

# DAMN & CONSEQUENCES #78 AUSTRAL-ALIEN

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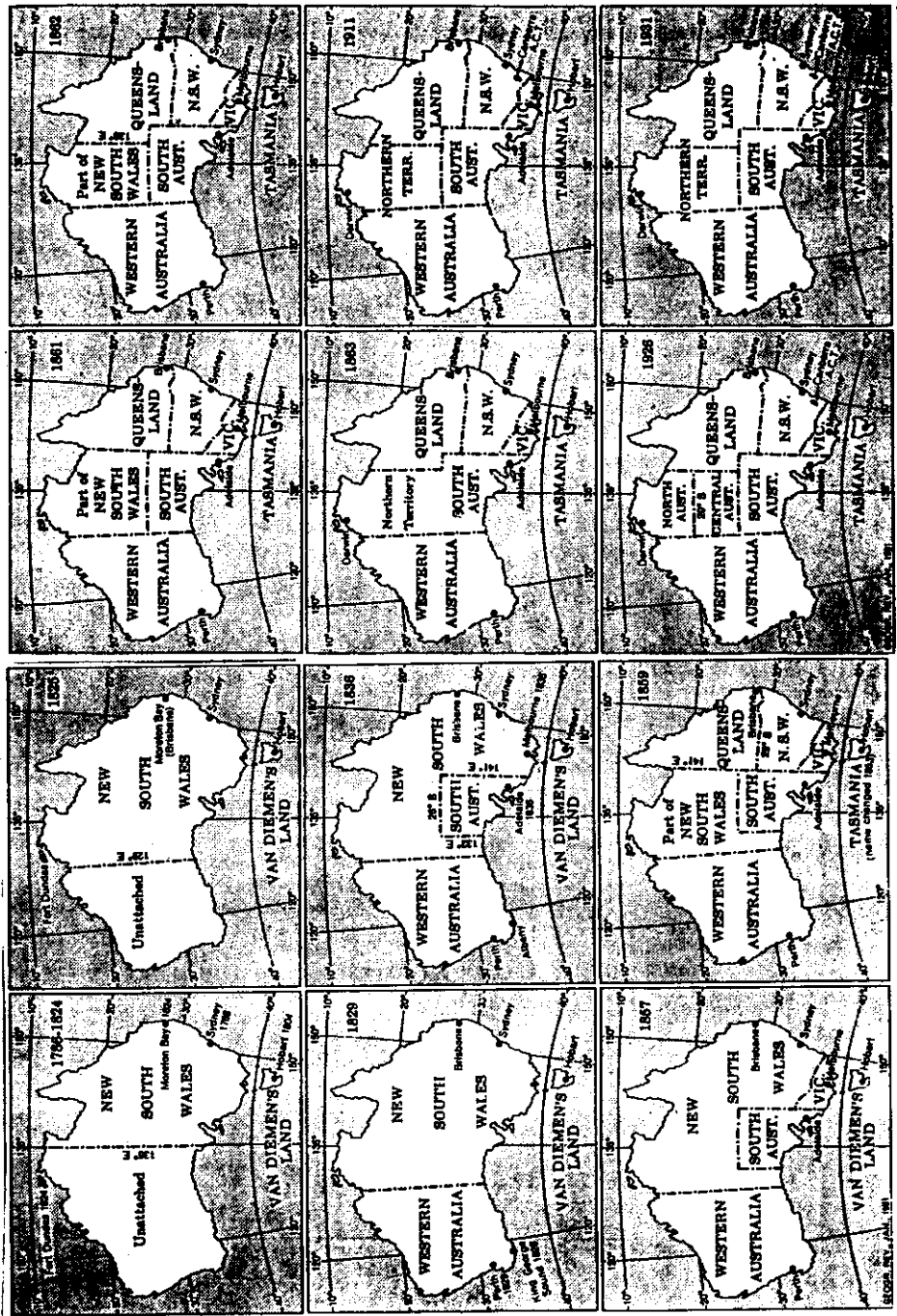


FIG. 1. Historical development of political entities in Australia.

This is it, the first issue of DtC from West Island, and the 4<sup>th</sup> country that DtC has come to you from. How many other zines are so travelled, or so pleasurable to have in your (mail)box?

I am:

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yes, that IS a postal address, and will be good for the 3 years of my stay here. Mail is delivered twice a day, but not at weekends.

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phone 61-3-93442777 (Brooks-Gillespie house, my hostel. I am in Room 124. They do take messages, and the phone is manned 24 hrs/day, but I am often not there either). Best times to get me: evenings, after 7.

But the best way to get hold of me is email or real mail.

On the hobby front, Mike Gonsalves is pulling out of the hobby, and Jamie McQuinn is folding his zine *Crossing the Rubicon*. Doug Kent's *Maniac's Paradise* gets thinner and a fold looks likely. Larry Peery doesn't answer email and I haven't seen the World FBM champs results for ages. Has anyone else? The Vic Dip Club over here seems strong, and I have met up with John Cain (who used to publish *Victoriana*), and Bill Brown who does En Garde in Brad Martin's *Western Front*.

We welcome Ulrich Schlobinski and previous trader and subber John Cain and Frank Meerbach, old Aussie Hobby bods and erstwhile rail gamers (yeah!). We also farewell Michael Hood temporarily, who has been put out to pasture by his ungrateful employers, so he will be heading off on a 3month hol from 30/7. He will have email though, see new address list. We are attempting to arrange replacement players for his game,s and will contact players of games he's in about this. Anyone wanting to take up Michael's positions is welcome to register his name with me, although I think Michael has found a stand-in for the couple of months he'll be gone.

So, what do I think of my new home? The climate here is similar to Auckland, and we are having a chilly snap just now, that with wind and rain has ruined my weekend plans to explore. Nonetheless, I am impressed with this city, as the arts are well supported, and there is a good urban heritage in general, with lots of ornate brick victorian buildings, both in town and the suburbs. Of course there is a lot of crap modern monstrosities that people are forced to live in too. My hostel is in Swanston St, straight opposite the university, which is 4 blocks or so north of the CBD. The CBD is laid out on a grid, and is mainly high-rise, and the surrounding areas are 2-3 story in general, with occasional highrise apartments, like 'the estates' a poor area 2 blocks from me, a revolting highrise development from the 70s to house inner city poor. These appear to be mainly refugees or migrants now, and there are a lot of social problems. These towers tower over the surrounding area, and at night, spot lights on the roof illuminate the sides of the towers. The point of this escapes me, as those outside don't want to see the towers, pilots can see the red lights on top, and those inside are subjected to strong lights coming in their windows all night. Weird.

My hostel is an old nurses' hostel, part of the Royal Women's hospital. It is a nasty 60s 12-story job, with no architectural merit. But it does have nice views, on all but my floor! The view from the 12<sup>th</sup> floor is lovely. We have a pool, spa and billiard table, and communal kitchens and loos on each floor (22 residents per floor all in individual, furnished rooms). Currently it is the break between semesters, so the hostel is emptying of students who are going on holiday, or going for good (mainly the many American exchange students). The managers are nice, organising a recital by the plentiful music students last week, which was fun. But the best part is the convenience of being opposite the uni. Naturally one pays for that convenience, but it is considerably cheaper than the other hostels.

The campus is a large block in the middle of the urban area, just north of the CBD. There are many old buildings with lovely architecture, and a couple of tall nasty modern ones, and the campus is a little too crowded with buildings to really appreciate them all. The north end has a swimming complex and sports fields (astro turf for soccer and hockey, grass for footy). Around the sports fields, on a semicircular road (College Crescent) are the colleges, hostels for undergrads. These have fabulous architecture and are mainly run by churches, although they are open to all. Undergrads pay through the nose to stay in them, but get free tutoring by resident and non resident tutors who are postgrads, selected to take bi-weekly tutorials for 15-20 kids there, covering all first-year subjects. So there is a decent mentoring system and a riotous college life. It is half-way between the college system of Oxford and the Frat system of the USA: they are autonomous, private hostels but there is a good deal of interaction between the uni and colleges.

Current issues on campus are managerial cost-cutting involving slashing 10% of courses offered in all departments, and reducing tutorials to fortnightly rather than weekly, and increasing tutorial sizes. This has led to a huge workload for the reduced numbers of tutors and much complaining by tutors and staff. Further 'streamlining' is imminent and feared. Melbourne Uni has also set up Melbourne Uni Private, to seek funds from business. Teaching will be contracted out, with the majority going to extant Uni Melb lecturers, but also to Monash, La Trobe and outside staff. This will mainly affect engineering and commerce I believe, and be very market-oriented.

Fees can be paid up front (with a 25-30% discount) or deferred under a loans scheme known as HECS (higher education contribution scheme). The loan is interest free until one is earning over the average wage. This compares to a NZ loan that cops 8% interest and is repayable from a threshold of \$14,000!

Otherwise the university system is very similar here. Exams are not conducted on campus, however, but mainly at the Showgrounds, where all sorts of papers are examined in a huge barn-like pavillion. This is because lecture theatres cannot cope with numbers, especially for large first-year papers, and to ensure no cheating, which is easier in banked theatres on campus. Lecturers attend the reading time at each exam and define words for students. Apparently first year geography students did not understand such words as extol, partial and quaternary. To explain words seems to defeat the purpose of the exam, but the most surprising thing is that dictionaries are allowed (including foreign language ones for foreign students), under the idea that English should not be a barrier to

doing your exam... but if you can't understand the question, maybe you shouldn't pass a tertiary qualification in an English speaking country... yet the main problems with words comes from the native Australian students... scary!

Public transport here is trains, trams and buses. Trains run on about 14 suburban lines, as well as Victorian regional lines and interstate services. Trams are electric, run up the middle of the main roads, radiating out from the CBD, and there is a city-circle tram that loops the CBD, and is free to ride. The tracks are dangerous for cyclists. The strangest rule is for right-turning traffic, which can't sit in the middle of the road if there are tram lines. So they pull over to the left, and when the lights are about to turn red, they do a 'hook turn' to the right. When 3 or 4 cars are lined up at the left of an X-intersection and all turn right together it looks like a manoeuvre from the Edinburgh tattoo by those police cycle teams... Australia no longer has the NZ rule of left turning traffic giving way to vehicles turning across you to their right. This has caused me some near accidents on my bike, when I assume I have right of way, but don't! In the whole culture here, as a NZer, I fit in easily to the language and modus vivendi, but on occasions my instincts are wrong, and I use a word the locals don't know, or assume right-of-way against the rules here. No one has picked me for a NZer: my accent isn't strong enough, but I sure notice theirs!

The main problem with the trains et al is the lack of a single timetable... and the stations are sold out of about half of the 10+ local ones, or 7 regional ones at any given time. With all the different companies operating (long distance) buses and trains, getting enough info is tricky. V-Line, who operate the regional trains are not the Met who operate suburban trains and buses and trams (where at least there is single ticketing), and interstate trains are different again, by state! I enquired about tickets to Canberra, and there is no direct train. There are 2 train/bus options on V-Line, but they did not tell me of a quicker option that involves a transfer to another operator's bus, and maximises the time on the train...this is frustrating.

The Qld election was interesting. Apparently besides compulsory voting (REAL democratic, huh?), the Aussies have a strange preferential system, where you have to rank the candidates 1, 2, 3 etc. If you don't your paper is void. The parties hand out how to vote cards at each booth, and loyal party members are meant to vote accordingly, a ranking designed to maximise the party's members. If no first choice candidate gets a majority (ie >50%), then second rankings are added, then third, etc, until someone has a majority. The second rankings count less... something like 4pts for a 1<sup>st</sup>, 3 for a 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 for a 3<sup>rd</sup> etc. I am not sure of the details. Thus the recent fuss was that some parties put their normal opponents last, but One Nation second to last. This is 'blamed' for the 11 One Nation seats. I say this is ridiculous argument, as people should vote for who they think is best. Anyone blindly following the party line on how to vote is essentially spoiling the democratic system. So it is all a storm in a teacup. In upcoming elections, pressure has mounted on all the major parties to put One Nation last, and so have their main rivals higher up, a ranking that they find hard to swallow.

There has been a huge amount of media attention over One Nation, and some blame this for their success. More likely it is due to the main parties not listening, especially to the rural electorates, and the recent reforms hurting the farmers so that they demonstrate their anger by voting for One Nation as a protest. It is interesting to see the Asian newspapers all decry the 'racist' policies of One Nation and threaten trade and tourist sanctions... one Singaporean tourist was even quoted as saying he has long delayed visiting Australia because of its 'racist reputation'! Only the Deputy PM has had the guts to stand up and say this is hypocrisy coming from most Asian countries which are inately racist: Singapore, Malaysia, China, Japan... as none of these allow easy entry to Australian immigrants, access to buy land, and have notorious police laws to prevent 'disturbances' which are really used to maintain one ethnic group in power at the expense of others. In that way, One Nation's policies are more in line with Asia than the Liberals', yet Asia decries them. Hypocrisy, pure and simple.

It is also interesting how anyone questioning the immigration policy is labelled racist here. Many whites have some subconscious guilt or fear that seems to swamp pride in their own culture... thus the rise of PC, and the backlash against European or Christian values. In the 1970s it was Vietnam for the Vietnamese. Now the cry is Australia for the Vietnamese too. Fear of an Indonesian invasion resurfaced in a TV debate where the Mayor of Brisbane called for a population of 40 million, to fill up the north. The reason no one lives there now is that it is a desert. I doubt Indonesian rice farming peasants will covet Katherine... another reason for high immigration is a fear of the aging population. Yet the country can't continue to bring in huge numbers indefinitely. At some point the population will need to slow or drop to zero growth, and a larger population makes for greater aging effects. It would seem sensible to confront this issue now, rather than later. Public transport, pollution and heritage/lifestyle issues need to be addressed before the doors are flung open. But still, anyone trying to discuss this is accused of racism in the press. Why it is racist to want to protect resources, culture and well-being, I am not sure... but the most annoying thing is watching most politicians and media personalities bending over to be whipping boys for Asian leaders, without questioning the rampant racism and repression in those countries. Are Mahathir or Li or Goh such liberals? They are the first to start up Buy British Last programmes or withdraw tertiary students when called recalcitrant, or a new series of 'Embassy' comes out. Wasn't it Mahathir who blamed Jews for his country's economic crisis rather than his own autocratic regulation of the economy and racist regulations? Where were the Aussie media then?

The current clique of Asian leaders & newspaper editors, with their running dog paper tiger Black Armband Australians have a lot to answer for, and will be first up against the wall when the real socialist revolution comes... Hanson only wants what Asean is.

While some industries and govt departments have faced reform here, the process is at a much earlier stage than in NZ, and the recent events on the wharves around Aussie illustrates this. The Post Office is packed with stationery, and souvenirs, and I have to pay my rent here (tho it seems to go into a National Bank account...). Yet service is poor. I bought a postcard and wanted a stamp. The lady printed out a frama label that looked like a grocery receipt. While a stamp IS a receipt, they print nice ones to encourage tourism and stamp buying. Yet she gave me an ugly bit of paper for a stamp. I asked her to swap it for a proper stamp, and she tried to argue that she'd have to reverse it through the machine...it's all computerised, so even buying a 10c stamp takes a long time as they zap it all through the machine. Why she couldn't put the frama into her stamp book to replace a similar value stamp, I don't know, but it took her 5 mins to reverse the transaction, then ring up a new one for the proper stamp, and then lick the frama onto the printed

output and frank it, like it had to be sent back to head office, or something... I know the outside frama machines in NZ give change as framas and these can be swapped for cash at any PO. Any idea how long the process here takes given my experience at a counter? So much for the advances of the computer age.

The banks aren't much better. Naturally one of the first jobs I had upon arrival was getting a bank account. There are 4 main banks in the country: ANZ, Westpac, Commonwealth and National. The first 2 operate in NZ, and the third owns the ASB in NZ. So you think it would be a cinch to get similar accounts to my ASB accounts here... wrong! The National doesn't issue credit cards to non-citizens. As a NZer, I am automatically a permanent resident when I fly in, but that cuts no ice. They also charge \$10 a pop to bank foreign cheques and say it takes 4 weeks to clear. NZ banks charge 5c and it takes 3 weeks. Yet we have a smaller and less stable currency. So why can't the Aussies do it quicker and cheaper? I went to the Commonwealth next (the only other one on campus), and they are the most country-wide of the banks. They 'only' charge \$5 per foreign cheque. I wanted to pay off my ASB visa with them too, but despite owning the ASB, they say they can't do this. I'd have to send cheques to my folks, or wire money across, or something. I can't use the phone access through my Commonwealth account to pay the Aussie-owned NZ visa... so I got a Commonwealth visa. Now the form asks for the name and address of someone they can contact if they can't get hold of you direct, ie a relative or near friend. The best would be my fols in NZ with whom I'm in contact everyday on email. But the contact must reside in australia for some reason... so obviously the reason given, to contact me urgently is not the real reason. As I didn't really know anyone here when I arrived, I was naturally averse to asking them to sign a credit card form for me... besides the fact that no one here knows where I am all the time. Savings accounts pay 0.1% interest. Yep, not 10%, not 1% but 0.1%. Crap huh? Yet the Visa interest is still around 18%, comparable to my NZ rate, whereas the savings rates in NZ are over 30 TIMES as great. Nop wonder the Aussie dollar is dropping... who'd want to save here?

There are other local banks (Bank of Melbourne, Bank of Bendigo, Bank of Adelaide) and I haven't checked them out. Never get a Mastercard though. My visa/mc regulations came in the mail. Visa converts foreign currency values to Aussie Dollars direct. MC converts them to US\$ and then to Aussie dollars. AND MC's rates are worse. They really frisk you! To make up for that, Visa charges a 1% fee (and MC may as well, I'm not sure) for all forex transactions on the card. Suckful! Visa does however seem to convert the currency faster, so you are less likely to have it put through too long after the purchase, so you can have a reasonable idea of the actual cost. MC takes longer, so you are more prone to fluctuations.

Telephone calls are expensive. Local calls cost, even from a home phone. International calls are awful! There is no IDD at the hostel, so we have to use the coin phones (ouch!!!) or buy prepaid phonecards (like in the US, where you dial in a PIN). But even these charge a 19c 'connection fee' per call, besides horrendous rates. Typically 70-80c offpeak to Nz, and \$1-\$1.10 peak. I rang Telstra to ask about their rates (not published in the phone book), and they aren't charged per minute, but per 'click'. A click is of different duration depending on destination. Thus you are charged 25c per click anywhere, but it is 20s off peak to NZ, 15s peak, and every 6s or so to India. But those aren't the exact durations, it is something like 20.3s and 14.7s for the NZ rates... making it almost impossible to calculate call cost. Telstra does seem to have 10c/min rates around the country over weekends, but we can't take advantage of these at the hostel. And there is still a 'connection fee' (read: scurrilous usury and corruption). The industry STRONGLY needs overhauling. As does the PO and the banking system. Unfortunately, as in NZ, the govt is in league with these services to rob the man in the street blind. Time was when an employee could ask for his wages to be paid in cash. Now almost all businesses will only direct credit wages, while the banks charge account fees, withdrawal fees, etc. The law needs to be changed back, to stop the banks getting fat off the sweat of the working man.

Power to the people!

#### Brandon Clarke, Auckland Dip Champs Organiser

This is the first message going out on my newly updated "NZ Diplomacy Champs" mailing list. If any of you don't want to be on this list, please advise me and I'll regretfully remove you from the list. I anticipate that there will be an update mailed to the list at least once a week every week between now and the tournament which if you haven't heard is going to be **Saturday August 29th & Sunday August 30th in central Auckland.**

The final venue is not yet settled.

Alex Hood-Brandon Clarke: I can put a note in the Otago University student newspaper if you want me to regarding the NZ champs. Just lewt me know what you want the message to be and I will organise it. Alternatively contact them yourself: [critic@stonebow.otago.ac.nz](mailto:critic@stonebow.otago.ac.nz)

Brendan says: The VDC here at unimelb has heard all about the champs and several people are interested in going if they can score cheap flights. They will probably leave it until the last minute before deciding.

#### Ulrich Schlobinski, Germany:

Since a long time I wanted to answer you, but time... the problem is that I have a little company (15 people), a wife and 2 children, make my own pbm zine ( I will send you a copy), and want to have a little bit of fun still. So we were 3 weeks on Tenerife in the Canary Islands, a nice island if you can find the places where not many people go. One of my holiday books was your zine. The copy wasn't so good. I don't know the name exactly but I think it is DiC. I read it with a lot of fascination. The first surprise was Dr Mumuni Kabiru. I got a letter from Nigeria 3 years ago. It wasn't him who wrote to me but Capt Celvin Jokolo, but the letter was the same. I've heard of a lot of German people (more than 20) who lost a lot of money in Nigeria because they believed in these letters. I'd like to read your descriptions of Thailand and Sri Lanka. A very good friend of mine was over Christmas and New Year in Chiang Mai too. The world is a village. In spite of my interest, it's not possible to play in any games at the moment. How much does it cost to enter your zine? How can I send you the money? Perhaps I'd like to read it only. But I hope your copies will be better normally. It's very difficult to read.

[[I did have problems with the printers last issue... I hope the Australian ones are better. Which issue did I send you? 77 or 76? Game entry is free to subscribers and traders. As long as you are paying for the zine, you can enter any and all games, and I hope you will.. the quiz and number games especially, which are more fun with more people. I was surprised how many of you commented on seeing the Nigerian letter before.... I knew it was a common scam but not so common! With all the forged stamps, I'm surprised we still accept Nigerian mail. I am not sure what I will charge or the zine, as I don't know printing or postage costs until I do the first issue over here... mail is based on weight here, so the postal system is far more complex than NZ. As is the banking system. I accept cash in any currency. Cheques cost \$5 to bank, so I have to find out how to best accept money from overseas. You can always send a personal cheque to my parents in any currency, and they can bank it for free and credit me the money. That is the easiest for you I think... email me and I'll let you know about cheques/money orders etc here. Talking of a global village, I had lunch with 6 people, and an aussie classmate introduced 2 as Kiwis, with the comment that being a small country, we probably had mutual friends... it turns out one was at school with me for 3 years, and we did have several mutual friends, as did our parents...scary]]

Gordon Oldfield, WA:

My job front is like a string vest - most insubstantial and not at all heart-warming. The market is dead right now and I am seriously thinking of retraining. Your journey to the East Coast put me in mind of my own trip that way in the New Year to visit relatives in Napier. I had recently read Maurice Shadbolt's "Season of the Jew" about te Kooti, so that also had some interest in the area. Apparently my great-grandparents lived in the area just north of Gisborne not long after when it was still wild country. According to the paper there will be a TV series in NZ on the Maori Wars to Te Kooti in the manner of the US Civil War series by Ken Burns. I hope it does as much justice to the subject.

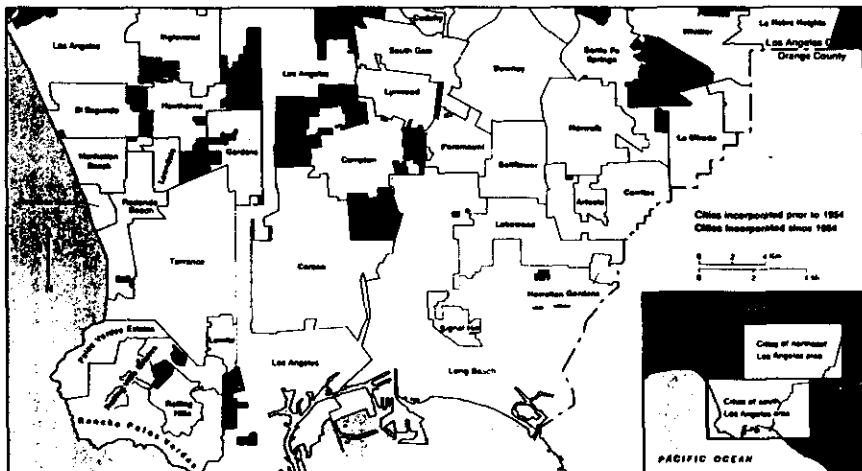
[[ My parents will be taping the tv series for me, so I'll get to check it out soon. They sent a news article on it recently, and it looks good. I have sent my Heke article to XTR, and I await their response. Keep your fingers crossed for me... I must read Shadbolt... have just finished The Path to Gallipoli, about NZ and Australia's defences prior to WW1, and the constant purse-tightening of the UK, who wanted all defences in the North Sea against Germany, not seeing a real threat to the East, although Russia, Japan, the US and France were all looked upon as threats by NZ, besides the German one... Britain refused to annex Tonga, Samoa and Papua, and the Germans took them. Defence was one reason NZ kept out of the Australian federation... we feared the Aussies would hog all the capacity and help would arrive too late if anyone did invade/raid/attack us. Hope the job thing gets better...]]

FILMS SEEN: Hitchcock's "Secret Agent" (I LOVE Peter Lorre). Slightly silly, but great Hitchcock: camera angles and use of sound. John Gielgud is sent to war-time Switzerland as a British spy, to catch a German spy. Lorre is an aristocratic Mexican womaniser, after Gielgud's 'wife' (another agent). But are they trailing the wrong man... BW, 90mins, 1936.

"Lifeboat". Another by the master, Alfred. Talulah Bankhead is a war correspondent more concerned with scoop than morality, but caught in a lifeboat with the crew off a torpedoed freighter, she and the others must get along on little water... and then the captain of the u-boat which sank them climbs in.... the u-boat was sunk by the freighter's guns simultaneously. The captain is the only one with the ability to save them all (he can sail by the stars), but can they trust him... or each other? Gripping and brutal, although the 2 women in the boat seem to keep their long hair perfect for days adrift... while the men get rapidly grotty. Like the apartment in "Rope", the single set (the lifeboat) creates a riveting claustrophobia. John Steinbeck wrote the script. BW, 90mins, 1944.

"Easy Virtue" more Hitchcock. Silent, 1927, 60mins, BW. A woman divorced from her drunken husband is married by a younger man while escaping the scandal in the south of France. But his mother dislikes the mysterious daughter-in-law her son brings home to meet the family... Societal drama that seems a little surreal given the morality today in the west (more relevant in more traditional societies like Asia nowadays). Originally a play by Maugham I believe. A sad indictment of human prejudice.

Municipal Incorporations in Southern Los Angeles County



SOPWITH Game "Breguet" Round 7

				<u>end</u>	<u>face</u>	<u>ammo</u>	<u>hp</u>	<u>vp</u>		
Dougie Bader(White)	LT	LT	A	h7	i7	12	11	7		
Hans Offermierplane(Clarke)	A	fA	LS	A	f11	f10	12	12	0	
Ivan Itchianus(A.Hood)	RT	RS	RS	i7	h7	16	12	0		
Baron von Boring(Martin)	RS	fA	LT	fR	LT	c3	b2	4	12	-3

Ivan and dougie inadvertently dodge clouds into a head-on face-off! Von boring look like he's hd enough, and Hans is left alone.

Clouds move southwest, no damage.

Roll of honour: Montgolfier, Petrie, OVP.

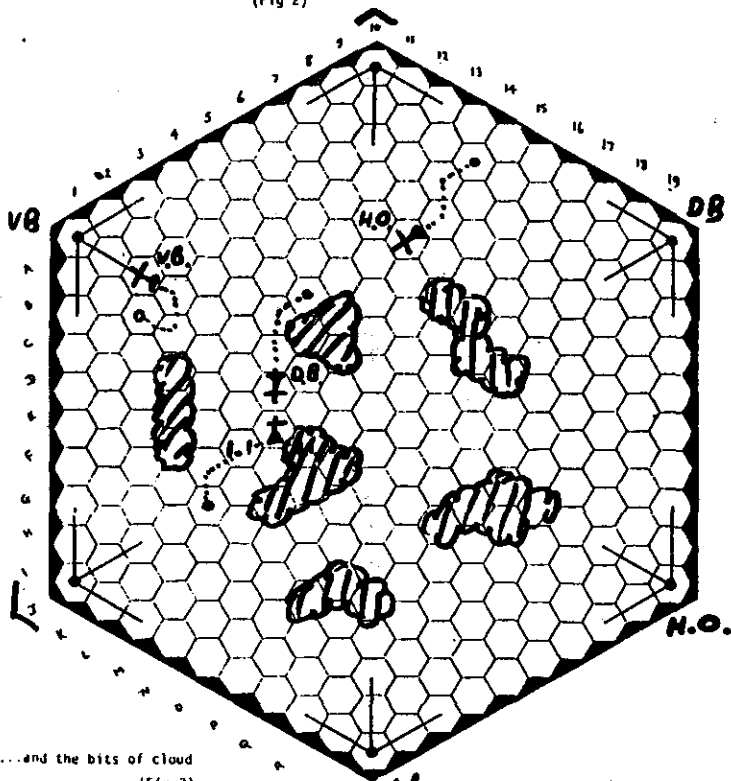
Press: Hans-all: Common?? Common!??? You vant me to come on? Vell okay come und get zome den Johnboy! Goot shootink Doggie boy! But now you find yourself betwixt two ov uss suparior Jarman aviateurs... "Guiseppe, get your shootink goggles on!

Ivan-all: Doesn't all this flying just make your buttocks sore?

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Gazfinc's Sopwith Map

(Fig 2)



...and the bits of cloud

(Fig 3)

## WOODEN SHIPS & IRON MEN Game "Ile d'Aix" Round 7

America lost a L carronade, and Romulus its 3 right guns.

FRENCH:	Crandlemire: Neptune:2	Duc de Bolognoe: 2	Conquerant:2	Provence: 2
	Martin: Ardent: 3	Jason: 3	Eveille: 3	Romulus: 2
ENGLISH:	White: America: 1	Befford: L	Adamant: 1	London: 1
	M.Hood: Royal Oak: 1	Prudent: 1	Europe: hold	Robust: 1

**Notes:** Pitt NMR'd, so his ships continue with their last orders as far as possible, but do not fire.

Romulus collides with Adamant, and both are fouled.

**Battle:** America fires on Duc but does no damage.

Romulus fires on America and does 1G damage.

Adamant fires on Romulus doing a massive 3H/2C/G.

London fires on Eveille doing H/G/C.

Befford, Eveille, Jason and Ardent wanted to fire, but were blocked.

Michael and Pitt's squadrons are not ordered to fire.

**Results:** America must lose a G, from either side. Greg please specify which, and whether a carronade (you have 1C on the right remaining, and 6G on each side).

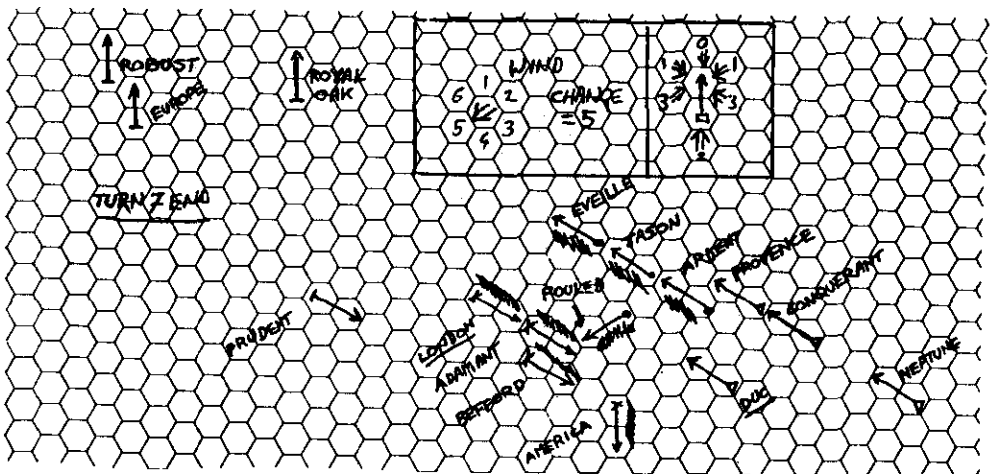
Romulus loses 1G on a side to be determined by Brad. You have 2G on the left and 1 carronade on each side remaining. Romulus strikes. Greg can board her as a prize, but NO ONE can fire upon her, and NO ONE can sail her. The prize crew can melee with any boarding crews from Brad or Pitt. The ship is worth 10 pts to Greg surrendered and 20 if captured.

Eveille takes her hits on the left side, and has 1H, 10C (3@1,4@2,3@3), 5G left, 6G right remaining

**Updated specs for orders:** unfouling if you want to try, moves, boarding parties formed, conditionals for firing (MUST be at closest ship. Specify hull or rigging if range < 6), sides for hits to be taken caused by enemy rakes, choice of gun or carronade hits on your own ships, grapple, (auto boarding by parties formed above & melee), loading.

Press: Admiral Hood, maybe the rumours of a second French fleet were false. Still, you stay up there just in case... PS Can you bring some milk and bread when you come. Thanks.

Evan Nattrass is called as a standby for Pitt Crandlemire's French.

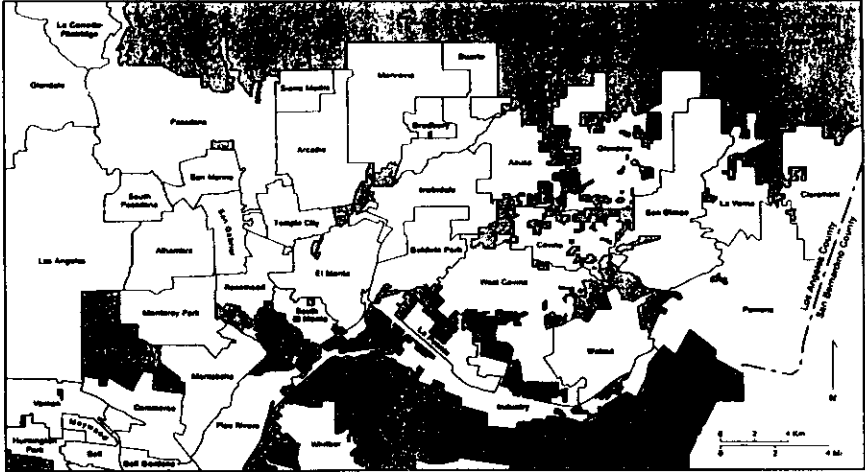


**MACHIAVELLI Game "Bergamo" Spring 1519**

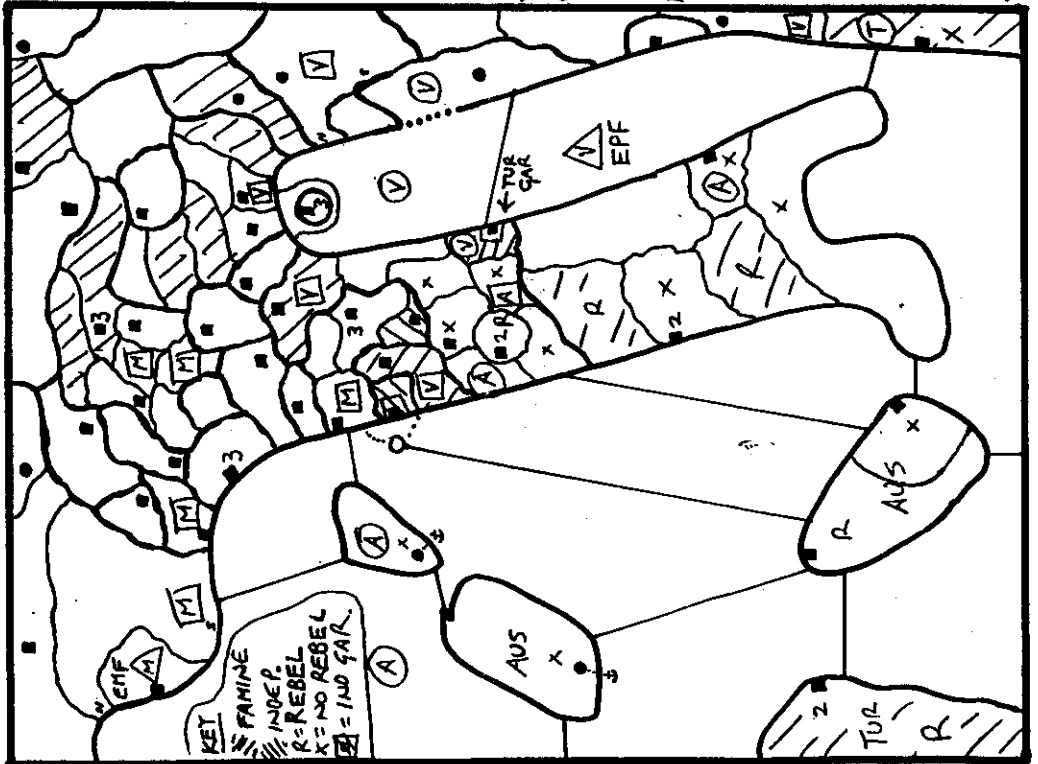
Heldover due to 3 sets of missing orders. Get your acts together you renaissance men!

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Municipal Incorporations in Northeastern Los Angeles County



CITY COUNT A:6 M:16 V:15 T:2 IND:2 REB:3 //44





BRITANNIA Game "Alban" Turn 6, A.D. 410-485

ROMANS (Nattrass) gone home

ROMANO-BRITISH(Nattrass). No population increase.

Moves: A Sky H 2A Yor-Pen A Suf-Lin 2A Sus-Dow A Wes-Dow A Wes-Ava-Hwi

BELGAE(M.Hood) Dead.

WELSH(A.Hood) Pop: 2½pt+4½ on board= 2A, but all 13 are on the board, so none. 2½Pt held over.

Moves: none

BRIGANTES(Martin) Pop: ½pt+½on board=1pt held over. Leader removed. Moves: none

PICTS(M.Hood) Dead.

CALEDONIANS(A.Hood) Pop: 1½ +1½on board = A Heb. 0 pt held over. Moves: none

IRISH(Martin) Pop:none on land. Moves: none

SCOTS(Nattrass) Pop: none on land. Moves: none

JUTES(A.Hood) Pop: 1pt +0 on board. No builds

Moves: A ENC-Sus

SAXONS(Martin) Pop: none on land.

Major invasion 1: 7A+Hengist FRI-Ess-Dow 1A FRI-Ess 3A raiders ENC-ATL-Hwi  
3A raiders ENC-Sus

Battle 1: Dow: 7 Sax+Hengist vs 3 RB. 3 RB, 2 Sax die. 5 Sax+Hengist remain

Sus: 3 Sax v 1 Jut. 1 Jut dies. 2 Sax remain in Sus, 1 Sax returns to ENG

Hwi 3 Sax v 1 RB. 1 RB dies. 2 Sax remain in Hwi, 1 Sax returns to ENG.

Major invasion 2: 2 Sax raiders ENC-Cor A Sus-Ess-Suf A Ess-Sus-Nor

4A+Hengist Dow-Wes-Dev A Dow H A Hwi-Ava A Hwi-SME-Ess A Sus H

Battle 2: Cor: 2 Sax v 1 Wel. 1 Sax, 1 Wel die. 1 Sax remains.

Dev: 4 Sax +Hengist v 2 Wel. 2 Wel, 1 Sax die. 3 Sax + Hengist remain.

ANGLES(M.Hood) Pop: 2pt on board= 2pt held over.

Moves: 2A NOR-FRI-Lin A NOR-Ber-Pen A Lot-Pen A Dun-Lot-Pen 2A Mar H

Battle: Lin: 2 Ang v 1 RB. 1 RB dies. 2 Ang remain.

Pen: 3 Ang v 2 RB. 3 Ang die. 2 RB remain.

Victory Points:

Romans(N): 44(gone home)

Belgae(MH): 2 (dead)

Brigantes(M): 9

Welsh(AH): 8

Picts(MH): 9(dead)

Caled's(AH): 6

Romano-Brits: 0

Irish(M): 4

Scots(N): 0

Jutes(AH): 5 (dead)

Saxons(M): 9+(3 dead RB@1)=12

Angles(MH): 6+(1 dead RB@1)=7

Totals: Nattrass:44+0+0=44 Martin:9+4+12=25 A.Hood:8+6+5=19 M.Hood:2+9+7=18

Turn 7: AD 485-560. 2 RB Cavalry+Arthur, Brigantes leader, 1 Irish(ATL), 3 Scot+Fergus(IRI), 4 Sax(FRI), 8 Ang(NTH), count vp.

*MAJOR INVASION*

Press: Caleds-Scots: The Caledonians have nothing against the Scottish people. They are willing to keep to themselves providing they are not harassed in Moray, the Heb's, Caithness or the Orkneys. Skye we will leave to the Scots since it seems to be so important to them.

Jutes-Saxons: Leave the poor, little, harmless Jute alone please. He is happy just to sit in Kent or the downs and not cause any trouble.

Picts: We celebrate the sudden disappearance from the highlands of the Brigantes - sic pereunt omnes traditores. Meanwhile help the ignorant romans to spell Pyrrhus correctly; he was of course a cultured Greek, not an unlettered barbarian like the romans, but you might have expected them to have got it right by now.

Angles-Saxons: The Jutish failure will give you more lebensraum in the south of what I am confident will be called Angleland. I have no claims to Ava, Dow, Sus, Wes, Ken, Cor or Dev. You get more points for Suf and Ess so they are yours. We get equal points for Mar, SME and Hwi, so you can have the latter two. I get more for Nor, so will take it. you get no ongoing points after turn 7 for Yor, Nme or che, so I will take them. You never get points for Gal, Cum, Ber, Dun, Lot, Pen or Lin, so I do not expect to see you there. I hope we can agree to avoid conflict in this manner, so that we do not weaken ourselves for the Northmen to come...

GM-ALL: the Saxons called a break this turn, and it was only fair to then let the Angles have a break to. This was done by email. In future, the only breaks allowed will be AFTER major invasions. The invaders have to do the best they can, but they have the power. The combinations are too much to foresee the aftermath, so I will let the following players know the result to that point asap and expect them to return their orders posthaste.

*BREAK AFTER SCOTS THIS TURN*  
Boats: according to the AH errata, boats allow you to make the first of your 2 moves by sea. With leaders or cavalry, you can make the first or, first and second moves by sea. OK?



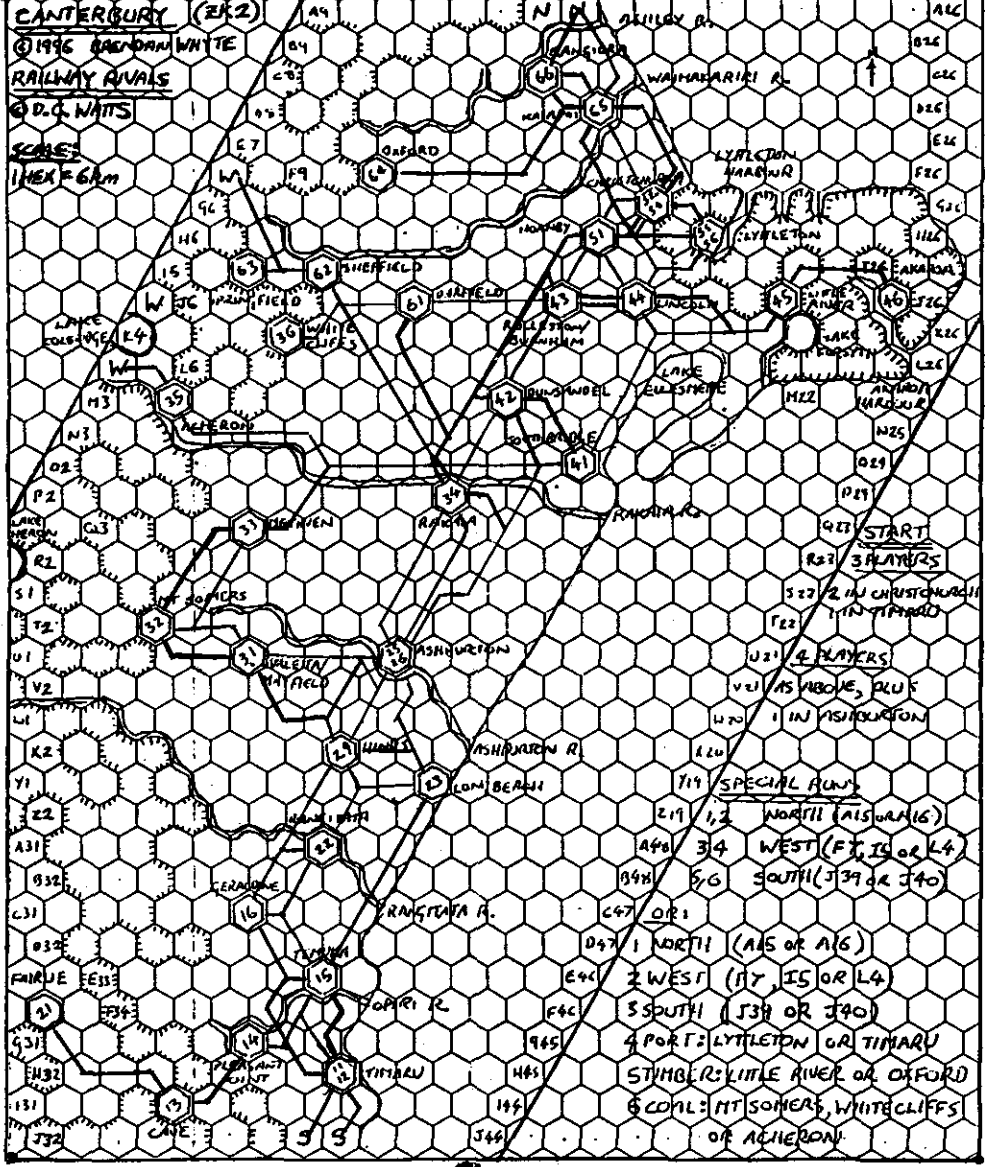
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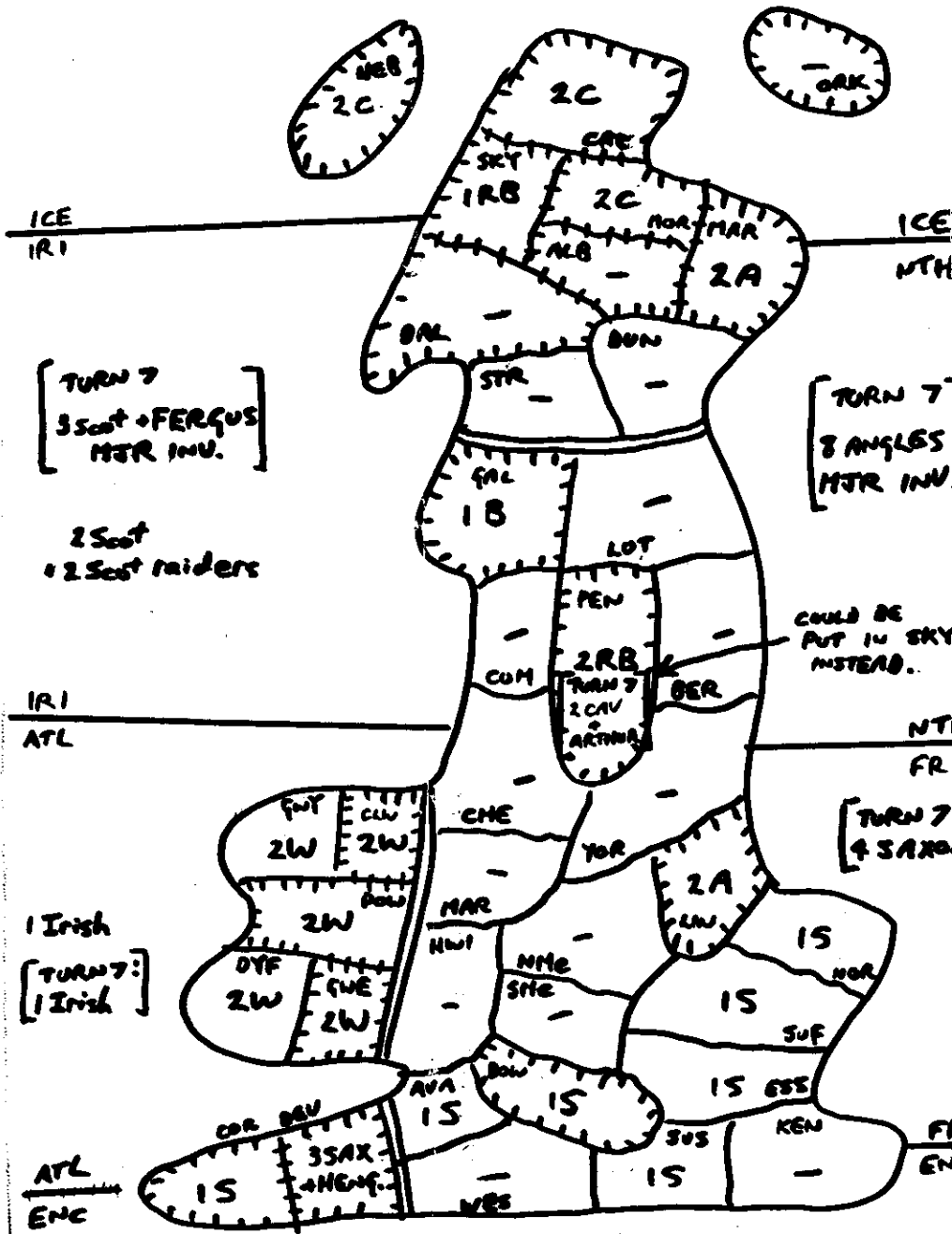
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2-4ES  
1 HEX = 6 AM



A  
B



WINTER 1898 Diplomacy Game "Bulgaria" Spring 1907

ENG (B.Quiding) F NTH S F Den H F Den S F NTH H  
 FRA (Addison) A Bur-Bel A Pie S AUS F Tri-Ven A Bel-Hol A Ruh S A Bel-Hol F ENC H  
 F Spa(sc)-WMS  
 GER (Kent) F Lpl-Wal F Edi-NTH A Nwy S F Edi-NTH(nso) F BAR S A Stp H  
 A StP S A Nwy H A Hol-Kie A Ber S A Boh-Mun A Boh-Mun A Ven-Tyr  
 AUS (White) F Gre S RUS A Rom-Bul A Ser S F Gre H F Tri-Ven A Bud-Vie A Gal-Boh  
 A Mun S A Sil H A Sil S A Mun H  
 RUS (M.Hood) A Sev-Arm A Lvn-Stp A Mos S A Lvn-StP A Rum-Bul  
 TUR (Craig) F ION-Tun F Nap-Rom A Bul-Gre F AEG S A Bul-Gre F BLA-Arm

Retreats: TUR A Bul-Con

Disbands: none

Press: none

Supply Centre info:

Neutral still(1): Tun

Home centres: ENG(Lon, Lpl, Edi)

FRA(Bre, Mar, Spa)

GER(Hol, Kie, Mun, Swe)

AUS(Ven, Tri, Vie)

RUS(Nwy, StP, Mos, Sev)

TUR(Bul, Con, Ank, Smy)

[ITA( Rom, Nap)]

[underlined = conquered]

New conquests:

ENG(Den)

FRA(Par, Por, Bel)

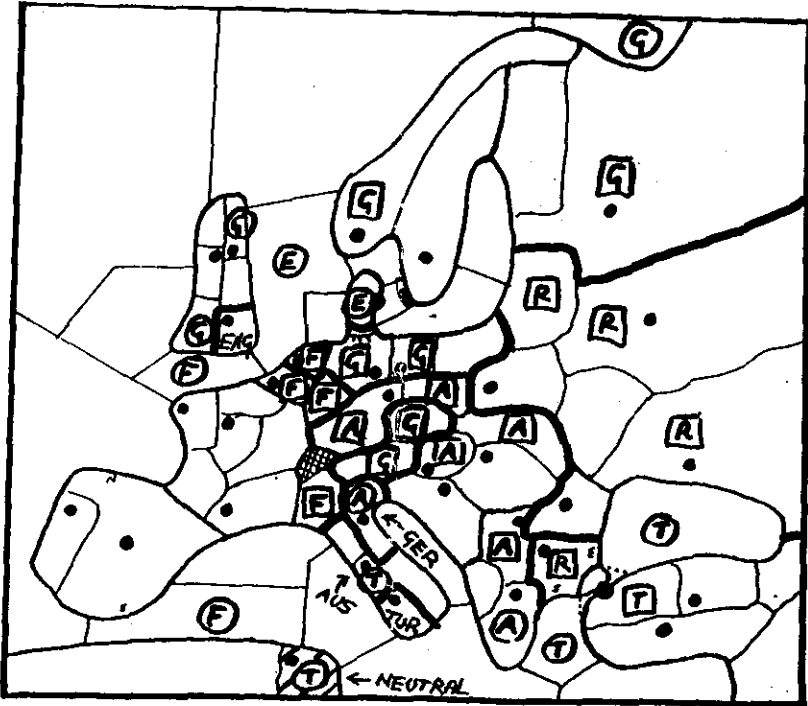
GER(Ber, Nwy, Lpl, Edi, Ven, Stp)

AUS(Mun, Rom, Bud, Ser, Gre)

RUS(War, Rum)

TUR(Nap)

[underlined = someone else's home centre]





DIPLOMACY Game "Burgundy" Spring 1911

Errata: ENG A Pru was left off the map inadvertently. Everyone was notified by email.

ENG (White) F Lpl-IRI F Lon-ENC A Edi-Nwy F NTH C A Edi-Nwy F GOB S A Den-Swe  
A Den-Swe A Pru-Lvn F Par-MIA(nso) A Bur H F Bre-Mar(nso)  
ITA(M.Hood) F Tun-WMS F Rom-TYS F Nap S F Rom-TYS A Ser H A Tri S A Ser H A Gre H  
A Alb S A Gre H A Bud H A Vie S A Bud H  
RUS (Martin) A Swe-Den  
TUR (Addison) A StP-Lvn A Arm-Sev A Ank-Arm A Bul-Ser A Rum-Bud A Gal-Vie A Sil-Boh  
F BLA H F AEG-Gre F Smy-EMS F Por-Spa(sc) F GOL H

Retreats: RUS A Swe-Fin      Disbands: none

Press: RUS-TUR: I await your response. If positive, support my A Fin-Nwy in the autumn.  
ENG-no one in particular: You may, if it please you, consider our nations at war. I shall, as of next turn, begin the summary destruction of your forces and ability to resist.

**Tourist trap**

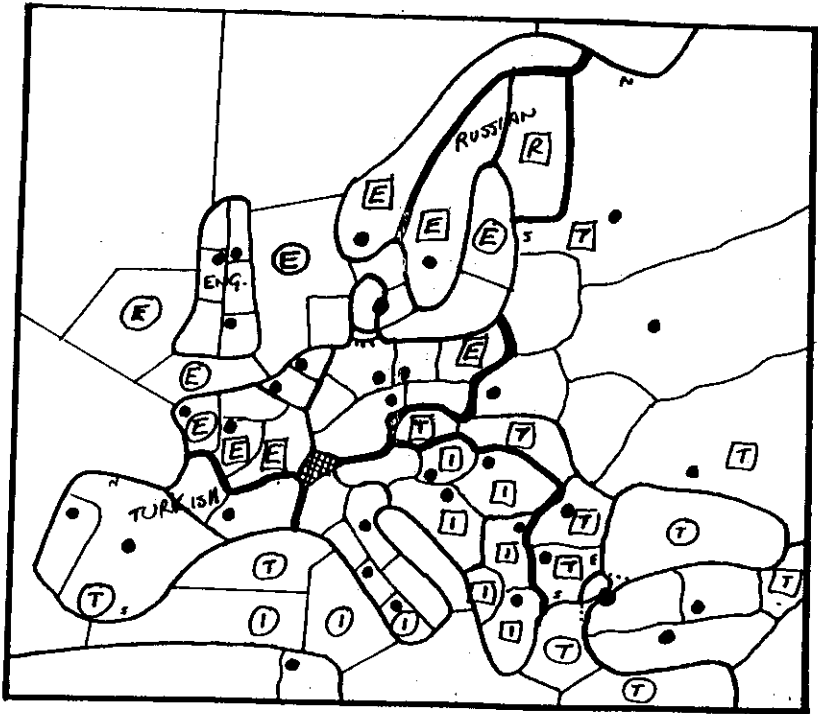
AFTER years of unoffical pages, Australia's favorite yeast-based food product, Vegemite, has its own Web page ([www.vegemite.com.au/](http://www.vegemite.com.au/)). Not only can you find along to the extract's legendary theme song, you can cook a range of dishes involving Vegemite.

Debra, you, expecting culinary delights such as Vegemite on Toast, Cheese and Vegemite Sandwiches, Squishing Vegemite Between Two Vils-vents To Create Little Worms With The Holes In The Biscuit, and the classic Treating Unruly Tourists Into Taking a Teaspoon of Vegemite In One Mouthful.

We were disappointed to find only 10-minute, Baked Beef Stir Fry, Baked Vegetable Quiches and Baked Chicken Wing Baked, in which the spread essentially plays the role of a beef stock cube.

We expect Vegemite to get its act together — and soon!

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GUNBOAT Diplomacy Game "Bohemia" \* Spring 1918

ENG F Den S F Kie-BAL F Kie-BAL A Hol-Kie A Lon-Nwy F NTH C A Lon-Nwy  
 F SKA S A Lon-Nwy A Swe-Fin A StP S A Swe-Nwy(nso) A Bur S A Bel-Ruh A Bel-Ruh  
 F MAO-Naf F Lpl-IRI  
 ITA F WMS-Tun F TYS-ION F Nap-Apu A Ven S A Pie-Tyr A Rom S F Nap-Apu A Pie-Tyr  
 AUS A Vie-Gal  
 RUS A Lvn-Mos F BAL-Ber A Fin-StP A Boh-Gal A Mun H  
 TUR F Rum H A Bud-Vie A Ser S F Tri H F Tri S A Apu-Ven F ADR S A Apu-Ven A Apu-Ven  
 F AEG S F ION H F ION S F Tun H F Tun S F Naf H F Naf S F Tun H

retreats: ITA A Ven-Tus disbands: none

Press: Mos-Con: If we wish to hold a stalemate line then I will need Mos, War & Sev and you will need to capture Vie and all ITA. If my A is in Gal, I will support your A into Vie. If you have moved into my territory you will probably lose to ENG. I will need TUR A's in forward positions soon.

Mos-Lon: Permission denied! Out of interest, who apart from the Swedes has been successful from North to South? Also the Huns, Mongols etc would be most miffed to hear their East-West invasions were unsuccessful. Ps, you wouldn't go back on your word and cross our defined border would you, mature legume?

E-I: Buon giorno, I am now turning the TUR flank, so that this fall I will cut its support of tunis and you can then take it.

E-R: You did take rather a long time to come to terms; if next season you make no anti-ENG move then there will be peace between us along the existing lines of battle.

E-A: Greuss Gott, I was right to think the RUS (not a very intelligent officer class) would try for Berlin; if you have moved into Tyr I will support you into Mun this fall, and we will begin to roll them back city by city.

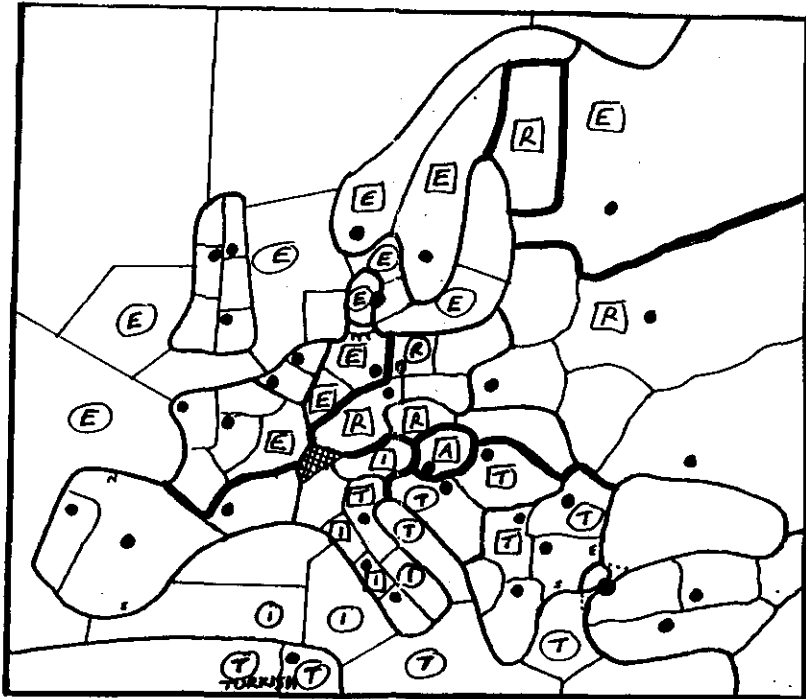
Old proposals: 1) 4Y, 1N 2) 4Y, 1N 3) 3Y, 2N

New proposals: 1) E1, T2, I3, R4, A5. 2) ERITA 1=.

3) ET 1=, IR 3=, A5.

4) E1, T2, R3, I4, A5.

Please vote on these with your next orders.





### QUIZ (Round 8):

For the record, from round 7, Brandon also mentioned Egypt, as well as David C.

Round 7 Questions: define:

1) Waterloo

Battle of 18/6/1815, Napoleon's final defeat. Hence the name of an Abba song, towns in Iowa and other places, and a RR station in London.

Stimmel, A.Hood, Martin, Addison, Charlton, Howell, Clarke, White: ½ pt each.

2) Peterloo

Popular name for the massacre engendered by the decision of a magistrate to use Hussars to suppress a worker's demonstration in St Peter's field, Manchester, 16/8/1819. 11 people were killed and several hundred injured.

Addison, Charlton, Clarke, White, Martin, Howell: ½ pt each.

3) Bakerloo

A tube line in London, the name coming from Waterloo Station and Baker St.

A.Hood, Addison, Chalton, Clarke, Howell: ½ pt each.

4) (Lanter)loo

A card game of the euchre family popular last century.

Addison, Charlton, Clarke, Howell: ½ pt each.

5) Coalsack

A 'hole' in the Milky way, in the Southern Cross, caused by the presence of a dark nebula, blocking the light of the stars behind.

Stimmel, Addison, Charlton, Martin, Howell: ½ pt each.

6) Vegesack

Part of Bremen, Germany, a village just north of the city, on the Weser.

Addison, Clarke, Howell: ½ pt each.

7) Woolsack

The seat of the Lord Chancellor in the House of Lords, UK, with a backrest but no arms, stuffed with wool, to remind him that England's economy was based on wool (when first used under Edward III).

Addison, Charlton, Clarke, Martin, Howell: ½ pt each.

David asks me about Twigloo, but I must plead ignorance... David?

Standings: Clarke 17.5 Charlton 15.75 Addison 10.5 White 8.75 Crandlemire 8.25 Howell 7.5 Martin 6.25  
M.Hood 2.5 A.Hood 2 Petrie, Stimmel 1.5

### Round 8 Questions:

1 What became of Harold Holt?

2 & 3 Most Australian state boundaries on land are straight lines of latitude or longitude. Where is this not so and how is the boundary defined?

4 According to projections, which will be the 4<sup>th</sup> largest Australasian urban area by August this year?

5 In order, which will be the top 3, and the 5<sup>th</sup>?

BONUS: Where is the current population centre of NZ (ie the geographic midpoint of population). Name the location, or use lat. and long.

Second (non-scoring) bonus: Does anyone know where I can find this out for Australia? Are there historical calculations of it?

2pts for a sole correct answer, 1pt each for 2 people sharing the answer, 1/2 pt each for >2 people.

### WAITING LISTS:

RoboRally: Petrie, Crandlemire, Natrass, Clarke, Martin 3 more (ownership useful but unnecessary)

Diplomacy: Addison, White, Natrass, Clarke, *L.Quiding* 2 more needed

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

Vain Rats Diplomacy: Petrie, Addison, White, *L.Quiding* 3 more needed. Rules sent when full.

Fog Of War Diplomacy: White, Clarke, *L.Quiding* 4 more needed. Rules DtC71.

St Paul's Journeys: Craig, Charlton, Crandlemire, Natrass, Martin, *L.Quiding*. FULL

This will not start until I get space, and my games arrive by ship. Rules sent later.

Maharaja: Martin(A), Crandlemire(C), Petrie(D, needs rules), Natrass(B, needs rules). FULL

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Sopwith: Crandlemire, Addison, Clarke 3 more needed

Bonnie Brae/Brighton Ave: Send in your numbers.

Banbury Merton St: Send in your numbers.

Quiz: Send in your answers!!!

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**RAILWAY RIVALS Game "Ashburton" 1483CB, Canterbury, Economic rules, Round 11**

Held over due to Bien's missing orders. CB: email me asap.

Monies: Name	Start	Payments in	Tender profits	Builds		Balance
				out	in	
ICH	260	+3	42	--	+1	306
KIWI	197	+10	23	--	--	230
SIR	147	+8	64	-6	--	225

Round 11 Contracts: 14/Pleasant Point-51/Hornby ; 15/Temuka-41/Southbridge ;  
22/Rangitata-63/Springfield ; 21/Fairlie-Sp2/West(F7/15/L4) ; 34/Rakaia-45/Little River ;  
31/Valetta-Sp5/Timber(Little River/Oxford) ; 55/Lyttleton-65/Kaiapoi

There is no minimum run length in this version of Economic rules.

Enter any or all, then build up to \$4 including all payments to rivals, ready for final round 12.

**RAILWAY RIVALS Game "Aliwal North" 1482SA, South Africa, Racing rules, Round 12**

Note: I entered ZEX in appropriate races, rather than hold the last turn over.

12-41: 1) ZEX \$13 2) Boer \$8 3) Sko \$5 4) CON \$4 13-65: no entrants. Too bad.  
21-54: 1) CON/Sko JR \$4 each 2) Bore \$9 3) ZEX \$5 22-Sp1: 1) Sko \$20 2) Bore \$10  
34-51: 1) Bore \$13 2) CON \$8 3) Boer \$5 4) ZEX \$4 35-Sp5: 1) Bore \$30  
45-62: 1) Boer \$20 2) Sko \$10

Monies: Name	Start	Rivals/races		Race wins	Balance
		in	out		
BOERING	193	+5	-6	33	193
BORE	333	+1	-9	62	333
Skokian	149	+12	-10	43	149
CONTS	251	+10	-5	20	251
ZEX	256	+10	-8	22	256

The Winner is Brad Martin and his company BORE. Well done. ZEX second, and CONTS third. One run was not raced due to no entries, and no one was connected enough to do it. As it would not make any difference to the placings, it would be silly to hold it over for another round, as the only difference it will make is if CONTS made it as a joint run with anyone but ZEX, and that will only juggle 2<sup>nd</sup> and third places. So game over, and your placings will be sent to Tony Robbins for the world rankings.

**BANBURY MERTON STREET Round 2 (lowest unduplicated integer >0)**

White, A.Hood 1 ; Charlton, Addison, Natrass, Clarke 3. NO WINNERS!

Name	Pts
Charlton	1

ANYONE CAN PLAY: JUST SEND ME A NUMBER. The game lasts 10 rounds.

**BRIGHTON AVENUE Round 1 (closest to median of integer entries >0)**

Addison 5; Charlton 8; White 9 ; A.Hood 10; Natrass 12; Clarke 17.

The 2 winners get 0.5 each under A, and a point each under B.

Name	A	B
A.Hood	0.5	1
White	0.5	1

ANYONE CAN PLAY: JUST SEND ME A NUMBER. The game lasts 10 rounds.

**STANDBYS:** WS&IM: Natrass, Clarke Sopwith: Crandlemire Dip: Lurz RR: Stimmel, Natrass.

Natrass called for Crandlemire's French ships in WS&IM.

Lurz called for Ita or Aus in Brest.

Stimmel and Natrass called for Bien and Crandlemire in 4 and 3 railroad games respectively.

If anyone needs maps, rules, etc, see me asap.

BONNIE BRAE Round 1 (closest to mean of integer entries  $0 < x < 1000$ )

Addison 99; Charlton 299; White 312; Natrass 345; Clarke 377; A.Hood 999.

n=6, mean = 405.167 ; Brandon grabs it!

<u>Name</u>	<u>A</u>	<u>B</u>
Clarke	1	1

As in Brighton Ave, System A is 1 point split between all winners of that round, B is one point per winner.

ANYONE CAN PLAY: JUST SEND ME A NUMBER. The game lasts 10 rounds.

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RAILWAY RIVALS Game "Auckland" 1590WK Waikato map, Set-up round

Round 1 rolls: 5,5,2

Held over due to Crandlemire and Bien's missing orders.

Auckland: Bien, BIEN= Bien's International Express Network, yellow ;  
Charlton, RRB= Rugby, Racing and Beer, purple  
Hamilton: Irving, ENZED= Equatorial NZ Mobilisation & Development, green  
Thames: Crandlemire, WAINOT= Waikato National Overland Tracks Network, orange  
Tauranga: von Metzke, MARMITE= Many a Rail Magnate Injured The Environment, black  
Rotorua: Martin, HST= Hot Springs Trains, blue

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RAILWAY RIVALS Game "Alexandra" 1591OT Otago-Southland map, Set-up round

Round 1 rolls: 3,5,5

Held over due to Bien and Crandlemire's missing orders.

Invercargill: Bien, BIEN= Bien's International Express Network, yellow ;  
Martin, SOUTH= Southern Otago Universal Transport Holdings, blue ;  
von Metzke, DYSPEPSIA= Do You Suppose People Eating People Sometimes Is  
Acceptable (that's it, he's cracked... no one cross his tracks!!! - ed), black  
Dunedin: Crandlemire, GOGO= Gotta Go Otago Railways , orange  
Oamaru: Irving, OHNO= Otago Highlands - Northern Operations, green ;  
Charlton, BOS= Bluff Oyster Special, purple

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RAILWAY RIVALS Game "Aschersleben" 1592HL Hannover-Leipzig map, Set-up round

Round 1 rolls: 5,4,6

Held over due to Crandlemire and Bien's missing orders.

Hannover: Martin, RAUS= Rapid Area Universal Service, blue ;  
Irving, DWEEB= Der Wienerschnitzel Express Eisenbahn, green  
Halle: Crandlemire, HELL= Hannover Express Leipzig Lines, orange ;  
Charlton, DGSE= Dangerous Goods & Services Express (not tax then? -ed), purple  
Kassel: Bien, BIEN= Bien's International Express Service, yellow

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