

Biggest news this autumn comes from B game. They may be green at this lark, but they start causing problems right away. I mean, right now I'm waiting hoping that Monday will bring two sets of orders from the girl-monarchs of Germany and Russia. Otherwise I may well stick to my ruling and cast them both from the game. This despite the fact that we usually play their game by waiting for them when we fully realise they are just pissing about.

But the news....John Piggott, of fiery-tempered Italy attempted a double cross whose magnitude verges on the unpronounceable, and whose daring and imagination surpasses all but the most disastrous designs conceived by devious-minded creatures that stalked the Earth only in ancient times when the Earth itself was freshly spawned out of the terrible energies that, fortuitously, no longer exist in our universe today. What he did was this - he sent his G2 movement order sheet to a somewhat innocent would-be allie, marked FINAL. He then sent an extremely-expert forgery of the official G2 form to the GM, stating on it that this order superseded all previous movement orders. Altogether, a very nice piece of double dealing, except that it didn't work!

The GM was faced with a rather tricky problem. Are final orders final or not? Stated in another fashion, can general issue non-retractable orders? Resolution was that final is. And that stands, although it might be interesting to have some discussion on it. My reasoning was thus: the first set of orders were written to convince another country that they were final, but the same orders were not to be considered final by the GM. This introduces a vague sort of ambiguity, but the decision was still largely arbitrary on my part. I'm sorry John, it would have been good had you pulled it off.

As for A game, 'informed sources' suggest a growing distaste for the tactics used by Great Britain, and no doubt on the other side, you will see why. A report from GB follows later. A rather mournful note from the Czar of Russia, recently re-admitted to Universities across the world on the supposition that remnants of his sanity have returned, "...I bet GB doesn't support me into Sweden - *sigh*".

Information
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GB Reports - Imperial Magesty, Nigel Admiral Lord Hope of the First Channel Fleet Etc. will subject his fleet to the hospitality of the french base in belgium in reparation for the damage done to the entente cordiale last Christmas by the uncontrolled nature of his mens' celebrations. On the western front we were sorry to hear of the abrupt demise of the Fuhrer and while we would like to respect his last wishes we feel that a state of anarchy cannot be tolerated as long as some trace of order remains in the shape of the Fuhrer's armed forces. There is also the small matter of our long-standing agreements to aid the scandinavian kingdom in time of need making it our honour-bound duty to liberate them from the degnadations of the German fleet now in Sweden. We have also taken it upon ourselves to interdict the low countries to prevent a repetition of this affair.

AH Reports ? Hartley Patterson
Abdication of German Kaiser reportedly caused by refusal of Bavarian army at present in Bohemia to attack Vienna with Italian support. This led to general revolt of German army.
datelineViennaJuly1902

While extending sympathy to our 'German brothers' in their distress, the Emperor of Austria & Hungary called for an all-out effort by his armies in their war against Italy. "Not content with their bloody conquest of Italy, their desecration of the Papal states, the Piedmontese now wish to extend their conquests to our lands. They shall not prevail!" Already plans are being laid for the raising of a fresh Austrian army.

Our correspondent in St Petersburg reports an atmosphere of gloom in the Russian capital. News of the fall of Sevastopol to Turkish forces is expected at any time. The war effort has placed severe strains on the Russian economy and cuts in army expenditure are expected in the new year.

Strong diplomatic pressure from Vienna seems likely to lead to the evacuation of Albania by Turkish forces. Well informed sources suggest that the Turkish commander in Greece had acted independantly of the Porte and has been recalled.
FLASH* Austrian fleet in Trieste reported ready to put to sea at 24 hr. notice to meet the Italian fleet.

STRANGELY ENOUGH, IT ALL COMES TRUE!

-GB / A Edin convoyed to Norway
 / A Kiel stands
 / F N Sea convoy duties
 / F Eng Chan moves to Belgium
 / F Denmark stands
 G / A Berlin)
 / A Prussia)
 / A Bohemia) no orders (anarchy)
 / F Sweden)
 R / A Warsaw supports Galicea
 X A Galicea attacks Rumania
 / A Ukraine supports above attack
 X F Gulf of Bothnia to Sweden
 * F Sevastopol sups Gal to Rum
 T / A Rumania to Sevastopol
 / A Albania to Greece
 / F Bl Sea sups Rum to Sev
 / F Armenia " " " "
 / F Aegean Sea sups Alb to Greece
 AH / A Vienna to Tyrolia
 X A Serbia to Rumania
 / F Bud sups above attack on Rum
 / F Trieste to Adriatic Sea
 I / A Piedmont to Marscilles
 / A Tyrolia to Munich
 / A Apullia to Venice
 X F Ionian Sea to Greece
 / A Gascony to Spain
 / A Brest to Picardy
 / A Belgium to Holland
 / F Mid Atlantic to Eng Channel

*****B game*****

MOVEMENT ORDERS
 GB / A York convoyed to Norway
 / F London to English Channel
 / F North Sea convoy duties
 G / A Kiel to Denmark
 / A Munich to Ruhr
 / F Holland to Belgium
 R / A Warsaw)
 / A Sev)
 / F Rum) stand. unordered
 * F St P (S)
 T / A Const convoyed to Rumania
 / A Bulgaria supports above attack
 / F Black Sea convoy duties
 AH / A Trieste stands
 / A Serbia sups Albania to Greece
 / F Albania To Greece
 I / A Piedmont to Venice *sorry John!
 / A Tuscany convoyed to Tunis
 / F Tyrr Sea convoy duties
 F / A Paris to Burgundy
 / A Spain to Portugal
 / F Brest to Mid Atlantic

RESUPPLY ORDERS
 GB / F to be built in London
 G / A " " " " Berlin
 / A " " " " Munich
 R No resupply orders
 T No resupply orders
 AH / A to be raised in Vienna
 / A " " " " Budapest
 I / F " " " " Naples
 F / F " " " " Marscilles
 X A " " " " Brest

/-succeedes. X-doesn't. *-eliminated

*****A game*****

GB bases: 3 in GB, BREST, Norway, Kiel, Denmark, Belgium. Resupply all Fleets.
 G bases: Berlin, Prussia.
 R bases: Moscow, Warsaw, St Petersburg Rumania.
 T bases: Smyrna, Constantinople, Ank, Greece, Bulgaria, Sevastopol. Army
 AH 3 in AH, Serbia.
 I Venice, Rome(Army), Naples(Fleet), Tunis, Munich, Marscilles.
 F Paris, Port, Spain, Holland.

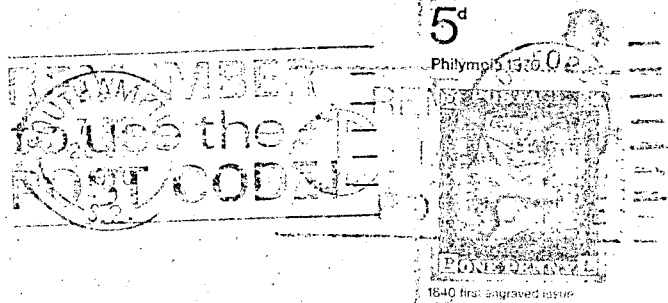
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underline means build new unit

peculiarities GB really gets 3 reunits
 G loses 2 outermost units, as only has 2 bases. R now has 4 units. Brest still belongs to GB as it was GB's 1901A.

I sense vaguely that a large number of people in B game are going to hate my guts as soon as they see this issue of WB. Stella, for not using our blood-relationship to find some sort of way of avoiding the catastrophe that seems certain to wipe out Russia as a world power, due to lack of positive leadership. Or Turkey's commandant, who neglected to do such a simple thing as to supply resupplying orders. I'm really sorry John, I felt like making them up for you. And worst of all? - I have it in writing that I have earned a deadly enemy for life by not accepting John Piggott's after-the-final order of the profoundest duplicity. But what could I do?

DPLA 1902A/GM.4
 DPLB 1901A/GM.1



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