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JULY 1601 - HORSEY BUSINESS

Leaving the Fortified City behind, the field army went in search of easier game. They found it in the form of a Dutch army guarding the approaches to Brussels. Battle was joined and despite various antics from both sides the result was inconclusive. Although several members of our illustrious army did manage to break through and wreak havoc behind the Dutch lines.

Major Forebreath leading a small group of 27th Musketeers chance upon the enemy Officers' field latrines. Nothing loathing, he order his men to carry the lot back to camp. His arrival cause quite a stir (MID 4) as well as the gratitude of his fellow officers. He later learn of his promotion to Lt. Colonel while he was in the process of testing the new facilities.

Captain De Jawbreaker was another one who manage to slip through but without any of his command or indeed anyone else for that matter. Riding aimlessly he spied an apple orchard and being somewhat peckish decide to sample a fruit or two. The farmer however had other ideas and as the captain strained to reach a tasty morsel he struck, a quick forward thrust with the pitchfork and away back amount the shadows. The location of the wound cause great amusement (MID 6) and when the matter came to the General's ear Captain De Jawbreaker was rewarded with a promotion for his pains.

Hearing of De Jawbreaker's misfortune, Captian Charles Valliant decide to stay away from any farms. Instead he follow the river north and ran into an enemy supply wagon. A quick but satifying fight followed and he soon found himself in charge of fifty pieces of smoked ham. His Return to camp cause an even greater stir (MID 5) and his salesmanship does him credit as he sold the lot for 1600 little round ones.

Major Fallen was eager for battle (and a bit of loot). Unfortunately, the section of the Dutch line held and after numerous unsuccessful charges he was seen (MID 4) tearing his hair out in frustration. The General hear (MID 2) and awarded him 1200crs from party funds. This so enlighten the Major that he promptly made a breach in the Dutch line (+1 MA). Sadly, the gallent major was severely wounded and will take no more part in the campaign (ie. invalid back to Paris - only 3 (weekly) actions per month for next 2 months).

Another near fatality is Captian Gardien who was seen (MID 3) stopping a musket ball with his chest. His groaning made so much noise that the other wounded all chip in and bribe the doctor to send him home and to make sure that he didn't come back, a gift of 1000cr. When he arrived back in the DG barracks, his Colonel was so taken in with his tale of bravery that he was given the vacant post of junior major (again invalid back to Paris - 3 weekly actions per month for next two months).

Captain Tastanute got a shock when he went to rouse Louis Pasteur, the good doctor was gone, literally, not a thing was left in his tent. After a quick search of the camp and surrounding area failed to locate the major the matter was formally closed. The captain was mention for his discovery (MID 2) and promoted to fill the missing major's boots.

Major Perce-Beumbed and his Dragoons manage to by-pass the Dutch line and sweep deep into Dutch territory. Mindful of pitchfork welding farmers he too wisely decide to avoid any farms and concentrate on the main Antwerp to Brussels road. His decision soon bear fruit as he relieved several merchant of their heavy burdens. 2000crs worth to be exact, for which he was mentioned (MID 4).

Next month: the army will be on field operations.

STATUS TABLE

<u>CHARACTER</u>	<u>SL</u>	<u>SP</u>	<u>REGT</u>	<u>MIST</u>	<u>MA</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>CLUB</u>	<u>PLAYER</u>
Jean Gardian	7	F	MAJ(DG)	Ethel	5	1108	BG	B.Moore
Piers Tasthanute	6	F	MAJ(QOC)	Wanda	4	371	HG	S.Craddock
Charles Valliant	5	F	MAJ(RM)		2	1402	F&P	U.Jiretorn
Grene Perce-Beumbed	4	F	MAJ(PLLD)	Phylis	3	2270	RP	D.Abbott
L'Ancelet Fallan	4	F	MAJ(13th)		5	1022	RP	C.Ozog
Gaspin Forebreath	3	F	Lt.Col (27th)	Ruby	7	1431	RP	C.Sadow
Aramis De Jawbreaker	3	F	MAJ(PM)		6	600	RP	S.Tweedy

<u>MISTRESS TABLE</u>	<u>SL</u>	<u>FRIEND</u>
Kath Finate	11	BI
Sally Munella	10	B
Wanda Lust	10	I Piers Tasthanute
May Strome	9	I
Phylis Stein	8	Grene Perce-Beumbed
Ruby Conned	7	WI Gaspin Forebreath
Ethel Luent	7	W Jean Gardian
Linda Hand	5	WI

REGIMENTAL TABLES

RANK	RFG	KM	CG	DG	QOC	CPC	ALC	GDM	PLD	RM	PM	13	53	27	4	69	GAS
COL	3	-	4	5	4	-	6	5	1	4	-	1	6	5	-	3	-
LT.COL	2	4	-	-	2	4	1	4	5	-	5	6	5	GF	4	-	5
MAJ 1	3	5	3	5	3	6	6	3	3	4	6	LAF	3	-	-	6	-
MAJ 2	-	-	4	JG	PT	1	2	1	GPB	CV	ADJ	-	-	-	-	-	-
CAPT A	5	5	2	4	4	5	2	3	6	2	4	4	2	3	2	2	4
CAPT B	4	1	6	3	1	2	3	3	6	3	1	6	4	3	5	2	1
CAPT C	1	2	5	6	3	2	2	3	4	-	6	2	2	2	5	3	-
CAPT D	3	5	3	2	3	4	2	2	4	-	4	6	6	1	-	4	-
CAPT E	-	3	-	3	-	2	3	4	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
CAPT F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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Horse Trader: Jean Gardien & Grene Perce-beumbed each brought 3 horses. Aramis De Jawbreaker & Piers Tasthanute both brought two and the rest one each.

Military Appointments

All posts are up for grabs in September so applications with your August orders please and don't forget to put in conditional applications in case you are promoted next month.

Due to a technical hitch with my photocopier Jon Moss' character will start next month.

Out of space - rock on American football, computers and dead photocopiers.

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'COBOLT' (1987BX) GM Tom Tweedy Autumn 1902 [13]

NASTY ENGLISH, FRENCH AND RUSSIANS TURN ON GERMANY - I WONDER WHY?

AUSTRIA (Nick Simpkins): A(Ser)-Gre; [[A(Bud)-Ser]] ((FAILS)); F(Alb) S A(Ser)-Gre; [[A(Vie)-Tri]] ((FAILS))
ENGLAND (Tim Lomas): F(NWG) S F(Nor); F(Nor) S F(NTH); F(NTH) C A(Yor)-Den; A(Yor)-Den
FRANCE (Michele Morris): F(Spa-sc)stands; F(ENC) S A(Bur)-Bel; A(Pic) S A(Bur)-Bel; [[A(Bur)-Bel]] ((FAILS)); A(Mar) S A(Gas)-Bur; [[A(Gas)-Bur]] ((FAILS))
GERMANY (Stuart Tweedy): F(Hol) S A(Bel); [[A(Bel) S A(Ruh)]] ((SUPPORT CUT)); A(Ruh) S A(Bel); [[A(Mun)-Ber]] ((FAILS)); *[[F(Den)stands]] ((DISLODGED))
ITALY (John Cavanagh): F(Apu)-ADS; F(ION) S F(Apu)-ADS; A(Tyr)-Tri; A(Ven) S A(Tyr)-Tri
RUSSIA (Simon Jones): F(Swe) S ENGLISH A(Yor)-Den; A(StP)-Fin; - A(Lvn)-StP; [[A(Sil)-Ber]] ((FAILS)); A(Rum)-Ser; F(Sev)stands
TURKEY (St James): A(Bul) S RUSSIAN A(Rum)-Ser; *[[A(Gre) S RUSSIAN A(Rum)-Ser]] ((DISLODGED)); F(BLA) C A(Arm)-Rum; A(Arm)-Rum; A(Con)-Smy

RETREATS: GERMAN F(Den) dies; TURKISH A(Gre) dies

WINTER 1902 ADJUSTMENTS:

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

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'COBOLT' (1987BX) GM Tom Tweedy Spring 1903 [13]

AUSTRIA (Nick Simpkins): NMR! Has: A(Bud); F(Alb); A(Vie)
ENGLAND (Tim Lomas): F(Nor)stands; F(NWG) S F(Nor); [[A(Den)-Swe]] ((FAILS)); [[F(NTH)-Hol]] ((FAILS)); [[F(Lon)-NTH]] ((FAILS))
FRANCE (Michele Morris): A(Pic) and A(Bur) both S F(ENC)-Bel; F(ENC)-Bel; A(Gas)-Par; A(Mar) S A(Bur)
GERMANY (Stuart Tweedy): A(Mun)-Sil; A(Ber) S A(Mun)-Sil; A(Ruh)-Kie; A(Bel)-Ruh; [[F(Hol) S A(Ruh)-Kie]] ((SUPPORT CUT))
ITALY (John Cavanagh): F(ION)-AEG; F(Nap)-ION; F(ADS) S A(Ven)-Tri; [[A(Tri)-Alb]] ((FAILS)); [[A(Ven)-Tri]] ((FAILS))
RUSSIA (Simon Jones): A(StP)-Lvn; A(Fin) S F(Swe); [[F(Swe) S A(Fin)]] ((SUPPORT CUT)); A(Sil)-Gal; F(Sev)-BLA; A(Ser) S Turkish A(Bul)-Gre.
TURKEY (St James): A(Bul)-Gre; A(Smy) holds; F(BLA)-Con; A(Rum) S Russian A(Ser)

RETREATS: None.

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'ELECTRA' (1987BE) GM Tom Tweedy Autumn 1904

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TURKEY PIDDLES ALONG QUITE NICELY IN THE SOUTH

AUSTRIA (Anarchy): Has: F(ION); F(Alb); A(Tri); A(Rom)
 ENGLAND (Kris Morris): A(Swe)stand; [[F(Nor)-StP-nc]] ((FAILS)); F(NWG)-NTH;
 F(NAO)-NWG; F(NTH)-SKA; F(Den) S F(NTH)-SKA
 FRANCE (Stuart Tweedy): F(TYS)-Nap; [[A(Ven)-Tri]] ((FAILS)); A(Par)-Bur;
 A(Pie)-Tyr; A(Mar)-Pie; F(MAO)stands; F(Pic)stands
 GERMANY (Simon Jones): A(Ruh)-Kie; A(StP)stands; A(Lvn)-Mos; A(Bel) S
 A(Hol); A(Hol) S A(Bel); A(Vie) S FRENCH A(Ven)-Tri; A(Mun)-
 Boh; F(BAL) stands
 TURKEY (John Cavanagh): A(Ser) S AUSTRIAN A(Tri); F(Bul-sc)-Gre; F(AEG) S
 AUSTRIAN F(ION); A(Bud) S A(Rum)-Gal; A(Rum)-Gal; A(Sev)-Ukr;
 F(BLA)stands

RETREATS: None

WINTER 1904 ADJUSTMENTS:

AUS: (Vie), (Bud), Tri, (Ser), (Nap), Rom	= 2 GM disbands F(ION), A(Rom)
ENG: Lon, Lpl, Edi, Nor, (StP), Swe + Den	= 6 No Change
FRA: Bre, Par, Mar, Por, Spa, Tun, Ven. + Nap	= 8 Builds: F(Mar)
GER: Mun, Kie, Ber, Hol, (Den), Bel, War, Mos + StP, Vie	= 9 NBO (1 SHORT)
TUR: Smy, Ank, Con, Sev, Gre, Bul, Rum + Ser, Bud	= 9 Builds: A(Con), A(Ank)

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[11]

ENGLAND TRIES TO FORCE HIS WAY INTO BAL

AUSTRIA (Anarchy): Has: *[[F(Alb)]] ((DISLODGED)); A(Tri)
 ENGLAND (Kris Morris): E(NWG)-BAR; A(Swe)-Fin; F(Nor)-Swe; [[F(NTH)-Den]]
 ((FAILS)); [[F(Den)-BAL]] ((FAILS)); [[F(SKA) S F(Den)-BAL]]
 ((IMPOSSIBLE))
 FRANCE (Stuart Tweedy): [[F(Nap)-ION]] ((FAILS)); F(Mar)-GOL; F(MAO)-WME;
 F(Pic)-Bre; A(Bur)-Pic; A(Ven) S AUSTRIAN A(Tri); A(Tyr) S
 GERMAN A(Vie); A(Pie)-Tus.
 GERMANY (Simon Jones): [[A(Boh)-Gal]] ((FAILS)); A(Vie) S A(Boh)-Gal;
 [[A(Mos)-War]] ((FAILS)); [[A(StP)-Mos]] ((FAILS)); A(Bel) S
 A(Hol); A(Hol) S A(Bel); [[F(BAL) S A(Kie)]] ((SUPPORT CUT));
 A(Kie)stands
 TURKEY (John Cavanagh): A(Ank)-Sev; F(BLA) C A(Ank)-Sev; A(Con)-Bul;
 [[F(AEG)-ION]] ((FAILS)); F(Gre)-Alb; A(Ser) S F(Gre)-Alb;
 A(Bud) S A(Gal); [[A(Gal) S A(Ukr)-War]] ((SUPPORT CUT));
 [[A(Ukr)-War]] ((FAILS))

RETREATS: AUSTRIAN F(Alb) dies

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RUSSIA PUSHES FRENCH UNITS BACK

ENGLAND (LocoMan): A(Swe)-Fin; A(Nor) S A(Swe)-Fin; F(BAL)-GOB; [[F(Kie)-Ber]] ((FAILS)); A(Edi)-Den; F(NTH) C A(Edi)-Den; A(Lon)stands

FRANCE (Brangdon): F(ENC)-MAO; A(Ruh) S A(Mun); [[A(Hol) S ENGLISH F(Kie)]] ((UNIT MOVED)); *[[A(Mun) S ENGLISH F(Kie)-Ber]] ((DISLODGED)); *[[A(Tyr)-Ven]] ((DISLODGED)); F(Mar)-GOL; [[F(WMS)-TYS]] ((FAILS)); [[A(Tus) S ITALIAN F(Rom)]] ((SUPPORT CUT))

ITALY (Andrew Newton): [[F(Rom) S FRENCH F(WMS)-TYS]] ((SUPPORT CUT))

RUSSIA (Argon): [[A(Pru)-Ber]] ((FAILS)); A(Ber)-Mun; A(Sil) S A(Ber)-Mun; A(Boh) S A(Ber)-Mun; A(StP)-Lvn; A(Vie)-Tyr; F(GOB)-StP; F(BLA)stands

TURKEY (Tiger Tiger): [[F(TYS)-Tus]] ((FAILS)); F(ION)-Tun; F(Gre)-Alb; [[F(Nap)-Rom]] ((FAILS)); [[A(Ven) S F(Nap)-Rom]] ((SUPPORT CUT)); A(Tri) S RUSSIAN A(Vie)-Tyr; A(Con)-Bul; A(Ank)-Con; A(Ser) stands unordered; F(AEG) stands unordered

RETREATS: FRENCH A(Mun)-Bur; FRENCH A(Tyr)-Pie

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ENGLAND (LocoMan): F(Kie)-Bal; A(Den)-Kie; A(Lon)-Den; F(NTS) C A(Lon)-Den; A(Fin)-StP; A(Nor) S A(Fin)-StP; F(GOB) S A(Fin)-StP

FRANCE (Brangdon): [[A(Hol) S ENGLISH F(Kie)]] ((SUPPORT CUT)); [[A(Bur)-Mun]] ((FAILS)); A(Ruh) S A(Bur)-Mun; [[A(Tus)-Ven]] ((FAILS)); [[A(Pie) S A(Tus)-Ven]] ((SUPPORT CUT)); [[F(MAO) S F(WME)]] ((SUPPORT CUT)); [[F(WME) S ITALIAN F(Rom)-TYS]] ((SUPPORT CUT)); F(GOL) S ITALIAN F(Rom)-TYS

ITALY (Andrew Newton): [[F(Rom)-TYS]] ((FAILS))

RUSSIA (Argon): A(Sil)-Ber; A(Pru) S A(Sil)-Ber; A(Lvn) S F(StP-sc); *[[F(StP-sc) S A(Lvn)]] ((DISLODGED)); [[A(Mun) S A(Boh)]] ((SUPPORT CUT)); [[A(Tyr)-Pie]] ((FAILS)); A(Boh) S A(Mun); F(BLA) stands

TURKEY (Tiger Tiger): F(Tun)stands; [[F(TYS)-Rom]] ((FAILS)); F(Nap) S F(TYS)-Rom; F(Alb)-ADS; F(AEG)-ION; A(Con)-Bul; A(Bul)-Gre; A(Ser)-Alb; A(Tri)stands; [[A(Ven)-Tus]] ((FAILS))

RETREATS: RUSSIAN F(StP-sc) dies

WINTER 1906 ADJUSTMENTS:

ENG: Lon, Edi, Nor, Swe, Dcn, Lpl; Kie + StP = 8 Builds: A(Lon)

FRA: Par, Bre, Mar, Spa, Por, Bel, Hol, (Mun) = 7 Disbands A(Tus)

ITA: Rom = 1 No Change

RUS: (StP), Mos, War, Sev, Bud, Rum, Vie, Ber + Mun = 8 Builds: A(Mos)

TUR: Smy, Ank, Con, Bul, Gre, Ser, Tri, Tun, Ven, Nap = 10 No Change

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(Belladonna cont'd.....)

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Winter 1902 Adjustments:

AUS: Tri,Bud,Vie,Gre,Ser + Veh,Bul. = 7 Builds: A(Vie), F(Tri)
ENG: Lon,Lpl,Edi,Bel = 4 No Change
FRA: Bre,Par,Mar,Spa,Por + Hol = 6 Builds: A(Par)
GER: Mun,Kie,Ber,Den, (Hol) = 4 No Change
ITA: (Ven),Rom,Nap,Tun. = 3 GM Disbands A(Syr)
RUS: StP,Mos,War,Sev,Swe + Nor,Rum = 7 Builds: A(War), A(Mos)
TUR: Con,Ank,Smy, (Bul) = 3 Disbands F(AEG)
Neutrals: (Nor), (Rum) = 0
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PRESS:

LUTON AIRPORT - Colin: Due to the fact that the GM has only got a peabrain anymore orders as complicated as your last set is likely to be adjudicated as ambiguous. I have spoken.

Austria - Turkey: If only you had written, things could have been so different.

Austria - Italy: Sorry your popeship but I just have to speak to you. What was that you said? I've wandered into one of your centres? Oh I am sorry.

Turkey - World: Go away!...please... pretty please.

Austria - Turkey: I take it you were not interested. It would have been nice if you had let me know.

France - England: Have you ever heard of Maxwell's Silver Hammer?

Italy - Austria: Wot dos't mean about choking on one's spaghetti?

St.Petersburg - Par: I hope you haven't got cold feet on me.

Italy - All: Between now and the next issue of Dib (the 12th August approx) the Great White Stork will be visiting Smedley Mansion to leave under the Goosegog bush our second child. The sight of this great bird usually upsets my carrier pigeons and they go all of a flutter. This means in short that communications between us may break down. I hope you all will forgive me if you don't receive any letters from me during this period as I may not find the time to write. I will however try to get my orders in on time and I will try to get back to normal service as soon as possible. Meanwhile here is some music.. ((Oh congratulations - that sounds like one hell of a goosegog bush you have there; perhaps you should sell cuttings? But, more to the point, where's my cigar?! Sometimes I think you people show no respect for your GM!))

'Colombo' (1987??)

Pre-Spring 1901

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There has been a request to hold this game over until the next issue - this has been granted (because double-deadlines for Spring 01 are optional). I have orders on file from: Andrew Moss, Mike Allaway, Mel Gamble, Colin Bolton, Simon Shimbart, and Peter Hauke. These orders can be changed at any time.

PRESS:

LUTON AIRPORT - Simon: Don't forget to put the name of the game at the top of your orders, will you?

England - France: Speak to me please!

LUTON AIRPORT - Colin: The format for your build orders where fine.

'Taranis' (1985BG)

Autumn 1911

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ENGLAND (Dave Fish) F(NWG) S GERMAN F(NTH)-Edi, F(Lpl)stands
 FRANCE (Neil Parkin) A(Par)-Gas, A(Spa)-Por, F(Bre)-MAO, F(ENC) S
 F(Bre)-MAO
 GERMANY (Luke Clutterbuck) F(NTH)-Edi, F(Bel)-NTH, A(Mar)-Pie, A(Ruh)-Bur,
 A(Sil)-Boh, A(Mun) S A(Sil)-Boh, A(Ber) S A(Mun)
 ITALY (David Abbott) *F(Edi)stands, F(IRI)-Lpl, F(MAO)-Spa-sc, F(TYS)-
 GOL, F(AEG) S F(Bul-sc)-Con, F(Bul-sc)-Con, *A(Smy)-
 Ank, A(Gal)-Rum, A(Vie)-Bud, A(Tyr)-Mun, A(Boh)-Gal
 RUSSIA (Ulf Jiretorn) A(War)-Gal, A(Rum)-Bul, F(BLA) S TURKISH F(Con),
 A(Ser) S A(Rum)-Bul, A(Ank) S TURKISH F(EMS)-Smy,
 A(Mos)-Ukr
 TURKEY (Ken Haywood) F(Con)-Smy, F(EMS) S F(Con)-Smy

Retreats: ITALIAN F(Edi)-Cly; ITALIAN A(Smy)-Arm

ENDGAME PROPOSAL:

(a) =1st I/G/R; 4th F/E/T was defeated

(b) =1st E/F/G/R/T/I was defeated

A NEW proposal: =1st R/G/I; 4th F; 5th E; 6th T ((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as NO))

Winter 1911 Adjustments:

ENG: Lpl, Nor = 2 No Change
 FRA: Bre, (Edi); Lon, Par + Por = 4 No Change
 GER: Kie, Ber, Hol, Swe, Den, Mun, Bel, Mar + Edi = 9 Builds: F(Kie) (1 SHORT)
 ITA: Ven, Nap, Rom, Tri, Tun, (Ser), Vie, Bud, Gre,
 Spa, (Por), (Bul) + Con, Rum = 11 No Change
 RUS: Ank, War, StP, Mos, Sev, (Rum) + Bul, Ser = 7 Builds: A(Sev)
 TUR: Smy, (Con) = 1 Disbands F(Smy)
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PRESS:England - Russia & France: I agree with what you say in your letters to me.Italy - LUTON AIRPORT: Would you permit me to find a replacement for Italy, to take over around Christmas? ((They're your units, Dave, you can do what you like with them.))France - All: Holidaying in France caused the lack of return correspondence this time. As you can see I am back so watch for the distinctive paper!Roma - London: Tell me sometime why you're allied to one who has no need to maintain your existence beyond this season? Well, you've made your bed...'Uther' (1985DV)

Spring 1910

[26]

ENGLAND (Piers Shepperson) NMR! Has: F(NTH), F(BAR), F(SKA), *A(Nor)
 FRANCE (Anarchy) NMR!! Has: A(Bur), A(Mar), F(Spa-sc), *F(WMS),
 F(NAf), A(Bel)
 GERMANY (James Cowie) A(Swe) S RUSSIAN F(StP-nc)-Nor, F(Bal)-Den, A(Kie)-
 Ruh, A(Hol) S A(Kie)-Ruh, A(Mun) S A(Kie)-Ruh),
 F(Ber)-Kie
 RUSSIA (Kris Morris) A(Gal)-Rum, A(War)-Gal, F(StP-nc)-Nor, A(Fin) S
 F(StP-nc)-Nor, A(Lvn)-StP, F(GOB) S A(Lvn)-StP,
 A(Pie)-Tus, A(Mos)-Sev
 TURKEY (Kath Collman) F(GOL)-Mar, F(Tus)-GOL, F(Tun) S F(TYS)-WMS,
 F(TYS)-WMS, F(ION) S F(Tun), A(Rom)-Tus, A(Apu)-
 Rom, F(AEG)stands, A(Tyr)stands, A(Tri)stands

Retreats: ENGLISH A(Nor) dies; FRENCH F(WMS) dies.

PRESS:Tsar - Sultana: Well, it should liven the game up a little and give Tom something to write a witty headline about! Thanks for the weekend, nice to meet you and your Sultan at long last. (cont'd over....)

(Uther Press cont'd.....)

Doolittle And Dally - Smythe Braithwaite and Smythe: Our client, Rupert Bear has been keenly following your negotiations with Petty, Fogg and Fiddler re Madam X. However he strongly resents the implication that he is illiterate and uneducated as he can already read words of three letters and will shortly progress to four letter words unless your allegations are speedily retracted. ((Let me get this straight... if the allegations aren't retracted he WON'T be able to progress to four letter words? He must be dumber than we thought!))

Tsarina - Sultana: Many thanks for the delicious state banquet. Have you throttled the Sultan yet or are you going to reserve your wrath for RJW? What with that AND the shock of meeting the Tsar it's no wonder you went away on holiday. You must have needed it!!!

Turkish Daily Wail. Court Circular: The long awaited meeting between the Tsar and the Sultana finally took place last weekend behind closed doors. Both parties were observed to be smiling broadly when they emerged, but it is rumoured that the Foreign Affair(s) may have progressed more satisfactorily had the two parties not been prevented from discussing the matter closet to their heart.

Tsarina - Luton Airport: Thanx for the offer I'll keep it in mind. I hope yours is bigger than Kris'. Mind you, his has never been the same since the morning he woke up to find ice on it. I hope you don't mind but I prefer to do it with the lights on. (I've even been known to use car headlamps in an emergency.) ((Well, as you might expect, in the army I often had the opportunity to erect really BIG ones. As for doing it with the lights on, and, even more, under the glare of headlamps, well, it loses some of the more subtle touches that darkness can provide, don't you think? I mean, quite often I've woken up in the morning only to find bits dangling out, a slight lean in one direction maybe, or I'd erected it in a place I shouldn't have. I don't mind though, as long as I've got somewhere to hang my shaving mirror I'm quite happy really.))

Alice in Wonderland - Luton Airport: What can you do in the dark? I don't get it! ((Erect a tent... what did you THINK I meant?))

'Vortigern' (1985GA)

Spring 1910

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AUSTRIA (John Piggott) A(Ser)-Tri, A(Vie) S A(Ser)-Tri, A(Rom)-Ven, F(Nap)-Rom, F(Gre)-Bul-sc, *A(Rum) S F(Gre)-Bul-sc, A(Pru)-War, F(ION)-AEG

ENGLAND (Michele Morris) F(Cly)-Lpl, F(NWG) C A(Edi)-Nor, A(Edi)-Nor, A(Lon)-Den, F(NTH) C A(Lon)-Den, A(Lvn) S A(War)-Mos, A(War)-Mos, A(Den)-Pru, F(BAL) C A(Den)-Pru, F(Ber) S A(Den)-Pru, A(Kie) S F(Ber), F(Hol) holds

FRANCE (Bob Watson) F(Spa-sc)stands, F(Tun) S F(Tus)-TYS, F(Tus)-TYS, A(Tyr) S A(Mun)-Boh, A(Mun)-Boh, A(Bre)stands, A(Bel)-Bur

GERMANY (Alan Frost) F(Por)-Spa-sc

TURKEY (Jon Moss) F(Smy)-EMS, F(AEG) S A(Bul)-Gre, A(Bul)-Gre, A(Sev) S A(Gal)-Rum, F(Tri)-Alb, A(Gal)-Rum

Retreats: AUSTRIAN A(Rum)-Bud

LUTON AIRPORT: Slight mistake the last time but to bring things up to date, the GERMAN F(Por) did NOT disband last season... his A(Boh) did.

PRESS:

Turkey - World: The recently ousted government has been executed for crimes against the people. Following the successful coup, Western governments are invited to restore diplomatic contact.

England - Germany: Re Jelly Tots Joke: You were right. It wasn't worth waiting for!

England - France: Message received and understood.

Germany - Men's Lib: Come on, lads. Get it together. You can't let a woman win. ((Why not? If she's the better 'games player'...)) (Cont'd over....)

(Vortigern press cont'd.....)

Austria - France and Turkey: It's vital that we get together to stop the threat. You don't want Michele to win, do you?

The Perils of Michele: In Mad Policy 130 - the very issue which contained Walkerdine's tedious boasting about his winning a Rusty Bolt - we saw that Michele, having denounced Maggie's magnificent hat-trick and all who supported her, was appointed by the hobby Women's section to lead the fight against Sir John Piggott and his ghastly gambles. Now read on...

"Piggott must be around somewhere," said Kath Collman. "His reputation for daring is second to none, but as we all know, he is really a sweet, quiet, polite little pussy-cat, so he can't have gone far."

"Look down there," said Jan Tweedy, pointing at the tracks. Across the sleepers, glistening in the sunlight, you could clearly see a thin trail of green slime leading towards a platelayer's hut...

Everyone turned round and looked at Michele. "Look, I only joined this hobby to play Diplomacy! she cried. "I'm no good at saving the universe - at least, not more than once or twice a year! I've got a first-class degree in Psychiatry, paid for by the department of Awarding Silly Qualifications! You can't expect me to do anything useful... And the trail looks like a snail-trace anyway."

But it was no good. With a sigh, Michele hefted her great Valkarthian broadsword (see Mad Policy 131), adjusted the bronze cups which covered her breasts - at least, they nearly did - and strode towards the hut. The muscles in her thighs and biceps rippled as she approached the hut; the dagger in one of her over-the-knee leather boots gave a reassuring pressure. Five inch heels on the gravel were a definite handicap, but a real confidence-booster for a woman only 4'10" tall... Yes, Walkerdine had really done his homework when he fitted Michele out for her new role in the latest MP. The eternal Champion. If Piggott was in the hut, he wouldn't stand a chance.

Michele drew her blaster and flung open the door of the hut. As she did so, a giant space-fort wafted down from the sky, catching the rest of the party with an eerie green radiance. They were trapped inside a giant tractor beam! Even as Michele watched in horror, a squadron of frog-masked stormtroopers advanced on the women, and in a trice they were bound hand and foot and carried inside the spacecraft! The last to go in was Janet Tweedy: Michele saw that she had been securely gagged as well. Whoever was in charge of the spaceship must have spoken to Tom on the phone at some time, and had been shouted at from across the room.... Would Piggott really have thought of that? Probably.

As the frog-faced friends finished their fearsome functions, Michele stepped inside the hut and shut the door. From the window she saw the spaceship take off. Only when it had disappeared into space did she relax and investigate further. The hut was empty except for a large mirror; Michele examined herself in it with approval. Walkerdine had certainly done a good job, fitting her out as the Eternal Champion: boots, harness, swords, daggers, poisoned arrows; wasp-waist, rippling muscles, big breasts, shaved head, hexagonal glasses; heels, spurs ----

Shaved head?

"You bastard, Walkerdine!" cried Michele Morris, "I'll get you for this!"

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FRANCE (Pete Mason) F(WMS)-Tun, A(Naf) S F(WMS)-Tun, F(Mar)-GOL, F(MAO)-WMS, F(ENC)-MAO, A(Bel)-Bur, A(Bur)-Mar, A(Hol)-Ruh, F(NTH)-Hol, F(Edi)-NTH

ITALY (Kris Morris) F(ION)-TYS, F(AEG)-ION, A(Ven)-Pie, A(Gre)-Bul, A(Ank)-stand, F(Con)-BLA, F(Bul sc)-AEG, A(Arm)-stand, A(Tyr)-Mun, A(Sev)-Mos, A(Ukr) S A(Gal)-War, A(Gal)-War, A(Vie)-Boh, A(Tri)-Ven

RUSSIA (Danny Collman) F(Kie)-BAL, F(BAL)-GOB, A(StP)-Mos, A(Mos)-Ukr, A(War) S A(Mos)-Ukr, A(Sil)-Gal, A(Boh) S A(Sil)-Gal, A(Mun) S A(Boh), F(BLA)-Sev

(Witham cont'd.....)

Retreats: None

ENDGAME PROPOSAL:

(a) 1st I; 2nd F; =3rd R/G was defeated.

(b) =1st I/F; =3rd R/G was defeated.

A NEW proposal has been put forward: =1st F/I/R ((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as NO))

PRESS:

Russian Bear - LUTON AIRPORT: 'SERIOUS MISORDER IN ANK'???!! You don't know a brilliant tactical ploy when it smacks you in the face!! ((Well, it's certain I didn't recognise that particular one!))

Manorcon: Thanks for a terrific game, Pete, despite the sour taste the end left in my mouth. It wasn't your fault, and I hope he learns soon.

Italy - France: SWINE. The Rafia will be after you. War is declared.

'Xanten' (1986BS)

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AUSTRIA (Colin Kinsella) A(Ven)-Rom, A(Apu)-Ven, F(ADS) S A(Apu)-Ven, A(Gal)-Ukr, A(Boh)-Sil

ENGLAND (Stephen Cloves) F(Kie) S F(Hol), F(Hol) S F(Yor)-Bel, F(BAL)-Swe, F(NTH) C A(Yor)-Bel, F(ENC) S A(Yor)-Bel, F(IRI) S F(ENC), A(Yor)-Bel

FRANCE (Heiko Schafer) NMR! Has: A(Pic), *A(Bel), F(Bre), F(MAO), A(Ruh), A(Mun)

ITALY (Andy Mansfield) F(Nap) S AUSTRIAN A(Ven)-Rom

TURKEY (Rowland Goodman) A(Nor)stands, A(Ber)stands, A(Sil) S A(Ber), A(Tyr)-Vie, A(Tri) S A(Tyr)-Vie, A(Bud) S A(Tri), F(Alb) S A(Tri), F(TYS)-Tun, A(Ser) S A(Bul)-Rum, A(Bul)-Rum, A(Con)-Bul, F(AEG)-ION, A(Gre) stands unordered

Retreats: FRENCH A(Bel) dies

ENDGAME PROPOSAL:

(a) 1st T; 2nd E; 3rd A/F; 5th I, was defeated by an abstention. This being the case it now has to be reproposed with abstentions counting in favour ((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as YES))

(b) A NEW proposal: 1st T; =2nd E/F; =4th A/I ((Votes for next time please - failure to vote counts as NO))

Autumn 1907 Adjustments:

AUS: (Vie), (Tri), Ven, Rom, (Nap), (Bul) = 2 Disbands A(Boh), A(Rom), A(Ven)

ENG: Lon, Lpl, Edi, Den, Swe, Kie, Hol + Bel = 8 Builds: F(Edi)

FRA: Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, (Bel) + Mun = 6 NBO (1 SHORT)

GER: (Mun) = 0 OUT

ITA: (Tun) + Nap = 1 No Change

TUR: Smy, Ank, Con, Sev, Rum, Mos, War, StP, Gre, Bud, Ber, Nor, Ser + Vie, Tri, Tun, Bul = 17 Builds: A(Con), F(Smy), F(Ank) (1SHORT)

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PRESS:

LUTON AIRPORT - Andy: Yes I'd give you a plug Andy, but I didn't receive a copy.

'Ymir' (1986DQ)

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AUSTRIA (Barry Raynes) A(Bud)-Vie, A(Ser)-Bud, A(Tri) S A(Ser)-Bud, F(ADS)-Alb, F(Gre) S ITALIAN F(ION)-AEG

ENGLAND (Paul Street) F(Bre)stands, F(Bel)stands, A(Hol)-Nor, F(NTH) C A(Hol)-Nor, F(Den)-Swe, F(SKA) S F(Den)-Swe

FRANCE (Anarchy) Has: A(Gas), A(Par)

GERMANY (John Cavanagh) F(Kie)-Den, A(Ber)-Kie, A(Bur)-Bel

ITALY (Mike Close) A(Apu) S A(Ven), A(Ven) S AUSTRIAN A(Tri), F(ION) S AUSTRIAN F(Gre), F(Spa-sc)-WMS, A(Mar)stands, F(MAO)-Bre