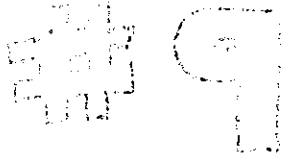


THE BINDER



1977/1978



Well, two weeks off schedule this time, here I am with TB Hey on all the thank you's! What's a matter? Don't you enjoy this time?

Mark Berth once said that the most common opening phrase for a zine is "The zine is late because...". Well, I see no reason not to follow a time-honoured hobby tradition, so I'll explain forthwith.

It all started out 31 Oct 79. I walked into the school office, and asked the secretary would anyone be around this Sunday, and could I use the ditto then? She directed me to The principal. I asked. He said, "No, and you can't use it anymore anyway."

"Why?"

"For one thing, it promotes the playing of wargames in times (I'm actually believing that!!!), and also, we don't have enough supplies to be considered use it any more."

I saved my curses until I was out of earshot. Depressed and dejected I wandered aimlessly for the remainder of the lunch hour. After graduate when I got home, I told my father what had happened. His response was totally unexpected, "Well, buy one!"

"No, buy a ditto machine?"

"Sure. I'll loan you the money and you can pay me back gradually."

Which is what I am doing now. The school, it well, how I can tell them what to do with their ditto machine. Darn thing didn't give more than 70 decent copies anyway. I hope every one appreciates what I've gone through to keep this going. I don't die easy. And now, on to the colophon.

This is the November 5, 1979 (hah!) issue of The Binder, a magazine devoted to the play of postal Diplomacy (which you can blame Allan the Colhainer and Avalon Hill for), and published by John Kelley, Box 55, Klackman, WA 98628 USA. I am the gamesmaster for all games heretofore, currently 1977 AG, 1978 E, ND, Zulu, 1979-CG, Eulette, and Cockatrice, which Bernadette apparently hasn't got to yet. Ah, no problem: she does a better job than the last one apparently did.

Game openings: in Doppelganger (\$ 3.00 GP) and one in the blind game Hippogaid. After that, I will open games when either: a) a game ends, or b) I feel I can handle another.

Well, I'm putting revised house rules in this issue. Hope no one complains.

Hey, do you want to play in a good, reliable zine? Under a great, and excellent GM? Send home box to Lee Kendon, 4347 Louisa St., Little PA 19155, and ask to be placed in Game #12. Be sure to specify #12 and you want to play in a game with Eddy Trestack (under his "Gallant" name).

Hey, not all of you have sent pictures?!!! Can't you I don't care if your face looks like someone beat you in an acia fight. You should be any less striking than your publisher. So send a picture!

Losses: by standby list consists of Eusan, Van (Kendrick), Farnham, Casack, Ashley, Hickey, Kretsch, Gibson, Kelly, and Eubank.

Bill LaFosse told John Michael that he's short on of new rules, asking if he can use them a year. Well, Bill, still that terrible and... on to the laugh.

Haven't seen Eddy in a while. Wonder if he's still in the game. I wish were the only game that ever got published. I'll be... The binder I might consider if I had a better idea of what to do...

... Sorry for all the typos in that last bit...

Answer: All: To clear up any confusion, my address is 41 and not 42...
... stepping outside the press section, I have something important to say...
... Jim protested my re-instatement of Jerry. He said "Jerry Jones, Bob...
... did not make the Brouhaha deadline..." The heck he didn't. Bob...
... filed the orders, and didn't send Jerry a copy of the adjudics...
... not too late to fix things. I have repeatedly asked Lou if he...
... B sub money Bob sent me back and have heard nothing. I have bent over...
... wards to get this game going, and all I get is molten lava poured upon my...
... head. Jim, if you realized what a protest does to me, you'd have thought...
... again. First of all, it renders me ineffective in schoolwork for the...
... afternoon (I get depressed; I'm not a computer, I'm a person, with feelings...
... Second, I nearly fold the mine. Every time it happens I nearly fold. Bec...
... cause it doesn't seem worth it. I even broke down on one occasion, and I...
... cannot take the mental strain. (In that sentence 'breaking down' is not...
... a nervous or mental breakdown (although that could happen), but simply cry...
... ing.) I am not ashamed to admit it, if it will make you think a... little...
... before you villify me. I have been known to forgive, but I never forget...
... I can only take protests that are worded amiably, and in a spirit of friend...
... liness. If you think now that I am too immature to handle GMS, you are...
... wrong. I never developed a hard skin like most GMS who can shrug things...
... like this off; when I get a letter grilling my ethics it cuts like a razor...
... So have a heart; and realize that I do too.

1979-CC, Spring 1902: THE FATS REALLY IN THE FIRE NOW! SEABS, WIPEOUTS..
Fun, fun, fun!!

Austria(Nick Nasson): A Vic S A Bud, A Bud S A Vic, A Gen-Rag, F Gre-Bul.

England(Jerry Van Alkenado): F Lpl-Ind, F Lon-Eng, F Swa-Swe, F Hth-Hvy,
A Bal-Pic.

France(Clive Tonga): A Par-Bur, A Mar S A Par-Bur, A Spa-Gas, A PicS ENG-
LISH A Bal, F Per-Mid.

Germany(Markus Restig): A Don S ENGLISH F Hvy-Swa, A Bon-Sal, A Mbn S A
Rah-Bur, A Ebn-Eng, F Hol-Kic.

Italy(Francis Snorrier): A Tri-Ser, A Ven-Tri, A Eyo S A Ven-Tri, F Tna
S F Nap-Ion, F Nap-Ion.

Russia (Trevor Bedlila): F Sep(na)-Hvy, F Swa-Navy/d/pec-Fin, Bot, Bal, OEB,
A Gal-Poh, A War-Gal, F Rm H, A Sev S F Ruz/G/ not-Mos, Thr, OEB.

Turkey(Bob Q. Albrecht): A Ann-Dev, A Ann S ITALIAN A Tri-Eck, F Con Reg,
F Bla S A Ann-Sev.

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... by the Canadian Expeditionary Organization's...
... Committee, the floodgates are thrown open, and you...
... penalty the GM imposes.

... Only one person may play any one power at any one...
... temporary subs with the stipulation that BEFORE the sub...
... original player must list the dates on which the sub will...
... and the play of the country. These will be rigidly adhered to...
... players to play under false names, unless they both tell me...
... permission, and Buddy Trotick and all his fronts (if I find that later...
... to the best of my knowledge, is a Trotick pseudonym, he will...
... (within the hour) are totally barred from MFP.

... CHIEFSMASTERS. I will not take responsibility for the...
... MFP. They stand alone. I may, however, restrict the...
... (i.e. trying to allow the Coastal Creep).

... ASSIGNMENT. Positions are assigned by random drawings...
... To play in MFP, you must a) pay the game fee, and b)...
... throughout the game. If a deadline ever passes...
... through in your subscription account to pay for the next...
... (i.e. you will be replaced).

... SEASONS. There are 5 game seasons: Spring moves, Summer retreats...
... moves, Autumn retreats, and Winter adjustments. Usually these are combined...
... into Autumn/Winter/Spring and Summer/Fall, except in 1991, where...
... will often be separate.

... ORDERS. These must be typed or printed, on one side of the paper only...
... will paper being no smaller either direction than 3" by 9", and rectangular...
... They must include signature, date written, game id, country, and season(s)...
... I will not be lenient-if I get orders without the season, they will be...
... thrown away, as an example. (The aforesaid case being an example; don't...
... pervert that sentence to say "making an example of the player") Orders for...
... different games must be on separate sheets.

... 7a) Joint orders, contingency orders, codewords, perpetual orders are...
... all illegal. Support and convoy orders involving foreign units must speci-
... ify the nationality of the unit being supported or convoyed, else the ord-
... or will be read as ~~my~~ NSU/Holds.

... 8) CONDITIONAL ORDERS. If two seasons are taken together, players may...
... write conditional orders on results in EARLIER seasons. If none of the...
... specified conditions occur, all units will be considered unordered and...
... will hold as per CD rules (as do all unordered units). If a standby is...
... called, one may not make his orders conditional on who gets the position.

... PRESS. First, no profanity, period. The editor has the right to throw...
... out any press he wishes, for whatever reasons he wishes. If your press...

Black press is allowed, but no player may write more than 100 words of BP per game, per piece. Your BP allotment starts from game to game.

The data base "Which team" and "Which player" are passed to the GM. The GM will be ignored, and I will make the moves.

DECEPTION OF THE GM. Don't think that the idiot who... I will not accept... call you collect, although... I will not accept... give me your phone... call you collect, although... I will not accept... give me your phone...

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for Spring 1901. They are... Austria: A Vie-Gal, Tyo or Tri to repel attacks by Italy, Germany, or Russia. (if two or more areas are invaded...)

England: A Lpl-Edi, F Edi, F Lon-Eng if France does F Bre-Eng, otherwise -Nth.

France: A Par-Pic, A Mar-Bur if Germany goes, Mun-Bur, otherwise... Eng to repel English F Ion-Eng, otherwise...

Germany: F Kie-Hol, A Ber-Sil or Pru to standoff Russian A War, otherwise Kie, A Mun-Ruh.

Italy: A Ven-Pie to repel French A Mar-Pic, otherwise I, A Rom-Apu, Nap-Ion.

Russia: F StP(sc)-Bot, F Sev-Bla to standoff Turkish F Ank-Bla, otherwise -Mun, A War II, A Mos-Ukr.

Turkey: F Ank-Bla if Russia goes F Sev-Bla, -Arm is F Sev-Arm, otherwise A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con.

e)units unoffered (by IMR or oversight) will be in temporary CD and if dislodged may not retreat.

13) PICKED ORDERS. These are due by 11:00 p.m., PST/PDT, the day before the printed deadline date. I won't accept orders one minute late. Give orders to no one but me; if I find you've made a member of my family take down your orders, you will get it, but good.

14) STANDBYS. I keep a list of replacement players, who must keep up a sub to TB and must submit orders for any spot I request them for, no matter how good or bad. Standbys get .50 sub credit for answering the call, but be sure and remind me of it. It's easy to forget. The only time CD exists in MFP is when units are unoffered or IMRed; those units temporarily hold in CD, until a player is there to move them. Dropout's accounts are confiscated, but those who send a final set of orders along with a resignation incur no penalty for it.

15) DEADLINES. At this writing, deadlines are set four weeks apart normally. The deadline passes at the instant the last piece of mail skids to a stop against the door of Box 35.

16) DECEPTION OF THE GM. The book will be hurled, hard, at anyone who attempts to deceive the GM.

17) IMPOSSIBLE AND PROPAGANDA ORDERS (AND BADLY WRITTEN ONES): Impossible orders fail. Propaganda orders are ok if a specific direction is specified. Badly written orders will be followed if possible, otherwise

that the world can be changed to my liking. But can it still attack something else. You can't do that with a war. This is generally considered to be an anti-war opening. But consider: F StP(sc), A Hol-Mor, F StP C A Hol-Mor. Germany cannot attack this. England's options are wide open, which is exactly where England wants to be at this point.

France. In many ways this is France's best opening. However, it has one disadvantage. In order to take all of Iberia next season, he must put the fleet in Portugal. That's awkward if he wants to mount a naval attack on the Med. Again, however, his options are otherwise wide open. He threatens A Bur-Mun, and has an almost sure thing in A Bur-Mor (only England could stop him, and why would England do that?).

Germany. Putting all your eggs in one basket is not always wise. In this game, Germany has obviously made strong overtures to Russia, and has now mounted a massive stab. For what? He can keep Russia out of France, but he does not have a lock on Warsaw. Even to mount a supported attack, he must risk losing Munich. And he has abandoned the Hol/Bel complex to England and France...who are obviously getting along very well. So what he has Russia mad at him and is wide open in the rear. Long-range prediction: Scratch Germany.

Italy. See Austria, above. The bounce in Tyrolia is a put-on, and the harbinger of much cooperation between Rome and Vienna. The rest of Italy's opening is standard Lepanto. Turkey had better look to his back door.

Russia. The move F StP(sc)-Fin is usually considered weak. And it is. But I suspect it was done here to avoid antagonizing Germany. Tough luck, tovarich! Strong play and good diplomacy can still redeem this situation, particularly as Germany has just opened the flood gates on the Siegfried Line.

Turkey. Obviously anti-Russian, and with a Lepanto attack coming up, that's not good. Luckily, Russia appears in a situation where she will be all too glad to make peace. If a Russo-Turkish alliance appears, I predict the eastern front will stalemate and the other Wicked Witch, and her friend, will come down like a wolf on the fold.

((Well, everyone, what do you think? I consider this to be probably the future highlight of this zine, and if Rod keeps up with perceptive and well-thought insights like these (and I suspect he will), we'll all get a kick out of them.))

And, I'm no pikar. I will be typing up replays of 1979-E, John Michalski's first ten-day-deadline game, with my commentary. My thanks to John, who as usual bent over backwards to help.

Well, I just got a letter from 'Brian Edwards' (ringer for Tretick, in case you came in late), and a stamp. He wants a sample. After subduing my laughter, I decided: Why pass this chance up? Therefore, I'm going to run a contest about it. \$1.00 US to the best response submitted by a subscriber (if I use it), with the following limitations:

- 1) Put it on a sheet of paper separate from any other material, so I can send it in intact.
- 2) No profanity, but I might not object to putting my name to a couple of so clever insults.
- 3) DON'T sign it. Remember, you are writing this for me, under my name.
- 4) Explain to him why his offer is refused. If you try to LEE him subscribe, your entry will be ignored, don't try it. This offer is open to traders too (you'll get a buck in the mail).

A kvik note. Anyone who was supposed to be sent a variant might as well forget it. My files are a disaster, and I seem to have lost Pandemonita altogether. Darn. I worked mighty hard making the map look good (used four sheets!).

