

The Briefing Room



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- EDITORIAL -

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The Briefing Room is put here for a purpose. Using this as an excuse Ron gets me to type up some of his stencils. He needs the rest, or so he says. In this section of Alternate Reality (my section) I will include all of the game announcements, moves, press, and other junk that I want to throw in. The I is Walker Barnes, GM and editor of this precious little section.

I am going to need things to fill up my section, so be careful when you send me a letter, I will probably quote everything you say. Also send us the press for your games so I won't have to write everything and you won't have to read my writing. We reserve the right to edit all press that is published. You people who aren't in games ought to pause here and think if you want to read the press. Some of it is pretty bad, I know, I wrote some of it.

I just ran out of things to say so I'll use my first space filler for this issue. It will consist of quotes from a letter that Gil Neiger wrote me, dated 1/31/74. My comments are in double parenthesis. Don't take anything that Gil says at face value, I'm sure he didn't know I was going to quote him.

Y'know, if you guys don't want me writing you, you've got to stop publishing. I think I just mailed a letter to Ron ((editor of AR)) this morning.

Well, let's see. I got AR#2 today. Pretty good. I don't think it's quite as good as the first, but probably it's just personal. I mean, I don't like Kampfpanzer as much as I do SNIPER! ((both published by SPI)) and the critical whatever thing by Rich Knights didn't really interest me. But it was still very good. Well, I'll go thru the whole thing in order.

The first story was good, except I don't quite understand it. Who was bleeding in the end? ((Ron changed the ending somewhat when he typed it up to make it more coherent, you should have read it before the change. As far as I can tell the guy fainted when he saw the 'picture' bleed. That's probably wrong, though.)) House Rules. I don't like the neutral 1901 moves you have. I guess having Aus-Rus moving to Galacia each, and Rus-Tur moving to Black Sea can be excused as defensive, but I see no reason why Italy should move to the province of Naples with its other army. ((Me neither it was a mistake. It should be AROM-Apu.))

Now nothing personal, Walker, but NAW ((Napoleon At Waterloo)) is now #2, ((I had listed it as costing only one dollar)) as is the expansion kit. The deluxe (NAW plus expansion kit, plus two moves articles) is \$7.

I agree with you about Kampfpanzer. The trouble I have with it is that I don't go crazy over tactical games, and I don't like to go thru with the bother of the Kampfpanzer/Dessert War system. Did I tell you that once already? ((No, but in all of my letters that I've received from you since you have.))

After every three or four days from him. And we aren't even in a game with other.

As you can see by the label at the top of the page everything in here is considered to be an editorial. This whole section is an editorial. So don't be surprised when you don't agree with something that I have to say. Even I don't agree with what I say sometimes.

If someone wants to phone in their moves they can do so at the various places and numbers listed below, If you call at any other time you'll probably get someone who knows nothing about diplomacy and will think it is just calling so be careful if I don't answer the phone. Ask for Walker Barnes when you call.

My phone number is 714-344-1589 and I can almost guarantee that I will be there during the following times: Monday and Thursday from 4-6 (I have a class those nights and school during the day) Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday from 4-6, Saturday after 8 (pm) and Sunday all day.

On Saturdays I go down to Ron's book store and stamp books, and stamp books, and it's driving me crazy and giving me a sore thumb. I'll be there from noon to 6pm and the phone is 714-352-3955.

We still have many, many openings left in Origins of World War Two, A few openings left in Diplomacy, and five places left in the Transatlantic variant? of Diplomacy. If you need the rules to it send us a dime

This is the reason that I get to stick all of the other junk in this section, it is what allows me to express my opinions here. I have a feeling that it is also going to be a heck of a lot of work. And do you know what it is, it's the

GAME ANNOUNCEMENT

Following is a list of the countries that are assigned to the players. Also an address correction. Check the note at the bottom of the page before sending your moves in. The deadline is in ~~four~~ ^{five} weeks, March 5, 1974.

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David B. Logerson, 19011 Vanowen, Reseda, CA 91335: Germany

Gil Neiger: France

Leonard Lakofka: Turkey

Ronald Venable: Italy

Steven B. Nozik: Russia

Tim Carleton: England

Ronald M. Kelly: Austira-Hungary

Also have the game AR74-2 tentatively filled up, but be sure and send in country preference list and your game fee if you have failed to do so. The addressess and names follow.

Tim Carleton, 1101 N. 6th st., Sp. 1, El Centro, CA, 92243-714=3521850

Steven R. Davis, 11311 Sinclair Ave., Dallas Tex., 75218

Stevens, 57 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY, 11201

Alex Katzoff, 162 West 54 Street, New York, NY, 10019

Duncan Smith, 9 E 10th St., New York, NY, 10003

Bruce Chamberlain, 248 Ridgewood Rd., East Hartford, Conn., 06118

Gregory Vicksell, 1300 Wade Drive, Bedford, Texas, 76021

We also have two people signed for our Transatlantic variant, available for only a dollar game fee, you can get the rules by sending us a stamped and self addressed envelope or a dime, whichever is easier.

We still have a potentially unlimited number of Origins of World War Two game openings left, be sure to send in a scenario preference list, & \$1 game fee.

We have a game of Origins of World War Two filled up too. But we need game fees of \$1 and subs from some people, plus we need a scenario preference list from everyone. The addressess and names follow.

Tim Carleton, 617 Dartmouth Pl., Evanston, Ill., 60201

Steven R. Davis, 11311 Sinclair Ave., Dallas, Tex., 75218

(I don't know why I bothered to type his address twice.)

Alex Katzoff, His address is typed above so I ain't doing it over.

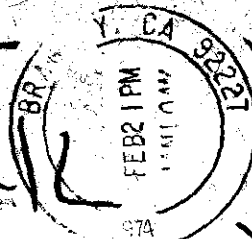
Ben Melton, 694 Broadway, El Centro, CA, 92243

Stephen Tihor, 32 Washington Sq. West, New York, NY, 10011

I have decided that conditional retreats are not required. Conditional retreats, I will not be making the choices that are available to retreat to, have the person send in his retreat list. I will then inform the players of what the retreat is. If you aren't informed, send in conditional moves that season.

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