

ANYONE SUFFICIENTLY BORED AROUND HERE TO WELCOME TO GRACE HERE.

WAR GAMES

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I'M SORRY TO SAY THIS ONE'S PRETTY BAD, AND SEEING AS PAGE 1 OBVIOUSLY OBVIOUSLY GETS DONE AFTER PAGES 1, 2 & 3, I AM ENABLED TO MAKE THAT STATEMENT. I DON'T SEND CHRIST CARDS, AND DO NOT INTEND TO USE THIS ISSUE OF WG AS A SUBSTITUTE. THANK YOU FOR THE CARD NEVERTHELESS KATHY.

AND WHILE WERE TALKING ABOUT MONEY, COULD I HAVE 10/- FROM THOSE FEW WHO HAVEN'T SENT ME ANY YET. AND IF YOU FIND A RETURNED CHEQUE OR PO MADE OUT TO DAVE ROWE, COULD YOU TEAR IT UP AND MAKE OUT ANOTHER TO DAVE BERG. AND IF YOU FEEL THAT IT'S THE PRICIPLE OF THE THING, KNOCK OFF 2D FROM THE REMITTANCE. YOU KNOW IT'S A FUNNY THING, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT I'D COME ACCROS PEOPLE IN THIS CONTEXT WHO WERE NOT ABLE TO READ INSTRUCTIONS AND FOLLOW THEM, BUT

AND WHILE I REMEMBER IT, BEING RATHER SMASHING MYSELF, DAVE ROWE HAS DECIDED THAT BEING GM FOR 'C' GAME IS SIMPLY MORE THAN HE CAN HACK AT THE MOMENT, WHAT WITH A SIX DAY LABOURING WEEK, AND A BEAUTIFUL NEW GUITAR. JUST AS WELL I SUPPOSE THAT THE GAME HAD NOT STARTED, OTHERWISE THE POOR BLOODY SUCKERS WOULD HAVE HAD THE MIND-WRENCHING PARALLEL OF A SWITCH IN GODS, AND THE RULES FOR YOU TO GET INTO THE RIGHT PLACE.

WE NOW HAVE TWO I2I PLAYERS INTERESTED IN PLAYING IN 'D' GAME, WHICH I'M NOT SURE I WANT TO RUN. THE REASON FOR THIS STATEMENT OF WANTING TO STOP RUNNING THINGS IS NOT PARTICULARLY THAT I FIND IT BORING OR TIME-CONSUMING OR A TRIVIAL ACTIVITY, BUT RATHER THAT I FEEL IT TIES ME DOWN. I GET THE IMPRESSION THERE WOULD BE GREAT ANTAGONISTIC FEELINGS IF I WAS TO SAY, AS I AM GETTING NEARER TO DOING, THAT I WAS TAKING OFF FOR 6 MONTHS OR A YEAR, WITH NO FIXED ADDRESS. I WOULD OF COURSE OFFER EITHER MONEY BACK, OR CONTINUE WITH THE GAME WHEN I RETURN, UNLESS I COULD FIND SOMEONE TO TAKE MY PLACE TEMPORARILY/PERMENANTLY. THE CHOISE FOR ME IS EITHER TO LET DOWN A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO TRUSTED ME AND WHO MAY BE GETTING A GREAT DEAL OF ENJOYMENT OUT OF THE GAME, OR WHO CARE VERY DEAPLY ABOUT WAR GAMES - OR - ALLOWING A FEW INDIVIDUALS SOME OF WHOM I'VE NEVER MET, TO INDULGE IN A FRIVOLOUS ACTIVITY TO THE DETRIMENT OF MY FREADOM. THAT'S HOW I SEE IT. BUT THEN, A LITTLE WHILE AGO, HARTLEY [AH/AI] SUGGESTED 3 GAMES AT THE COMPLETION OF 'A', 'B' & 'C', COMPRISING THE FIRST 2 OF EACH IN THE TOP GAME ETC. & I REALLY GOT ENTHUSED. STOP PRESS - IR/AI 87 W TOWN LA BRISTOL TILL 5JAN. AFTER - THE HAWTHORNS THE HAWTHORNS, KEELE, STAFFS.

TOO MUCH POWER OVER THE GAME AS SET OUT IN MY INVENTED
 DPLB 1903S/GM.2



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MOVEMENT ORDERS - SPRING 1901

GB A // LIV TO EDI
 R // LON TO N SEA
 F // EDI TO NORWEG SEA

G A // PER TO KEIL
 A // MUN TO SIL
 F // KEIL TO HOLL

R A // MOS TO ST P
 A // WAR TO GAL
 F // ST P ISI TO G OF B
 F X // SEV TO RL SEA

T A // CON TO RUL
 A // SMY TO CON
 F X // ANK TO RL SEA

A // VIEN TO TRI
 A // RUD TO SER
 F // TRI TO ALP

A // ROME TO VEN
 A // VEN TO PIED
 F // NAP TO TYR SEA

A // PAR TO PURG
 A // MARS SUPS ABOVE
 F // BRE TO MID ATL

HELLO AGAIN!
 THERE WAS A MISPRINT ON THE G4 - THE LOGICAL MAP, AS IT HAS BEEN TERMED BY SOME, THE DARDANELLES - THE STRETCH OF SEA BETWEEN CONSTANTINOPLE & BULGARIA ON THE MAP - IS IN THE WRONG PLACE. THIS BIT OF SEA SHOULD RUN THROUGH CONSTANT FROM THE EASTERN MEDITARRANEAN TO THE BLACK SEA, WITHOUT TOUCHING BULGARIA AT ALL. PHYSICALLY, THIS MEANS AN ARMY MAY CROSS FROM CON TO RUL WITHOUT ENCOUNTERING ANY DIFFICULTIES IN THE WAY OF GEOGRAPHICAL IMPEDENCES, AS IN THE INCORRECT MAP VERSION, A FLEET MOVING FROM SAY THE E MED TO THE RL SEA HOWEVER, CORRECTLY MUST MOVE FIRST TO CON, NOT BUL OR CON AS THE MAP INDICATES. SORRY, BUT DO USE THE CORRECT VERSION, NOT YOU QUERY.

SOME TEMPORY ADDRESS CHANGES:-
 PHIL WATSON IAH/CI NOW TILL MID JAN
 9 GRAMMER CLOSE,
 EASTCOTE,
 RUISLIP,
 MIDDX HA4 9QF
 PAUL FROST IR/CI
 CORRECTION TO ADDRESS PRINTED IN WB7 SHOULD READ ROOM F31 NOT ROOM 31
 TEMPORY ADDRESS FROM 12 DEC TO 3 JAN
 67A MELBOURNE AVE,
 CHELMSFORD,
 ESSEX CH1 2DR.
 THANKS FOR BEAUTIFULLY TYPED G2 PAUL.

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THE MARSHAL SENDS HIS BEST REGARDS TO HIS FELLOW-COUNTRYMAN IN GAME P, AND WISHES TO BE INFORMED AS TO THE MEANS BY WHICH THE FRENCH FLEET IN MARSEILLES WAS TRANSFERED TO GASCONY. THE MARSHAL IS OVERCOME WITH ADMIRATIO ADMIRATION AT THIS TACTIC, AND HAS DREAMS OF PASSING HIS FLEET FROM THE ENGLISH CHANNEL TO TUNIS IN THE SPRING BY SOME SIMILAR MOVE.
 THE MARSHAL WISHES TO POINT OUT THAT ALL COLLAPORATORS, LOOTERS, ANARCHISTSZ, COMMUNISTS, POURFONISTS, AND POLITICIANS WILL BE SHOT ON SIGHT.

C - U - T - - - - H - E - R - E - - - -

1. DOES THE GM WEILD TOO MUCH POWER OVER THE GAME AS SET OUT IN MY INVENTED RULES OF POSTAL DIPLOMACY.
2. SHOULD THE GM ALLOW ANOTHER WEEK FOR RETREATS/RESUPPLIES RATHER THAN DEMANDING THAT THESE BE STATED FOR ALL POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF THE MOVES.
3. SHOULD THE GM ~~BE~~ BE STRICT ABOUT LATE ARRIVAL OF ORDERS, READY TO ACCEPT 'EXCUSES' SUCH AS POSTAL INEFFICIENCY FOR INSTAGE.
4. SHOULD THE GM BE CONSTRAINED [FORCED] TO PLAY IN A GAME.
5. SHOULD THE GM PROHIBIT PLAYERS [FRIENDS] FROM THE SAME TOWN FROM PLAYING IN THE SAME GAME.
6. SHOULD THE STANDARD OF SUCH A MAGAZINE AS WB BE IMPROVED IN ANY WAY.
7. DO YOU RIP UP QUESTIONAIRES WHEN YOU GET THEM.
8. UND SO WEITER. ACTUALLY, I RELLY WOULD LIKE TO GET SOME FEEDBACK ON THIS SUBJECT - AS ALL I'VE HAD FOR NOW IS COMPLAINTS. AND DON'T SAY COMPLAINTS IS RESPONCE, BECAUSE ITS NOT THE SORT I WANT.
9. HOW DO YOU ASSESS WHAT ONE SHOULD PAY / BE PAID FOR TAKING PART IN A DPL GAME.
10. WOULD YOU PERSONALLY LIKE TO TAKE OVER THE 'JOBX' OF RUNNING DPLS AND ANY ASSOCIATED MAGAZINE.

1 NO 2 NO 3 YES 4 NO 5 NO 6 YES 7 YES 8 YES 9 ? 10 ?

G A / NORWAY TO ST P
 G A / KEIL SUPS III RUHR TO
 F / SWEDEN STANDS / MUN
 F / LONDON TO ENG CHAN
 F / NORTH SEA I SUP
 F / BELGIUM I ABOVE
 F / HOLLAND SUPS BELGIUM
 F / IRISH SEA TO MID ATL

 G A / BERLIN STILL ANARCHY

 R A / UKRAINE I
 A / BOHEMIA I STAND
 A XR / VIENNA I UNORDERED
 F / ST P ISI I

 T- G A / CONST TO RUL
 A / ANK TO ARM
 A / GAL TO WAR
 A / GREECE TO ALB
 A / SERBIA TO RUM
 F / SEV SUPS ABOVE
 F / RUM TO BL SEA
 F / AEG SEA TO GREECE
 A / RUD TO VIENNA
 A / TYROL I SUP ABOVE
 A / TRIESTE I
 I / RUHR TO MUNICH
 A / PARIS TO GASCONY
 A / TUSCANY TO VENICE
 A / APULIA SUPS ABOVE
 F / ION-SEA TO ADRIATIC
 A / BRETT TO PARIS
 A / MARS TO PIEDMONT
 XR / ENG CHAN TO LONDON

RETREATS

RUSSIAN ARMY VIENNA HAS TO RETREAT
 TO GALICIA - ONLY POSSIBLE MOVE
 FRENCH FLEET IN ENG CHAN ORDERED TO
 RETREAT TO PICARDY

CORRECTION TO MISSPRINT IN WR7:
 / A SPAIN TO PARIS
 SHOULD HAVE READ
 / A SPAIN TO MARS

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

NIGEL HASLOCK IGR/AI,
 FLAT 4,
 34 NEVERN PLACE,
 LONDON SW5.

I GATHER THIS IS A PERMANENT CHANGE.

NIGEL RECKONS THE REASON FOR
 THE NON-APPEARANCE OF 1903A ORDERS
 WAS OUTSIDE HIS CONTROL. HE SUSPECTS
 FOUL PLAY AMONGST THE PEOPLE HE'S
 LIVING WITH. PICK YOUR FRIENDS MORE
 CAREFULLY! I WOULD POSIT - TRY SOME
 OF MINE! MEANWHILE COLIN OFFERS A
 COMPUTER PROGRAM NOT TO PARTICIPATE
 IN A GAME & A PLAYER, BUT TO TAKE-
 OVER THE GM'S JOB! MIND YOU, QUITE
 A NUMBER OF DISSATISFIED CUSTOMERS
 WOULD NO DOUBT HAVE FOUND SITUATIONS
 WENT MORE THEIR WAY WITH AN 'IMPARTIAL'
 GM, INSTEAD OF A MERE HUMAN BEING.

NOW GET THIS - HARTLEY IAH/AI
 SAYS THAT MIKE IGR/RI THINKS THAT
 STELLA IR/RI IS NOT PLAYING HER OWN
 MOVES, BUT THAT I IGM AM PLAYING
 IN HER NAME. HARTLEY ALSO HAS NON-
 ACIDIC I IN ONE SENCE COMMENTS TO
 MAKE ABOUT THE STANDARD OF PLAY IN
 BOTH 'A' & 'B' GAMES, AND I'D
 LIKE TO ADD TO THAT.

AND WHILE WE'RE ON THE SUBJECT
 OF PLAYING DIPLOMACY WITH SOME DEGREE
 OF ENTHUSIASM, LET ALONE PLAYING
 SKILLFULLY, ONE SHOULD JOIN THE RANKS
 OF ALBION'S PLAYERS - WHERE THEY
 DO EVERYTHING 'PROPERLY'. DON TURNBULL'S
 ADDRESS IF ANYONE'S INTERESTED IS:

6 ST. GEORGE'S AVENUE,
 TIMPERLY,
 CHESHIRE.

THOUGH EVERYONE SHOULD HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SEE ALBION BY NOW.

IF/AI PRESS RELEASE: DATELINE LISBON AUTUMN 1903

THE MARSHAL SANS-REPROCHE, 'DE-FACTO' RULER OF FRANCE, REGRETS THE LOSS
 OF PARIS TO THE TATTERED REMNANTS OF A ONCE-GLORIOUS ITALIAN ARMY; BUT
 POINTS OUT THAT THE PREVIOUS GOVERNMENT HAD MORE THAN PROVED ITS
 INCOMPETANCE, AND WILL BE NO LOSS TO FRANCE.

"THEY COULDN'T DEFEND THEIR VIRGINITY FROM A RANDY FIVE-YEAR-OLD"
 HE IS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID, IN PRIVATE COMPANY.

[THE MARSHAL IS WELL-KNOWN FOR HIS PREVIOUS ASSAULT ON MUNICH, WHEN
 VICTORY WAS SNATCHED FROM HIS HANDS BY HIS PUSILLANIMOUS MASTERS IN PARIS,
 AND A GLORIOUS FRENCH ACHIEVEMENT ABANDONED AND DESTROYED.]

FROM HIS FRONT-LINE BASE HERE, THE MARSHAL HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING
 COMMUNIQUE.

"THE BRILLIANT RAID ON WESTMINSTER BY THE FRENCH ATLANTIC FLEET HAS
 ONCE MORE PROVED FRENCH NAVAL MASTERY. SEVERE DAMAGE WAS CAUSED IN THE
 BRITISH CAPITAL, AND THE FLEET MANAGED TO RETIRE WITHOUT HARM.

MOVEMENT ORDERS - SPRING 1908

GR A // LIV TO YORK
 A // DEN TO SWEDEN
 A // EDIN TO HOLLAND
 A // BELGIUM SUPS ABOVE
 F // N SEA CONVOYS TO HOLL
 F X LONDON TO ENG CHAN
 F XR KEIL STANDS

G A // RUHR TO KEIL
 A A // MUNICH SUPS ABOVE
 A X SIL TO GAL

R A // MOSCOW I
 A // WARSAW I STAND
 F // G OF B I UNORDERED

T A // SEV SUPS IRI MOSCOW TO
 A // CON TO RUL /UKRAINE
 F // PL SEA SUPS ABOVE
 F // SMY TO AEG SEA

AH A // GAL I
 A // VIENNA I
 A // BUD I STAND
 A // VENICE I
 A // SERBIA I
 F // RUM I UNORDERED
 F XR TRIESTE I
 F XR BULGARIA I

A // MARS TO PEDMONT
 A // TUNIS TO TUSCANY
 F // WEST MED I
 F // G OF L I CONV ABOVE

A // BURG SUPS IGR CHAN TO
 A // SPAIN TO MARS /BELG
 F X BREST TO ENG CHAN

RETREATS

BRITAIN'S FLEET IN KEIL RETREATS
 TO HEL AS ORDERED
 AUSTRIA-HUNGARY'S BULGARIAN FLEET
 RETREATS TO GREECE - ONLY ONE

CONTINUED:

NINE DREADNAUGHTS, SEVENTEEN CRUISERS AND SEVENTEEN TORPEDO-BOAT DESTROYERS WERE DELIBERATELY SCUTTLED IN THE THAMES ESTUARY TO BLOCK IT TO BRITISH SHIPPING. THE SUCCESS OF THE RAID CAN BE SEEN BY THE COMPLETE PARALYSIS OF THE BRITISH FORCES THIS AUTUMN. IT IS REGRETFULLY CONSIDERED THAT THE TYRANT IS NOT BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN KILLED IN THE BOMBARDMENT. OVER 30,000 WORKMEN IN THE NEWLY LIBERATED PART OF BREST HAVE GLADLY VOLUNTERED AS DOCKYARD REPAIR MEN TO GIVE THE RETURNING FLEET A SUTABLE JOYOUS RECEPTION ON ITS RETURN TO ITS HOME BASE. THE FRENCH MILITARY GAINED YET ANOTHER SUCCESS IN THE SOUTH, WHEN, IN A SUPERB DEMONSTRATION OF STRATEGY, THE SOUTHERN ARMY SEVERED THE ITALIAN LINES OF COMMUNICATION. WITHOUT FOOD, WATER, AMMUNITION OR ICE-CREAM, THE RAGGED ITALIAN TROOPS IN PARIS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO SURVIVE THE WINTER, AT LEAST NOT IN PHYSICAL CONDITION TO FIGHT. THE VICTORIOUS ARMY RECEIVED A HEROIC WELCOME WHEN IT LIBERATED MARSEILLES. 200 LOOTERS WERE SHOT, AND 450 COLLABORATEURS. (CONTINUED PAGE 2)

MISPRINT IN WR7: SINCE IT WAS A FRENCH FLEET IN MARSEILLES, NOT AN ARMY, IT WAS ANNILATED AS IT COULD ONLY RETREATED TO GASCONY HAD IT BEEN A FLEET. ANOTHER THING, TEMPORARY ADDRESS CHANGES:

JOHN PARKER IT/RI 12 DEC - 3 JAN
 49 MEAD GRES,
 SOUTHAMPTON SO2 2JN.

JOHN DUCKWORTH IAH/RI
 3RD DEC "FOR 6 WEEKS"

LANGOLIFFE,
 LAUND RD,
 ACCRINGTON,
 LANGS BB5 2PP.

JOHN PIGGOTT II/RI 16TH DEC -
 17 MONMOUTH RD,
 OXFORD OXI 4TD.

I MUST ASSUME THIS CHANGE IS PERMANENT.

THANKS FOR THE CHRISMAS CARD KATHY, I DON'T SEND ANY, BUT I SPOSE I APPRECIATE RECEIVING THEM. I DO DEFINATELY NOTICE SOMETHING ABOUT YOU WITH RESPECT TO THE BRITISH POSTAL SERVICE THOUGH: YOU SEEM TO REGARD THE PHILOSOPHY OF MAIL AS A BIG MAGIC - NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT INHERENTLY - BUT I'LL TELL YOU SOMETHING FROM MY PERSONAL EXPERIENCE OF THIS PARTICULAR BRANCH OF STUDY. PRINTING "1ST CLASS" 50 MILLION TIMES ON THE ENVELOPE DOES NOT SIGNIFICANTLY ALTER THE WAY THIS BIG MAGIC WORKS. NOR DOES THE CAREFUL PROCUREMENT AND ATTATCHMENT OF 6D, 8D, AND FINALLY I/- STAMPS MAKE THE LETTERS SPEED ON THEIR WAY ANY FASTER - THE COST/TIME RELATIONSHIP IS IN FACT NON-LINEAR. SO THERE.

NOW TO CONTINUE WITH NGEL'S MASTERPIECE.