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Issue 79 - Editor: Tom Tweedy

EDITORIAL?: I think issue 79 has been done and sent to you all already but as the last 8 months or so have been somewhat of a blur I think I'd better start with just what I've got. First just let me explain why I've been so long away. It wasn't that I'd abandoned you (I mean, how could I) and some of you probably guessed by now anyway but I've been in hospital for 5 months. Got out February. It *was* quite serious but I'm okay now - I won't go into the boring details you've all got 'ER' on the TV for that!

Needless to say it's taken me the rest of the time to recuperate and patch together the shredded files of moving from one computer (my old 486) to the new one (P200 MMX). This I did on the onset of my illness and consequently I deleted, blasted and generally did horrible things to my backups and anything else you could name. I lost a lot of data. Well I didn't know anything was wrong, did I!

Anyway the upshot of all this is that I have the 'Falcon' game up the scratch but somehow not the last Turn for 'Tornado'. So I'll print what I've got. Certainly I'll understand if you've all lost interest, but I have to play it out anyway. Can't leave any job half finished. On to the game(s).

'FALCON'

Sopwith (T233SO)

Turn 16

GM. Tom Tweedy

| Pilot | Start | Move1 | Move2 | Move3 | End | AM.DG·PT |
|---------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------|
| 2 DULL WILLIAM (Allan Stagg) | D4/E | RS | RS | RS | G4/E | 09.12 16 |
| 6 RED LEMMING (Jed Stone) | J10/SE | A | A | RT | L9/SW | 02.03 08 |

Clouds moved - East [] Aircraft was hit * Aircraft scored a hit

Clouds 1 I3-J4-J3-J2 2 K8-J8-K9 3 N12-O13-P13 5 S12-R11

Move 1, 2 & 3 Nothing of interest happened

PRESS:

DULL WILLIAM - RED LEMMING I'm not really shooting bits off your plane - it is your passengers in economy class fighting for the sick bag

DULL WILLIAM - LUTON AIRPORT Jed's might be bigger than mine, but mine seems to have scored more often. Then again, you might just put that down to my age. ((What's that, *old* age?))

RED LEMMING - DULL WILLIAM We ARE the survivors from the Titanic! Changed jobs. Just seemed safer up here - no icebergs!

RED LEMMING - LUTON AIRPORT Actually it depends on the size of the barn that the door comes from, but if you've got the technology to put one up here I'll hit it! (Iceberg or barn door - take your choice) ((Hah! - it's not worth my bother - if you can't hit a plane how the hell are you going to hit an iceberg?))

JED - LUTON AIRPORT This just goes to prove you weren't listening in the first place. Wish I'd never mentioned it now! ((And me))

'TORNADO'

Sopwith (T237SO)

TURN 10

I have orders on file from Steve W (who remember is an ACE) and need some Steve A and David

DIBS LETTERCOL

Allan Stagg: "Wow! Computer voice recognition! What next, I ask myself? How about a program that will automatically do your turns for you? Incidentally, if we are ever to reach the magic 100 - how many turns has your longest game of Sopwith taken?"

((My god these letters seems like years ago now I'm not sure how many turns the games took but 'Pioneer' in *Quartz* dated from 01/02/89 to 01/06/96 And 'Vulture' in my *Dib* from 01/03/83 to 01/08/86 - long games))

Jed Stone: "I used to run a *Dungeon* game by post Come to that I used to play in one as well Set it up and I'm in "

((Yes, I'm still trying to find the time for this Unfortunately the program written by Tim Lomas to help me do the job is so complex (it keeps changing and can do much more than I need - it's used for other games as well) that the learning curve itself is not something I easily have time for yet I'm struggling yet, but I'll get there I'll let you know when I have something.

Of course one of the main reasons due to my lack of time (says he blushing) is the fact I play quite a few computer games as well. Since coming out of hospital my thinking has been (temporarily I'm sure) why take life seriously - have fun So I've ordered for the coming year 'Age of Empires II', 'Westwood's *Tiberian Sun*', 'Wizardry 8', and 'Might & Magic 6' - great stuff, eh? Have I finally toppled over the edge or what? Oh yes))

DIBS ENDBIT

WANTED! New Sopwith Statistician - Dave Tant is still looking to pass the stats mantle over to someone else (Something that has been mentioned in the latest *Spoff*) I don't really have the time but I DO have the full stats on database! So, anyone wanting the job contact. Dave Tant, 32 Nursery Avenue, Bexleyheath, Kent, DA7 4JZ If Dave agrees to take you on, and you have a PC. let me know and we can see how to transfer all my data over.

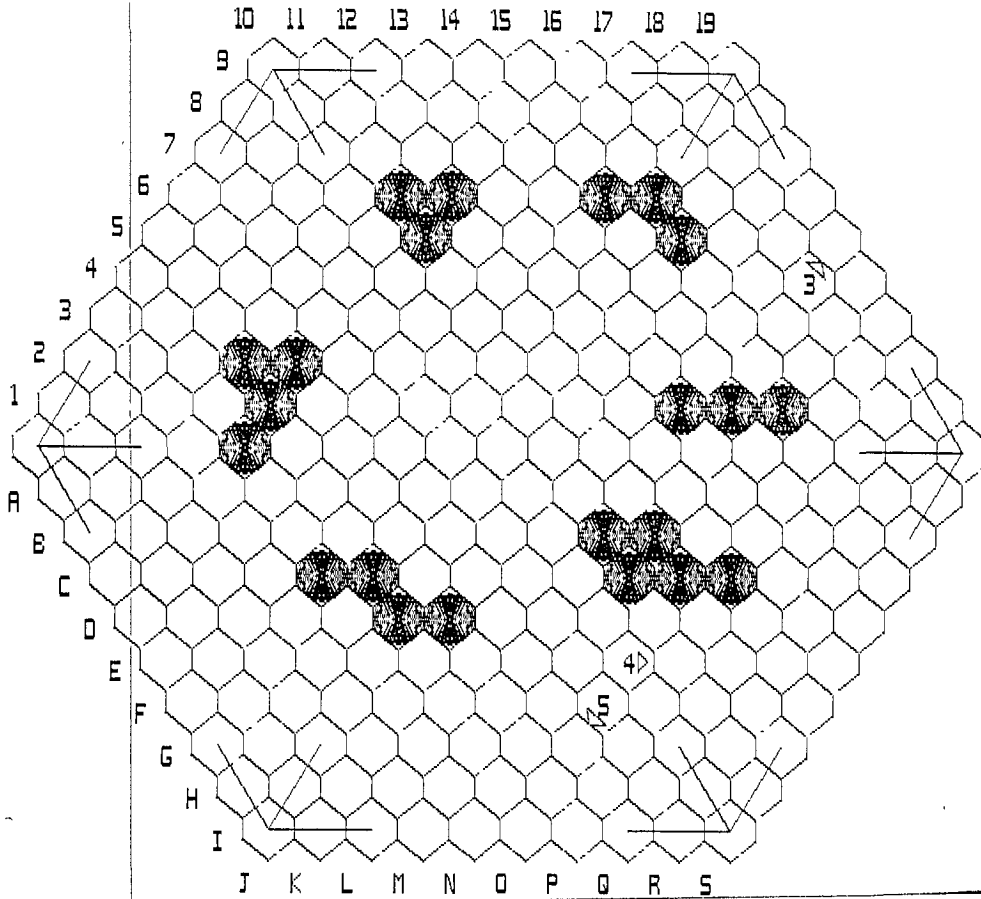
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Must get this sent Until next time then. . .

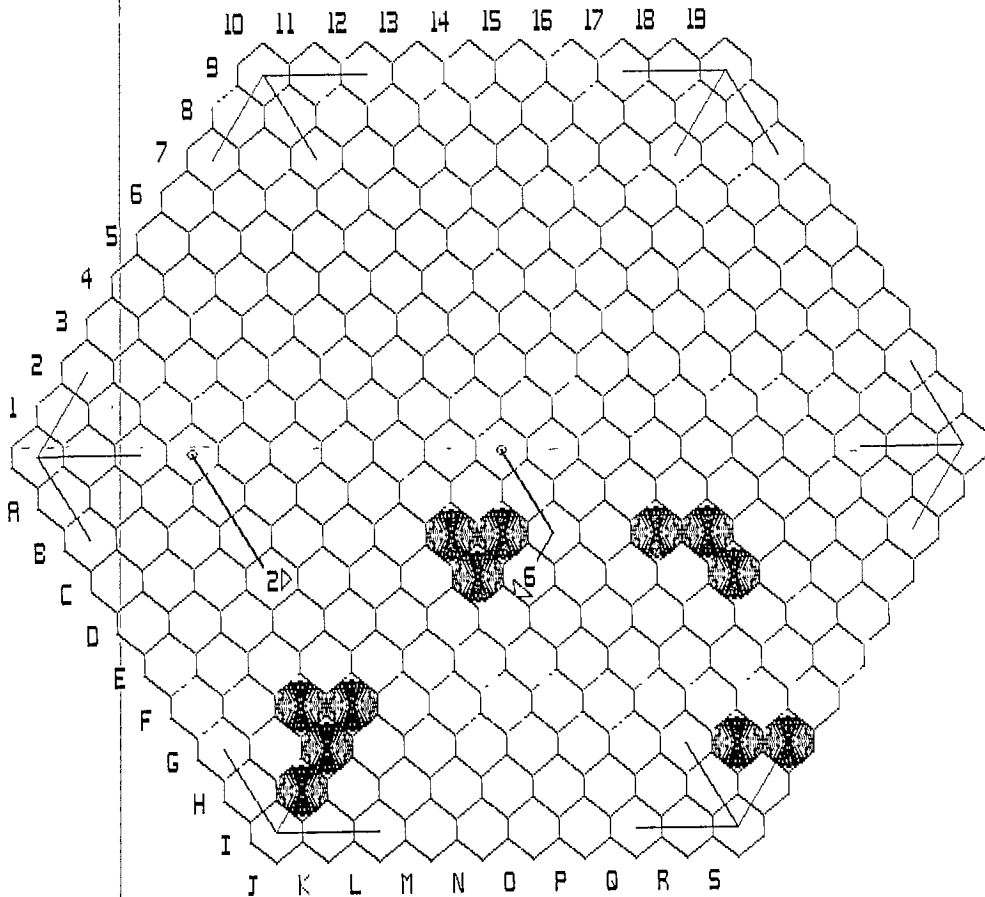
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