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This is the official publication of the Miller Number Custodian (MNC), who is Randy Grigsby. My address is 93 St. Vincent St., R.R.#3, Barrie, Ontario, Canada L4M 4S5. The purpose of the MNC is to register variant (Diplomacy) gamestarts and finishes. There is NO fee for this service.

I want to take time out now to touch upon the two controversies surrounding me. First the easy one. Some of you may be aware that I have been using two names in the hobby, Randy Grigsby & Ran Ben-Israel. The latter name is my Israeli name and it is the one I publish my dip zine HAGALIL HAMAARVI under to keep with it's Israeli/Judaic theme. Randy Grigsby, my Canadian name is the one I play under and am known to the majority of hobbyist. I just wanted to clear the air on this matter due to some rumours I've heard.

The second matter is a little more complicated and that has to do with the position of the MNC and who is the MNC and where does Robert Sacks covenant fit into this. Since the establishment of the HOBBY it has been traditional for hobby officials to appoint their own successors. This has been the case for the BNC, the Orphan Placement Officer, the MNC etc etc. Back during the late 1970's Robert Sacks tried to put a stop to that with his covenant. The covenant basically would allow him (Robert) to overturn any appointment that might occur in the future that he (and his covenant) doesn't agree with. This being the case when John Leeder appointed Lee Kendter Sr. as his successor back in 1983. Lee's refusal to sign the covenant gave Robert Sacks his opportunity to break with hobby tradition and claim that "Karel Aleric" was henceforth the legal MNC and then Julie Martin. An interesting sidenote here is that John Leeder (who did not sign the covenant) instituted the updated classification system that Rod Walker devised and John was reconized by Robert as the MNC! Robert now claims that the classification system now in use by the MNC are not Miller Numbers but NAVB (or ARDA) Numbers.

For those of you who believe in tradition and the right of someone to pick his own successor I am the MNC. I was appointed by Fred Hyatt, who was by Lee Kendter Sr, who was by John Leeder, who was by Greg Costikyn, who was by Robert Sacks, who was back to Don Miller the first MNC.

1988 was a record breaking year for variants. As a matter of fact, for the first time in North America, variant gamestarts outnumbered regular gamestarts. There were a total of 115 variant gamestarts, encompassing 21 different variants. Gunboat lead the pack with 23, there were 9 Round Robin (7x7) Gunboat Tournaments (63 games), 5 Colonia VI games, 4 Downfall ones, Bidders Dip had 3, Skinny Dip 2 and the rest had one. They were; Vacation Dip, Woolworth II, Spy Dip, Youngstown IV, Cline 9, Landbridge Dip, Runestone Poll Dip, Everyone Plays Dip, Vandals, Northern Ireland, Diplowinn, Revolution, Atlantica III, Conquest Of The New World and Deviant Dip. Over 300 different players started in variant games under 34 GMs.

For those of you who believe that the hobby is in serious trouble due to the lack of gamestarts check out the following table. Since 1985 (the Year of the Great Fued) gamestarts have been on the increase. So much so that the last two years have been banner years.

	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988
# of Variant Gamestarts	19	17	26	26	20	47	51	115
# of Regular Starts	140	130	120	131	102	94	131	101
Total Gamestarts	159	147	146	157	122	141	182	216

The Miller Numbers issued since November 1, 1988.

984Zgf20	Final Conflict III	Tom Swider	Comrades In Arms
1987AQRb32	Gunboat Game nickname "The Jackal"	Earl Whiskeyman	The Gamer's Zine
1987ARrb32	Gunboat Game nickname "Lympie"	Dick Martin	Retaliation
1987ASrb32-AYrb32	Round Robin Gunboat Game nicknames "Avarice", "Envy", "Gluttony", "Lust", "Pride", "Sloth" & "Wrath"	Dick Martin	Thorazeen
19886Erb32	Gunboat Game nickname "Renaissance"	Melinda Holley	Rebel
19886Frb32	Gunboat Game nickname "GTDN #1"	Lee Kendter Jr.	Get Them Dots Now
19886Grb32	Gunboat Game nickname "BaNgwana"	Mark Lilleleht	The Scribblerist
1988GHcb47	Landbridge Dip Aus-Jim Diehl, Eng-Jeff Hoffman, Fra-John Crosby, Ger-Ken Gestiehr, Ita-Robert Cheek, Rus-Eric Schuetz, Tur-David Anderson	Lee Kendter Jr.	Get Them Dots Now
1988GIrb32	Gunboat Game nickname "GTDN #2"	Lee Kendter Jr.	Get Them Dots Now
1988GJar10	Vandals Franks-Brad Wilson, Goths-John Caruso, Huns-David Anderson, Roman Empire-Jack McHugh, Vandals-Tim Reithel	Tom Swider	Comrades In Arms

9886Kvh03 Runestone Poll Dip Tom Swider Comrades In Arms
 Aus-Dick Martin, Eng-Brad Wilson, Fra-Mike Barro, Ger-Cathy Ozog,
 Ita-Melinda Holley, Rus-Nick Dowling, Tur-Jack McHugh

9886Lpi06 Northern Ireland Paul Kenny Standard Deviation (CIA)
 Brit-Brad Wilson, Eire-Robert Belle, INLA-Maurice Page, OIRA-Riley
 Hamilton, PIRA-Dan Wilson, UDA-Bruce Geryk, UVF-Nick Dowling

9886Mrb32-65rb32 Round Robin Gunboat Michael Gonsalves Home Office (flyer)
 Game nicknames "Alesia", "Badan", "Chalons", "Fort Wagner",
 "Warsaw Ghetto", "Masada" & "Rorke's Drift"

9886Trb32-62rb32 Round Robin Gunboat Tony Brooks Appalachian General
 Game nicknames "Keith", "Iowa", "Enterprise", "Kidd", "Bismark",
 "Prince of Wales" & "Yamato"

9888Arb32-65rb32 Round Robin Gunboat Rick Dorsey Appalachian General
 Game nicknames "Afghanistan", "Angola", "Cambodia", "Ireland",
 "Lebanon", "Nicaragua" & "Persia"

9888Hrb32 Gunboat Geoffrey Richard The Messenger

9888Hrb15 Diplomat Tom Swider Comrades In Arms
 Aus-Steve Courtemanche, Eng-Michael Hopcroft, Fra-Nick Dowling,
 Ger-Robert Sacks, Ita-Scott Beckett, Rus-David Anderson,
 Tur-William Lydick

9888HJrb32 Gunboat Brady Richter Comrades In Arms
 Game nickname "Trilogy"

9888HKrb32 Gunboat Andy Lischett Cheesecake
 Game nickname "San Pablo"

9888Hrb32 Gunboat Ken Hill The Armchair Diplomat
 Game nickname "V2"

9888HMrb32 Gunboat Tom Heinze The Armchair Diplomat
 Game nickname "V3"

9888HNrb32 Gunboat Jeff McKee The Armchair Diplomat
 Game nickname "V4"

9888HOrm26 Revolution Russell Blau The Armchair Diplomat
 Empire-Michael Peachy, Italy-Jeff McKee, Jerky-Pete Jackson,
 Malta-Mickey Preston, Norrnsland-Bob Aube, Rhineland-John LePire,
 U.N.S.-Mark Walsh

9888HPrb32 Gunboat Bob Acheson The Canadian Diplomat

9888HQgh09 Colonia VI David McCrumb Appalachian General
 Aus-Neill Goltz, China-Lee Kendler Jr., Eng-Fred Wyatt,
 Fra-Mark Frueh, Neth-Bill Wulff, Ott-Stan Johnson, Por-Dave Bongard,
 Rus-Tom Nash, Spa-Mark Costello

9888HRrb32 Gunboat Earl Whiskeyman The Gamer's Zine
 Game nickname "The Viper"

1988HSrb32-HYrb32 Round Robin Gunboat Dick Martin Thorazeen
 Game nicknames "Bashful", "Brucey", "Doc", "Grumpy", "Happy",
 "Sleepy" & "Sneezy"

1988HZvj08 Everybody Plays Brad Wilson Vertigo

1988IArb32 Gunboat Dick Martin Retaliation
 Game nickname "Manuel Noriega Pro-Am"

1988IBrb32 Gunboat Melinda Holley Rebel
 Game nickname "Starkawak"

1988ICTs13 Downfall III Cathy Ozog Cathy's Ramblings
 Dwarves-Jason Bergmann, Elves-Simon Billenness, Gondor-Michael
 Voparis, Mordor-Randy Grigsby, Rohan-Peter Gaughan, Saruman-Marc
 Peters, Umbar-Bryan Betts

1988IDrb32-IJrb32 Round Robin Gunboat Jeff McKee The Blind Wars

1988IKrb32 Gunboat Earl Whiskeyman The Gamer's Zine
 Game nickname "The Vulture"

1989Agh09 Colonia VI Fred Hyatt The Home Office
 Aus-Pierre Touchette, Chi-David Hood, Eng-Stan Johnson, Fra-Scott
 Beckett, Neth-Brad Wilson, Ott-Karl Schuetz, Por-Jack McHugh,
 Rus-John Bauland, Spa-Gene Prosnitz

1989Bts19 Downfall VII Chris Gabel News From Bree
 Dwarves-Tim Raithel, Elves-Riley Hamilton, Gandalf-Brian Hogan,
 Gondor-Brad Wilson, Mordor-Art Brucha, Rohan-Rafael Brinner,
 Umbar-Jason Bergmann

1989Crh03 7-Man Anarchy Bob Acheson The Canadian Diplomat
 Brad Wilson-Mar/Den/Rum, John Crosby-Rom/War/Edi, Marc Peters
 -Por/Stp/Gre, John Fisher-Mun/Tun/Sev, Claude Gautron-Bre/Ank/Ven,
 Jason Russ-Ser/Ber/Lan, Jack McHugh-Smy/Vie/Nwy

1989Dgh09 Colonia VI Bob Acheson The Canadian Diplomat
 Aus-Jack McHugh, China-Brad Wilson, Eng-Stan Johnson, France-Pierre
 Touchette, Neth-Barry Hickey, Ott-David Rice, Por-Fred Hyatt,
 Rus-John Crosby, Spa-David Verhagen

1989Erb32 Gunboat Ran Ben-Israel Hagalil Hamaarvi
 Game nickname "Sa'ar"

Here are suppose to be the listing for end game results. As you will notice it is very sparse especially when compared to the number of gamestarts over the last few years. I am hereby making a formal request for all of you publishers, GMs and players to send me a copy of any end game reports, for publication in Alpha & Omega, in which you had participated.

The reason I am asking you all to make that extra effort to send me a copy (after all you send end game reports for regular games to the BNC), is that it is only a matter of time before a Variant Rating System will be operating in North America. In Britian, Martin Lewis (UK MNC) has already developed a rating system for the British Hobby and Lee Kendler Jr. is working on one for the NA Hobby.

The Omegas

GUNBOAT DIP	1984 Drb 32				LIVEWOOD				ENDGAME				84 Drb 32
	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	1911	1912	
Austria	4	5	6	7	7	8	11	10	9	9	9	10	** Draw
England	4	5	5	4	3	2	2	2	1	1	0	0	
France	4	6	6	7	7	5	5	3	2	1	0	0	
Germany	5	6	6	6	6	7	6	8	9	11	14	11	** Draw
Italy	4	4	5	6	7	9	10	11	13	12	11	13	** Draw
Russia	4	4	4	3	3	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	
Turkey	4	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	

The Players:

- Austria: Robert Acheson
- England: Eric Kane, W03, Steven Dycus, F07, Jeff Bevis
- Germany: Gary Hughs, F04 Ken Corbin, F05 Jim Burgess
- Italy: Mark Luedi, Mark Frueh Temp., Mark Luedi
- France: Brian Dolton
- Russia: Tom Hurst, F02 Don Del Grande
- Turkey: Keith Anderson, F03 Chris Ryan

1985Ars01 7 Man Anarchy Game GM: Bob Acheson Zine: The Canadian Diplomat

	01	02	03	04	05	06	
Barry Hickey (Bre, Ber, Gre)	4	4	5	4	4	4	survival
Dave Anderson (Bel, Con, War)	4	6	7	10	11	11	draw
Chris Greaves (Ank, Ven, Edi)	3	1	1	0			
drop W'02 Gale Wetmore							
Johnson (Lon, Nap, Sev)	2	3	2	1	2	2	survival
drop S'02 Melinda Holley							
Dan Palter (Tun, Stp, Mun)	4	5	5	4	4	3	survival
James Wall (Mar, Nwy, Bud)	6	7	7	11	9	9	draw
Tyrone Washington (Por, Den, Ser)	5	7	7	4	4	5	survival
drop F'03 Alan Stewart							

86Irb32 Gunboat GM: Melinda Holley Zine: Rebel

	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	1910	
Austria	5	6	7	6	6	5	6	6	6	4	
England	4	5	5	7	8	10	14*	15	17	18	Wins
France	6**	5	5	7	7	6	2	1	0		
Germany	4	6	5	2	1	0					
Italy	4	4	4	3	3	4	4	4	4	3	
Russia	6	4	4	5	5	5	4	3	2	3	
Turkey	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	6	

* plays 1 short ** plays 3 short

The Players

- Aus - Kathy Caruso Surv W'10, Eng - Derwood Bowen Win W'10, Fra - Mark Howorth elim W'09
- Ger - Stan Plummer drop W'05, Mike Goodman elim W'06, Ita - Dwayne Shreve surv W'10
- Rus - Mark Gorski surv W'10, Tur - Larry Botimer surv W'10

THO #3 SOPHIE 1986xm YOUNGSTOWN IV: THIS GAME IS OVER. THE CHINA-ENGLAND-ITALY DRAW PASSES.

THE GAME HISTORY: GM: Fred Hyatt, 60 Grandview Place, Montclair, NJ 07043
 AUSTRIA: Bernie Daklyn; CHINA: Phil Cooper (res. W'07) Mike Gonsalves; ENGLAND: Lee Kendter, SR.; FRANCE: Russ Wallace (Drop F'03) Kurt Kilwein (Drop W'06) CO.
 GERMANY: Joel Peacher (Drop W'02) Robert Cheek; INDIA: Gene Prosnitz; ITALY: Karl Schuetz;
 JAPAN: Victor Rice (Res B'01), David Rice (Drop W'05) CO; RUSSIA: Stan Johnson, TURKEY: Paul Kelly

	1901	1902	1903	1904	1905	1906	1907	1908	1909	
AUSTRIA	5	3	3	0	-	-	-	-	-	
CHINA	5	7	9	11	13	15	18	18	22	DRAW
ENGLAND	7	9	12	10	13	17	17	18	20	DRAW
FRANCE	8	9	8	7	7	1	0	-	-	
GERMANY	7	6	3	1	0	-	-	-	-	
INDIA	5	7	7	9	8	8	5	3	0	
ITALY	7	9	10	11	13	13	17	23	25	DRAW
JAPAN	4	3	3	4	1	1	1	0	-	
RUSSIA	8	8	8	12	13	15	12	10	5	
TURKEY	6	10	9	7	4	2	2	0	4	

THO #11 "HENRY"; COLONIA VI; 1986AGGH; WINTER 1757/SPRING 1758
 GM: Lee A. Kendter, Jr., 264 Spruce Court, Bensalem, PA 19020

IT'S OVER! THE TWO WAY FRANCE - OTTOMAN DRAW PASSED!

The final votes is 102 yes, 33 no.

GAME HISTORY:
 GM: Stan Johnson (res w56), Lee A. Kendter, Jr.
 Zines: The Home Office

Austria: Karl Schuetz
 China: Geoffrey Richards
 England: Chris Hoffer(drop s55), Vince Lutterbie(drop s57)
 France: Fred Hyatt
 Netherlands: Kurt Kilwein(drop s55), Doug Williams
 Ottoman: Phil Cooper(res f55), Randy Grigsby
 Portugal: John Crosby(drop f54), Lee Kendter, Sr.
 Russia: Gene Prosnitz
 Spain: Tom Murphy(drop w52), Mike Gonsalves

	1751	1752	1753	1754	1755	1756	1757
Austria:	9	12	15	16	20	22	16
China:	7	9	13	17	16	16	19
England:	8	13	16	13	11	6	3
France:	9	14	15	19	23	29	34
Netherlands:	9	14	14	18	14	15	13
Ottoman:	10	14	15	18	21	24	28
Portugal:	9	15	16	13	9	2	1
Russia:	12	12	14	15	17	14	14
Spain:	9	7	7	6	6	6	7

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V2 - GUNBOAT! - End Game Report

Started in 1988

GM:	Ken Hill	Columbus, OH
Austria:	Jeff McKee	73357,1630 Wichita, KS
England:	John LePire	71361,1005 Fullerton, CA
France:	Tom Nash	74676,3310 Baltimore, MD
Germany:	Bob Aube	74270,2278 Lewiston, ME
Italy:	Pete Jackson	78515,233 College Park, MD
Russia:	Michael Peachy	72250,2287 Santa Monica, CA
Turkey:	Tom Heinze	74035,72 Stone Mountain, GA

Supply Centers by Year:

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Austria	4	4	5	8	7	8	10	12	14	19
England	4	5	6	8	8	8	7	5	3	2
France	5	4	4	3	2	2	3	3	2	2
Germany	5	7	7	7	8	6	6	4	4	2
Italy	5	4	4	5	7	8	8	10	11	9
Russia	6	5	4	3	1	1	0			
Turkey	4	5	4	2	1	0				

THO #23 1988Rrb "North Carolina" Gunboat

GAME OVER 1 The English/French draw passes!

Now you find out who you liked and who you hated!

Wrap Up

01	02	03	04	05	06					
Austria	5	6	5	4	4	2	Rory Noble(Dro F'03), Mike Gonsalves			
England	4	5	6	7	9	10	Melinda Holley (DRAW W'06)			
France	5	5	6	7	7	8	Jeff Hoffman (DRAW W'06)			
Germany	5	6	4	2	0	-	Jeff Suchard			
Italy	4	4	5	5	4	4	Fred Hyatt			
Russia	3	2	3	4	4	3	Phil Cooper (Res F'01), David Hood			
Turkey	5	6	5	5	6	7	Eric Schuetz			

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V3 - GUNBOAT! - End Game Report
GM: Tom Heinze 74035,72 (Stone Mountain, GA)

---> Started in 1988

---> Italy wins in fall 1914 with 21 centers!

Austria: Steve Smith	71340,1001 (out S12)	Hoffman Estates, IL
England: Don Picard	71575,1112 (out S05)	Minneapolis, MN
France: Brad Miller	72371,873 (survived)	Hershey, PA
Germany: Jeff Soharr	71281,2255 (drop F09);	Steve Smith 71340,1001 (survived)
	Aurora, CO	
Italy: Russell Blau	72347,1226 (WINNER)	Alexandria, PA
Russia: Tony Dousette	72170,86 (survived)	Richardson, TX
Turkey: Mark Walsh	71330,2210 (out F05)	Whippany, NJ

Centers by Year :

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10	11	12	13	14
Austria :	5	5	4	4	3	3	4	4	5	4	1	0	--	--
England :	4	3	2	1	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
France :	6	6	6	6	6	8	8	9	8	9	9	10	11	9
Germany :	5	5	6	6	6	6	6	5	6	5	5	4	3	2
Italy :	4	4	5	6	7	8	9	9	10	11	14	15	16	21
Russia :	6	7	7	10	11	9	7	7	5	5	5	5	4	2
Turkey :	4	4	4	1	0	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

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VI - Revolution! - Final Report
GM: Russell Blau [72347,1226] → Alexandria VA

Empire	: Michael Peachy (out F'04)	Santa Monica, CA
Italy	: Jeff McKee (out F'05)	Wichita, KS
Jerky	: Pete Jackson (draw S'06)	College Park, MD
Malta	: Mickey Preston (surv)	Crown Point, IN
Nornsland	: Bob Aube (out F'04)	Lewiston, ME
Rhineland	: John LePire (surv)	Fullerton, CA
U.N.S.	: Mark Walsh (draw S'06)	Whippany, NJ

Supply Center Chart:

	01	02	03	04	05
Inland Empire	5	6	5	0	
Italy	3	2	1	1	0
Jerky	4	6	7	8	9
Malta	5	7	9	12	11
Nornsland	3	1	1	0	
Rhineland	3	3	3	4	4
United Northern States	5	6	8	9	10

Doug Acheson, the Coordinator for the Canadian Diplomacy Organization (CDO) has officially put in a request for a block of numbers to be set aside for the BMC to distribute to Canadian gamestarts. When I received the request I deferred from making a decision because of a conflict of interest, I am on the Executive Committee of the CDO. Since Doug also put in a request to Steve Hainowski (BMC) for the same thing, I told Steve that I would follow his lead in this matter. Steve after two months of deliberating has decided to set aside a block of numbers for the Canadian Hobby, which he will issue, for a trial period to the end of the year. I have informed Doug that if the BMC continues in 1990 to set aside a block of numbers for the Canadians then so will I. In the meantime if any of you have an opinion (pro or con) on this matter, please contact either Steve or myself.