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a short rest.

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#### EDITORIAL

Well, until now you can't say you didn't get value for money, after 69 issues this is the first time (and probably the last) that Dib is turned out as a games-only issue. I'll give no reasons (apart from lack of time) but hopefully I can make it up to you by producing a bumper issue for Dib 71 - I have loads of letters and articles for next issue. Also, you may notice that I given you a very long extended deadline (6 weeks). This is to give me some time to myself over the 'summer hols', and also to save any mucking about what with people moving from home to school, holidays, and all the hundred and one things that cause them horrible NMR's.

Could VICTOR HALL and JON MOSS (and of course anyone else interested in playing MACHIEVELLI) please write to Ralph Baker, 13 Gwydir Street, Cambridge, Cambs., CB1 2LG - so he can send on the items required for playing the game. It's Ralph who's GMing the game, not me.

As for those who keep asking me to put their names down for the next Diplomacy game, I'm still trying to slow my gamestarts down to a much more managable pace (you may have noticed I didn't have a waiting list in issue 69). Hopefully I'll be able to re-open it again for issue 71 - please bear with me.

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#### JOTTO Turn 10

THAT'S THE END OF THE GAME THEN! We've had TWO guesses at the last moment - Rosie panicked and sent in REAL money (well actually it was 120 kr - about £9 after the bank got its cut!) because she knew she stood no chance, Richard Sharp desperately begged for his guesses 8 and 9 to be adjudicated because he was sure he would get it this time (and consequently chickened out by sending nothing in), and Mike and Michele both lagged behind as usual (where they belong) still guessing in a game that was too fast for them in the first place. So, as I've had to take the enormous sum of £3 back out of the Dib coffers to pay the lucky two, STEVE THOMAS and KATH COLLMAN win £1.50 each (sse I can do sums) with correct guesses: BONSAI, PHONAL, VORPAL, DIVERS, TWINGE, FIGURE. Actually I'll put it on their credit, so I can keep the money buried where it is - phew!

SO, ROLL UP ROLL UP, WHAT ABOUT ANOTHER GAME? For anyone who feels up to it, the gamefee is 75p with 50p going towards a prize. And the rules...

As before I will choose six words from the Chambers dictionary, each word will be 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 all six) - but you must get ALL six right! Get one wrong and you're out. Plurals are accepted. Anagrams of the secret words are accepted.

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## EN GARDE

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 Tastanute	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. Sandow
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 Tastanute
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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PR																	

SHYLDCK: AUG JG 550 PT 660

Horse Trader: Jean Gardien & Grene Perce-beumbed each brought 3 horses. Aramis De Jawbreaker & Piers Tastanute 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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## 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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