



Dear all, this issue is late, but I have a good excuse. I am not in New Zealand. I am in Thailand, until Jan 11, and then fly to Colombo. I arrived in Bangkok on Nov 19, and had a week there orientating, hosted by AIESEC, Thammasat University, and Yuvabhadana Foundation, a charity arm of Premier Group, who have the local Hertz and Volvo licences, amongst many other infrastructural fingers in Thai pies. The foundation supports education in rural areas, giving aid and equipment to schools in poor provinces. It is only a few years old, but had bought equipment for several schools in Sukhothai province. I have been placed as an English teacher at Krai Nai Wittayakhom Rachamangkhalapsek School, a secondary school for Matiyom 1-4 (form 2-5 equivalent I guess. Bigger schools go to Matiyom 8). It is in Krai Nai village, 6 km off the main Sukhothai-Phitsanulok road. The turnoff is 4-5km east of Kong Krai Lat, the district capital (provinces/changwat are divided into districts/amphoe). 3 other NZers are at Kong Krai Lat Wittayakhom. They are an Indian boy, a Chinese girl and a white girl, all 21-24 yrs old. As the oldest and most independent, I have been placed alone, which suits me much better. They have 1500 students. My school has 300 and 13 teachers. I live in a small 4 room house next to the school. It is plastered concrete block, with a wooden floor. The 4 rooms open onto an open 'hall' and stairs lead to the ground floor where there is a storage room and a toilet (2 squat toilet stalls and a Japanese bath/mandi'. There are resident frogs, mosquitoes and chichak lizards. Stray dogs prowl as do a couple of mangy cats. My room has 2 school desks, a grotty wardrobe and a bed with a mozzie net. I have a padlock to lock my door, but there is no glass or screen for the windows, only warped shutters that don't, so anyone can get in if they want. There are 2 other teachers' houses next to mine, one with a pregnant English teacher and her husband, 2 small kids and a coop of fighting cocks. The other has 3 single female teachers who speak 5 words of English between them. There are 2 dorms of 6 or 7 Matiyom 4 girls behind us, Mon-Fri. These girls are about 16/17, and I eat dinner with them and am supposed to speak English with them, but that is beyond all but 2 of them. My meals are delivered by the art teacher's wife, breakfast and dinner. She lives in the village 1km away up a dry dusty road. The dust gets in everything, so I must sweep at least once a day. Lunch during the week is paid for by the school. They have a cafeteria, with rice and veges, cooked by the students, that is doled out in a ladle. I tend to get Chinese fried rice. Thais eat boiled rice and separate common bowls of fishy soups and weird veges, and lots of little chilies called, literally, mouse shit peppers. They are HOT! The farmers locally grow rice, and use a tank-sized tracked harvester that spews fumes and chaff. They plough with 2wheeled cultivators, that are also used to tow trailers for transporting grain or workers. The 2 English teachers here cannot speak good English, so there is much work for me to do, and I enjoy the company of the other 34 NZers on weekends, when I get to speak more than one syllable words. We do have a sound lab, computers and a band, but the programmes and keyboards are a) in Thai, which I can't read and so this has taken ages for me to work out how to do it in English, and b) the teachers use them a lot so I cannot get access for a games zine! The computer room is a/c and my desk is in it, but the state of the Thai economy has meant we turn off the a/c and this is the hottest room as there is no fan and only small windows. I teach 14 one hour classes a week, at least one of each level and stream. But even after 4 years English, they cannot speak very well. I think they can read and write ok. But no one can answer my questions about their reading, so I just concentrate on pronunciation and try and get them confident at speaking, and used to a 'farang's voice. I have successfully taught them a couple of poems and even 'she sells seashells...'. Weekends I try and get out, as I get no lunch! I have been to Phitsanulok, a largish dull town, with good shops and an a/c mall, with a KFC outlet. It also has 3 churches, which are very welcoming. Sukhothai itself is smaller and nondescript, but has great markets. Population about 15000 I guess. I did a weekend's work for the FLC language academy there, who have an exchange with KEY learning in Auckland. The teachers there own Firend House, a guest house in Lonely Planet, and they put us up and fed us GREAT food in return for teaching. But they got us all a little too drunk on Thai whiskey on Sat night, and while we were ok, THEY were under the weather, the wife especially! The stuff is good but potent.

Sukhothai and nearby (100km) Kampheng Phet and Si Satchanalai have UNESCO world heritage parks of their 14<sup>th</sup> century city ruins. I had an elephant ride at the latter. Lots of laterite wats and stupas and city walls to see. Quite impressive, and very evocative of 'Ozymandias'. As usual in Asia, foreigners (ie whites) are charged twice the local rate, even for the elephant rides. That rankles. I think we in the west should charge double the local rate for all citizens of countries with such racist policies. Thus it is possible for the Chinese NZer to get in for the local rate if she keeps her mouth shut, while I am automatically a tourist! Thailand isn't so bereft of Westerners that the local kids chase you like in India or Indonesia. They are shy and must be stalked with caution from downwind. The local women are attractive. Half the pleasure in getting a shave recently was having the lovely, large breasted Thai hairdresser leaning luringly over me while she attacked my beard. It took a good half hour, to my joy! The most fun you can have with your clothes on! Several have asked to marry me, which is also nice. But I turned them down. What would my family think of an illiterate rice stallholder for a daughter-in-law? So I am plumping for a graduate stallholder...

I have also been to Mae Sot on the Burmese border. A highway bridge over the river here connects the 2 countries, but no foreigners can cross, only locals. More racism. However, I crossed into Burma at a village 50km south, with the full smiles of the Thai army in their bunker, but when the Burmese soldier on the other side got off the toilet 10 minutes later, he kicked me out. I didn't get a passport stamp, but I was there, and even in a small village straddling a stream, the contrast between the 2 countries was large: thatched huts for the Burmese and plank houses for the Thais. That's the first country to expel me too! Visited a nearby refugee camp. Refugees can speak better English than Thai English teachers. But they live in worse conditions, \$000 in this camp. They need more water tanks, about NZ\$1200 worth. If you want to donate towards this, or volunteer as an English teacher (they have a Frenchman in that capacity now), or campaign

for Burmese rights in Thailand (they are confined to the camp and have been there 8 years. The Burmese are building prison farms for 20 000 people just across the border from them, then contact The Catholic Office for Refugees and Relief Services, 122-122/1 Soi Narksuwan, Nonsee Road, Yannawa, Bangkok 10120, Thailand. Phone 681-5301, fax 681-5306.

I have had to perform first aid on 2 kids knocked off the motorbike outside my house by a teacher in his car, until the ambulance arrived. Luckily it was only shock and deep lacerations, no internal/bone injuries. The others had 2 people killed and a student with a leg amputated 2 weeks ago outside their school. The 2 girls had another 2 killed outside their house last week. The Thai newspaper here is really a tabloid, and had the tale of 2 bike riders speeding at night, who didn't see a pipe-carrying trailer, and ran into it, impaling themselves on a copper pipe, 5cm diameter. They were both alive but in comas at last report. The photo showed them in hospital, with the pipe through both their chests, like a spear, but so thick! Kids race m/bikes with no helmets, on crap roads, past other crap drivers. The roads and driving here are insane, yet seatbelts and helmets and sobriety are unheard of. The others were driven home from a party by an inebriated teacher. They have never been so scared. Yet the hosts insisted that they must be driven home, as they were 'too young' to find their own way and something 'bad might happen'. Apparently the teacher slalomed the central dotted line! While the law says drive on the left, most Thais spend more time on the right. I have hitched with a guy who drank beer from a bottle with a straw, then biffed the bottle out the window. But he was the best driver we had, slow and sane. Maybe he knew he was drunk. I have loan of a motorcycle, but always wear boots and a helmet. I have toured the local back-roads, but hate the main road!

So life is exciting, but hot. I need a fan to sleep at night. Some mornings it is almost chilly, but the days are blistering in the sun. I drink lots and move as little as possible. That is one advantage of a job over travelling! They have a green melon Fanta and a pink pomelo one. The latter is nicest and I have a crate in my fridge! Yoghurt here is also good, even the fried-rice flavour. Corn yoghurt and ice cream is big too. The local cycle-ice cream man sells scoops with nuts, a squirt of condensed milk and a wad of sticky rice between two slices of floppy white bread. All for 5 baht. Mmm...

I haven't been sick yet, and enjoy the fruits (27 kinds of bananas) and drinks. I have a budget of NZ\$10/day, and am well within it, as the school provides the accom. and food, except on weekends.

Christmas I will have to work, but it is a half-day: p.m. only, and a games day of some kind. We NZers will have a slap up dinner that night in Phi-lok. The local pop music can be quite good. I have a tape and a CD to bring home. But as I have to lug everything to Sri Lanka, I aren't souvenir shopping here.

I hope your Christmases and New Years are good, and get your orders to me at my NZ address ( to be forwarded to me in S.L.) on time please!

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#### Letters:

Pitt Crandlemire, Massachusetts:

To the confused Mark Petrie: Vain Rats is an anagram of variants.

[[ah.....]]

Pete Duxon, Essex:

NZ certainly has better-looking money than Australia's horrid stuff. From what you write, the NZ educational system has gone absolutely barmy. I'd love to try and get a degree in France. Can't speak French, but if I have a NZ administrator, I'll have a chance. Seriously, if the Asians want a degree send them to the US. No, really seriously, how can you give a degree to someone who can't speak or read the language? It strikes me as political correctness gone mad.

Thanks for leaving out the Di homage. The whole country went mad. I was convinced I was in a foreign country. If you want some British trades, you could try the following:

James Hardy, 21 Gounley Rd, Liverpool, L13 4AY. The zine called SNOT has the most entertaining letter column I've seen.

Mark stretch, 90 Colwell Rd, Bermsfield, Oxon OX10. His zine, ONE MAN'S RUBBISH, has lots of news and runs lots and lots of games.

Stephen Agar, 47 Preston Drove, Brighton, East Sussex, BN1 6LA. In its heyday, SPRING OFFENSIVE was the best zine I've seen. It's more relaxed these days. Still a fine zine.

Nic Chilton, 21 Nowell St, Harehills, Leeds, LS9 6HS. THE GENTLE ART OF MAKING ENEMIES, almost frightening in its efficiency.

My favourite UK zine doesn't want foreign subbers/traders nor do the best 2 pure dip zines.

[[ well bugger 'em if they don't want foreigners. Is it because we don't speak English proper like? Yes, Auckland Uni is PC gone mad. I can't understand it: that the VC would lie in the biggest newspaper in the country, and it refuses to publish my rebuttal while he refused to see me. Perhaps it's a good thing they can't afford as many tutors next year. There were veiled threats of sacking. However, the feedback my students gave me suggested many/most agreed with me, as did most of the lecturers and deans I spoke with. But what would a bureaucrat in registry know about the chalkface anyway? They only understand \$, not justice or equity. It is very disillusioning to have such an institution je and procreate racism. I can't afford any more trades until I get more subbers. Send your friends' money to me!!!!]

**BANBURY MERTON STREET Round 9 (lowest unduplicated integer >0 wins)**

Crandlemire 1 ; Addison, Martin, Natrass 3 ; Clarke, White 4 ; Petrie, Stimmel 6.

Pitt gets on the board!

Name	A	B
Clarke	2	0.5676
B.Quiding	2	0.5454
Hutton	2	0.3529
Crandlemire	1	8/34=0.2353

**BRIGHTON AVE Round 8 (closest to median of entries wins)**

Crandlemire 9 ; Addison, Natrass, Petrie 10 ; Stimmel, White 11 ; Martin 12 ; Clarke 14.  
1pt is split between the 10s and 11s, so each 10 gets 1/6 and each 11 gets 1/6.

	System A	System B	System C
B.Quiding	1.125	0.2863	4
A.Hood	1.0	0.2837	2(II)
Addison	0.75+0.1667=0.9167	0.2023+1/6*8/34=0.2415	3+1=4
Petrie	0.75+0.1667=0.9167	0.2451+0.0392=0.2843(II)	2+1=3
Charlton	0.875	0.2295	3
Martin	0.75	0.1691	2
Natrass	0.5+0.1667=0.6667	0.1618+0.0392=0.2010(II)	1+1=2
Crandlemire	0.625	0.1355	2
Stimmel	0.25+0.25=0.5	0.0833+0.0588=0.1421(II)	1+1=2
Hutton	0.375	0.0809	2
White	0+0.25=0.25	0+1/6*8/34=0.0588	0+1=1

**BONNIE BRAE Round 8 (closest to mean of integer entries 0<x<1000 wins)**

Addison 155 ; Crandlemire 186 ; Clarke 258 ; Natrass 303 ; White 330 ;  
Stimmel 375 ; Martin, Petrie 999

Average = 450.375. Robert collects all the points.

	System A	System B	System C
Stimmel	1+1=2	0.3235+0.2353=0.5588	1+1=2
Charlton	1.333	0.4019	2
White	1.333	0.2807	2
Crandlemire	1	0.2973	1
Clarke	1	0.2703	1
B.Quiding	1	0.2352	1
Petrie	0.333	0.0686	1

**RAILWAY RIVALS Game "Ashburton" 1483CB, Canterbury, Economic Rules, Round 8**

Errata: Map last time should have shown ICH building to J20, not just J19

Tenders: (winners in CAPS, losers in lowercase. Format: Bid\$(profit\$)

16-52: KWI 30(8)	ICH 34(8)	sir 43(11)
12-44: ICH 31(3)	KWI 35(5)	sir 40(14)
21-42: ICH 51(21)	kiwi and sir no bids.	
25-81: KWI 20(5)	ICH 21(4)	sir 25(7)
31-port: KWI 24(4)	SIR 26(5)	ich 28(12)
32-62: SIR 31(10)	ICH 37(11)	kiwi no bid
56-south: KWI 40(5)	ICH 40(7)	sir 50(16)

heldover from last time: 33-48: held over again.

53-64: KWI 30(20) ICH 30(12) sir no bid

Builds: SIR: Rakaia-o12 ; I24-Akaroa ; Christchurch-f19.

ICH: j20-k20 ; Dunsandel-m15-Southbridge ; n13-k11-Darfield.

KWI: w9-w8-Valetta-u5-Mt Somers-q8-Methven.

Notes: SIR: you must make all payments to rivals from the building allowance. Running parallel, costs 1 per hex to build + 1 per hex for a junction and 2 per halfhex in fee to the rival. Thus I had to curtail your build this turn. Your costs for 16-52 are 32 not 33, thus your profit increases from 10 to 11. Your minimum bid is "costs + (maximum payout to one rival +1). Thus if costs are 12 and payment to rivals 2 and 3, your min bid is 12+(3+1)=16, for a profit of 4. You can bid higher up to a max of 2X+10.

KWI: Your costs for 12-44 were 30, not 31, so your profit increases from 4 to 5.

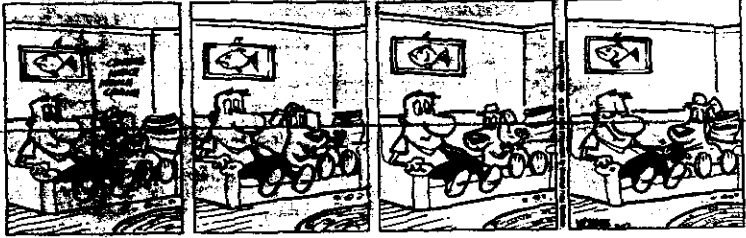
ICH: It is correct this time!

Monies:						
Name	Start	Cities	Payments in	Tender Profits	Build costs	Builds in Balance
ICH	133	-	+10	+67	-9	+5 206
KWI	82	-	+13	+45	-10	- 130
SIR	76	+6	+5	+15	-8	+1 95

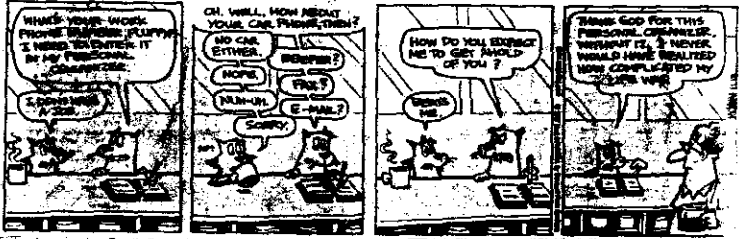
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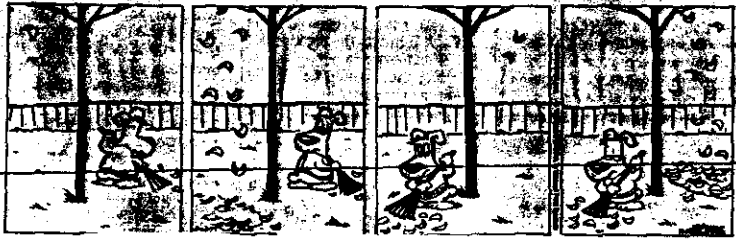
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ENG A New-Sp A Gal-Ning FTTH C A Red-Ning FSKA S A Red-Ning  
 E Ger MS F Ric A for-bar A Bar-Pic A Low-Ca E Eng S A Low-Bel G  
 ITA A Mar-Pic F Spa-Sc) -WMS FTYS S F Spa-WMS A Nap-Nip  
 F Rom-Nap A Ven S AUS A Vir-Tri (WSD)  
 AUS A Tyr S A Vie H A Vie H  
 RUS A Gal-Vie A Boh S A Gal-Vie A Sil-Bar A Ger-Lit FBAC C A Boh-Lit  
 A Swe-Den  
 TUR F Rom H FTri S FADR-Ven FADR-Ven A Ser, Alb S FTri H  
 A Bud S RUS A Boh Vie FTon-Naf F Ion-Ton F Ger-Ton  
 F Say-AGG

RETREATS none

DISBANDS: AUS A Boh (NRP)

PRESS: SM-ALL

EMPT PROPOSALS: ST, TU, INVR, FANS

NEW PROPOSALS: E/IRT, E/T

E-R: That was an audacious gamble, which I will exploit and you define our frontiers

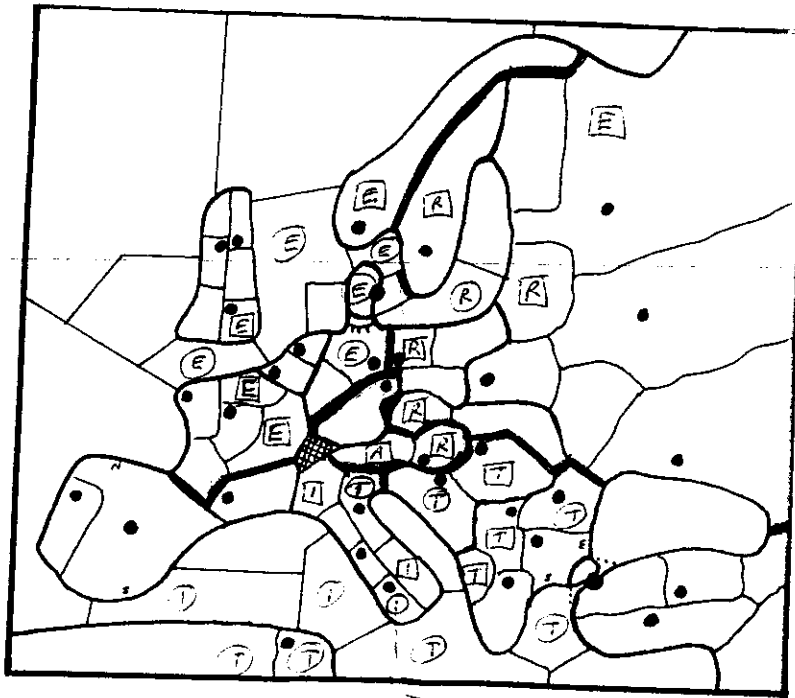
E-I: Your northern frontier is safe, hai para ogni tanto appare no?

E-A: Here come the cavalry!

R-All: IF ENG won't attack ITA, what will he do (military)?

R-E: The frontier is as is.

**MORE PRESS ELSEWHERE**



MICHAEL'S GAME "BERGAMO" SPRING 1518

BUILDS: AUS: MAINTAIN ALL

MIL: DISBAND FEGL, BUILD A Crema, A Modena, A Swiss, MAINTAIN REST

TUR: MAINTAIN ALL

VEN: BUILD F Venia, MAINTAIN ALL.

AUS (B. QUINDI) NMR! ALL UNITS HOLD

MIL (HUTTON) A Avign-Prove A Swiss-Terim EMG Marche-EMF Marche & A Modena-L

A Como-Pavia (usu.) A Pavia H (NMR!) A Crema-Mantu F Savoy-Genoa

DISBAND IND. GAR. MAINTAIN!

TUR (C. QUINDI) NMR! ALL UNITS HOLD

VEN (M. HOOD) F Venia-LAQOO A Vicen-Trevis A Padova S AVicen-Trent  
A Fiore B 1q Fiore A Fruit H EPF LA-Racon F Romag S EPF LA-A

A Nerze-Alban F Dalma-DA

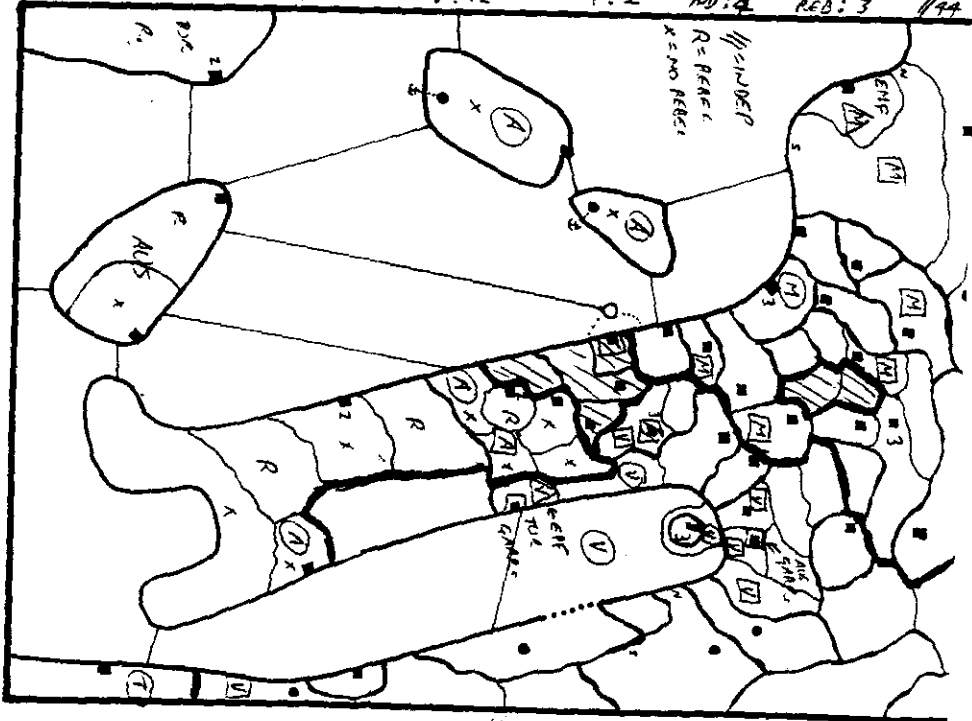
RETREATS: TUR F Milan-G Milan, AUS A Trevis-G Trevis (NMR)

DISBANDS: NONE

Press from Venice: Irish politician Jimmy Bolger, on a state visit to Venice after a heads of government meeting in the Scottish capital, has noted with surprise that in spite of yet another administrative blunder that cost the Venetians the capture of Treviso, the ruler of Venice remains apparently secure. What does it take to topple a leader, he mused as he embarked for the long voyage home.

I think I said 18 centres was the win (another home country). By the rules, John has won, with 25 centres + 1 extra country. If Michael wishes to continue, I am happy to run to 18 or the full 23 centres (with 1 or 2 extra home countries respectively). Orders due next time as usual unless Mr Hood informs you otherwise.

CITY COUNT: A: 7 M: 16 V: 12 T: 2 ND: 4 REB: 3 / 44





DIPLOMACY GAME "BORGUNDY" Fall 1907

ENG (white) F Ger H F Hol H A.R. S A.R. Mon - R. Mon A.L. S A.Y. H  
 H.Y. S A.L. H A.P. H

FRA (grey) NMR: A Gas H A Ed. H F.M. H F.I.R. H F.Br. H

ITA (M. Wood) A.V. S A.Bud H A.Bud's A.S. H A.S. S A.Gre H A.Gre S A.S. H  
 F.A. S F.A. B-ION F.A. B-ION A.N. H F.A. B-ION A.Rom-Ven

RUS (Martin) A.S.P. - Mos A.P. S A.Sil - War

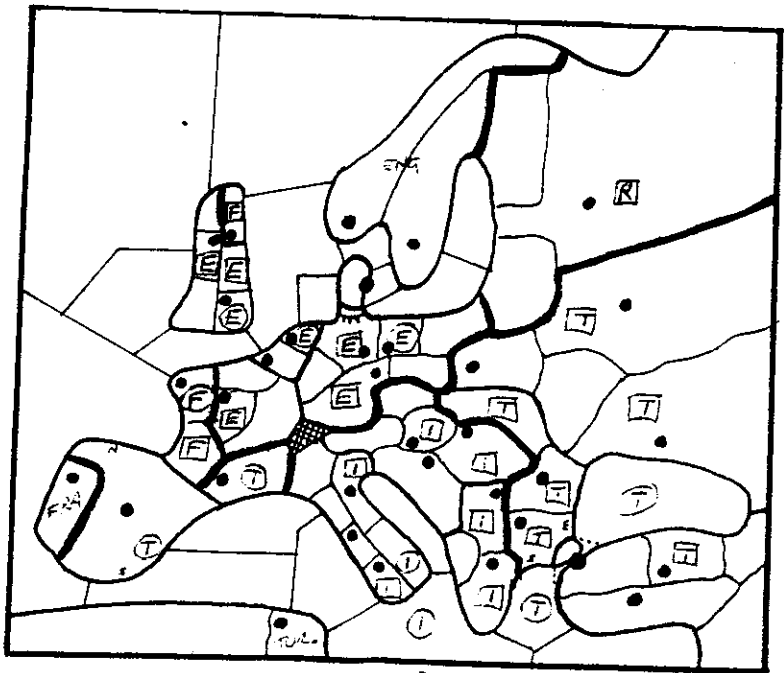
TUR (White) A.Mos - War A.Gal S A.Mos-war A.Rom-Bud A.Bur-Ser  
 A.Ser - Mos F.ILA H F.AEG-SAE F.WMS-Spa(S) F.Col-Mar

RETREATS: none

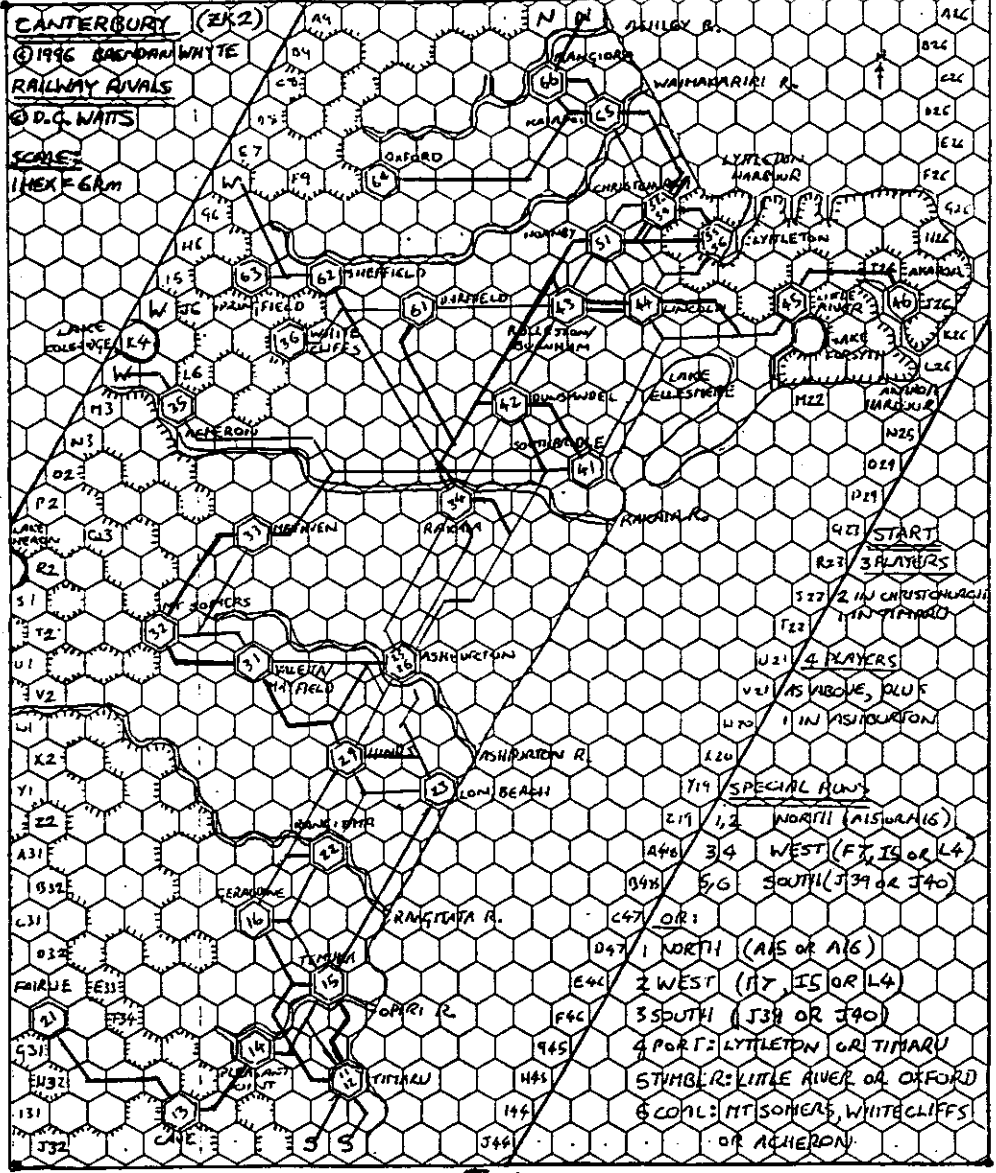
DISBANDS: none

BUILDS: ENG (ii) + F.LON 3 short! FRA (3) - F.I.R, F.M. & furthest from home ruled  
 ITA (4) as is • RUS (i) - A.P. S, A.Sil: furthest from home ruled  
 TUR (ii) + A.R. 1 short!

PRESS: ITA - ENG x RUS: Now would be a good time to cooperate  
 against Turkey!







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WINTER 1878 DIPLOMACY "BULGARIA" AUTUMN 1905

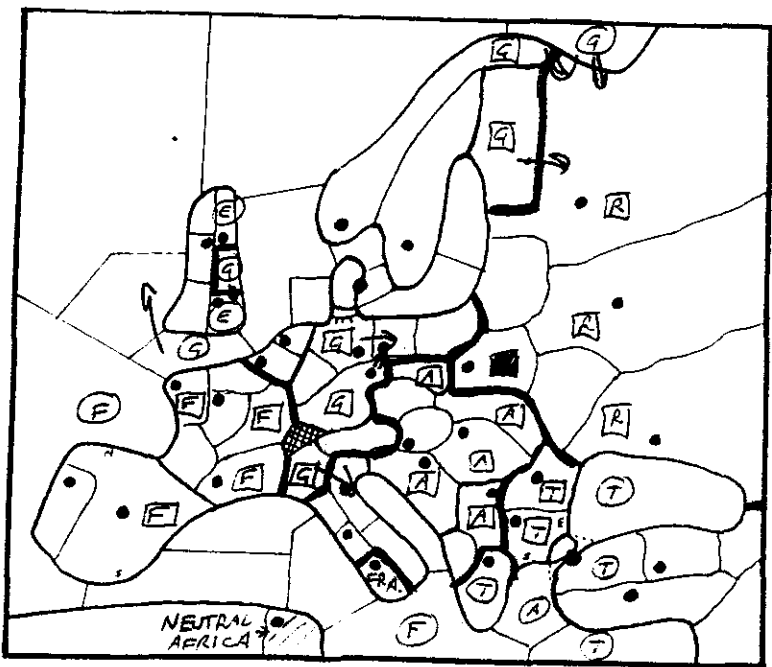
ENG (B. Quilms) NMR! F Ed, H F Lon H  
 FRA (Addison) A Spa-Mar F Gas-MAD A Por-Bur A Bre H F Gre-Bul (SL)  
 GER (Kent) F Nwy-BAR A Swe-Nwy AFIA S A Swe-Nwy F NTH-Yor  
 F Bel-ENC A Hot-Kie A Rur-Mun A Pie-Mar  
 AUS (White) A Ven-Tri A Sil-Kie (NSO!) F EMS-AEQ A Alb-Ser  
 A Bud S A Alb-Ser A Gut-Rum  
 RUS (M. Hood) A STP H A Mos S A STP H A Sev S AUS R Gut-Rum  
 TUR (Craig) A Bul S F AEG-Gre F AEG-Gre F Smy-EMS Balkan  
A Ser S A Rum H A Rum S A Ser H F BIA S A Rum H

retreats: FRA F Gre-Ion disbands: TUR A Ser (NRP)  
 builds: ENG (3) NBO! 1 short FRA (5) + A Mar GER (3) as is AUS (5) as is.  
 RUS (4) 1 short! + A War NOT POSSIBLE! TUR (5) + F COA

HOME CENTRES: ENG (Lon, Lpl, Edi), FRA (Bre, Mar, Spa) GER (Hoi, Kie, Mun, Swa)  
 [ITA (Rom, Nap)] AUS (Tri, Ven, Uie) RUS (Nwy, STP, Mos, Sev)  
 TUR (Bul, Coa, Ank, Smy) UNDERLINED = CONQUERED

NEW CONQUESTS: ENG (-) FRA (Por, Par, Nap) GER (Bel, Bar, Dea, Nwy)  
 AUS (Bud, Rom, Ser) RUS (War) TUR (Rum, Gre) UNDERLINE = SOMEONE ELSE'S HOME.

PRESS: R-T: Thank you for letting me recapture Sevastopol. Now I hope to stay in it & bring this war to an end.



SOPWITH GAME "ALBATROSS" Round 47

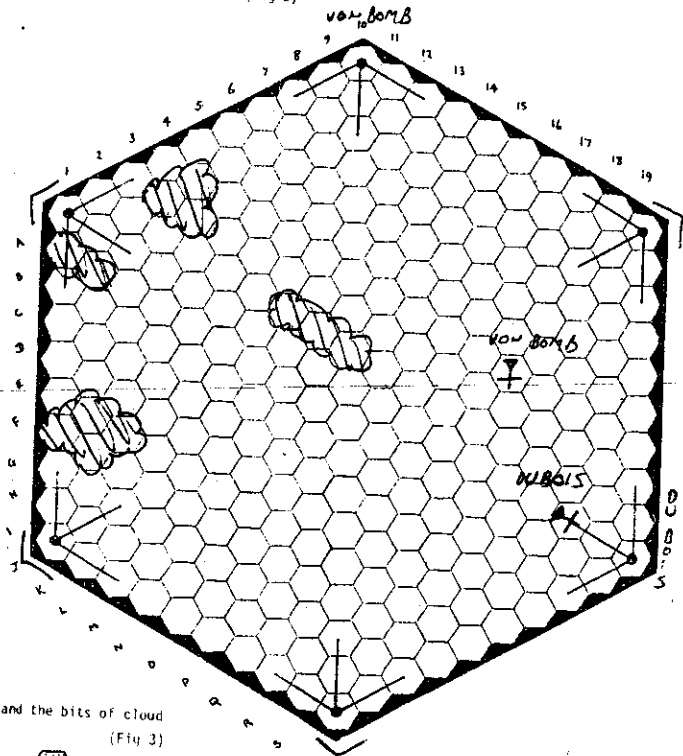
NMRs from both players. Game held over

	<u>END</u>	<u>FACE</u>	<u>AMMO</u>	<u>HP</u>	<u>JP</u>
Col. Du Bois (CRAIG)	Q17	R18	10	2	9
Capt. von Bomb (B. QUINN)	L15	M15	13	12	1

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Gazfinc's Sopwith map

(Fig 2)



...and the bits of cloud  
(Fig 3)

SOPWITH GAME "BREQUET" Round 4

		END	FACE	AMMO	HP	VP
COUNT EINS ZWEI DREI (B. QUIRING) NMR!	A A (CRASH)	-	-	x	x	0
DOUGIE BADER (WHITE)	LT -, LT fA, A fA	H13	I19	17	11	0
HANS OFFERMEIERPLANE (GURKE)	RS -, RS -, RS -	I17	H16	16	12	0
GENERAL ITCHIANUS (A. HOOD)	RT -, A -, A -	P9	O8	16	12	0
MONTGOLFIER (PETRIE)	A -, A fA, A -	A1 (OTB)	15	4	0	
BARON VON BORLING (MARTIN)	RTFR, RTFL, RTFR.	E3	F4	8	12	2

CLOUDS MOVE: SW, 1pt DAMAGE TO BADER.

PRESS: HANS-ALL: Ho Hum! Vie don't you come und play with me doggie-bagger? Vell ich szerpose my reputation with zer ladies of France is somewhat intimidating, ya? Und pardon my English but izn't ze past tense ov HIDE HID und not HOOD?

ITCHIANUS-ALL: ON MY VAY!

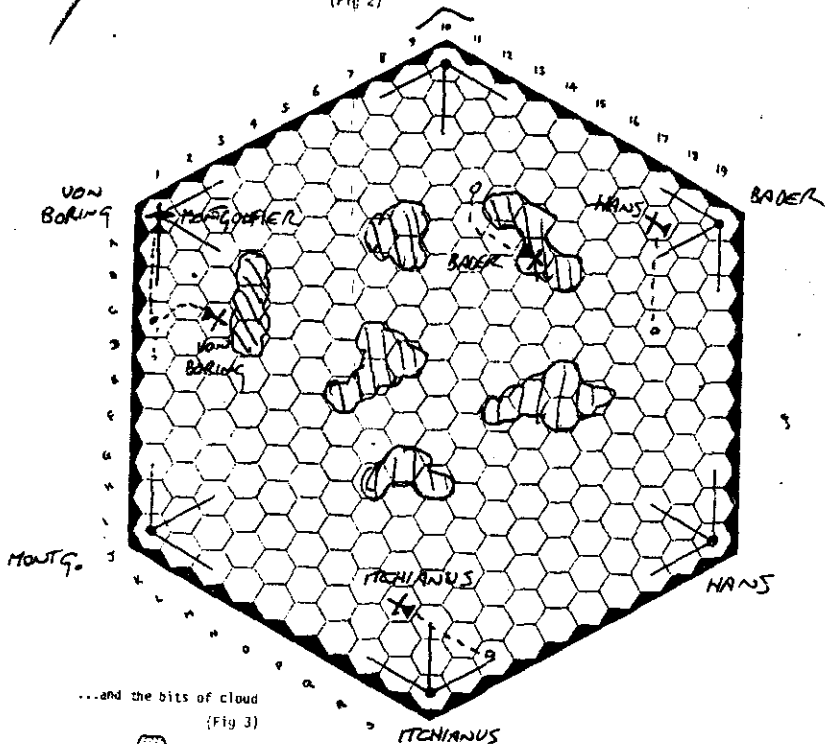
GM-ALL: Vy doz zis game bring out ze outrageous German accents?

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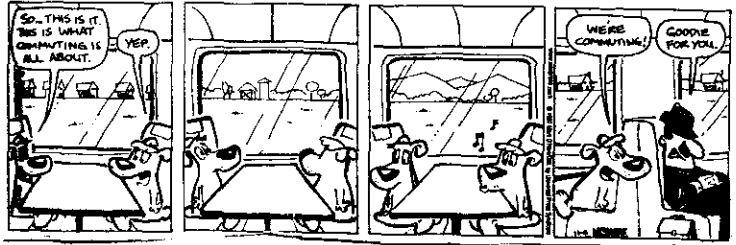
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Gazfine's Sopwith map

(Fig 2)



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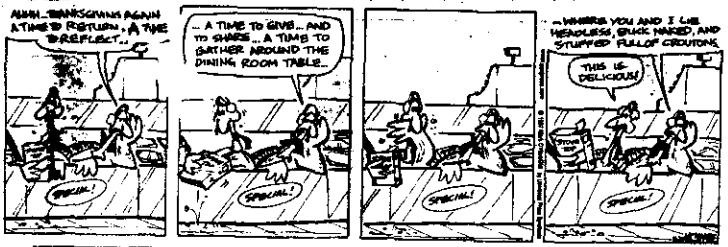
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All cities are now connected.

Runs: 11Timaru-34 Rakaia; 14 Pleasant Pt-68 Rangiora; 23 LongBeach-55 Lyttleton;  
24 Hinds-36 White Cliffs; 43 Rolleston-Sp1(North); 45 Little River-54 Christchurch;  
65 Kaiapoi-Sp5(Timber). Held over last time: 33 Methven-48 Akaroa.  
You can then build up to \$8, INCLUDING all payments to rivals for extant track.

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RAILWAY RIVALS Game "Alfwal North", 1482SA, South Africa, Round 9

Errata: I accidentally didn't sum the new balances last time. They are correct to start with below.

Races:

11-Port: CON \$16 BOER \$5 SKO \$5                    14-35: CONTS \$30  
28-Nam: CON \$20 ZEX \$10                            32-61: Heldover  
42-25: ZEX \$16 BORE \$9 SKO \$5                    54-45: BOER \$20 SKO/ZEX JR \$5 each.  
68-55: BORE \$30                                        Heldover from Rnd 8:41-Rho: BORE/SKO JR \$15 each. \*\*\*

\*\*\* ZEX: you cannot pay >\$10 to any one rival for a race (this stops kibbitzing). Thus I withdrew you.

Builds:

Skokian (Stimmel): v32-t31-q32; t13-Beaufort West.  
CONTS (Charlton): p26-p31.  
BORE (Martin): x15-z14; Kroonstadt-q25-p25-p23; Prieska-q16.  
BOERING (von Metzke): no builds.  
ZEX (Crandlemire): g18-f18; r11-n13-m12-Brandvlei; Bitterfontein-j7.

Monies:

	Rivals				Builds		End
	Begin	Races	in	out	in	out	
Boering	95	+29	+11	-13	+3	-0	=125
Bore	168	54	5	6	2	10	213
Skokian	84	30	6	12	0	10	98
Conts	78	66	14	7	1	9	143
Zex	136	31	15	13	2	10	161

Races for Round 10 (enter any 4):

16Worcester-Sp6 Port; 14Springbok-23Outdshoorn; 25Beaufort West-33Kimberley; 31Prieska-63Dundee;  
44Mount Frere-53Johannesburg; 48Bloemfontein-Sp3Rhodesia; 56Kroonstad-64Lydenburg.  
Plus you can enter 32Brandvlei-61Pietmaritzburg which was held over from last round.

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BRITANNIA game "Alban" Turn 3 185-260

ROMANS (Natrass) A Yor-Ber-Lot-Str 2A Lot-Dun-Dal 2A Pen-Lot-Dun-Alb 2A Che-Yor-Ber  
A Cum-Che A Mch H A Ava H A Wes H

Battles: Dal: 2A ROM vs 1A PIC. 1A PIC killed.

Alb: 2A ROM vs 1A PIC. 1A ROM killed. 1A PIC retreats Mar.

Forts: +Str, Dal, Alb

BELGAE (M.Hood) dead.

WELSH (A.Hood) Pop: 0+4.5 on board= A Clw +1.5pt.

No moves

BRIGANTES (Martin) Submitted to Romans. No population allowed by Romans(0.5 pt held over). No moves.

PICTS (M.Hood) Pop: 2.5+1 on board = A Mar +0.5pt. A Sky-Alb 2A Mar-Alb.

Battles: Alb: 3A PIC vs 1A ROM + ROM fort. 1A Rom killed. Fort killed.

Picts overpopulated, lose 1A Alb. End with 2A Alb.

CALEDONIANS (A.Hood). Pop: ))+1.5 on board = 1.5. No moves.

IRISH (Martin). 1A Atlantic raids Gwy. Battle: Gwy 1A IRI vs 1A WEL. 1A IRI killed.

VP:

Romans: 21 from last turn + Alb(3)+Dal(3)+Str(1)=28

Belgae: 2 (dead) Brigantes: 9 (submitted)

Welsh: 0 Picts: 0 from last turn + 2 Romans killed (2) + Fort killed (2)=5

Caledonians: 0 Irish: 0

Natrass: 28 Martin: 9+0=9 M.Hood 2+5=7 A.Hood 0+0=0

TURN 4: Roman minimum 10, raiders: 2 IRI (At), 1 SCOT (in), 2 JUTES & 3 SAXONS (Eng), 3 ANGLES (Fr). Pict raiders\*\*\*. All except ROMANS count vp. Boats: Pict, Caled, Iri, Scot, Jute, Sax, Ang.

\*\*\* I have only the rule book and rough notes. Are there meant to be a certain number of Picts raiding? From where? I am a little confused on this one. Can someone (ie michael) inform me on this!?

Press: Picts-Brigantes: Your message to the Picts went in error to the Caledonians! Distinguish between these two closely related peoples in future please. Meanwhile there can be no peace between the free Picts and the subject Brigantes, who lacked the courage to fight to the death.

Brigantes-Picts: By attacking me you have helped the Romans achieve a massive victory. Very foolish.

Brigantes-Romans: If you let me have population increase I will attack whomever you wish and use my influence to get the Irish to raid elsewhere.

Welsh-Romans: Respect the Welsh border and we will do the same.

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#### WSJM 'Le d'Aix' PRESS:

Crandlemire: So, you lickets of other peoples peepes. Ze mighty French fleet has almost finis its awesome demansration of naval maneuvering. Now come we to snuff out your miserable sister-swivng lifes. En garde!

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#### Gunboat 'Bohemia' Press:

Melbourne Cup commentary/odds.

2:1 England. Front runner, has a good programme ahead of it with a favourable run in the Iberian Stakes and an excellent position of the Great Northern. The campaign will probably be judged in the Central European Plains Derby. The main danger appears to be an overconfidence in the Great Northern.

1:1 Turkey. Peaked early in the season and consequently facing a difficult run to the end. The Slavic Cup is already in the cupboard but must win the Italian Ledger to maintain momentum. Track cards here will be difficult and after that race will probably not have the legs to beat England in the Iberian. The Central Euro and Russian meets should provide some successes with the aid of sometimes training partner Russia, but the season will be deemed a failure if the challenge from England in the Iberian is not met.

10:1 Italy. Will only run in local meets but is likely to be run down in the end by the better organisation of the England in the Iberian. This is especially likely after what promises to be a punishing run in the Italian Ledger.

15:1 Russia. Has put a lot of effort into the Great Northern although England still has a great chance. Limited success in the Central Euro and S. Russian races is expected given the focus in the Great Northern, perhaps to the advantage of Turkey.

100:1 Austria. Moderate success in the early trackwork raised expectations but form of late has been troubled after being jostled by Turkey and Russia in the Slavic Cup. May not even compete in the Central Euro. Destroyed: after bad falls in the pre-season resulted in horrific injuries, France and Germany received a merciful bullet.

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#### Quiz Round 4.

1) 3M is of course the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Company Ltd.

Crandlemire, Martin, Charlton, Stimmiel, Addison, Clarke, Howell and M.Hood all get ½

2) The Sublime Porte is a translation of the name of the entrance to the Grand Vizier's palace, in a road skirting the outer wall of the Tokapi Sarayi. From 1654 it had admin staff. Because of the lofty gate, it was known as Bab-ı Ali, the sublime Porte (in French) or "High Gate" in English, and was the recognized seat of Ottoman government until the fall of their Empire. See Alan Palmer's "Decline and Fall of the Ottoman Empire", Barnes and Noble, 1992.

Howell and Martin get 1 pt each for a full answer, Crandlemire, Charlton and Clarke get ½ pt each for not saying where the name came from, but only what The Porte implied.

3) The Golden Stool was the symbol of authority of the Ashanti/Asante kings of Ghana. It was the symbol of state, believed to have descended from the sky. British troops tried to capture it during several Ashanti Wars in the 1800s, but it was buried and hidden. Has it been unearthed? I don't know. The British believed that capturing it would take the fight out of the Ashanti. This was probably wrong. But the Ashanti believed the Brits lived in wheeled houses to escape their angry neighbours! An Ashanti proverb: if power is for sale, sell your mother to obtain it. Once you have power there are several ways to get her back. Treason was punished by pounding the traitor to death in a mortar with an elephant tusk for a pestle. During one British war against them, the Brits had raced to the gates of the kingdom only to find what they thought were more bullets was really macaroni. The assault failed.

Crandlemire, Addison, Clarke and Howell all get ½ pt

4) Heaviside Function:  $f(x) = 0$  for  $x < 0$ , 1 for  $x \geq 0$ . (or 0 for  $x \leq 0$ ). It was invented by Oliver Heaviside, a telegrapher who went deaf and became an electrical engineer. It is used to model current turned on at time  $x=0$ . Heaviside also suggested the existence of the Heaviside layer in the atmosphere that reflects radio waves, so that they don't go off into space but can pass line-of-sight. But this was not what I asked for. Crandlemire, Addison and Howell get ½ pt, Clarke ¼ (I do not believe the function has any relevance to the layer).

5) Chambers hid the microfilms in a pumpkin on his Maryland farm. From the Chambers/Hiss treason trials, an interesting episode in US history.

Crandlemire, Martin, Charlton, Addison, White, Howell ½ pt.

Bonus: The answer I wanted was I(van) Ilichianus, the only made-up name. 2 of you found it. But I will accept ISA Australia's Brisbane number (I rang it to check) as 'odd' too.

White, Howell, Petrie and A. Hood, 1 pt each.

Standings: Charlton 9.25 Clarke 7.5 White & Crandlemire 5.25 Martin 4.25 Howell & Addison 4.0  
M.Hood 2.5 Petrie 1.5 A.Hood 1 Stimmel 0.5

Stimmel and Clarke both guess Algeria is Africa's biggest country. It might be Sudan. I don't have any way of checking here. Find out from your local library.

Round 5 Questions:

1) What happened to Rama VIII?

2) Why does Rama V appear on everything from posters to greetings cards??

3) Thailand collaborated with the Japs in WW2. What was its contribution to WW1?

4 & 5) There are 2 big monuments in Bangkok, at huge roundabouts. What do they commemorate?

Waiting Lists:

Robo Rally: Petrie, Crandlemire, Natrass, Clarke, Martin. 1-3 more would be nice.

Diplomacy: Addison, White, Natrass, Clarke. 3 more needed

Youngstown: White, Martin, Addison, Craig. 5 more needed.

Vain Rats: Petrie, Addison, White. 4 more needed. Rules last issue.

Fog of War: White, Clarke. 5 more needed rules issue 71.

RR: Hanover/Leipzig: (racing rules) Charlton, Martin, Bien, Crandlemire, Irving. 1 left/full.

Otago-Southland: Charlton, (Martin), Bien, Von Metzke, Crandlemire, Irving. FULL. Start April 98.

Waikato: Charlton, (Martin), Bien, Von Metzke, Crandlemire, Irving. 1 place left

Note: Brad will only play if it is NOT eco rules. What do the rest of you want to play?

St Paul: Craig, Charlton, Crandlemire, Natrass, Martin. 1 more needed.

Maharaja: Martin(A), Crandlemire (C), Petrie(B), Natrass(D): FULL. Start in April 98.

Sopwith: Crandlemire, Addison, Clarke. 3 more needed

Brighton Ave etc: jump in and play!

Quiz: jump in and play!

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ADDRESS LIST: I am going to do the stupid here and ASSUME that you keep the previous issue, and don't just wipe yourself with it. The only address changes to date are:

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My parents will forward mail to me in Sri Lanka, where I will be until April. An specific address will be available from them soon after 11 January 98.

Last breaking news: NZ's last Gallipoli veteran died last week, aged 101. So ends our last link to those heady days when our boys left a colony, and some came back to a nation. ANZAC day, April 25, the day our boys, along with Australians, French and Brits landed at Gallipoli in 1915, is effectively NZ's independence day, the day New Zealanders took up the responsibilities of a nation fighting not for Britain, but for freedom, for ourselves, and for the world. We showed our mettle as New Zealanders on the day, and every year we remember the thousands who fought and died, on both sides. The most moving part of ANZAC day to me, is that the Turkish consul attends too, whether in New Zealand, or even places like LA, where once foes stand side by side and remember the sacrifice so many made for us today.

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them."

