Q11,R11	(6) F8,G8,H9,I9

PRESS:

BLADDER - SWOTTER:

Endearingly credulous I may be - but if you really wanted to shoot me up on the ground you