

# WAR BULLETIN

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## Game Openings

This issue we have a complete list,  
including genzines. First number in  
( ) is that of current issue.

ALBION (36) Don Turnbull, Flat 13,  
Gilmerton Court, Trumpington Rd,  
Cambridge.

Genzine with articles and information  
on all Boardgames. 10p + postage.  
Normally monthly.

COURIER (30) Don Turnbull as above.

Subzine to ALBION carrying games.

Running: 9 regular, 1 Abstraction.

Waiting: UK or International regular  
and Abstraction. Supply of games is a  
function of demand.

Game fee £1 per game + postage, this  
includes ALBION for game duration.

ETHIL THE FROG (1) John Figgott, Jesus  
College, Cambridge CB5 8BL (term);  
17 Monmouth Rd, Oxford OX1 4TD (vacation)

New zine which will run both regular  
and Variant games.

Running: 1 regular.

Waiting: Abstraction.

10/50p. No game fee.

LES DOSSIERS DE L'HYENE HARRA (2)

Michel Liesnard, Ave E. de Meersman 43,  
Berchem-Ste-Agathe, B-1080, Bruxelles,  
Belgium.

Genzine. Cost & frequency not  
known.

MOESHOESHOE (xvi) Michel Feron,  
Grand-Place 7, B-4280, Hannut, Belgium.

Soon to reactivate with French only  
regular game.

75FB game, 50FB non players. No game fee.

ON LES AURA! (5) Michel Liesnard as above.

Running: Youngstown.

Waiting: Feudalism II

10p, 40c, 20FB/5 players. 25p, 1\$, 50FB/6  
others. No game fee.

WAR BULLETIN (27) See elsewhere!

XL (1) Colin Hemming, 20 Hilltop Court,  
Wilmslow Rd Manchester M14 6LH.

Running: 1 Myopia. Sub not known.

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.

## Standby players:

D - Liesnard

E - Davis, Feintuck, Feron

F - None

## Waiting list:

Regular: Davis, Feron, Hemming.

Will open list for the 'Bolshevik' variant  
(the one with an extra revolutionary  
player) in next issue, when the rules will  
be set out in full.

Deadline: This WB will be delayed as I  
am working a series of 12-hour shifts next  
week. Deadline is therefore set at

Friday 17th March.

(My other excuse is the power cuts. Foreign  
readers should note that our coal-miners  
have been on strike for some weeks and the  
electricity supplies have been cut on a  
rota basis. See 'F' game propaganda!)

## In Vino Veritas

I have before me a photo purporting to  
be taken at AGATHACON. It shows a number  
of Flemings, Walloons and other aliens  
gathered round a table piled high with  
wine glasses, ash trays and...oh yes, just  
visible at the bottom is a Dippy board.

## Chessmancon

We were overwhelmed by the rush of  
applicants - thanks to both of you! I  
hope to have an ad in the next METEOR.  
I understand from Lisa Conesa that her  
Chess Tournament is unlikely to occur due  
to lack of response, so at least we have  
the field to ourselves. Seriously though,  
it would be a lot more convenient if the  
prospective players were known beforehand,  
as we could then settle on a time for the  
first move etc.

Letters

DICK VEDDER Rod Walker has informed me of late that you are running a game of my variant DIADOCHI. This pleases me no end; it may give me another chance to see Draft No. 11 in action...I would especially value the comments of you and your players on the game, as the British have a far better appreciation for Ancient World games than the Americans seem to have, alas.

((On what evidence do you base this assertion? I can only think of one game marketed in this country that has an Ancient setting - Trireme - and that is very recent. I don't know about table-top gaming though...))

At the very least, I would like to pass on to you a number of clarifications/observations which I have had to make during the course of the game here, in the hope of making your job a little easier.

- 1.1. Rome. The Roman player has a colossal job on his hands if he is to survive, much less win the game, against an aggressive Carthaginian attack. Accordingly, the Roman must (A) slow down the Carthaginian advance into Gaul by aggressive play in the North; at best, there is a 50/50 split of Gallic territory; at worst, the Punic invasion of Northern Italy is delayed at least 2-3 years. (B) It is in the South where the Roman player must strike very swiftly thru or around the islands at the African homeland. Ideally, this swing should be done in conjunction with the Egyptian. In any event, if the Roman can do this quickly, and land a few armies to work with the fleets, the Carthaginian will be forced back on the defensive, and the West will become a real contest.
2. There is no Suez Canal, so Egyptian Red Sea Fleet stays in Red Sea.
3. 'Units' in rule 9 means exactly what it says, any unit.
4. Of course, the game begins in 220 BC and the years go backward.
5. Any unit may freely support across bridged straits.
6. Sel and Ale are double 's.c.'s for the HOME player only.
7. Possible joint victories are: AB, AC, BB, BC, CC. BBB is also possible, but extremely unlikely.
8. A captured home base may not be lent back to the original owner in order for him to build on it; it must be recaptured before he can do so, altho it may be lent for regular supply purposes. The idea behind rule 12 is that of military foreign aid, ie one power may lend to another the men, money, material etc. which a supply centre gives. Rule 12 is not meant to imply, as it unfortunately does, that the recipient of this aid actually controls the center(s) from which the aid is sent: the center(s) remain(s) under the donor's control at all times, barring loss thru regular means. If the center is lost, the new owner has the option of continuing the aid or not, as he sees fit. In any event, this aid may be cut off at any time, with or without prior notice, altho the recipient has until the end of Autumn of the then current year to remedy his problem. He also may decide which unit(s) to remove.

If you have any rule problems I might be able to solve, or if you plan to run a second game of DIADOCHI (I have a draft 12 ready to be played), I would enjoy hearing from you.

((Thanks for clearing up those points. You will see that the Second Punic War is developing along rather different lines to those you recommend! WB will be trading with the game Dick Vedder is GMing))

MARTIN DAVIS Well, after WB26, I concede you all points. My political obsessions are out of place in Dippy: it certainly is not worth giving up a postal game to my variant. The trouble is that I'm like someone who reads porn - I just can't get hold of anyone interested to play with!

As to propaganda, sorry, I just didn't understand quite what you meant, if it's all as good as Michel Féron's last time, it's a great improvement.

I think it makes more sense to put a game at the top of each page. WB has the best layout of any zine I've seen (& that includes ETHIL THE FROG). ((Do you mean Dippy zines or fanzines in general? How many have you seen??)) Also despite John Piggott's whitewash it's cheaper. You've never resorted to blackmail to get unspecified amounts out of your players, as he seems to be trying to do.

'D' Game (1971BU) Spring 1907

Boston (Advertiser): Militant Jesus Freaks attack Turks!

Throughout Europe young people are dropping out of society to follow the call of a long-haired, bearded guru called Peter ("The Hermit" as he is known to his supporters). Thousands have been 'turned on' by Peter to what they consider to be the divine task of liberating parts of the Turkish Empire from the 'infidels' as they call the Turks. The British Government is known to be extremely embarrassed by the militant posture of these freaks, who plaster the movement's sign, two perpendicular red lines, over all their possessions including the flowing robes they wear. As this unofficial army masses in Russia, Italy and North Africa, it is hoped that the Turks will resist the provocation it offers.

London (Times): After their ignominious defeat at Hasevick by the Liechtenstein team of 7 year-olds, the German snowballing team are en route for Galway, in western Ireland, where they hope to spend a restful summer.

Berlin (Govnt): Reports about the sinking of a German ship were officially announced here as being utter lies of the Turkish infidels. German soldiers were sent to Siberia in order to capture the members of the puppet Russian government. These men will be delivered to the British Military Administration in Moscow.

A new book by Herr Prof Sauerkraut und Pataten Fritte has been published by Imperial Paperback Publications, Inc under the title "Spain is German!". We are told over 1 million copies were sold during the first week. Other books now in preparation include: "Budapesht is German!", "Serbia is German!", "Albany is German!", "Rumania is German!", and "Outer Mongolia is not German!".

Dublin (Free Press): Newcomer to the Dublin stock-exchange today is the Galway firm of Burke and Toole. Opening at 7/-, the shares closed at 14/3 amidst great speculation on the secret research being carried on at the firm's head office. Answering rumours that this research is in some way connected with the imminent arrival of the German snowgalling team, the company chairman Mr Seamus O'Toole remarked "Sure, and what a load of snowballs you're talking." No one there thought it in the least funny, either.

Rome (Observatore Romano): Pope Frederick X was given today the title 'Defender of the Holy Roman German Empire'. As announced, the ban on meat-eating on Fridays was removed. A new ban on fish and macaroni-eating has been established on Saturdays.

GB: (Davis) A Wal-Pic C by F Eng & S by F Bel & GERMANY A Bur. F Wes-Tyr S by F Tun. A Mos S GERMANY A War. F StP(N) stand. A Tus S FRENCH A Pie-Ven.

G: (Feron) A Bur S ENGLAND A Wal-Pic. F NAO-MAO. A Mun-Boh. A Kie-Mun. A Ber-Sil. A Sil-Gal S by A War.

T: (Piggott) F Ion-Adr. F Gre-Alb. F Eas-Ion. F Con-Aeg. A Ser-Tri. A Ukr-Gal. A Gal-Vie S by A Bud. A Sev-Mos.

I: (Feintuck) A Vie S F Tri. F Tri S A Ven. F Rom-Tus S by A Ven. F Nap stand. A Mar-Spa.

F: (Hemming) A Par-Pic S by A Bre. A Spa-Gas. A Pie stand.

Retreats: GB/A Tus eliminated. I/A Vie-Tyr (forced).

Letters (cont):

MICHEL FERON I did read your comments about some kind of national Dippy organisation. Don't you fear this could lead to some kind of feud like it happens in US Dippydom?

((Yes. Which is why I'd prefer discussion first before anything is actually done. There is evidently no interest at present - this is the only letter to mention the subject - so I shall merely declare WB's willingness to print any opinions. Sooner or later some kind of organisation will be needed, of that I am certain.))

JOHN PIGGOTT ((Held over from last ish))

I'm afraid my friend Ian Maule is going to want to murder me when he sees the results of my latest 'E' game move. As you may know, Ian is currently riding a treaty-fanaticism horse in an attempt to get people to really cooperate in Dippy games, instead of the sort of lone-wolf tactics which seem all too prevalent

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'E' Game Spring + Autumn 1902

Revised moves for Spring 1902 were sent to the players by carbon copy. They are as follows:

GB: (Piggott) F Lon-Nth. F Nth-Bel S by F Eng. A Nwy S RUSSIA GoB-Swe.  
G: (Burton) A Hol-Bel. F Den-Nth. A Kie-Pru C by F Kie. A Sil-War.  
R: (Maule) A Sev-Mos. A War-Sil. F GoB-Swe. F Rum stand.  
T: (Bell) A Bul-Gre. A Con-Bul. F Bla-Con. F Smy-Aeg.  
AH: (Haven) A Vie-Gal S by A Bud. A Ser. & F Gre S F RUSSIA Rum-Bul. A Tri stand.  
I: (Parker) A Pie-Tyr S by A Ven. F Tun-Ion. F Nap-Apu.  
F: (Lieshard) A Mar-Pie. A Par-Gas. F Bre-Eng. F Por-MAO.

Note: Convoy by F Kie not possible, according to House Rules. I misplaced F Kie as being in Baltic...and put this in carbon copy. Sorry...

For Autumn 1902:

GB: Grave fears are still being expressed in Whitehall about the health of King John of England. The King, it will be remembered, has virtually disappeared from public life ever since the momentous announcement, four weeks ago, that the King's pet frog was expecting a child. It is feared by some that the frog, whose name is Ethil, has died and that the King may have gone mad with regret and disappointment. Yesterday afternoon however the King appeared briefly at the windows of his penthouse flat high up in groovy Buckingham Palace. His face was white and haggard, and tears rolled down his cheeks as he addressed the waiting crowds. In a voice tinged with emotion, the King only managed to say "I'm sorry... Ian... I couldn't help myself..." before officials attending the King noticed a man with a rifle standing nearby. They swiftly hustled the King out of sight, while police arrested the gunman. He was identified as Ivan Maulov, a Russian who was expelled from his home country six months ago for suspected collaboration with the Runts of 61 Cygni C, and was later charged with being in possession of an offensive weapon. The police did not specify which of his weapons they regarded as offensive. Meanwhile, high-ranking members of the Government are still trying to find out what the King meant by his cryptic message.

The British Ambassador in Paris, Mr Ludicrously Sexless, has been sentenced to 450 years imprisonment with hard labour at the International Courts of Liesnardian Justice. The charge was given as 'high treason, in that on divers days between Spring 1901 and Spring 1902 he did wilfully aid the progress of an unfriendly foreign power, said unfriendly foreign power being England.' Mr Sexless, who has been quoted as saying "Liesnardian Justice is no justice at all", is not expected to appeal. Right of appeal is unknown at the International Courts of Liesnardian (cough) Justice. Meanwhile, the British people are becoming more and more horrified with fresh reports of French atrocities towards the people of Piedmont. A petition bearing 350,000 signatures was delivered to the Prime Minister urging that the war effort against the cowardly garlic-guzzler be stepped up, and the cur's power drastically limited.

The British Government is shortly to pass a law making football illegal. So far this season 38 referees, 55 linesmen, 212 players, 1453 police and about 20,000 fans have lost their lives following unpopular decisions at league football matches. All football fans are urged to join the newly expanding British navy, where they can subject the snail-gobbling French matelots to their own unique brand of violence. Special supplies of W.D. toilet paper are being made for the new influx of recruits.

Liechtenstein: The Swiss Ambassador was finally removed from Liechtenstein today when the High Court (also the Medium and Low Courts) ruled that the mysterious invasion of the country on the night of the 26th of January had been by Swiss troops. Allegations that Italian troops were in fact the culprits had been hotly denied by the Italian Ambassador, Piero Plimsoll's (of Plimsoll's Ice Dream Inc.) were finally dismissed when Superintendent Fuzz of the Liechtenstein police produced a plaster cast of one of the offending boot-marks in Court, and it was seen that the sole of the boot was further away from the Italian border than the heel. Ruling that it was a well-known fact that Italians always marched backwards (in

order to be able to retreat quicker), Judge Easilybribed concluded that the Italians were not responsible, and ordered the deportation of all Swiss from Liechtensteinian soil.

Council of 5<sup>3</sup>. There would seem to be some confusion in Europe at this particular time as to who in fact has Runts. According to recent statements England, France, Austro-Hungary, Russia and Turkey are all infested with these strange one-eyed peoples. It is not our intention to discredit any of the agencies spreading this information but we, the council of 5<sup>3</sup>, feel that we must stand up for the rights of the European runt population (wherever they are). Our central Europe operative has managed to contact a representative of the Runt community. He assures us that the majority of his peoples are quiet, peaceful, and like nothing better than to spend their days playing endless games of sex. It is the young who are to blame for the recent derogatory remarks directed at us. They are the ones who undermine the security of nations....

The representative also denied that his people were in any way connected with the recent 400% increase of convictions for Sodomy in Bavaria.

Paris. Painter Toulouse Larunt today unveiled his latest painting 'Folies de Tau Cygni IV' at the Louvre. The painting is unusual in being eight metres long but only 50 centimetres high. After furious bidding the painting was sold to a M. L.J. Silver for 40,000 FF.

#### Autumn 1902 Moves

Still with us?

GB: A Nor-StP. F Nth-Nwy. F Lon-Nth. F Eng-Bel.

G: A Hol stand. F Ber-Bal. F Den-Swe. A Sil, A Kie stand.\*

R: F Swe stand. F Rum S TURKEY A Con-Bul. A War stand. A Mos S A War.

T; F Bla S RUSSIA F Rum. A Bul-Gre S by F Aeg. A Con-Bul.

AH; A Bud-Gal S by A Vie. A Tri-Ven. F Gre-Aeg. A Ser-Bul.\*

I: A Tyr-Tri S by A Ven. F Apu-Adr. F Ion S TURKEY A Bul-Gre.

F: A Gas-Spa. A Pie-Ven. F Bre-Eng. S by F Mid.

\* AH has no army Vie (it's in Gal). G A thought by him to be in Prussia.

Retreats: AH/F Gre-Alb (forced).

Builds: GB - 6 bases - builds F Lon, F Lpl. R - 5 bases - builds A Sev. T - 5 bases - builds A Ank. AH - 4 bases - removes F Alb. I - 4 bases - no change. F - 5 bases - builds A Par.

#### Letters(cont)

now. And of course this is a good idea which I think ought to be taken seriously. I'll quote you from one of Ian's letters:

"...this game is in a way a test game for me, to see if the American style of play is practical in this country; if it is then you might be seeing a NEW dippy zine based on this type of play. So you see, John, in a way you affect the whole field in this country. If I can't even get my best friend to cooperate then there's not much point in continuing, is there?"

Now in the little games we play here at Jesus I've achieved a certain notoriety as an arch double-crosser; and taking it into account, it's not too surprising that I have double-crossed Ian this move. But from the point of view of the whole treaty business, it's unfortunate; getting people to cooperate with each other in postal Dippy is a good idea, and I'd hate to see the whole idea come to grief just because I found it expedient to do a takeover of Russian territory.

((You will find an excellent example of cooperation in 'D' game, where England and Germany have expanded with very little difficulty by being allies from the beginning, while their opponents have fought amongst themselves. A strong alliance can only be opposed by either forming another alliance and fighting or attempting to separate the allies by diplomacy.

In alliances both players must have something to gain. Presumably in 'E' game England considers capturing StP of more value than the gains other countries will make from a collapsing Russia. Diplomacy is game requiring a great deal of skill - as is evident in the US where players known by all to be good still continue to win games by sheer skill in diplomacy.

'F' Game (Diadokhi) Spring 219

Rome (Govnt): Absit Invidia.

Jerusalem: Reporters from all over the world descended on the city today when a respected Hebrew prophet, one Noses of the Dessert, declared a warning of the coming of the Messiah. All reporters of every nationality were permitted to question the Holy Man about this issue, on payment of a small fee, at a press conference this afternoon. There Noses declared that the Messiah would come in 219 years time. When reporters expressed concern over the length of time to wait, Noses left in a huff, as the Hebrews call a fiery chariot.

Tyre: Hiram-bin-Ahab, the famous explorer and trader, set off today on his attempt to sail round the world. How he intends to sail round the world when it is flat he declined to reveal.

Carthage (Govnt): The Senate of Carthage today deplored the behaviour of 'Kid's rights' pickets who were preventing consignments of babies from reaching the city's Molochs. Until supplies are returned to normal, a system of 'prayer-cuts' has been introduced. In addition, citizens are being asked to conserve prayers as much as possible to<sup>2</sup> maintain existing stocks of goodwill with the Gods.

Narbo: General Hannibal declined to comment on his distribution of winter clothing to his troops. Rumours that he intended to cross the Alps were discounted by official sources.

R: (Maule) A Syr-Sic. A Ben-Nea S by F Rom. A Mas-UGer. A Cis-Mas. A Rav-Cis. F Sar-Lig.

M: (Hemming) A Epi stand. F Ion-Bar. A Aet-Ath.

P: (Rinchon) A Per-Lyd. F Thr-WAeg. F Nic-Thr. F Bit-WEux.

R: (Liesnard) F Rho-Pam.S by F Pis. A Pha-Phr. F Car-EAeg.

S: (Feintuck) F Iss-Cyp. A Pho-Pal. A Sel stand. F Ant-Cil. A Maz-Pon. A Arm-Col.

E: (Haven) A Ale-The. F Cyr-Egy. A Nab-Pal. A Jer-Gal S by F Lev. A Gar stand.

C: (Davis) A Aqu-Cel S by A Mar. A Gad-Gan. A New-Sag. A Lep-Tha. F Nea-Rom. F Car-Mel.

Retreat: F Nea-Cal.

Colin hemming says he is reluctant to join this game...will John Piggott therefore send moves for Macedonia. Jean-Paul Macedoni is dropped.

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\* Late bits...the US Postal strike just let through an old Don Miller mailing, with his ganzine DIPLOMANIA amongst other things. This has a discussion on Victory Criteria - it is in fact the last regular issue of this zine. Don has apparently handed over Variant game assigning to someone else, but this had not been settled.

\* For anyone who's been worrying MIDGARD XII has appeared but was sent to subscribers & traders only (as opposed to earlier issues which were free). This has in fact meant losing nearly half the players, but that's life.....

WAR BULLETIN 27

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'Delays, more delays'

Hannibal complained.

With an imperious gesture he ordered the elephants to advance.