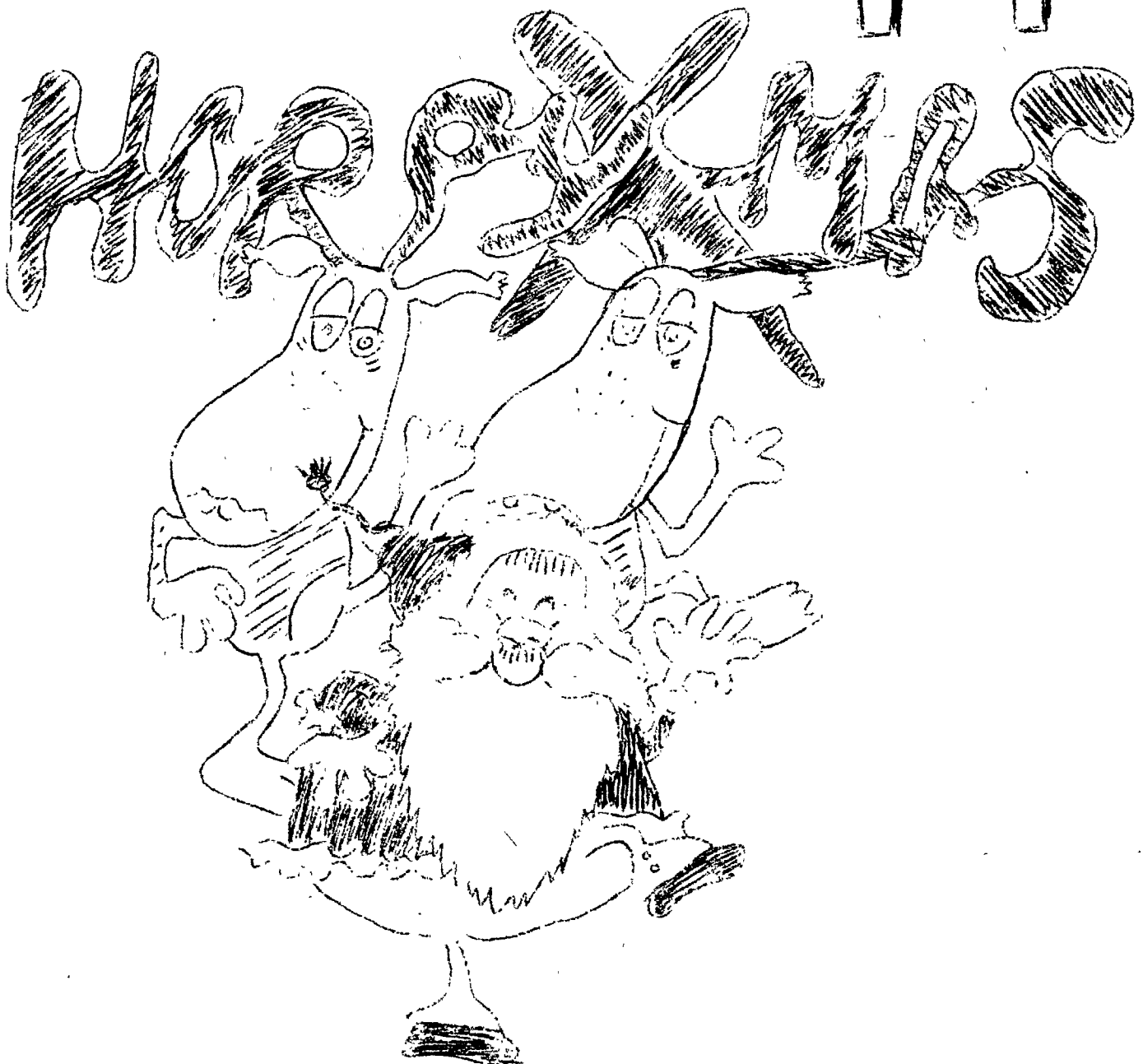


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Welcome to the Christmasy edition of Dib Dib Dib 44 - this issue should bring you all the wonders of the festive season disguised as games, chat, letters and anything else your conscientious editor has managed to cram in. Cost of this issue is still 40p in the UK. And comes to you from Tom Tweedy, 29 Stanley Hill Avenue, Amersham, Bucks, HP7 9BD. Tel. 02403 4513

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#### EDITORIAL

Many thanks to all those who have so far sent Christmas Cards - I like Christmas: the cards, presents, turkey, carols, the lot. To say that I go through a second childhood every year about this time is not quite correct - my 30th would seem more like it! And to all those who didn't send cards... WHY NOT!? Your names have been noted!

In case I don't get the space later on I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all those that have stuck with me over the past year, a warm welcome to all the new subscribers I've recently picked up over the last couple of months, and to wish you all a very, MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR! Yeah, let's hear it for the Dib team.

"WewishyouaMerryChristmas,wewishyouaMerryChristmasandaHappyNewYear..."

Well, onto the boring old HOBBY THINGS: It seems Richard Morris has finally had enough, and is handing over the Sopwith stats to anyone who thinks they can do the job. Well, 'had enough' is not quite correct - to be more precise Richard is finding he has his hands full in 'just' producing Boojum, and thought it might be a good idea to give someone else a shot at the stats lark; someone who could bring a breath of fresh air into what could at times get to be a boring job. For more details and where to write to check Richard's letter in the lettercolumn.

Richard Downes, editor of the computer produced Back to the Dark Ages, seems to be expanding his grasp on this hobby, by taking over the editing and GMing of Martin & Diane Hammon's Stuart and Hypereconomical Diplomacy - an horrendous task I would have thought. Hell, I can hardly spell hyperwotsit, never mind play or GM it! This being the case, I wish Richard all the luck in the world with this job - he'll need it. Stuart 7 will end up being computer printed A4, photoreduced to A5 then photocopied. With such a mongrel upbringing surely it can't fail to be a hit.

Back to the Dark Ages: Edited by Richard Downes. Issue 1 was only a single sheet in a computer printed format. Certainly not a zine as yet, but Richard intends to expand it by publishing some chat, articles and suchlike, with game openings for: Diplomacy, Sopwith, Jotto, Vein Rats, Kingmaker, Nuclear War, and any other game that players want to suggest (plus his own LMII PBM game). Gamefees are 50p for all games. Don't be put off by the single sheet of print - Dib started off more or less the same way, the more subscribers Richard gets the more the zine will expand. Write to:-

Richard Downes, 8 Treasury View, Canterbury, Kent, CT3 1QY.

I didn't get to MidCon but from what I can glean from other zines it was a great success - the main results were: The Les Pimley Award was won by: Nick Kinzett. A very well deserved win it was too - my congratulations to Nick, it couldn't have happened to a nicer bloke (as I abstained!).

Results of the MidCon Diplomacy Championship:-

1st: (76.21 points) Andrew Sparkes

2ns: (73.26 points) Eric Knibb

3rd: (68.20 points) Paul Reeves

4th: (62.22 points) Jeff Edmonds

5th: (61.16 points) Robert Lozynskyj

6th: (61.11 points) Paul Lock

7th: (59.14 points) Pete Mason

((Rob and Pete are the only two Dib subscribers here - come on you two, buck up, you do have the glory of Dib to uphold y'know! Better luck next year))

A special Tournament Director's Award was given to Steve Jones for his consistant performance over the years being on the top boards in the Championship. I snitched this piece of information straight from Walkerdine's Mad Policy. When I confronted the great man himself, hoping to pick his brains as to what exactly Steve had won, I found myself once again sorely let down; he hadn't a clue what the prize was actually for, even though he was there, and had wrote about it! This is not the first time I've unsuccessfully 'picked' this man's brain and found nothing. It all goes to show of course that it's his wife, Claire, the woman behind the man, who must be pushing like mad. God, she must really have to strain to keep him out in front... perhaps even to get him out of the armchair.

ANOTHER MINI-REVIEW? I don't like doing a special section on book reviews, film reviews and suchlike, but I do like to mention the odd interesting tome or two; you know, that I have found particularly interesting over the past month. So this is a review (of sorts) heavily disguised as chat. Piers Anthony (ah, a name to conjure with) has recently come to my attention with a superb collection/series of books under the main banner of 'Magic of Xanth'. Although the covers are not actually numbered, in the correct order the titles are: 'A Spell for Chameleon', 'The Source of Magic', 'Castle Roogna', 'Centaur Aisle', 'Ogre Ogre', 'Nightmare' and 'Dragon on a Pedestal'. Although I now have the complete set of Xanth books, I've only read up to Ogre Ogre so far and I'm finding them increasingly difficult to put down.

I found it interesting to note (once the penny had dropped), the complete change in the Piers Anthony style with these new Xanth books. It's so different from his earlier books that, for a while, I just didn't recognise him. I remember well, now, three classics of his called: Sos the Rope, Neq the Sword, and Vol the Stick. I put these down in the same category as the once-in-a-lifetime adventures like Harry Harrison's 'Deathworld' series, and Asimov's 'Foundation' trilogy. Well, I think Anthony has done it again, though some fans might not like the new style. His previous books, the first three earlier works I mentioned, were done very much in a serious vein. I suppose, the normal run-of-the-mill SF style one might expect from a serious SF book. However, his new style is much lighter hearted... ANYTHING goes. If he wants drinking chocolate trees in his fantasy land, he has it. At times I must admit it's a little irritating, as the writing then comes across as being a little too relaxed (flippant? blase might be a better word) - but when all said and done it's the relaxed, laid-back style, this type of SF story so obviously needs.

It's a bit like comparing an ordinary film with the new Fantasy Cartoons. Because Xanth does come across very much like a cartoon land. Mind you, this is no bad thing; one only has to see the cartoon bits of 'Lord of the Rings', or the superb video 'The Fire and the Ice' to get some idea of what the book feels like. The Xanth series is fresh, witty, and delightfully titillating, and about as D&Dish as a book can get. Which makes a nice change from the serious Sword & Sorcery/fantasy books I think.

Incidentally, and if you're a Piers Anthony fan, the three books of his I mentioned (Rope, Stick and Sword) have just been re-released all bound up in one new book called, 'Battle Circle' - if you haven't already read them/it, I recommend you do so. Perhaps put it on your Father Christmas List!

Cough, Cough, Splutter, Splutter - Gil Von Gavel has actually dared to send me an appeal for the striking miners. Hah! The leaflet actually says, I quote: "There are large numbers of families who will be deprived of anything resembling a Merry Xmas." As its the season of good will I should just like to point out to comrade Gavel that there are large numbers more of conscientious workers being threatened, intimidated, and worse, numbers who have no work to opt to go to!! I mean, how can you take this leaflet seriously with this priceless quote: "Have a Yorkshire miner to speak at your workplace." Ha ha, very funny. I have one of my own, how about, "Keep the unemployed and pensioners warm.... replace coal with striking miners!"

JOTTO Turn 7

Richard Sharp:	7th: 231211	James Cowie:	7th: 331121
George North:	7th: 020111	Ulf Jiretorn:	7th: 160111
Brian Moore:	7th: NMR!	Richard Morris:	6th: 413311
			7th: 220223
Richard Lampard:	7th: NMR!	Tim Collieu:	7th: 111121
Nicholas Whyte:	6th: 413214	James Steele:	7th: NMR!
	7th: 211131	Richard Downes:	7th: 414211
Rosie Roberts:	1st: 211232	2nd: 021121	
	3rd: 122011	4th: 312211	
	5th: 322311	6th: 302233	
	7th: 222023		

A couple of people dropped out - can't take the pace. And a couple of questions from our late newcomer, Rosie: (1) Do I use the computer to adjudicate this game? The answer is yes, it's impossible to get the markings wrong (er, unless I copy them in wrong at this stage - which isn't likely; this isn't Dolchstoss y'know). (2) Which dictionary do I use? Answer: The Shorter Oxford English (though why Jan can't use the Chambers stuck under the table leg....). Better watch out you lot, Rosie wins a lot at this Jotto lark, having just won a large amount in Dolchstoss (unintentional advt). Not that Richard knows many 6-letter words...

## LETTERS

DAVE BIRD: "Thanks for No.43; keeping up the good work. Who designs the front covers - they're usually good for a laugh?"

Another question - who is this pedantic old bugger Sharp? He reminds me of a 'nit-picking' supervisor I had once a few years back."

((The infamous Richard Sharp - I thought everyone in the hobby had heard of him? Richard has been in this hobby ever since it started (it was then only known as the Diplomacy hobby); he was part of the Old Guard; accused of being a member of the notorious 'hard core'; was found guilty and was hounded out of the hobby (by such shining crusaders as Clive F. Booth, gentleman, entrepreneur, adventurer, and all-round good egg) - he then came sneaking back (under the pretext of resurrecting and putting right old commitments) as soon as he found out Booth had folded Chimaera. I suppose Richard was best known for producing his crusty old rag, Dolchstoss, and writing an enormous tome, called 'The Book of Diplomacy', which is excellent for propping open doors. Admittedly Dolchstoss had, and even has, its followers - of which, I am ashamed to say, I am one - but his popularity can't last much longer. You're right, he is a pedantic old sod.

As for Dib's covers - yes they are quite good aren't they. Jan does them. Of course if anyone else has any ideas for good covers, by all means send them in. Keep the drawings fairly simple though - tracing to a stencil is not the best medium for artwork.))

But, talk of the devil....

RICHARD SHARP: "What I meant, as would be obvious to most people, was that just marking a letter with the usual airmail markings is no guarantee that it will be carried by air. ((Why not? If I pay for Air Mail I expect Air Mail! Are you saying the Post Office are taking people for a ride?))

George North doesn't seem to have improved with keeping - he was writing rubbish seven years ago and still is. House cons seem to have almost died out, though, apart from our annual two (which aren't really cons in the old sense, since they're restricted). I went to about 4-5 a year, I think, between 1974 and 1979. We went solely to meet friends - oh sure, a few games were played to pass the time between closing and reopening, but they were incidental. It was de rigueur for every editor who

went to print a long, detailed and libellous account of the proceedings, and comparing, these afterwards was all part of the fun. The hobby was much more social in those days - it was very noticeable to me at MidCon that the people who were doing the socialising were the same people as were doing it 7-8 years ago, though sadly depleted in numbers. What the ridiculous Goerge calls 'the clique' was synonymous with the hobby - I mean my hobby, which is postal Diplomacy, not the Goblins and Gorillas brigade. It was not, of course, a clique, because anyone could join.

Just noticed another comic letter. On that scale of 1-10, I should think I must be about 25! Hunting, indeed. They even wear pink."

((Yes, I've always thought 'Hunting Pink' was a pretty weird way of describing red hunting jackets - why pink? As for your political grading, forget it, we don't have a scale that can swing that far to the right.

I think you might have been a little unfair on poor old George, I don't suppose he can help it if he got an invite to a lousy con. But I agree with you that the hobby seems far less social than it used to be. Though I don't think it's the fault of the people this hobby is attracting (people are still as genuinely friendly as they used to be) - it's my guess they lack the 'social leaders' we used to have in our day. When I first joined the hobby it was the zine editors that lead the way, detailing attitudes in their zines for everyone else to emulate. Today's zine editor (most of them) talk about nothing else but playing games, and they still, more or less, lead the way in regards attitude. This total preoccupation with playing games (solidly) at cons I think is more of a reaction (probably over-reaction) against the notorious "hardcore's" basic principle of booze, fun, booze and having a good time. Admittedly, and as you said, it was all 'over the top' reporting, but some people took it seriously. Hence the heavy reaction we see today. The quicker we get back to the good ol' hardcore reporting. the better, I say.))

GRAHAM FREEMAN. "As I'm 18, politics has not taken its strong hold upon me yet, and so I'm open to 'persuasion'. A couple of years ago, Nicky Palmer asked me to join the Labour party, but I refused ((Good for you!)) (actually, I never replied to his last letter).

Looking down your subbers list I find he's not on. Has he ever subbed to Dib Dib Dib?"

((No, he's never subbed. We traded for a short while when relevant letters appeared in each others mags, but that's all. I stand aghast at your admission of no political hold at 18 - at your age you should be out enjoying yourself, like... throwing eggs at Scargill, things like that. Of course his mob is more destructive, but there's no need to sink to their level, is there? - you sound like good Conservative material to me.))

I expected to be shot down in flames over my Ethiopian diatribe last month - the hobby not always being too easy-going on articles such as that - but to my surprise I find a couple of people actually agreeing.... strange.

RACHEL ROBERTS. "Yes, of course I'm a figment of Richard Sharp's imagination. Surely everyone who reads Dolchstoss is. They don't SOUND real, do they? ((That's true))

In my position as figment, I must support Richard on one point of your argument with him. it really isn't the same thing to say 'I sent the letter by sea' as to say 'the letter travelled by sea'. There's more involved in getting a letter to travel airmail than you might think, just how much more depends on where you live. If the sorter can't add up your stamps in his head, or thinks the letter feels heavy, or is in a hurry to knock off, it can go straight into the wrong sack with no appeal allowed.

In our case, the alternative isn't 'seamail', but 'printed paper rate', which seems to be even slower. ((My God, if I didn't know better, I'd swear a Sharp clone was arguing this case - it sounds so much like him!))

I agree with most of what you say about the famine. Someone said in the 'Times' the other day 'long term help always has strings attached, but

emergency help is given freely without strings'. That could be one reason why the governments of such countries do less than they could to avoid disasters. As to long term help - the only thing which could improve the climate is to tell all the farmers all over the continent NOT TO CUT DOWN ANY MORE TREES. The little bit of food they can grow on the land before it becomes desert is out of all proportion to the loss of harvests in the surrounding region due to the reduced rainfall.

I recall a study made using a computer model and quantities of economics and social science students. They found that, given the conditions of native villages in fairly fertile and prosperous regions, THERE IS NO TYPE OF HELP WHATEVER THAT THE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES CAN GIVE THEM WHICH WILL NOT IN THE LONG RUN CAUSE DISASTERS. When the famines start it is then too late to leave them alone, but for people who are in harmony with their environment health care causes over-population, irrigation causes the water-table to drop - killing the vegetation which governs the rainfall, power tools and tractors cause environmental destruction and soil erosion, and so on."

((That's a pretty picture you paint there, and it's interesting to note what you say about long term help having strings attached - I hadn't thought of that aspect, but of course it sounds more than plausible. Are you saying then things like the 'Early Warning Famine Centre' in Rome is a waste of money? Hell, you may just be right, it did its job and warned the Western world in plenty of time, but as we can all see, no-one took the slightest notice. So what are we doing helping the starving at all... are we just prolonging the inevitable... the death of thousands?))

In an almost similiar vein....

JEREMY MILES: "I feel I must enlighten you about the long term prospects for Ethiopia. The main problem is bad farming techniques, Ethiopia receives 300mm (I think) of rain each year, and if my memory serves me correctly (because I can't find where I found it) this is the same as Inner London, the thing is, it all comes at once causing 'floods' and then later 'droughts' the Ethiopians, in their efforts to get as much food as possible from their land, virtually turn the land into a desert (desertify?) by overgrazing.

The real long term solution according to the New Scientist is to educate the Ethiopian is not overgrazing and generally being nice to their land, in the short term. They would get less from it, but in the long term they would get more out of it.

I agree with you about finding a suitable charity, but, to the best of my knowledge, the best you're going to get is the V.S.O. (Voluntary Service Overseas) which sends young people to places like Ethiopia to help them with farming and other projects."

((Sending volunteers can't be as easy as it seems - a firm here in Amersham, specialists in irrigation, were turned down when they offered their services to the Ethiopian Government. When I read the article I got the impression that the offer was for free - having been refused I just wonder what, if any, harm they could have done? Is Rosie's argument correct?))

TIM COLLIEU: "If it is any comfort I agree totally with what you say about Ethiopia. and as far as I can see this problem of famine will always be with us.

It seems to me that the superpowers will always see it's in their interest to keep a population unhappy, so that the country is unstable, creating the possibility of a revolution that would swing the country from left to right or vice versa; creating a friendly country in a geographically important position. Thus, long term aid would bring stability that would permanently (or as permanently as anything human can be in time) upset the balance of power. The only people who suffer are those who can't do anything about it, usually 99% of the population.

Therefore, as long as the men in the White House or the Kremlin play

their games, human despair will always be with us, and relief will only be temporary, as those with the money give it out of a sense of guilt.

Of course I don't believe that the Superpowers deliberately cause the drought, although the amount of carbon and other fumes being chucked up into the atmosphere must cause a greenhouse effect - did such drastic droughts occur with such regularity 100 years ago?

Also the Superpowers keep the third world poor by buying their products, e.g. cocoa, at low prices, and then sell them guns, cars or anything which makes them look a prosperous American state, but does nothing again, for the bulk of the population.

Human oppression of humans has always been with us, from 2,000 B.C. to the present day ((you've met my wife then, Tim?)) and no doubt will until we finally wipe ourselves out. Still, this view is a highly emotional topic and I fear this view is unpopular and in a minority. But what can we do?"

((So, Tim thinks the cause is political. It's a pat answer that's often trotted out by both super powers when attacking the other. Don't believe it myself, because it would have been spotted by more important people than us; people in a position to do something about it, even if it was only to cause a stink.))

JON MOSS. "You may be amazed to receive this - I am, that I'm writing it - however I felt so strongly motivated by your introductory article that I just had to put pen to paper.

I am tired of the emotional blackmail utilised by so many charitable causes to prompt donations, Friends at work expect sponsorship to stupid tasks - to support organisations of their choice. Christmas seems to bring them out in droves, if it's not the Catholic Boys Club then it's Scouts Football Clubs etc., all with their Xmas raffles or sponsored walk/swim/eat/talk and even sponsored TV viewing - Wow!

If people want to donate to such causes I'm not stopping them, but don't expect ME to.

~~You may think at first this is a bit way off National Tragedy level -~~ however I disagree. If the Scouts want a new hut and I donate a brick they won't be interested. OK so they'll probably be polite but don't expect undying gratitude. The people of Ethiopia etc. need a solution not a paltry patronising handout from the West. NUKE THEM would be a better solution than the hypocrisy we see at present. People give a few pounds to appease their conscience so they can forget for another 12 months or until promoted by the TV news Documentary.

I have no awe-inspiring solution - but then I've not really given it that much thought you see, like most of Humanity I suspect I just don't care enough and if that's the case then why bother helping anyway!"

((Yes, well, this might have been argued a little more forcably than I might have, Jon but I take your point - 'Nuke them' is a little strong though, in whatever context.))

JON (CON1): "Anyway so much for the depression - now to Biddle-Dibble-Dribble, yes that's it! I do enjoy Dib Dib Dib both playing the games and reading the letters - most of the time, and I am full of thanks for your dedication and effort in producing such a consistently high quality zine. Whilst I still consider myself a relative newcomer to the Hobby (18 months approx) I have looked around and subscribe to 3 zines that I enjoy - Dib Dib Dib, Denver Glont and Church Mouse. I would agree with Clover that to rate any in comparison to each other must be de-motivating to the editors therefore I believe the highest praise must be to continue my subscription.

So what if you're 36 - Dib's 43 and still going strong."

((Every now and then I need a note like this to put me right. Doing a zine at times one tends to get a bit 'down in the dumps' - the thoughts often are, am I doing this right, am I doing that right, is my effort even appreciated? I forget sometimes, that what Jon says, is right; the highest praise is when subscribers take out another subscription to this dear old rag. No other comparison need be made. So, while I remember just what is what, I'd like to take this opportunity

to thank all those that have ever sent me money.... may you long continue to do so.))

VICTOR HALL: "As you can see I've moved house and that's one very big relief. Where I was before was really getting me down. Since my old flatmate moved out it really wasn't the same, not to mention getting broken in one night just before I went to bed. The burglar was this massive big black guy - how he got in through the window I just don't know.

Anyway, after he kicked in one of the bedroom doors I decided that my Aikido wasn't good enough yet to make a dash for the front door. However I unfortunately bumped into him in the corridor giving us both a shock. The burglar then proceeded to ask if one of my flatmates was in, as if he just popped round for a cup of tea and then fled through the front door.

Needless to say, I was somewhat relieved - most burglars round here carry knives or bottles of concentrated sulphuric acid etc, etc.

Of course the police were useless as normal ((Booth where are you now?)) after notifying them, one of them turned up an hour later, and said: "You don't look very happy do you?" He then proceeded to tell me he was very tired as it was the end of his shift and rather than take a statement now he might pop back the next day. He then left.

The crime rate in West Ham has literally become appalling, stabbing etc, etc, the telephones are continually out of order, that's if they haven't been stolen and the post boxes which haven't been burnt out (along with half a dozen cars and several peoples flats) are sealed up due to a backlog caused by an overtime ban and understaffing in the local postal service.

So instead of going mad or becoming a nervous wreck - I moved to a semi-detached in not so proper suburban Ilford. Still it's pleasant to have a proper lounge and a garden with some trees.

Anyway, keep up the good work with DIB Apart from all that tedious computer stuff, DIB's a thoroughly good read - keep it up."

((Some people do narf lead exciting lives! I hope you're not taking a little dig at our magnificent police force though, young Victor? The thin blue line does its best against a suspicious and often angry public, for no thanks at all more often than not. 'Support Your Local Police Force' I always say.))

RICHARD MORRIS: "I have a number of apologies to make. Firstly for my NMR! in your Jotto last time, I intended to phone you on the Thursday but got struck down with the lurgy and couldn't think! Secondly, I put your copy of Boojum to one side to write this letter, I found it three days later....

The Stats are missing again. I've got 5 or 6 stencils cut but don't seem to be finding the extra time to do them. I shall be advertising for someone to take them off my hands, so if you can get to print first you may care to mention that. It's a shame, I don't lack the enthusiasm just the time, but Boojum is more important."

((So there we have it - anyone interested in taking over the job as the hobby's Sopwith Statistician, need only apply to, Richard Morris, 1 Highland Ville, Lightcliffe, Halifax, W. Yorks., HX3 8AG. It must be quite a big job now as quite a number of zines run the game. When I started the stats and the Aces system off it was only to enhance the games between Dib, Hopscotch and Rob Chapman's Putty Riffo. I didn't think the game would catch on more than that.))

LUKE CLUTTERBUCK: "Hi, I was very surprised that you considered my incoherent ramblings to be worthy of publication even if it was only in the section of your zine reserved for incoherent ramblings! I shall pass over your use of the terms 'loony' and 'pinko scum' to describe myself and my political comrades and get straight onto the D&D game of which I spoke earlier. What happened to Ian Winstanley and Cathy Cunning? NMR'd huh?

I see Richard Sharp is still hard at it. Incidentally I received today issue 41 (the post office don't like it if you only put  $\frac{1}{2}$  the postage you know - don't worry, the other issues have made good time). Having read it, I now know that Richard has been going on about the same cro-magnon game



for at least three issues! This leads me to believe that it must be fun, so I'd like to dip my oar in concerning the contention that sea mail must travel by surface. Have you considered the possibility of Submarines?"

((Damn... you know, I never thought of that! Go away!))

Well that's it for another issue - I wanted to do a special Christmas edition, but Jan won't let me, she says because we don't have time. So, on with the games...

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'Kevin' (1983DI)

Autumn 1907

HAS GERMANY GIVEN UP? OR HAS THE GERMAN MIGHT ONCE AGAIN FALLEN TO THE RUSSIAN WINTER?  
(With Turkey gone and the German NMR Russia has now got a better than even chance)

ENGLAND (Richard Wernick) F(StP-nc)stands, F(Lpl)stands  
 GERMANY (Victor Hall) NMR! Has: A(Sil), A(Ven), A(Mun), A(Tus), A(Yor), A(Spa), F(SKA), F(ENC), F(NTH), F(TYS), A(Mar), A(Tyr), F(Den)  
 RUSSIA (R.J. Lampard) A(Smy)-Con, A(Syr)-Arm, A(Alb)-Gre, A(Ser)-Bul, A(Rum) S A(Ser)-Bul, A(Nor)-Swe, A(Tri)-Ven, A(Vie)stands, A(Ukr)-War  
 TURKEY (Anarchy) NMR!! Has: A(Gre), \*A(Bul), F(Ank), F(Tun), A(Nap), A(Rom), F(Con)

Retreats: TURKISH A(Bul) dies

COA: Victor Hall, 1 Joan Villas, Cranley Road, Ilford, Essex. Tel. 01 554 0363

Winter 1907 Adjustments:

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|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| ENG: Lpl, StP, Nor                                                        | No Change              | (1 SHORT) for 3  |
| GER: Kie, Ber, Mun, Hol, Bel, Par, Den, Bre, Por, Mar, Spa, Ven, Edi, Lon | No Change              | (1 SHORT) for 14 |
| RUS: Mos, War, Vie, Rum, Bud, Tri, Swe, Ser, Sev + Smy, Bul               | Builds: A(Sev), A(Mos) | for 11           |
| TUR: Con, Ank, (Smy), (Bul), Gre, Nap, Tun, Rom                           | No Change              | for 6            |
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PRESS:

'Lamfhada' (1983EE)

Spring 1906

MASSIVE RUSSIAN BUILD-UP ON RUSSIAN-TURKISH BORDER

AUSTRIA (James Cowie) A(Tri)-Alb, A(Ser) S A(Tri)-Alb, A(Bud) S A(Ser), A(Vie) S A(Bud)  
 ENGLAND (David Crawford) NMR! Has: F(NTH), A(Edi)  
 FRANCE (Alan Sharples) NMR! Has: A(Hol), A(Bel), A(Bur), F(NWG), F(Lpl), F(ENC), F(SKA), A(Pic)  
 GERMANY (R.J. Lampard) A(Kie)-Ruh, A(Mun) S A(Kie)-Ruh, A(Ber)-Kie  
 ITALY (Paul Donley) A(Tyr) S A(Ven), A(Ven) S A(Tyr), F(TYS) S F(ION), F(ION) S TURKISH F(AEG)-Gre  
 RUSSIA (Mike Close) F(Sev)-Arm, A(Rum)-Sev, A(Gal)-Rum, A(Sil)-Gal, A(Ukr)-Mos, F(StP-nc)-BAR, F(Nor)-NWG, F(Den) S ENGLISH F(NTH)  
 TURKEY (Simon Craddock) A(Gre)-Alb, F(EMS)-ION, F(Bul-ec)-BLA, A(Con) S F(AEG)-Bul-sc, F(AEG)-Bul-sc

(Lamfhada cont'd)

Retreats: None.COA: James Cowie, 9 Viewforth Terrace, Edinburgh, EH10 4LH. And, Paul Donley back home from: now until 7th Jan.PRESS:Russia - Tweedy: What do you mean, ahead? Count the number of French units again!! ((Don't know what you mean, sorry. I can't count - ANYWAY, a little more respect, Close. they call me MISTER Tweedy! Though you can call me Sir....))'Macha' (1983EN)Spring 1906ITALY AND TURKEY STILL FIGHT IT OUT WHILE RUSSIA PITS HIS STRENGTH  
AGAINST THE MIGHTY FRANCISH HORDES ALONE

ENGLAND (Anarchy) F(Lon), F(Lpl)

FRANCE (Bill Haygarth) F(NWG) S F(ENC)-NTH, F(ENC)-NTH, F(Nor)-BAR, F(Wal)stands, F(Bre)-ENC; A(Par)-Pic, A(Bur) S A(Mun), A(Mun) S A(Kie), A(Ruh) S A(Mun), A(Hol) S A(Kie), A(Kie) S A(Mun)

ITALY (Alan Frost) F(Gre)-Bul-sc, A(Ser) S F(Gre)-Bul-sc, F(FMS)-AEG, F(Alb)-Gre, F(ION) S F(Alb)-Gre, A(Vie) S A(Bud), A(Bud) S A(Ser), A(Boh)stands, A(Ven)-Tyr

RUSSIA (Steve Rennie) A(Gal)-War, [[A(Sil) S ITALIAN A(Boh)-Mun]], [[A(Ber) S ITALIAN A(Boh)-Mun]], F(Den)-Kie, A(Rum) S ITALIAN F(Gre)-Bul-sc, A(Pru) S A(Ber), F(BLA) S A(Arm)-Smy, A(Arm)-Smy

TURKEY (Ulf Jiretorn) \*A(Bul) S F(Con), F(AEG)-Smy, F(Con) S A(Bul), A(Ank) S F(AEG)-Smy

Retreats: TURKISH A(Bul) dies (NRP)PRESS:Turkey - Italy: I would have known....Russia - France: Do you want control of all the pieces on the board. You already seem to have Italy's units so surely you don't need mine.Turkey - Russia: Excuse me, but do you maybe notice that your position is falling apart? You've lost Norway and Kiel, you lose St. Petersburg now and you'll lose Moscow in the Autumn if you don't withdraw a unit from some frontier. Still, you continue to attack. You even support Italy against me, although everything he does is in purpose to eliminate you. Why don't you use your Smyrna army to hold Moscow and your Black Sea fleet to support Rumania? Please come to your senses before we're both dead.Italy - France: What kind of nonsense is this? I wonder what you plan to do when you've got those Russian units. Beware, you're not as safe as you think.'Nuada' (1984BN)Spring 1903

## FRANCE ATTACKS ON TWO FRONTS - ENGLISH FORCES ARE PUSHED BACK

AUSTRIA (John Cavanagh) A(Bul) S F(Gre), F(Gre) S A(Bul), A(Ser) S A(Bul), A(Bud) S A(Ser), F(Tri)-ADS, A(Gal)-Vie

ENGLAND (Martin Allen) F(NWG)-Nor, \*A(Nor)-Bre, \*F(NTH) C A(Nor)-Bre, F(ENC) C A(Nor)-Bre

FRANCE (Paul Morton) A(Pic)-Bur, A(Par) S A(Pic)-Bur, A(Gas) S F(Spa-sc), F(Spa-sc)stands

GERMANY (Mike Close) A(Ruh) S A(Bel), A(Mun)-Bur, A(Bel) S A(Mun)-Bur, F(Kie)-HEL, F(Hol)-NTH, F(Den) S F(Hol)-NTH

ITALY (R.J. Lampard) A(Pie) S A(Mar), A(Mar) S GERMAN A(Mun)-Bur, F(Ven)stands, F(Nap)-ION, F(WMS)-MAO

RUSSIA (Cathy Cuning) F(Swe) S A(Fin)-Nor. A(StP) S A(Fin)-Nor, A(Fin)-Nor, A(Ukr)-War, A(Rum)stands, F(Sev) S A(Rum)

(CCCont over...)

TURKEY (Chris Sandow) F(Smy)-AEG, A(Con)-Bul, F(BLA) S A(Con)-Bul

Retreats: ENGLISH A(Nor) dies (NRP); ENGLISH F(NTH)-Edi

COA: John Cavanagh, 7 Carmel Close, Mount Hermon Road, Woking, Surrey.

PRESS:

LUTON AIRPORT - Austria: Please put the game name at the top of your orders, John, it's a hell of a job sorting through my files.

'Olwen' (1984B0)

Autumn 1904

THE ITALY-TURKISH ALLIANCE TAKES A BIG CHUNK OUT OF THE AUSTRIAN HIDE

AUSTRIA (Mick Bensted) A(Vie) S F(Tri), \*F(Tri)stands, \*A(Ser)-Bud, A(Rum)-Bud  
 ENGLAND (Grahame Maclennan) NMR! Has: F(Cly), F(Nor)  
 FRANCE (Colin Pickard) F(Lpl)-IRI, [[F(Lon) S ENGLISH F(Edi)-NTH]], A(Yor)-Edi, A(Gas)-Bur, A(Bur)-Pic, A(Tyr)-Vie, F(Bre)-ENC  
 GERMANY (Kenny Adams) NMR! Has: F(Den), F(Swe), F(StP-sc), A(War), A(Hol), A(Ruh), A(Kie), A(Mun)  
 ITALY (Nick Lourie) A(Ven)-Tri, A(Apu)-Ven, F(Tun)-ION  
 RUSSIA (Anarchy) NMR!! Has: A(Gal), A(Mos)  
 TURKEY (Ian Winstanley) F(AIb) S ITALIAN A(Ven)-Tri, A(Bul)-Ser, A(Gre) S A(Bul)-Ser, F(AEG)-Bul-sc

Retreats: AUSTRIAN F(Tri)-ADS; AUSTRIAN A(Ser) dies (NRP)

LUTON AIRPORT: Sorry, slight mistake last time, though most of you noticed - the Austrian A(Gre) did in fact die last time as it had nowhere to retreat to.

Winter 1904 Adjustments:

|                                            |                        |       |
|--------------------------------------------|------------------------|-------|
| AUS: (Tri),vie,Bud,(Ser),(Gre) + Rum       | No Change              | for 3 |
| ENG: (Edi),Nor                             | GM disbands F(Nor)     | for 1 |
| FRA: Par,Bre,Mar,Bel,Spa,Por,Lpl,Lon + Edi | Builds: F(Bre), A(Par) | for 9 |
| GER: Mun,Kie,Ber,Swe,Hol,Den,StP,War       | No Change              | for 8 |
| ITA: Rom,Ven,Nap,Tun + Tri                 | Builds: F(Nap), A(Rom) | for 5 |
| RUS: Mos,Sev,(Rum)                         | No Change              | for 2 |
| TUR: Con,Smy,Ank,Bul + Ser,Gre             | Builds: A(Con), F(Ank) | for 6 |

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PRESS:

LUTON AIRPORT - Colin: Many congratulations on your impending marriage - and certainly best of luck.

Turkey - LUTON AIRPORT: I told my girlfriend your views on women. She was amused but, not surprisingly, wouldn't take them seriously. ((AMUSED!?! - it seems you're too late mate; you've already allowed her the luxury of thinking for herself.))

According to a friend who has been there, in Isreal DIB stands for Dear Isreally Brother. Unless there are no Isrealies present in which case it calls into question Isreal's hygiene and parenthood.

LUTON AIRPORT - Turkey: How so?

LUTON AIRPORT - Italy: To answer your question, no, you don't have 'permission' for that kind of build.

'Pryderi' (1984DA)

Autumn 1903

OVERKILL RULES! - IT SEEMS AS ENGLAND WASN'T WANTED IN THIS GAME

AUSTRIA (Pete Mason) F(Tri)stands, A(Vie) S F(Tri), A(Bud) S F(Tri), A(Ser) S A(Gre), [[A(Gre) S RUSSIAN F(BLA)-Bul-ec]]  
 ENGLAND (Ralph Baker) NMR! Has: \*A(Cly), F(Lon), \*F(Hol), \*A(Bel)  
 FRANCE (John Piggott) F(NAO)-Cly, A(Lpl) S F(NAO)-Cly, F(MAO)-WMS, A(Pic)-Bel, A(Bur) S A(Pic)-Bel

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GERMANY (Nick Hoyle) A(Kie)-Hol, F(HEL) S A(Kie)-Hol, A(Ruh)-Mun, F(Den)-Swe  
 ITALY (Mike Pollard) F(ION)-EMS, F(Apu)-ION, [[A(Boh)-Mun]] ((NO SUCH UNIT)), A(Alb)-Tri,  
 A(Ven) S A(Alb)-Tri, A(Tyr) stands unordered  
 RUSSIA (David Crawford) NMR! Has: A(Nor), F(Swe), A(Fin), A(Sev), F(Rum), F(BLA)  
 TURKEY (Iain Forsyth) F(AEG)-Bul-sc, A(Con) S F(AEG)-Bul-sc, F(Ank)-BLA

Retreats: ENGLISH A(Cly) dies; ENGLISH F(Hol) dies; ENGLISH A(Bel) dies

COA'S: Remember (more for myself than anyone else) Iain Forsyth will be home for Christmas from:  
 20th Dec - 16th Feb at 6 Ardrossan Road, Saltcoats, Ayrshire. Tel. 0294 61414

Nick Hoyle is back to 5 Hilltop Drive, Tottington, Nr. Bury, Lancs.: from 22 Dec - 5th Jan.

Mike Pollard, 16 Wheelton Close, Lower Earley, Berkshire, RG6 2YD.

Winter 1903 Adjustments:

|                                           |                        |                 |
|-------------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| AUS: Vie, Bud, Ser, (Bul). Tri + Gre      | No Change              | for 5           |
| ENG: Lon, (Lpl), Edi, (Nor), (Den), (Bel) | No Change              | for 2 (1 SHORT) |
| FRA: Par, Bre, Mar, Por, Spa + Lpl, Bel   | Builds: F(Bre), F(Mar) | for 7           |
| GER: Mun, Ber, Kie, Hol + Den             | Builds: F(Kie)         | for 5           |
| ITA: Rom, Nap, Tun, Ven, (Gre)            | Disbands A(Alb)        | for 4           |
| RUS: Mos, War, StP, Sev, Swe, Rum + Nor   | No Change              | for 7 (1 SHORT) |
| TUR: Smy, Ank, Con + Bul                  | Builds: A(Smy)         | for 4           |

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PRESS:

Ile de Puce-en-lit: An interesting philosophical point: When you say the 'real' Bedbug, what do you take as your concept of reality? Surely anyone who is convinced in his own mind that he is Big B actually can claim to be so, fluid as the right to such a nomenclature is? I suspect there to be at least three different Bedbugs, not counting the intruder in Quadii. ((Bloody Dib subscribers!... always clouding the issue. How the hell am I supposed to know what reality is? I'm sure at least half my subscribers don't really exist anyway.... do they?))

Why not start a 'Bedbug' poll for the best by-line report? Eligible to vote are all those who have never seen an issue of 'Coup de Dague!' Spouses are allowed to vote three times. Votes to John (Grenouille') Piggott, preferably in French, by 25th December 1972. The winner will receive a personal kick in the teeth for damned plagiarism. ((Not a bad idea this, can I give the award?))

Bedbug Island (Spring 1903): Two more bogus Bedbugs again this issue - I think Tweedy must be writing them himself. Even the release purporting to come from converted-omnibus-infested Canvey Island is suspect. Piggott would never be able to recognise a losing book, Clive, ((Who?)) and you can print that in Bellicus as a fact.

What about the game? Turkey maintains his losing position. England doesn't; his failure to order any retreats is roughly equivalent to suicide. With the three centre powers all in varying states of disarray, this game seems likely to develop into the classic race to 18 centres between France and Russia. My money's on Russia; Piggott is sure to do something foolish.

LUTON AIRPORT - Iain: Give me a ring sometime while you're over here, eh? I might have some ideas on the IBM PC.

'Quadii' (1984??)

Autumn 1902

AUSTRIA TAKES A LESSON IN RUSSIAN TACTICS - HE FINDS AT TIMES PEOPLE DON'T WANT TO BE HELPED

AUSTRIA (James Steele) A(Alb) S F(Gre), A(Tri)stands, [[A(Ser) S RUSSIAN F(Rum)-Bul-ec]],  
 [[F(Gre) S RUSSIAN F(Rum)-Bul-ec]]  
 ENGLAND (Piers Shepperson) F(IRI)-ENC, F(Lon) S F(Nor)-NTH, F(Nor)-NTH, A(Bel)stands, F(NTH)-SKA  
 FRANCE (Alan Powis) F(MAO)-WAS, F(Bre)-MAO, A(Pic) S ENGLISH A(Bel), A(Bur) S ENGLISH  
 A(Bel), A(Gas) S A(Bur)  
 GERMANY (Richard Wernick) F(Den)stands, A(Mun)stands, A(Hol)stands, A(Ruh)stands, F(SKA) S  
 RUSSIAN F(Swe)-Nor  
 ITALY (Martin Clifford-King) F(AEG)-Bul-sc, A(Tun)-Apu, F(ION) C A(Tun)-Apu, A(Ven)stands  
 RUSSIA (Richard Downes) F(Swe)-Nor, A(Mos)-StP, F(Rum) S F(Sev)-BLA, F(Sev)-BLA, A(Ukr)-Sev,  
 A(War)-Lvn

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TURKEY (R.J. Lampard)

A(Bul)stands, \*F(BLA) S A(Bul), A(Arm)-Sev, A(Con) S A(Bul)

Retreats: TURKISH F(BLA) dies (NRO)COA: Richard Downes, 79 Caling Croft, New Ash Green, Kent, DA3 8PY. Also; Martin Clifford-King will be in Wallington until 3rd Jan '85, away on holiday until 13th Jan; back in Southampton from 13th Jan.Winter 1902 Adjustments:

|                                         |                 |       |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------|-------|
| AUS: Tri, Bud, Vie, Ser + Gre           | Builds: A(Bud)  | for 5 |
| ENG: Lon, Lpl, Edi, (Nor), Bel          | Disbands F(Lon) | for 4 |
| FRA: Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, Por            | No Change       | for 5 |
| GER: Mun, Ber, Kie, Hol, Den            | No Change       | for 5 |
| ITA: Rom, Nap, Ven, Tun                 | No Change       | for 4 |
| RUS: Mos, StP, War, Sev, Swe, Rum + Nor | Builds: A(Mos)  | for 7 |
| TUR: Con, Smy, Ank, Bul                 | Builds: A(Ank)  | for 4 |
| Neutrals: (Gre)                         |                 | for 0 |
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PRESS:LUTON AIRPORT - Russia: Sorry, no standing orders allowed.Bedbug Island (Spring 1902): I'll start with France since this seems to be the logical cut off. Well the three Western Powers seem to have taken heed to my writings last season with England and France moving against each other, while Germany wisely keeps out of it but prepares to join the winning side. Moving round to Russia. He still is in a vulnerable position up North and perhaps should attempt an alliance with Germany after his strange moves around Silesia of late.In the South. Russia is also in a vulnerable situation, a good Austrian ally is called for, since Turkey seems content to attack the Russian. With his relentless and foolhardy aggression he should be in Dolchstoß (adv.) Italy will very soon play an important part in the Balkan Wars, but whose side is he on? From his moves, I would venture that he is anti-Austrian but we shall see.Ladbug's: Germany 6-1, France, Italy 13-2, Austria, England 8-1, Russia 10-1, Turkey 20-1Luton Hairport: Sorry this Bedbug isn't a Doppelganger after all - but I am!Germany - Bedbug Island: The Imperial German Navy is coming! ((I don't think we wish to know the sexual foibles of the Imperial German Navy, thank you very much!))The Next Morning Florence awoke and rolling over in bed she felt something metallic, briefly puzzled she opened her eyes fully to the light of day and saw what it was. Zebedee again! She could tell that rusty old spring anywhere!

"Too much of Dylan's grass last night!" she decided as she arose, and went off to find Dougal. She was already dressed as was the way of her world. Soon after Zebedee also awoke. He discovered that during the night his spring had gone damp and rust had set in. He sat down at the table for breakfast - "Dylan's Magical hangover cure!" he bolted it down and he thought to himself this should qualify for a Rusty Bolt Award!!!! ((Believe me, this is terrible))

'Rhiannon' (1984??)Spring 1902

IT SEEMS ALL IS QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT...

|                           |                                                                          |
|---------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| AUSTRIA (Gil Von Gavel)   | A(Ser) S F(Alb)-Gre, F(Alb)-Gre, A(Gal)-Vie, A(Bud) S TURKISH A(Bul)-Rum |
| ENGLAND (Gary Piper)      | F(ENC) C A(Wal)-Bel, A(Wal)-Bel, F(NTH) S A(Wal)-Bel                     |
| FRANCE (Ralph Baker)      | NMR! Has: A(Mar), F(Por), A(Bre), A(Par)                                 |
| GERMANY (Dave Bird)       | A(Ber)-Sil, A(Mun)-Tyr, A(Ruh) S A(Hol)-Bel, A(Hol)-Bel, F(Den)stands    |
| ITALY (Jeremy Miles)      | NMR! Has: A(Ven), A(Tyr), *F(Gre), F(Nap)                                |
| RUSSIA (Graham Freeman)   | F(GB)-Swe, A(Ukr) S F(Sev), F(Sev)stands, A(War)-Gal                     |
| TURKEY (Luke Clutterbuck) | A(Bul)-Rum, A(Arm)-Sev, F(BLA) S A(Arm)-Sev, F(Con)-AEG                  |

Retreats: ITALIAN F(Gre) diesLUTON AIRPORT: Gil Von Gavel will be in Germany from 17th Dec - 13th Jan.PRESS:People's free state of Albion - Rome: That's what they all say.Austria - Italy (the undiplomatic way): F... off!

Germany - Italy: Go away.  
 Turkey - Russia: Also looking forward to your first letter!  
 England - All: Apologies for the NMR... will write soon.  
 Austria - Germany: Will it work?  
 Norway - Tunis: Wow, did you see that? I thought we were both gonners that time for sure!  
 Austria - Turkey: I hope you got my letter.  
 30YO - Turkey: We don't know about an Aussie zine, but you might try EXIT, they work wonders for  
 Bruces with your problem - Czar bashing. ((Cruel... oh so cruel))  
 Tunis - Norway: How about this game-end proposal: 6-way draw,  
 Sweden/Belgium/Spain/Rumania/Norway/Tunis.  
 LUTON AIRPORT - Gil: If the jokes were for the British v European Humour bit, I just stopped doing  
 it.

'Setanta' (1984??)

Pre-Spring 1901

A double deadline has been requested for this game because of insufficient diploming time to Norway. So the game is held over until the next issue after Christmas. I have orders from: Paul Finch, Robert Lozynskyj, and Alan Powis.

COA'S:

Mike Deans, Myrvangveien 24, 4000 Stavanger, Norway (but will be home for Christmas until 4th Jan).  
 Victor Hall, 1 Joan Villas, Cranley Road, Ilford, Essex. Tel. 01 554 0363

PRESS:

LUTON AIRPORT - All: Paul Finch wishes me to say, he's a nice lad really and players will always get a reply from him if they write. Nice lad? - this can't be true, after all, he IS a Diplomacy player, isn't he? (Well you did force me to say it, Paul!)

SOPWITH (T036DD)

'HARRIER'

Pre-TURN 7

GM: Martin Allen, 14 Trafford Road, Headington, Oxford, Oxfordshire. (till December, then home)

This games is held over - I've received nothing from Martin. Martin is anything wrong? If it's exams or something, I can always get another GM...?

SOPWITH (T037DD) GM Tom Tweedy

'CURLEW'

TURN 12

|                                     | MOVE 1       | MOVE 2       | MOVE 3     | HEX F/HEX | AMMO | DGE  |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------|-----------|------|------|
| THE PINK PANTHER:<br>Richard Downes | RT - fire 0. | RT -*fire A, | A - fire A | K19 K??   | 3    | 1    |
| COUSEY:<br>James Cowie              | A - fire 0.  | LT - fire 0. | KILLED!    |           |      | DEAD |

DAMAGES (DGE): Amazing, with only 1 point left for himself The Pink Panther dives in on the 2nd Turn and hit Cousey point blank (taking Cousey's last 4 points) - well done that man

COA: James Cowie, 9 Viewforth Terrace, Edinburgh, EH10 4LH. (Is this needed?)

SOPWITH (T029DD) GM Tom Tweedy

'JUBJUB'

TURN 13

|                                         | MOVE 1                | MOVE 2       | MOVE 3      | HEX F/HEX | AMMO | DGE |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|-----------|------|-----|
| LENIN THE ELEPHANT:<br>Matt Quartermain | NMR! Sits on Airfield |              |             | J19 ??    | 16   | 6   |
| BARON BEETLE:<br>Nicholas Clifton       | LS - fire 0,          | LS - fire 0, | LS - fire 0 | N14 N15   | 13   | 10  |

DAMAGES (DGE): None.

CLOUD POSITIONS NEXT TURN (beginning of turn 14): All move North East

|                    |                     |                   |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| (1) C6.D5,D6,E5,E6 | (2) I12,J12,K12     | (3) I6,J6,J7      |
| (4) I15,J16,K16    | (5) M11,M12,N12,O12 | (6) C9.D9,E10,F10 |

SOPWITH (T02500)'VULTURE'TURN 16

GM:- Nicholas Clifton, Clifton Hill House, Lower Clifton Hill, Bristol, BS8 1BX.

|                                | <u>MOVE 1</u> | <u>MOVE 2</u> | <u>MOVE 3</u> | <u>HEX</u> | <u>F/HEX</u> | <u>AMMO</u> | <u>DGE</u> | <u>RATING</u> |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| LT. DEZ TROY:<br>Parting Lives | A - fire 0,   | A - fire 0,   | Lands         | S19        | ??           | 16          | 4          | 12            |
| CLOUD HOPPER:<br>John Bycroft  | LI - fire 0,  | A - fire 0,   | A - fire 0    | G4         | H5           | 16          | 7          | 16            |
| FLYER TUCK:<br>Richard Morris  | A - fire 0,   | A - fire 0,   | A - fire 0    | M19        | L19          | 0           | 7          | 81            |

DAMAGE (DGE): With nary a shot fired the only one to suffer is poor old, put-upon Dez Troy, who was badly buffeted by those beastly bastions of the otherwise bucolic Beaufort Scale (1pt)

CLOUD POSITIONS (at the beginning of turn 17): All move South East

(1) J9,K8,K9,L8,L9      (2) Q9,Q10,Q11      (3) L15,M15,M16  
(4) F11,G12,H12      (5) R15,R16,R17,S16      (6) N12,N13,O14,O15

PRESS:

Cloudhopper - Ground: Nick, it should be obvious, even to a man such as yourself, that the demise of Mr Carruthers was in no way 'An unfortunate accident'. The close proximity of the disappearance to my airfiled proves beyond any reasonable doubt that Curly was picked out and destroyed by my two highly top secret (and only recently introduced to this country) defence mechanisms. Namely 'AIDS', (Aircraft Intruder Detection System) and 'Herpes' (Highly Expensive Radar Powered Extermination System).

I therefore beg you to reconsider your sharing out of Curly's remaining damage and demand that they be awarded to me.

P.S. Anyway Morris does not need them and Ives is not going to live long enough to matter!!!

Ground - Cloud Hopper: Naturally I agree to your request. However, since this is the festive season I know you will want to donate your extra points to Charity and so I have given them to the seven year Programme of Help to the Injured Legacies of the Internal Revenue System.

SOPWITH'ALBATROSS'TURN 2

GM: John Bycroft, 9 Barfield Grove, Leeds, LS17 8TF. Tel. 0532 680878

|                                    | <u>MOVE 1</u>                  | <u>MOVE 2</u> | <u>MOVE 3</u> | <u>HEX</u> | <u>F/HEX</u> | <u>AMMO</u> | <u>DGE</u> | <u>RATING</u> |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|---------------|
| ANNON 1<br>Gary Piper              | NMR! Moves A, A, A - no firing |               |               | G7         | H8           | 16          | 12         | 0             |
| THE PINK PANTHER<br>Richard Downes | NMR! Moves A, A, A - no firing |               |               | A4         | A3           | 14          | 12         | 0             |
| KAMEE KAZEE<br>Ian Tillson         | NMR! Moves A, A, A - no firing |               |               | J13        | J12          | 16          | 12         | 0             |
| ASTROFLY<br>Ian Jago               | RI - fire 0,                   | A - fire A,   | A - fire A,   | M16        | L16          | 14          | 10         | 0             |
| ANNON 2<br>Jeremy Miles            | NMR! Moves A, A, A - no firing |               |               | M5         | L4           | 16          | 12         | 0             |
| ANNON 3<br>Martin Allen            | NMR! Moves A, A, A - no firing |               |               | J7         | J8           | 16          | 12         | 0             |

DAMAGES DGE: The only pilot to submit moves is the only one sustaining damage - that's justice for you! Astrofly is bashed twice and loses 2 points of damage from the pretty clouds.

LUTON AIRPORT: This is DIABOLICAL! - it's just not on. John Bycroft is an experienced Sopwith GM, and it's not fair (apart from being a waste of his time) that he should be treated this way. As for myself, I don't feel like wasting space on players who don't wish to play - I think if it happens next time I'll stop the game, give Ian Jago a free game (the least I can do for mucking him about) and get some new players. Sorry if this offends anyone but look again at the adjudication... it looks silly!

CLOUD POSITIONS NEXT TURN (beginning of turn 3): All move North East