

THE GO-BETWEEN



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As you all know by now that frantic rush mentioned in "and the worm turns" was all to no avail as our printers were closed. The intervening week allowed some reflection about our hopes for the Go Between. Most of all I would like to achieve David's wish that The Missing Tiger via the Go Between and The Hunted Star becomes number 1 in the PBM magazine field in Australia.

We will become number one by a number of different paths, the most of important of which is our service to readers. As we suggest with Return From Sirius we want to hear all compliments, complaintants, suggestions etc. The second path to the top is having a continous supply of good articles (so all you previous contributors keep your quills flowing across the parchments and all you potential super scribes get to it.....please). The third path is through a gradual expansion in players, the wider the pool of players the more challanging and refreshing each new game will be for all of us.

Some questions that we would like some answers to :

1. Would you like to see other games run in the magazine?
If so which ones?
2. Are there things you wouldn't like to see in your magazine, such as deep and meaningful polemics between new conservatives and the occassional greenie loving neo trotskists....or nude snoopy centrefolds.....or Return From Sirius Easter vouchers?
3. Would you like us to add an international elemental to some games i.e., recruit players from Tasmania or Western Australia and other places ?
4. What is England seistaing in Spain for in 84-E?

Well adios for now.

Rich



CYCLOPS the last)

To all subscribers I wish a merry (tho' belated) christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year. This is my last time as Editor and Super G.M. (a title I have greatly enjoyed). From now on the 'zine will be published in Tasmania by The Missing Tiger with new editors, Rick Snell and John Campell. There has been a merger between the two magazines although the new editors keep using the word take-over.

'84 has been a good year for TG-B. We have gained new subscribers consistently through the year without advertising. We have managed to start a hell of a lot of games and apart from have dismal success in adhering to deadlines have had no real problems.

Thanks to the following people for their contributions during the year: Daryl Kibble, Paul Mellor, Graham Lockwood, Daryl Kibble, Alexander Geissman, Duncan Baxter, Daryl Kibble, Cameron Thomas, Darryl Davis, Daryl Kibble, Bill Brown, Mark Haughey, and of course, Daryl Kibble.

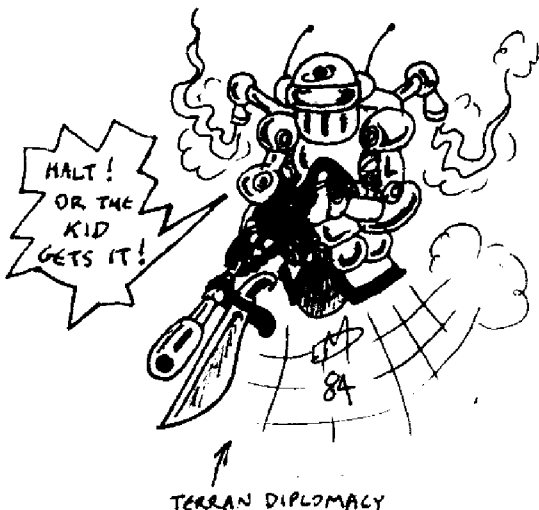
And The Worm Turns.....

Where to start? As David warned the Missing Tiger a.k.a. Rick Snell, John Campbell and friends have taken on (is 'over' one of those four letter words?) the publishing of the Go-Between.

Please forgive any ramblin thoughts, David managed to get the raw bulk of the magazine to us 16 hours before the printing deadline, and I am perched in the kitchen banging this out while our commandered typing staff (Donna & Joanne) are in the

office working on the Apricot and the faithful royal. Denise is drawing cyclops, John is in Sydney, Esther is baby sitting - welcome to the world of the Missing Tiger.

I hope we can keep the magazine up to David's standards and out on a six week schedule, which will give players four weeks to conduct diplomacy and get their moves into the gamemasters.



The Year In Review

A.W.H.C. - This game was adopted as it had been orphaned. Mark Haughey (G.M.) has brought the game back to life. The most exciting and interesting game I've ever been in.

83-A. The G.M. should be shot. Its Fall 1905 and 6 countries still vie for honours. Two players have been replaced but the conflict continues.

84-A - No problems. Everything happens smoothly and Daryl Kibble is about to be eliminated.

84-B - For some reason this game has been plagued by players not submitting orders. Please - if you don't want to be in it let the G.M. know so he can find replacement players.

84-C - After a slow start Greg Barnsley has become a real threat in this game. Again N.M.R.s can spoil the game.

84-D - Dean, you will have to send orders to the G.M. in future. This game could take a long time to finish as all powers are holding their own. There is more action concerning the dispute over the use of the imperial eagle in the crests.

84 - E - This is the battle of the heavyweights (Cox, Kibble, Thomas, Snell, Clarkin and Vilarino the Gullible). As Cameron Thomas said, "Will Cox do anything?"

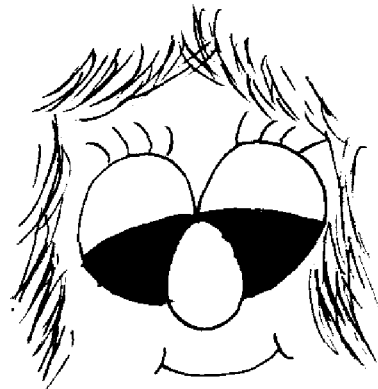
84-F - The most recent game introduces some new names to the contest and shows that Mark Haughey should remain a G.M. and leave negotiations to the experts.

Machiavelli - at the moment it looks as though the winner will be the jewish money-lenders as all players are borrowing even beyond the hilt. My favourite incident so far has been when one player borrowed a large sum of ducats at 50% interest to lend to his ally who then used the money to attack the person who gave it to him.

Origins - It all started when everyone except England tried to pick on Germany. ~~Germany~~

Kingmaker - do we run Kingmaker in this 'zine?

May The Missing Tiger replace The Go-Between as Australia's premier PBM magazine.



RUSSIA - Clarkin	BRITAIN= Selfe
A Warsaw Hold	F Norwegian-Norway
A St Petersburg Hold	F Nth Sea S Rus. Swe-Den
A Sweden-Denmark	A Yorkshire Hold
F Baltic Disband	F Belgium S Fr. Bur-Ruh (NSO)
F Skagerak Disband	F English Ch. S Belgium
A Tyrolea-Munich	
A Silesia S Tyr-Mun	Turkey = Hopkins
	F Mid At.-Nth. Atlantic
GERMANY - Thomas	<u>A Budapest-Trieste</u>
A <u>Denmark-Sweden</u> (retreat kiel)	A Galacia S Rum-Ukr
F Heligoland S Holland	A Ukraine-Mosco
A Holland S Ruh-Bel	A Moscow-LIVONIA
<u>A Ruhr-Belgium</u>	A Sevastopol S Ukr-Mos
A Munich-Berlin	A Armenia-Rumania
	F Black Sea C Arm-Rum
FRANCE = Mellor	A Rumania-Ukraine
F Breast S Bur-pic	
A Burgundy-Picardy	ITALY = Kibble
A Gascony-Burgundy	<u>6 A Vienna-Trieste</u>
A Marsellies s Gas-Bur	A Venice-Tyrolia
	A Piedmont S Ven6Tyr
	F TuinsEstern med.
	F Western Med.
	F Spain (s.c) S Wes-Mid

ADJUSTMENTS

RUSSIA: St.p; ~~Mos~~; ~~Mos~~; Swe; vie; war; den; mun = Status QUO
 3Germany; Ber; Kie; ~~Mun~~; Hol; ~~Den~~ = 2 Disbandments
 4France; Par; Mar; ~~Spa~~; Por; Bre = Zero Change
 5Britain; Lon; liv; edi; ~~Bel~~; Nor = NIL ADJUSTMENT
 6Turkey; Con; Smy; Ank; Bul; Rum; Ser; Bud; Sev; ~~Wax~~; Mos = 0⁺
 8Italy; Rom; Nap; Tun; Tri; Gre; Ven; Vie; Spa = 2 Builds

RUSSIA - Clarkin
 A Warsaw Disband
 A St Petersburg Disband

★ DIPLOMACY RESULTS ★

RE : DIPLOMACY 84-A RESULTS

SPRING 1904

ENGLAND (0) Connor
The King is dead!

FRANCE (9) Brown
F WES - MID
* F BRE - ENG
F BEL - NTH
F EDI S F BEL - NTH
A BUR - BEL
A PIC S A BUR - BEL
* A MAR - BUR
A GAS S A MAR - BUR
A LON hold

GERMANY (6) Hopkins
F DEN - SKA
F SWE S F DEN - SKA
A RUH - HOL
A PRU - WAR
A SIL S A PRU - WAR
* A MUN S (AUS) A VIE - TYR

TURKEY (1) Kibble
F BLA - CON

RUSSIA (4) Clarkin
A SYR Disbands
F NOR - SKA
A WAR hold Retreat to LIV
A UKR S A WAR Disbands
A MOS S A WAR

AUSTRIA (7) Davis
A RUM - UKR
A SEV S A RUM - UKR
A GAL S (GER) A PRU - WAR
A VIE - TYR
A BUD - TRI
A SER S A BUD - TRI
F BUL(EC) S (TUR) F BLA - CON

ITALY (7) NMR Lockwood
F EAS hold
A ANK hold
A GRE hold
F ION hold
F TUN hold
* A VEN hold
* F NAP hold

* Builds
○ Failed moves
(7) Number of Supply Centres
NMR No Moves Received

Paul Mella.



Survival of the FittestRUSSIA (Darryl the Terrible)

A Gal-Vie
 A Boh S Gal-Vie
 A Rum-Bud
 F Bla-Con
 A Ukr-War
 F Swe S F Den (Ger)

TURKEY Jon the Just)
 A Ser S Rum-Bud (Rus)
 F Aeg-Eas
 F Smy S Aeg-Eas
 F Con-Aeg
 F Bul S Con-Aeg
 A Gre-Alb

ITALY (Wayne the Wonderful)

A Ven S Bud-Tri (Aus)
 A Pie S Vie-Tyr (Aus)
 F Alb-Adr
 F Ion-Tyr
 F Eas-Ion

ENGLAND (Terry the Troublemaker)

F Mid-Por
F Liv-Iri
 F Eng-Mid
 F Nwg-Nth Sea

GERMANY (Geoff the Incomprehensible) A Pic S Ruh-Bur (N.S.O.)

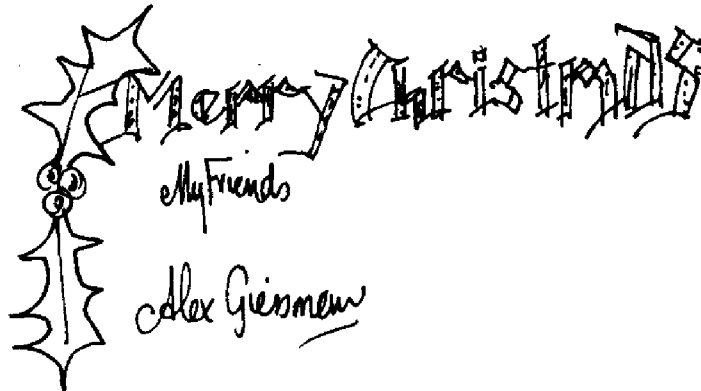
F Den H
 A Bur H
 A Mun H
 A Ruh H
 A Hol H

FRANCE (Duncan the Puppet)

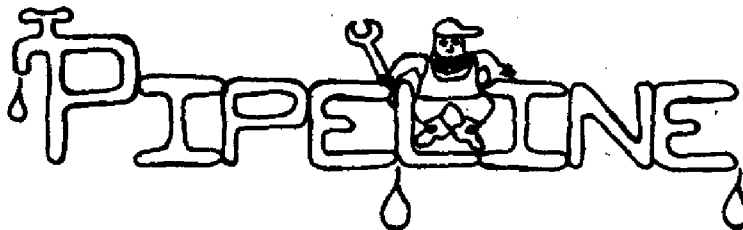
F Iri H
 F Pic H
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AUSTRIA (Mark the Unconquerable)

A Vie-Tyr
 A Bud-Tri

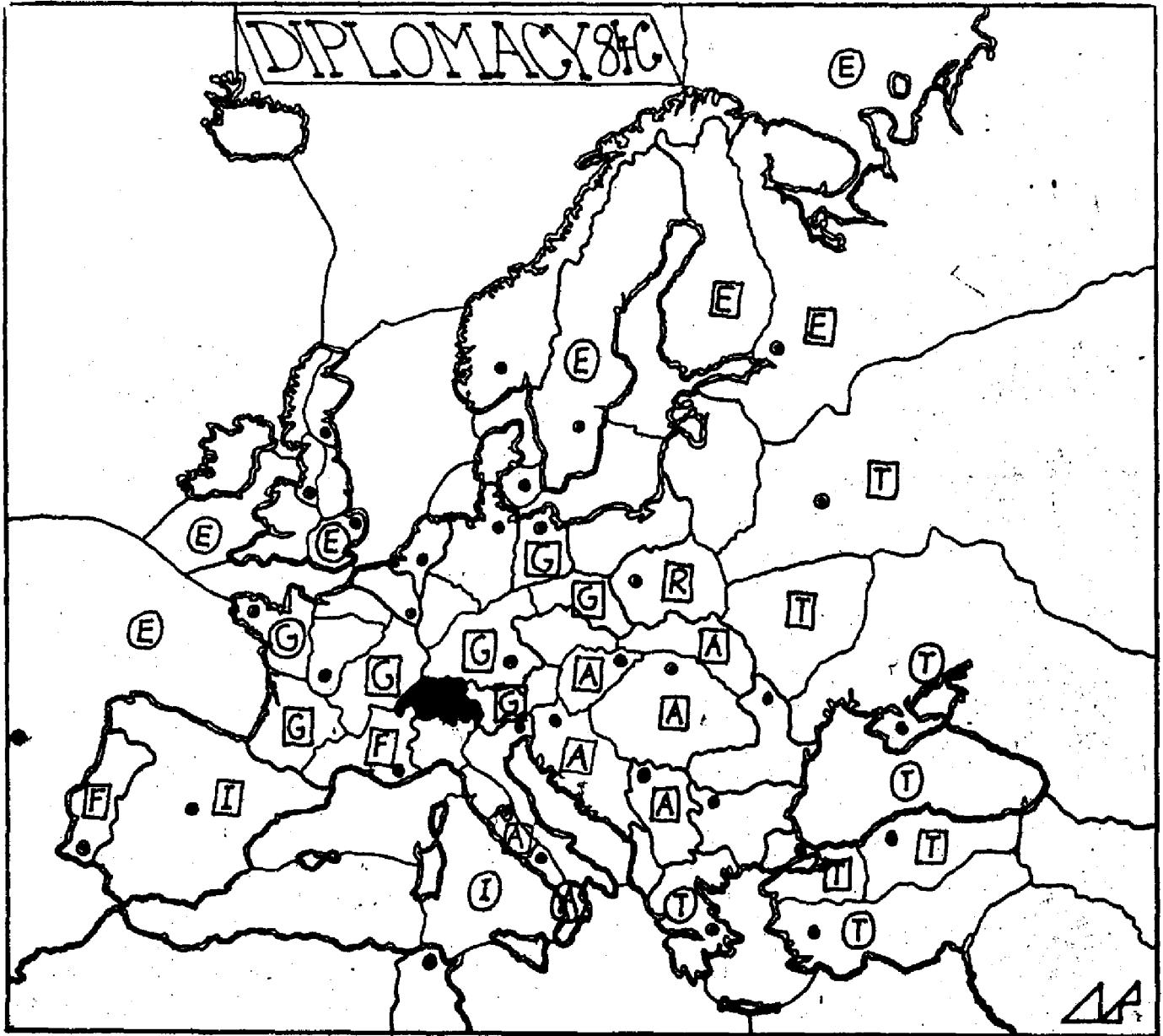


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Diplomacy 85-I Tait Bedlington and David Cox
 David Cox requires the services of 5 dupes.

DIPLOMACY 810



SPRING 1903 - FALL

- Austria (Schacht): A VEN-ROM, A GAL-WAR, A BUD-SER, F APD-NAP
- England (Kibble): A STP-MOS, A FIN-STP, F BAR-S A FIN-STP, F DEN-SWE, F ENG-MID, F IRI-S F ENG-MID
- France (Geissman): NMR (Disbands A GAS due to retreat with no orders)
- Germany (Francis): F BRE-S A PAR-GAS, A PAR-GAS, A BUR-MAR, A MUN-TYR, A KIE-BER, A SIL-S Russian A WAR
- Italy (Staunton): NMR
- Russia (Matthews): A WAR-H, F BOT-STP(sc), A LIV-S F BOT-STP(sc)
- Turkey (Barnsley): A SEV-MOS, A UKR-S A SEV-MOS, F BLA-H, F ION-GRE, F RUM-SEV
- Aus: VIE, TRI, BUD, VEN, ROM, NAP, (7/4 builds A VIE, A TRI, A BUD)
- Eng: EDI, LPL, LON, NWY, SWE, DEN, STP (7/6 builds F LON)
- Fra: ~~BRE~~, ~~NAR~~, ~~SPA~~, POR (2/3 disbands F WES)
- Ger: KIE, BER, MUN, HOL, BEL, PAR, BRE (7/6 builds A MUN)
- Ita: ~~ROM~~, ~~NAP~~, TUN, SPA (2/3 disbands F LYO)
- Rus: ~~STP~~, WAR, ~~MOS~~, ~~SEV~~ (1/3 disbands A LIV, F BOT)
- Tur: CON, ANK, SMY, RUM, BUL, MOS, SEV, GRE (8/5 builds F SMY, A CON, A ANK)

GAME-MASTER'S COMMENT:

NMR's allowed some spectacular successes this turn. My apologies to Germany, who assures me he can be trusted. Next deadline is 23rd December.

-Duncan Baxter-

DIPLMACY A.W.H.C.

Spring 1907 Campaign Results.

RUSSIA (Cox) A Nor S AUSTRIAN A Bud-Edi; F Bot-Bal;

A Liv-Pru; A Arm-Smy; F Den-Nth;

A War S AUSTRIAN A Gal-Sil; A Sev-Arm.

AUSTRIA (Reilly) A Tyr-Vie; A Boh S Bud-Gal;

A Gal-Ukr; A Bud-Gal; A Bul-Con;

A Rum S A Gal-Ukr; F Con-Bla.

FRANCE (Thomas) A Hol H; A Bel-Pic; F Mid-Por;

A Mar H; A Bur S A Mar; F Bre-Gas;

F Lon S RUSSIAN F Den-Nth (Retreats Yor).

ITALY (Mellor) A Spa-Gas; F Wes-Spa(S.C); A Pie-Mar;

A Ven-Tyr; F Gre-Aeg; A Rom-Tus;

F Nap-Tyr Sea.

ENGLAND (Barnsley) F Nth-Ion; F Wal S F Nth-Ion.

TURKEY (Kibble) F Ank-Con.

GERMANY (Shipp) A Sil-Ber; A Mun H; A Kie H.

The new GERMAN player is Myron Shipp, Unit 12,
No 1 Mowatt st., Queenbeyan, NSW.

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M Haughey
(M Haughey)

DIPLMACY 84-D

SPRING 1903

Cameron Thomas

ENGLAND (Collister)

F Eng - Mid

F NAf - S F Eng - Mid

F Bel Hold

A Nor Hold

F Nth S F Bel

FRANCE (Hallett)

A Bur S F Pic - Bel

F Pic - Bel

A Par S A Gas - Bre

A Gas - Bre

F Bre - Mid

RUSSIA (S. Szabo) NMR

A Ukr Hold

F StP(nc) Hold

A War Hold

F Rum Hold (*Disbands*)

F Bot Hold

GERMANY (Mortensen)

A Mun - Bur

A Kie - Ruh

A Hol S A Kie - Ruh

A Ber S Sil - War

A Sil - War

F Swe - Bot

ITALY (P. Cox)

A Ven - Tri

A Tyl S A Ven - Tri

F Adr - Alb

F Ion S F Adr - Alb

AUSTRIA (Hudson)

A Vie S Bud

A Bud S Vie

A Ser - Bul

F Gre S A Ser - Bul

A Tri - Alb (retreat Ser)

TURKEY (Bedlington) NMR

A Arm ~~Hold~~ F Bla ~~Hold~~

↓
Sev.

S
Bul-Rum

A Con ~~Hold~~

↓
Bulgaria

A Bul ~~Hold~~ (*Disbands*)

↓
Rumania

G.M. COMMENTS....

Two NMRs does not produce a high standard game. Hopefully it will improve...

But to hell with the game.. there is more action with the continuing dispute between Russia and Germany, over the use of the eagle in the Imperial Heraldry. And it has only just started..

Cameron.

DIPLOMACY 84-E

DARRYL DAVIS

FALL 1902

GERMANY (Szabo)

F NTH - ENG
F HEL - NTH
A KIE - HOL
***A MUN S (TUR) A BUL - BER
***A BEL S (TUR) A BUL - BER
***A DEN S (TUR) A BUL - BER

FRANCE (Snell)

F PIC - BRE
A SPA - POR
A GAS - PAR

ENGLAND (Clarkin)

F MID - SPA (no)
A LON Holds
***F BAR - NWY
F NWG S F BAR - NWY

ITALY (Thomas)

F WES - MID
F ION S (TUR) F SMY - AEG
A ROM S A VEN
A VEN Holds

TURKEY (Cox)

***A BUL - SER
A CON - ARM
F BLA (Con) A CON - ARM
F SMY - AEG

AUSTRIA (Vilarino) NMR

A SER Holds
F GRE Holds
A BUD Holds
A TRL Holds
A TRI Holds

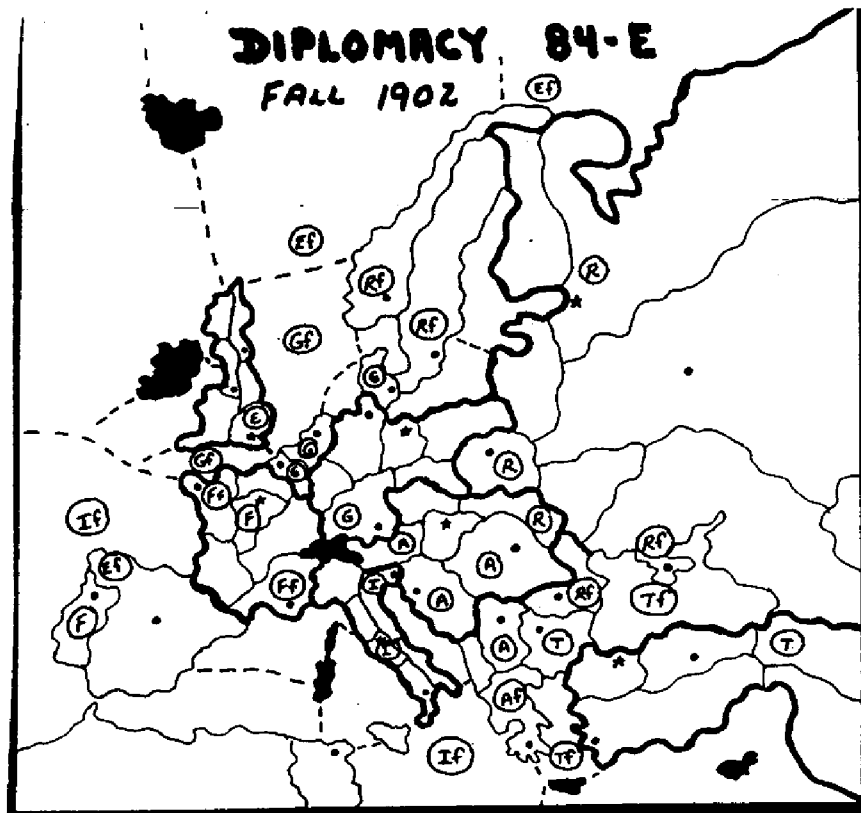
RUSSIA (Kibble)

F RUM S (TUR) A BUL
F SEV S F RUM
F SWE S F NWY
F NWY S (GER) F HEL - NTH
A GAL S F RUM
A MOS - STP

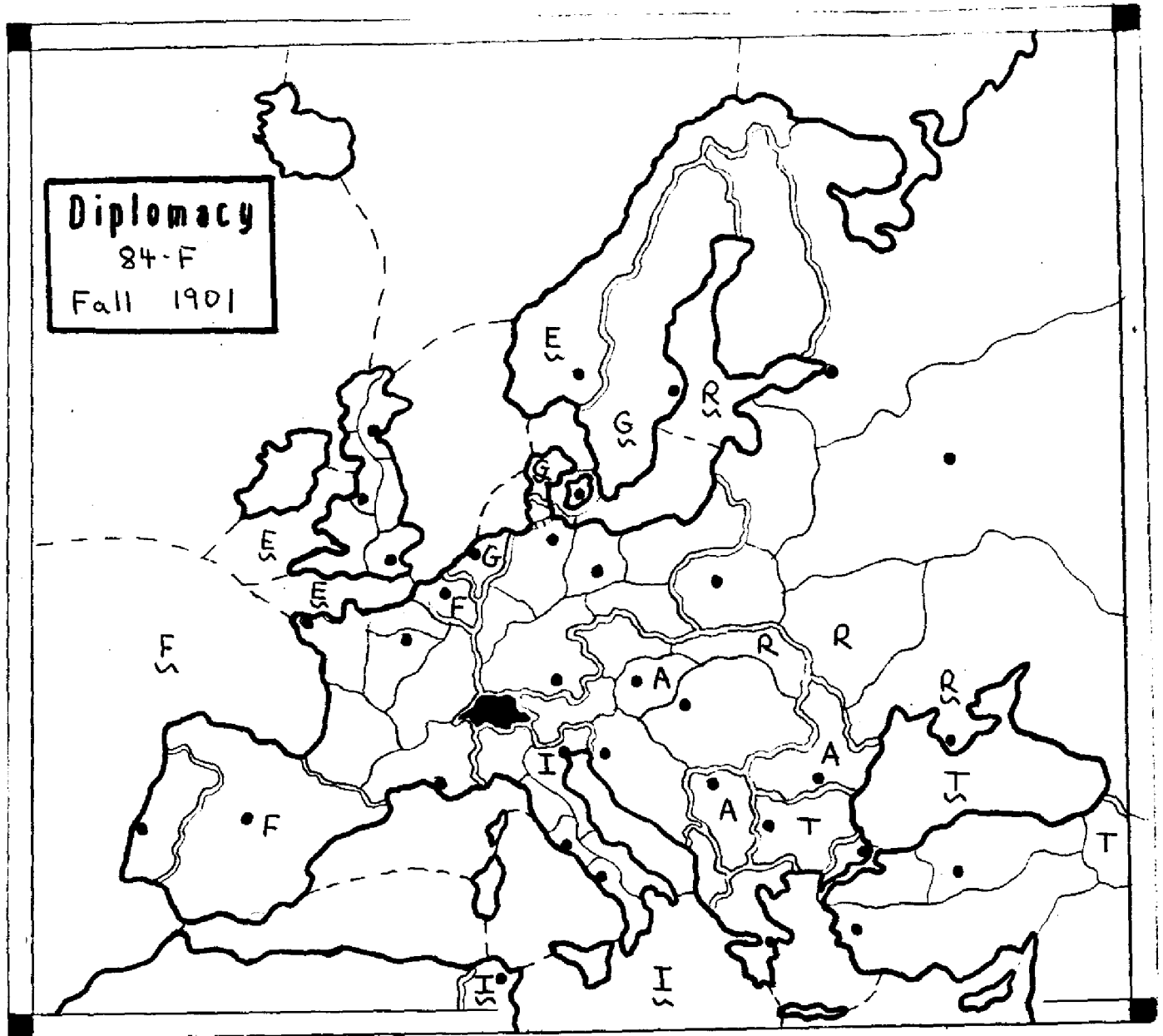
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BUILDS:

GERMANY: Kie/Ber/Mun/Den/Bel/Hol = STATUS QUO
FRANCE: Par/Bre/Mar/Por = 1 build
Build F MARS
ENGLAND: Lon/Edi/Lpl/Spa = STATUS QUO
TURKEY: Con/Ank/Smy/Bul = STATUS QUO
AUSTRIA: Vie/Bud/Tri/Ser/Gre = STATUS QUO
RUSSIA: Stp/Mos/War/Sev/Swe/Rum/Nwy = 1 build
Build A WAR
ITALY: Rom/Ven/Nap/Tun = STATUS QUO



THE TIMES: "Scottish beaches inundated in mystery pollution -- scientists declare it as Olive Oil".
FRENCH STATEMENT: "Why is the Russian representing the British at Versailles?"
GM: "I have heard of the Berlin to Baghdad Railway, but really"



- (+2) Austria (Benton): A Rum S Turk A Arm - Sev
A Ser S A Rum A Vie - Tri
- (+1) England (Goldie): F Nth - Nwy F Eng - Bre F Iri - Mid
- (+2) France (Schacht): A Mar - Spa A Bur - Bel F Mid - Bre
- (+3) Germany (Worgan): A Ruh - Hol F Bal - Swe F Den S F Bal - Swe
- (+1) Italy (Bradley): F Tyn - Tun A Ven - Tri F Ion - Gre
- o Russia (Haughey): F Sev Hold A Ukr S F Sev
A War - Gal F Bot - Swe
- (+1) Turkey (Griffiths): A Arm - Sev F Ank - Bla A Bul - Gre

* Simon says send builds with Spring moves

W. Brown
23/11/84

DIPLOMACY 85-G

STARTS NEXT ISSUE!!!!!!

France**David Worgan
2/6 Botany Street
Randwick 2031

Britain**Victor Jarmusz
37 Daphne Avenue
Bankstown 2200

Germany**Simon Johnson
14 Short Street
Leichardt 2040

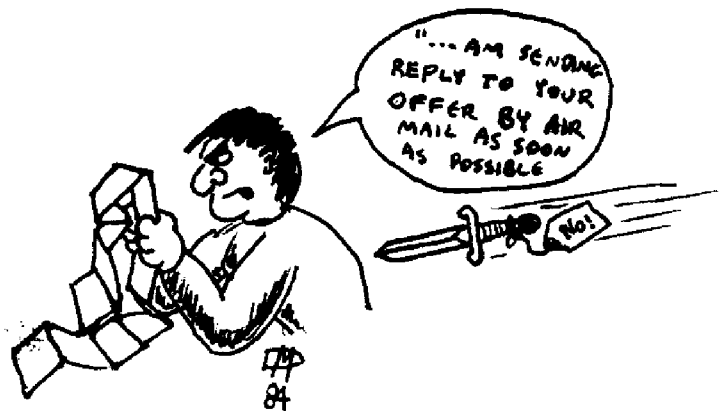
Russian**John Mcphee
4 Dunraven Court
Corio 3214

Turkey**Rick Snell
13 Kooyoung Glen
South Hobart

Austria**Peter Ryan
2 Sherwood Road
Mt. Waverly 3149

Italy**S.J. Gould
Sydney Workshop coy.
62-74 Kent Road
Mascot 2020

Santa Claus**Andrew Schacht
5 Pentland Avenue
Punchbowl 2196



GOBTWEE

By Daryl Kibble

What follows is the first ratings list for PBM Diplomacy in this zine. If anyone has doubts re their rating please contact me. The rating system was in last edition. It is worth mentioning that the list, being in its early stages, should not be taken seriously - YET. Every players rating will increase over time until it reaches some "average" type of rating. Just what your "average" will be is impossible to say. The true standings of players will be evident when some of the games reach completion, so there is a while to wait before us great players in the top 10 can actually begin to brag about it. But for now, I think the Dar(r)yl's have it.

The first ratings include games up to: (FALL)

AWHC 1906	83-A 1904	84-A 1903
84-B 1903	84-C 1902	84-D 1902
	84-E 1901	

Place	Rating	Name	Title
1)	6.43	Daryl Kibble (nice fella)	STAYSHARP..
2)	5.57	Darryl Davis (Mr Davis to all you)	DERANGED
3)	5.503	Rick Hopkins (Good boy Rick)	DAGGERS..
4)	5.166	Paul Mellor (Freddo)	" "
5)	4.74	Clinton Reilly (Beeper)	" "
6)	4.68	Cameron Thomas (Staysharp I)	" "
7)	4.22	Greg Barnsley (The Good)	" "
8)	4.08	Jon Mortenson (The Bad)	DELINQUENT
9)	3.86	David Cox (The Ugly..)	DIPLOMATS..
10)	3.78	Steven Clarkin (Backstabber II)	" "
11)	3.15	Bill Brown (Sam Smith)	" "
12)	2.81	Paul Vilarino (Gullable)	" "
13)	2.75	Duncan Baxter (Dependable..??)	" "
14)	2.75	Geoff Wilson (Mr Average)	" "
15)	2.65	Graeme Lockwood (GM of Car Wars)	" "
16)	2.60	Wayne Closter (Thats no excuse)	" "
17)	2.57	Ray Selfe (Mr. Selfish)	" "
18)	2.45	Terry Bradley (Sir Terry)	" "
19)	2.40	Martin Francis (All action)	" "
20)	2.40	Micheal Matthews (WW Upside down)	" "

Place	Rating	Name	Title
21)	2.25	Andrew Collister (Below average)	DELINQUENT
22)	2.25	David Hallet (Gay & Happy)	DIPLOMATS..
23)	2.25	Steven Szabo (No relation to Peter)	" "
24)	2.10	Peter Cox (David's brother)	" "
25)	1.95	Peter Hudson (Rocky)	" "
26)	1.85	Mark Haughey (Dont get sea sick)	" "
27)	1.80	Dean Bedlington (Turkey's Turkey)"	" "
28)	1.80	Alexander Geissman (Mr Nice Guy)"	" "
29)	1.80	Peter Szabo (No relation to Steben)"	" "
30)	1.65	Anthony Stauton (Great player...)"	" "
31)	1.50	Andrew Schacht (Papal Bull)"	" "
32)	0.90	Rick Snell (The Worm)	TOOTH FAIRY

Thats it Folks...

MACHIAVELLI - The Summer of '54

.Florence - Duke Steven

A Lucca - Pisa; Fleet Piombino Support Pisa; A Sienna - Perugia.

.Papal States - Pontif Andrea

G Ancona convert to A; A Patrimony-Sienna; A Arezzo S Sienna;
A Florence S Sienna; Bribe Garrison Piombino - Convert A.

.France - King Daryl (with 1)

A Swiss S Tyrolea; A Turin S Milan in Tyrolea; F WGOL Hold.

.Milan - Duke Gregory

A Como-Tyrolea; A Milan S Tyrolea; A Piacenza-Pavia; A
Montferrat - Savoy.

.Austria - Emperor Frederick III

A Carinthia-Milan (retreat Carniola); A Tyrolea S Fr. Como (No
such order) (retreat Austria); A Salvonia-Carinthia.

.Turkey - Sultan Terence

F WTS-Sardinia; A Ragusa-Aquila; F LA convoys Aquila;Bribe
G Ragusa.

.-Naples - Duke Daryl (with 2)

A Aquila-spoletto; A Messina-Tivoli; F Gon Transport Tivoli;
F WTS-Sardinia.

.Venice - Doge Roberto

F UA-Croatia (n.c.); F Venice-Lagoon; A Ferrara Beseige; A
Vincenza- carinthia; A Trent S Carinthia.

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Turkey - The Sultan finds the territorial demands by the duke of
Napples to be absolutely intolerable , and declares that the
S.L.F. (Sardinian Liberation front) has the full military support
of Turkey. I beseech all other peace-loving rulers of Italy to
join me in crushing the " Mouth from the South" and bringing
enlightenment to the down-trodden serfs of Naples.

Mustafa Krapp
Secretary to Terry Bradly

Papal States - His Holiness cordially announces the elevation of Darryl IV of Naples in the eyes of God from the state of Duke to King. Andrea - Pontif This is an official Bull.

Piombino - The people of Piombino joyfully announce their alliance with the Holy father against the Florentine oppressor.

France - By French frivolity is hereby announced that the Godfather of Messina be pumped with opium, coca, Indian hemp and the like for supplying such atrocities to the Papal Parasite before his holy mission to kiss the cheeks of Lek Fluenza. How else could one mistake the pimple ridden face of the heretic agitator Stefan Clarkin Topexa for the famous Lek.

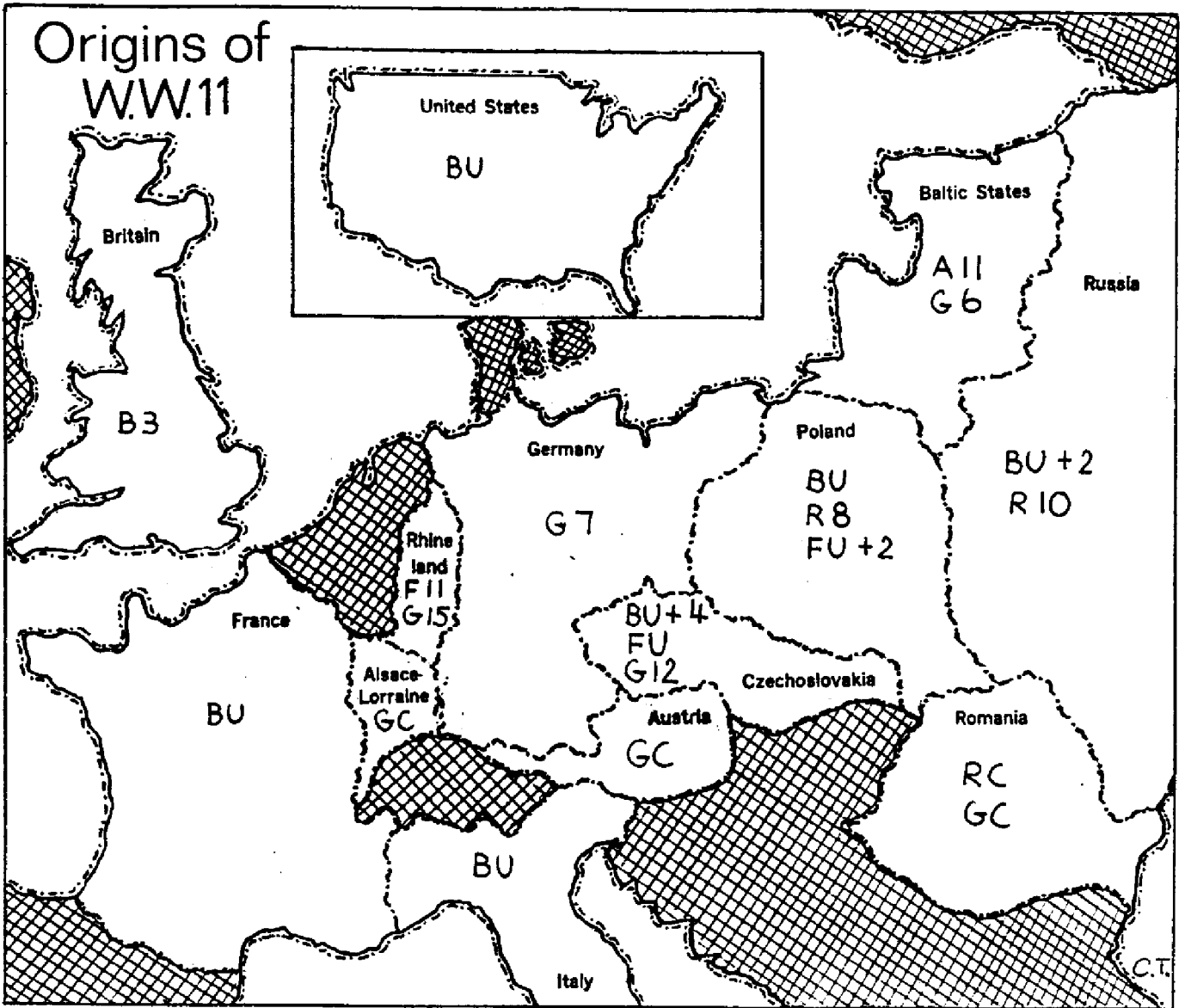
I, the HOLY KING LOUIS, will see that your great cities are well administrated in your absence, and ensure that all Europe is freed from such bondage. To this end I shall be converting the ministries of Messina from such evilness, into holiness and purity of my own image- and ensure they push diacetylmorphine (heroine instead) .
Narcotics Department ,PARIS.

Origins

code: A = USA (SELF) U = UNDERSTANDING
F = FRANCE (WELLS) C = CONTROL
B = BRITAIN (HOPKINS)
R = RUSSIA (THOMAS) A Single Number
G = GERMANY (COX, D.) = POLITICAL FACTORS
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GERMANY ATTACKS U.S.A. - 3-1 in Czechoslovakia 3 = A(-4)
4-1 in Rhineland 5 = A(-5)
Public Statement by Mr Adolph Cox, Presidnet & Chancellor of G(-5)
the Federal Republic of Germany. "Mein Gott, Achtung and
Schnell!!!! Why does everone pick on me? Why don't you pick
on someone else for a change. It's just lucky for me that
I'm superior to the rest of you. Why don't you pick on yourselves
for a change. You'd think that WWII had started already."

Origins of W.W.11



LOCKWOODS COLUMN.

HISTORY AS IT ACTUALLY IS

I think that now I have been playing wargames for so long, I'm now getting an insight into the history not presented in any books that I have since read. As World War Two is my favourite, I've since found a number of discrepancies between what is printed in the history books and how it actually is on the gaming board.

I shudder to think how distinctly wrong the historians have been with other periods in history when they have been completely fooled by the various military commands of the world. Take World War II for instance. We are often told of the important logistics concerning gasoline a thing that was often in short supply [ask Rommel], when in fact we all know that tanks, aircraft and ships all used things called movement points to get from place to place. Although various companies tell us that movement points may not be lent, borrowed or accumulated, there are actual accounts of this happening in WWII. For instance, it is widely believed that Hitler ordered his panzers to halt at Dunkirk in 1940, thereby allowing the remnants of the BEF to escape, when in fact the German OKW knew that the bulk of the Wehrmacht's armour had to run out of movement points for that particular month - which is a good job, as if they had any left they would have all been surely lost in the English Channel. There is also further evidence that the historians failed to note, this holds up the argument. During 1944, the Americans formed a special detachment of GI's who were ordered to direct the invasion traffic at various points along the route. These soldiers had large letters stamped on their steel helmets- and thus the MPs were born. The convoy drivers could simply stop at an intersection where one of these gentlemen stood, and ask them how many movement points it was to a particular place. The MP would probably reply something like this like "Twenty-eight movement points to Dusseldorf buddy" or "Ya goin' the wrong way mac, Paris is now sixteen movement points away due to enemy air interdiction".

It was also widely known by both the allies and the axis high commands, that any general worth his salt had to have numerous photographs of himself and his staff poring over large charts later to be published post-war. The historians incorrectly guessed these to be maps when we all know of course that these were CRT tables. It is common knowledge that the reason behind the German reverses on the Eastern front was due to the wide use of the old SPI crts, when in fact they should have used Avalon Hills, as the Russians did. It is also well known that Rommel would look at the stock market listings in the Mersa Matruh Times before consulting his CRT to determine the outcome of his battles with the Eighth Army.

As the war progressed, Hitler [by now getting annoyed with

the whole thing] made the classic mistake of ordering Speer to manufacture the wrong type of ordinance, like machine guns, webelwefers and things for mashing potatoes, where if the Germans had had better spy system they would have known that the allies concentrated on producing DRMs, which we all know to be far superior type of weapon. The crafty allies would also set surprise traps for the unsuspecting Germans. These were often laid across hundreds of miles of terrain, and the German panzers would rush headlong into them and would get stuck, not being able to move for weeks. These were called Zones of Command. It is a well known fact that Von Rundstedt would often get up at 7.30 in the morning and shout out at his aide-de-camp, "ver iz mein zocs?", which literally translated is, "Where are the cunning traps I ordered?"

Early in WWII, when the Axis had superiority in manpower, if the Germans felt lucky (which they often did), they would often overrun. The particular German general would ring up his counterpart at the Allied lines and say, "Gutten morgan Tommy, how many hoff ze troops have you? " The Allied commander would probably reply, "Well actually, I have four divisions old boy". The German then would say , "HAH ! und I haf forty five divisions, zo I vill overrun you at nein zirty a.m." Since overruns were only allowed at at 10-1 odds or better, the allies used this to their advantage by unsportingly supplying the wrong figures to the German High Command during the Battle of the Bulge.

There are obviously a lot of other things that the historians have overlooked that are too numerous to mention (a lot of German soldiers were shot later on in the war due to short supply of concealment counters - springs to mind), so I am happy to be among the enlightened elite who can see through this sham by my regular sessions at the gaming board.

