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Readers will note a subtle change in  
typeface for this. I just got a super  
electric machine (early Christmas  
present) and WB and my fingers will I  
hope feel the benefit.

## Game Openings

ALBION - games in subzine COURIER.  
(Don Turnbull 6 St Georges Avenue  
Timperley Cheshire) £1 per game, which  
includes sub to ALBION but not postage.  
Waiting lists for UK and International  
regular and International Abstraction.  
ON KES AURA (Michel Liesnard; Ave E de  
Meersman 43, B-1080 Bruxelles, Belgium)  
Has shelved plans for Feudalism II due  
to lack of response; will be starting a  
Belgian-only variant reported to include  
aerial warfare. (?)

ETHIL THE FROG (John Piggott 17 Monmouth  
Rd, Oxford OX1 4TD) a new zine about to  
start it's first game. We await further  
news.....

## Waiting Lists

Regular: Davis, Feron, Hemming  
Standby players: Davis, Liesnard,  
Feintuck.  
(Once a standby is used he must reapply  
to be put on the list again)

## Deadline

Due to Xmas clogging of post next  
deadline is Wednesday Jan 12th 1972.  
And a merry Christmas to all our  
readers!

MOVES 'D' (1971BU) AUTUMN 1905  
'E' (?) AUTUMN 1901  
'F' START ANNOUNCED

WB is 5/20p inland, 5/30p Europe,  
5/£1 USA Airmail. Game fee 25p (50c)  
payable when game starts. We trade with  
any zines that we like the look of.

## Diadokhi

Since the players have communicated  
their willingness to play in this one, the  
draw is as follows:

CARTHAGE: Martin Davis, 16 Cross Street,  
Eastfield, Ryde, Isle of Wight, UK.

ROME: Ian Maule, 59 Windsor Terrace, South  
Gosforth, Newcastle-on-Tyne NE3 17L.

EGYPT: Will Haven, 23 Teck St, Liverpool  
L7 8RR.

MACEDONIA: Jean-Paul Macedoni, Dreve des  
Equipages 13, Watermail-Boitsfort B-1170  
Bruxelles, Belgium.

SYRIA: Kevin Feintuck, 16 Argyle Rd,  
Anfield, Liverpool.

PERGAMUM: Jean Rinchon, Boulevard  
Lambermont 27, B-1030, Bruxelles, Belgium.

RHODES: Michel Liesnard (see opposite)

To clear up one or two points - the  
Egyptian fleet does start on the North  
coast. The first move is Spring 220 -  
players are reminded that as this is BC  
dates run backwards!

## Transatlantic Mail

From Walt Buchanan comes another pile  
of HOOSIER ARCHIVES, issues 27-37. Here  
are such goodies as a reprint of the first  
issue of Ruritania (the second Dippy zine  
ever published) and the final chapters of  
Larry Peery's analysis of the opportunities  
open to the 7 players. Rod Walker writes  
on how to be a good loser.....

While I'm thinking about it, who the  
.... has got my copies of the earlier issues?  
Will the Liverpoolian who is hoarding them  
please return them, before I start imposing  
sanctions!

JOHN PIGGOTT You'll have noticed in my D game moves I have ordered 2 units to oppose each other in the Aegean Sea. Since the new Rulebook makes it clear that such a move is legal, and the old Rulebook had a similar move appearing in the sample game (AH Spring 1902, I think) I have tacitly assumed that you will allow it....

((You're going to hate me for this but I don't allow it. The House Rules state that units of the same player <sup>can</sup> not normally oppose each other. However just to confuse you Diadokhi and any future games will allow such a manoeuvre, since they are following the New Rulebook.))

'Amateurishness' is too a word, so nyaah, Hartley! Leastways, its in the 2 volume Shorter Oxford Dictionary. Get your facts right! ((This comes of arguing with Oxford residents))

One thing that's come up in the Jesus College Dippy Group -- is a move Army NAF - Spain permitted without convoy? I say no, but all the others say yes. What do you think? ((It's no more legal than Picardy-London would be. Odd moves like through Denmark are carefully set out in the Rulebook. Since North Africa and Spain are not adjacent you can't move between them, that's simple enough isn't it? Isolated groups often get wierd ideas...the capturing of supply centres in the Spring comes from a Seattle group who discovered postal play independently. One group I encountered always played that attacks could be cut, although this is specifically excluded in the rules.))

Oddly enough Harry Bell raises the same point in a letter. It should be clear that it is Mid-Atlantic and West Med that are adjacent.))

Will you place any limit on press releases? And would you distribute a propagandazine if one turned up? ((Press releases I try to limit to get one game per page. I'd send out propaganda zines provided they were limited to one sheet A4 size or less, and there were enough copies to cover the present print run, which is 60. I certainly can't accomodate as much as On Les Aura!))

\* News reaches me that Don Turnbull is reducing his activities due to a change of job and of residence (to Cambridge). He will be keeping up his Dippy games though -- I had nasty visions of having 8 games dumped on me...still it would seem unlikely that Don will be able to run any more games than he does at present. As the listing on p.4 shows there just aren't enough zines...or players for that matter. So keep spreading the gospel folks.

\* Should note that Colin Hemming still needs more players for his MYOPIA variant. I'm surprised at the lack of response to this, it is the obvious built-in advantage of postal playing that information can be restricted in this way....a number of other variants could follow on from this, like units at a considerable distance from home being also seperated by a move-delay system.....

\* One possible variant I was trying to think up rules for the other day is a 'revolutionary'. An eighth player assumes this title, and at some point in the game emerges from Switzerland or somewhere and takes over half the forces of any one of the players. He then picks three home bases and continues as a normal player. Any takers?

\* I hope to resume the publishing of variant games when I can get hold of some more. Hint.

\* For those of you concerned about Midgard: the next issue is about half-finished, as is the first rules draft. I expect to be mailing before Christmas!

D Game (1971BU) Autumn 1905

F: Under the personal command of His Serene Majesty Alexius II of Byzantium, the glorious Byzantine forces are shortly expected to take care of the last vestiges of resistance in Russia. Thus will end the four-year campaign by the Turks which began in order to punish the Russian aggressors for their vicious double-crosses of Spring 1901.

Meanwhile the Russian Imperial vodka distilleries at Novgorod are reported to be in the hands of the British. Emperor Alexius is expected to visit England shortly for a grand booze-up.

I: Despite strong resistance by the British army under their war-crazed generals Italian troops are making rapid progress in Iberia. The Italian government urges all the remaining countries of the free world to join it in its crusade against the British menace. Meanwhile in the East the peace treaty with Turkey has been renewed.

GM: Please note Martin Davis' COA on front page. This is permanent.

GB: F NAT-MAO. F Bel-Pic. A Wal-Bre C by F Eng. F Nwy-StP(N).

A Mos MS GERMANY A War. A Spa-Tus C F GoL.

G: A Ber stand. A War stand. A Kie-Ruh. F Hel-Nth.

R: A Rum-Bud. A Liv-Mos. F Sev-Rum.

T: A Arm-Sev S by F Bla. A Bul-Rum S by A Ser & A Bud. F Gre-Aeg. F Pas-Aeg.

I: A Gal-Vie. A Tyr S F Tri. F Adr S F Ion. A Naf-Spa S by F Wes. A Bur S  
FRENCH A Mar.

E: A Par-Bre S by A Pic. A Mar-Spa.

GM: As noted on p.2, a move Naf-Spa is not possible as they are not adjacent provinces. Perhaps you meant to write C by F Wes???

GB: (Davis) 8 bases: 3 Eng, Nor, Bel, StP, Mos, Bre. No change.

G: (Peron) 5 bases: Kie, Den, Swe, Hol, War. Builds A Kiel.

R: (Haven) No bases. All units removed.

T: (Piggott) 9 bases: 3 Tur, 4 Balkans, Bud, Sev. Builds A Con, F Smyrna.

I: (Feintuck) 7 bases: 3 Italy, Tri, Vie, Tun, Mun. Removes A NAfrica (GM).

E: (Hemming) 4 bases: Mar, Par, Spa, Por. Builds A Marseilles!

\* Colin Hemming's address: 20 Hilltop Court, Wilmslow Rd, Manchester M14 6LH.  
Er, as a standby player you get WB free until game ends.  
Perhaps Ian Maule gave up too soon....

E Game Autumn 1901

GB: It is reported that the Russian government is engaged in rounding up the Runts from 61 Cygni C, and indeed the first shipment was reported approaching England recently. Unfortunately, the ship never arrived, it is believed that it was wrecked off the coast of Brittany. To combat the threat to French internal security posed by the runts, the First Channel Fleet has been ordered to Brest. The sailors and marines, armed with runtzapguns, are expected to deal with the runts fairly quickly, and it is hoped that this gesture of friendship will cement and consolidate the bonds of alliance that have existed between England and France since 1066.

At Wembley the British Ministry of Propaganda 2nd XI beat Arsenal 3-0 last night. Eight Arsenal players were sent off by the referee, Mr H Patterson, who has been severely criticised for allowing Arsenal to lose to such an obviously inferior side.

R: 'At last we are free!' Thanks to the efforts of British scientists from Satan College, all Runts have departed Russia and taken up residence with the Runt-lovers of Turkey.

In response to the Tzar's recent directive to 'cooperate with the native population' sailors from the flagship Brocnaleski paid a courtesy call on the well known Sofian establishment of 'Bordello's'. Many photos of this eventful meeting were taken and they will be reproduced in 'Molar', the official fleet dentistry journal. Captain Stanislaw Lum of the 'Solarist' was today sentenced for distributing subversive literature to his crew. Captain Lum is expected to arrive in Berlin soon to take up his position as First Secretary at our Embassy.

I: If the people of Tunis agree to the presence of a token force in their waters and offer to contribute towards it's cost then a fleet for this purpose will begin construction at the end of 1901.

GB: F Eng-Bre. A Yor-Nor C by F Nth.

G: F Den-Swe. A Pru-Sil. A Ruh-Hol.

R: A Gal-War. F GoB-Swe. F Rum stand. A Sev-S-F Rum.

T: A Bul-Gre. A Con-Bul. F Bla-Con.

AH: A Bud-Tri. F Alb-Gre S by A Ser.

I: F Ion-Tun. A Pie MS A Ven.

F: F MAO-Por. A Par-Bre. A Bur-Mar.

GB: (Piggott) 4 bases: 3 Eng, Nor. Builds F London.

G: (Burton) 5 bases: 3 Ger, Den, Hol. Builds F Berlin and A Kiel.

R: (Maule) 5 bases: 4 Rus, Rum. No builds received?

T: (Bell) 4 bases: 3 Tur, Bul. Builds F Smyrna.

AH: (Haven) 5 bases: 3 Aus, Ser, Gre. Builds F Tr A Budapest, A Vienna.

I: (Parker) 4 bases: 3 Italy, Tun. Builds F Naples.

F: (Liesnard) 5 bases: 3 France, Por. Builds F Brest.

\* From 10th Dec - 8th Jan John Parker is at 49 Mead Crescent, Southampton SO2 2JN. Thereafter he returns to his former address.

"Nonsense" said Hasdrubal,  
"Its not  
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its only an elephant."