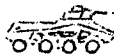


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MOVES

'B' (1970BU) AUTUMN 1907
'C' (1971Y) AUTUMN 1905
'D' (1971BU) SPRING 1902

Convoys again

Last issue you may recall I suggested that there is only one way in which two units can exchange positions and that is by convoy. Eg: A Bre-Pic C by F Eng

A Pic-Bre

In the House Rules this appears (23c) as an extension of Brannan's Rule.

DON TURNBULL wrote to say that this was in fact discussed in Albion 7, and he now follows Brannan's rule except that units in adjacent provinces can't use convoy to change places (this is known as 'Changing of the Guard').

Problem of the Month is related to this, and also comes from D6n:

T: A Apu-Rom. A Nap S A Apu-Rom.

I: A Rom-Nap. A Ven-Rom.

Clearly the support of the Naples unit is not cut and Turkey gets Rome, Venice standing and Rome retreating.

What happens, though, if instead of going Rom-Nap direct, the Italian army does so by convoy? According to Brannan's Rule, the support of the Naples unit is now cut, since the attack came from the side. Actually it doesn't affect the ultimate result, but you can see that there are circumstances in which it could have quite a considerable effect.

((Well, what do you think listeners? Should 'changing of the guard' be allowed?))

Younstown

Michel Liesnard has now aquired two more players and a gamesmaster for his Youngstown Variant game. The moves will appear in a special zine, On les Aura!, as well as (judging from the preliminary issue) some good propaganda. All in two languages too! Two more players are needed....Michel's address: Ave.E de Meersman 43, Berchem-Ste-Agathe, B-1080 Bruxelles Belgium.

New Players

Or more specifically a lack of them. The current Midgard flyer (MV) has a plug for WB, but still hasn't been distributed. Since for various reasons (my own incompetence is no doubt high on the list) WB is always losing readers/players it follows that there must be a continuous inflow of new ~~subscribers~~ people to keep the zine going at all. If anyone out there is editing a zine please give WB a few kind words (even if it's all lies...).

Donner und blitzen, ein panzer!

Which is to say my copy of Panzerblitz, the latest AH game, arrived last week (on Friday 13th too!). This is (for the ignorant) a tactical game covering the WWII Eastern front 1943-44. It's considerably different from other AH games, for instance guns can fire over a number of hexs. I've just been playing out the first of the set situations, in which a Russian mobile force attacks a German defensive position. The Russians soon discovered to their cost that the German 88mm guns could knock out a tank at close range with no chance of missing....they also attacked the defences from the wrong side. After an abortive assault on one fort they realised the error, rushed across and disposed of one of the two 88mms, which was not in a fort. By this time the Russians had almost run out of troops, but managed a close assault on another fort before running out of time, which gained them enough points for a tactical victory.

It looks to be one of AHs best games. There are 12 situations to play through, after that you make up your own - the board comes in three sections which can be arranged in different patterns.

I have also just received an S&T back number with Tac 14, a game covering the medieval period in Europe. One interesting rule - feudal cavalry are forced to charge as soon as they spot the enemy - even if their own foot are ridden down!

More on both these games later...that is if you're interested. Or should WB stick to Diplomacy?

Letters

Russia, 'B' Game:-- Sorry, Russia has to concede defeat - and will no longer be in B game. I'm afraid Stella Berg did not do too well - and since an 'anonymous party' took over from her in May, who couldn't play either, it has been a sad show altogether.

John Parker (Turkey, 'B') having received notice of the above says he is willing to concede defeat to Italy/Germany. The GM has been aware for some time that Italy & Germany have been acting together to the extent that one person has been sending in both moves.

Adrian Brine (England 'C'): I am going into anarchy as from this move, since victory for Germany is inevitable. Game C has been rather disappointing, the course of the game being governed largely by the order in which people fell into anarchy.

This would seem to leave two players active in both games. I therefore declare 'B' and 'C' games ended, as victory seems certain for one player in both cases - Germany/Italy in 'B', Germany in 'C'. Those leaving are reminded that if they are not in 'D' or have not paid a sub they are cut off as from this issue.

'D' game standby: Adrian Brine

'E' game list: Will Haven, Charles Burton, Michel Liesnard, Ken Payne, John Parker.

'D' Game (1971BU) SPRING 1902

I: ((Held over from last season - ie mislaid by GM)) 'The Government of Italy are forced to announce with the deepest regret that, due to the actions of the Austrian Emperor in the rightfully Italian regions of Tyrolia and Trieste, on behalf of the peoples of these regions a war of liberation has been declared so that the Hapsburg menace will never again rise to threaten the peace of Europe and the security of it's inhabitants.'

F: It has now been revealed by the government that the recent blackout in Burgundy was caused by our dynamo peddler Eddie Mucks ~~detaching~~ falling asleep on the job.'

G: note to all Foreign Governments, from Edmund von Thurn & Taxis, hereditary postmaster of the Imperial Postal Service:

'Due to postal delays (some horses from the PO have been taken over by our glorious army), all foreign governments are asked to send their diplomatic pouches to Germany as soon as possible after each season, in order to allow our glorious Kaiser to answer before the beginning of the following season. Or, if your Treasury is still big enough, use special delivery.'

GM: ((Please note that overseas postage has now increased: 5p to Belgium. Use air mail letters or stickers to help convince your local PO))

T: Serbia is shortly to be proclaimed the eighth province of the Genuine Byzantine Holy Roman Empire. His serene Majesty Emperor Alexis I added: "Turkey does not want war. If only other European nations would allow us to annex peacefully all the territories that are historically part of our Empire, there would be no other European nations".

GB: The House of Commons, March 29th 1902.

Mr. D. Lloyd-George:- May I ask the Prime Minister if he has any information he can give us today?

The Prime Minister:- Certainly. Our ambassador at Oslo reports that at five o'clock this morning units of the German army crossed the Kattegat and attacked Sweden from their positions in Denmark. The Cabinet has instructed the BEF in Norway to maintain their positions along the frontier and not to intervene. It is for the Swedes to decide between a Teuton and a Slav dominated homeland. I have withdrawn the Channel fleet from Belgium and returned it to support duties, sending the British 2nd Army to aid the King of the Belgians in his attempt to preserve his neutrality. The 3rd fleet has been sent to Ireland to quieten the disturbances there. I must ask this brief survey of recent developments to satisfy the honourable members.

Mr. D. Lloyd-George:- After that particularly sketchy summary, I must confess myself to be little the wiser.

The Prime Minister:- Perhaps none the wiser, sir, but infinitely better informed.

(Collapse of stout Welsh member, hysterical laughter from all parts of the House, five minutes standing ovation, three choruses of 'For He's a Jolly Good Fellow', vote of thanks proposed by the Speaker, PM leaves House waving graciously to all sides)

GB: (Davis) F Lpl-Iri. F Bel-Eng. A Lon-Bel C by F Nth. A Nwy S GER A Den-Swe.
 G: (Feron) A Den-Swe. F Hol stand S by A Kie. A Bur-Pic. A Mun-Ruh.
 R: (Payne) F StP(N)-Nor S by F Swe. A Gal-Bud S by A Rum. A War-Gal. F Sev S A Rum.
 T: (Piggott) A Gre-Ser S by A Bul. F Bla S A Bul. F Smy-Eas. F Con-Aeg.
 AH: (Winstone) Unordered. As Bud, Ser. F Tri.
 I: (Feintuck) A Vie S RUSSIA A Gal-Bud. F Adr-Tri S by A Ven. F Nap-Ion.
 F: (Maule) F Por-MAO. A Spa-Gas. A Bre stand. A Mar-Bur S by A Par.

Retreats: A Bud eliminated. A Ser and F Tri tossed to decide which should retreat to Albania - A Ser won. F Tri eliminated.

IN normal circumstances a standby player (Adrian Brine) would be asked to send in Austria's next move in case Austria missed again. However since Austria seems likely to be eliminated next move anyway this will not be necessary.

* Deadline is now Tuesday August 31st.