

# LIBERTERREAN



Dragons Bleus, 1683  
Blue Dragoons, 1683

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LIBERTERREAN DEADLINE IS: Monday, July 15, 1985

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NOTICE:

I plan to cease publishing the LIBERTERREAN. We've finished 43 Diplomacy games, and a couple dozen other multi-player games over the past 13 years or so. I've made a lot of good friends through this zine, one of which has been with me since before my first issue -- Carl Olson. Fred Phrogus and Charlie Cottle have been friends for most of the LIB's life. Many more of you have been with us for several years. I'll miss not getting letters from you, so even after I'm no longer publishing, I hope you'll write from time to time.

I don't consider the LIB my property and so I will not kill it if someone else wants to continue publishing it, either as a separate zine, or a sub-zine. I invite any proposals a publisher or potential publisher might have.

I'll finish all the Diplomacy games, or find homes for them to finish. I don't want to start the new game which filled this issue. And I hope some publisher will take up the Joust. It's not necessary that the West Coast Joust be carried in a West Coast zine if some other zine wants to carry it. The AB game and the Libourse will continue until I've finished with the Diplomacy games. I invite anyone willing to adopt these poor, orphan games (that is, if you don't want to adopt the whole LIB), to contact me asap.

Thanks to all of you for making my publishing experience as enjoyable as it has been.

EDITORIAL:

India has a marxist govt. And the prime minister, Rajiv Ghandi just returned from Moscow after signing a treaty with the

Russians. Why doesn't Reagan send some of his "contras" to India? Probably because Nicaragua is just about his size -- not too much bigger than Grenada!

JOUST

We're still stuck at 6 players representing the following zines: LIB, Concert of Europe, Not N.Y., Excelsior, Magus, and Xen0. Isn't there one more champion on the west coast, out of 25+ zines? The players and pubbers are getting impatient!

NEXT DIPPY GAME:

AUSTRIA:

TOM GRAESSLE, 417 Offenbach Pl. SUNNYVALE, CA 94087

ENGLAND:

DAN GORHAM, 880 S. Euclid St. FULLERTON, CA 92632

FRANCE:

MARK ROWELL, 1507 Marguerite Ave BREMERTON, WA 98310

GERMANY:

PAUL GARDNER, Box 2338 NEWFANE, VT 05345

TERFGIA

ITALY:

PAUL MILEWSKI, Box 256 BATAVIA, OH 45103



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RUSSIA:

AL NESTER, 22 Ure Avenue EAST HAVEN, CT 06512

TURKEY:

CHRIS LEE, 8335 E. Fairmont Dr. #4-208 DENVER, CO 80231

1983 HQ

End Game Statement:

Please don't give away Sev. I worked so hard to get it. I should have had 19 centers, not 18. (Right. Correction made to the score. -- JB)

I wish to thank Fred for being such a good partner. I'm sorry about the misunderstanding which ended the partnership. A special award should go to Kevin for being able to survive for so long. This will be my last game for awhile (I think I could do standbys) and I feel good about the way it came out. Thanks to all of you for the good game.

-- Mike Moyer

PBEM DIPLOMACY:

If you and your computer want to see a PBEM Diplomacy game in progress, call (503) 683-4350 and ask the SysOp to let you into the Dippy conference. Or you can tell me ahead of time, and I'll get you in before you call.

LIBOURSE:

Players in the Libourse trade in the currencies of the Top Board Game, 1984 IB. Currency prices are affected both by trading activity and by the control of supply centers in the Diplomacy game. You may join the game at any time by submitting the \$3 game fee together with your request for assignment and a name for your country (only Top Board players may use the name of their position in the Diplomacy game).

Your country will have characteristics in the following categories: population, treasury, agriculture, military, industry, mineral resources, communications, transportation and

utilities. You will receive approximately \$7,000 in currency of the surviving Diplomacy positions in the Top Board game. You must improve your country in all categories to do well. And you may attack one other Libourse country each turn. Random events may help or hinder your progress.

LIBOURSE PRESS:

Peaceful Byzantium is ready to live without war, and extends the velvet glove. If actions show that neighbors don't want peace, they'll again feel the IRON FIST.

DRUZE: Do the clowns in Klowndom give up yet?

ARMORED BARBARISM 1985:

I haven't heard from Trikkovic for a couple of deadlines, and he's let his subscription expire. So in case he's disappeared, someone may offer to take the position as a standby. If Mark drops it, it will be yours!

COA: Robert Whiting, Box 33735, GIT, Atlanta, GA 30332. Robert also requests my spreadsheet results from the following facts: Initial GR = 60%; Initial income = 100 PP. Spending: 100 PP on movement and attack; 10 PP on GR increase; 10 PP on income increase (I assumed a bank account sufficient to spend the extra 20 PP). Results: GR = 59%, Income = 100 PP. The spreadsheet cells produce the following results (consult the algorithms published previously): K = -0.01; L = 5.9; M = 100; N = 0.00; O = -0.01; P = -0.01; Q = 38.89; R = -0.01; S = 0.83; T = -0.01.

WORLD NEWS:

A South American M11 attacked the U.S. Canal Zone and was defeated and destroyed by 2x M3 Grants, 1x Greyhound, and 2x Carriers. The S. Americans survived with 10.6 PP of equipment; the US survived with 1x M3 Grant and 37.8 PP. The net victory was -24.6%

ITALY SIGNS TREATY WITH BULGARIA AND GREECE!

Bulgaria, Greece, Italy and Yugoslavia all attacked Istanbul with 8x M11s and 1x SemL3. 3x M11 and the SemL3 met an STRV m/39 and a T1311 and were defeated with a net victory

AB PRESS:

MOSCOW (Pravda): The Soviet Union today announced that the Soviet Union and Sweden will accept the World Court ruling as long as at least one Swedish judge is present.

The Hague, Netherlands: The World Court just handed down its decision rejecting Sweden's petition for extradition against Haiti. The decision was handed down before an audience which included 73 Swedish judges in town for a seminar in International Law.

MOSCOWKATO: Don't make me laugh.

TEHRAN: Soviet forces patrolling the Iranian border were ordered today to allow the British to use Iranian roads as needed.

STOCKHOLM)PORT-an PRINCE: Try getting rid of the dead beats.

CAP-HAITIEN: High-rolling, and big spending Swedes have virtually taken over all the tourist facilities in this town. Americans coming down expecting a nice peaceful week in the sun, are finding that both the hotel rooms and all three of the cafe tables are always taken up by the large crowd of Swedish tourists. The local chamber of commerce reports its tourist revenues are up by 1000%!



1984 H SPRING, 1909  
TEF PROPOSED!

AUSTRIA (GORHAM):

F-ADR\* (S) T.F-ION, A-BUD\* (S) T.A-GAL, A-VIE\* (S) A-TYA\* & A-PIE\* (S) e.o.;

ENGLAND (POWERS):

Build A-ION\* A-ION)KIE\* (C) by F-WTH\* & F-HEL\*, F-swe)DEN\*, F-BAL\* (S) A-BER\* (S) F.A-Mun, A-STP\* (S) A-MOS\* & A-LVA\* (S) A-WAR\* (S) F.A-Sil, F-WAF\* (S) F.F-Tun;

FRANCE (GETIEHR):

Build A-ION (IMP); F-TUS\* (S) F-VES\*, F-lyo)MAR\* (S) by F-SPA\*sc, A-mar)BUR\*, A-bur)BEL\*, A-MUN\* (S) A-BON\* & A-SIL\* (S) e.o.;

TURKEY (WHITING):

COA: Box 33735, GIT, Atlanta, GA 30332; Remove F-Ap; F-ION\* (S) F-TYS\* (S) F-nap)ROM\*, F-TUS\* (S) A.A-Pie, A-SEV\* (S) A-UKR\* & A-RUM\* (S) A-GAL\* (S) F.A-Sil)war (MSO).

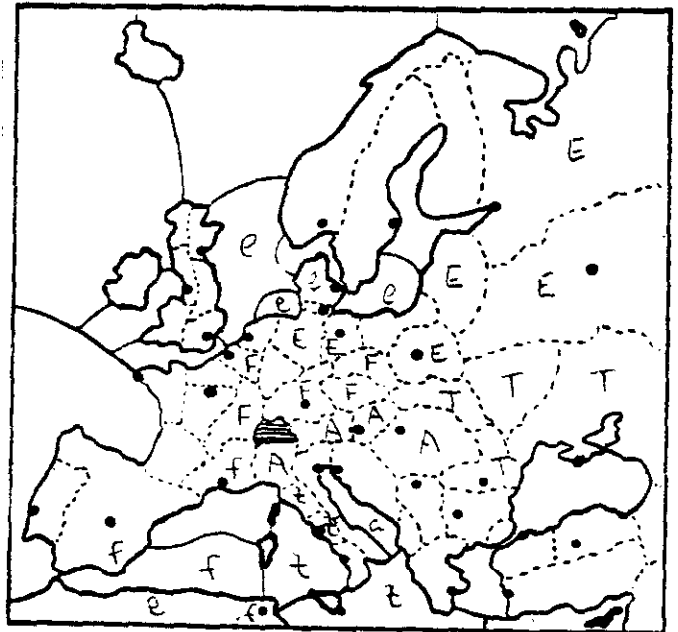
The deadline for Fall, 1909 is 1.00 pm, Monday, July 8, 1985.

PRESS:

FRANCE)AUSTRIA: Hey, lighten up. Remember, it's only a game. We're here supposedly, just to have fun!

FRANCE)ITALY: I've heard no words. Are you still in the prayer chapel?

221 B: "Holmes! Holmes!" "Sir! Let's not forget..." "Holmes. Are you alright? I came through the window just as you rolled off the bed onto the floor. It must have been some dream." "Yes, Hercules. It involved Watson and some business associates." "Speaking of Watson, as I came in I noticed two strange men outside his window. One looked short and the other like a thin phantom." "Phantom? That could only describe #5 son." "Your business associates?" (A scream from Watson's



bedroom. Holmes motions Hercules to move aside and rushes towards Watson's room) "Watson. Are you alright?" "OH-H-H. No rike surprises." "Sorry, Holmes. Mr. Chan and #5 son decided to bring me going away presents. When startled, I broke a loaf of stale French bread over Chan's head and whacked #5 son with a brick of cheese." Chan and #5 lay amidst a pile of lime jello, bread, berry cake and cheese. "Are you alright, Chan?" "Yes, Holmes. Lucky for me #5 son break faRR. Dr. Watson ruin berry cake. It faRR on #5's head." "Yeah, Pop. And I think you left out the egg, for the cake crumbled so quickly." "No matter now. Egg is on honorabRe son's and hundRed seRf's face." "What brings you here this time of night, Chan?" "We wiRR be Reaving soon. Our boat due to dock in the morning. #5 son and I are expected home for Chinese New Year." "Really, Chan. What year is it to be." "Ancestor's say it year of the bats." "I say, Holmes. Sort of gives you the warm fuzzy's doesn't it." "Enough, Watson. Sorry your little party was spoiled Mr. Chan. Please accept our most humble apologies, but Watson and I really must put this night to rest." "That's aRRight Holmes. #5 and I need our beauty sReep aRso." (Chan and son exit via window) "CarefuR. You faRR in garbage can." "Ouch! Pop! Help!"

1984 IR WINTER, 1903  
**AUSTRIA (GARDNER):**  
 Build A-VIE\*, A-TUS\*, A-VEN\*, F-ADR\*, A-BUD\*, A-WAR\*;  
**ENGLAND (KOZLOWSKY):**  
 BUILD A-ED\*, A-LPL\*, A-LON\*, F-WTH\*, F-HOL\*, F-XIE\*, F-SVE\*;  
**FRANCE (TUHARSKY):**  
 F-MID\*, A-BRE\*, A-PIC\*, A-BEL\*, F-PIE\*, F-WES\*;  
**GERMANY (GORHAM):**  
 Remove F-ENG\*, build A-BER\* (illegal); has: F-ENG\*, A-MUN\*;  
**ITALY (CHEEK):**  
 Remove F-Aeg, A-ROM\*, A-APU\*, F-ION\*;  
**RUSSIA (GESTEHR):**  
 F-BOT\*, A-UKR\*, A-MOS\*;  
**TURKEY (GRAESSLE):**  
 Build F-COM\*, A-ANK\*, F-RUM\*, A-SEV\*, A-ARM\*, F-GRE\*, F-SMY\*.

The deadline for Spring, 1904 is 1.00 pm, Monday July 8, 1985.

**PRESS:**

**GALICIA)WARSAW:** There is an uproar in town here. There's a rumor going around (irresponsible, some say) that the Austrian troops in town have left and gone north without going through the proper channels at the border. The rumor came from a lady at the duty shop on the border crossing between Russia and Austria. "They were de strangest vimin I haf efer seen. Much bigger dan me, and beards! Dey had great hairy faces. Dey all shopped up my vodka and went singing aus der dhoppe, 'Saint Petersburg here we come! Right back ver ve started from!'"



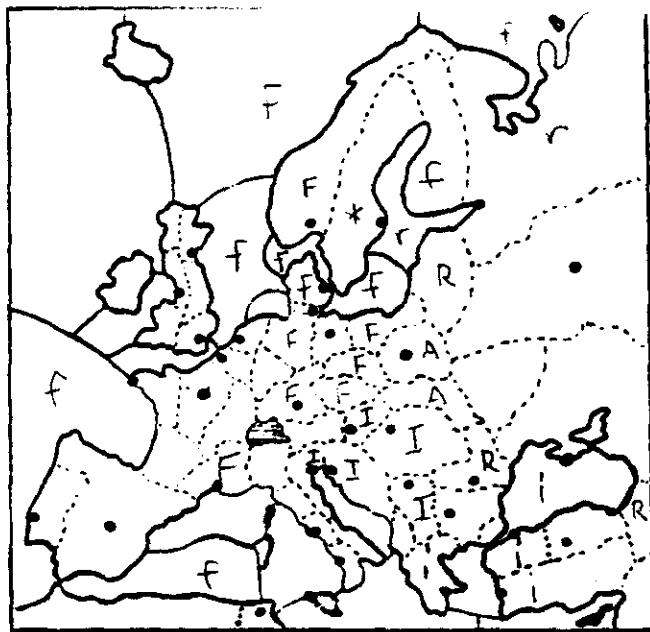
**LIBOURSE**

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NET VOLUME TRADED  
 SPRING, 1904's PRICES

WINTER, 1903		1903		1903		1903	
AUSTRIAN CROWNS	ENGLISH POUNDS	FRENCH FRANCS	GERMAN MARKS	ITALIAN LIRA	RUSSIAN RUBLES	TURKISH PIASTRES	
-15430	-8890	0	0	-175	-11700	28730	
\$1.06	\$1.22	\$0.67	\$0.71	\$0.72	\$0.5	\$1.24	

<b>ACRACIA</b>	POP: 674	Area: 108km <sup>2</sup>	Currency holdings: \$22047	0	8680	0	0	0	0	9240
			EVENTS: FOREST FIRE! FOOD SURPLUS!							
<b>BYZANTUM</b>	POP: 672	Area: 210km <sup>2</sup>	Currency holdings: \$14123	0	0	0	0	0	0	11390
			EVENTS: FOOD SURPLUS!							
<b>DROZE</b>	POP: 853	Area: 338km <sup>2</sup>	Currency holdings: \$10044	0	0	0	0	0	0	6100
			EVENTS: MILITARY VICTORY! FOOD SURPLUS!							
<b>KLOWVLL</b>	POP: 456	Area: 115km <sup>2</sup>	Currency holdings: \$6478	1776	1000	2166	0	1	0	1552
			EVENTS: MILITARY VICTORY! FAMINE!							
<b>WALES</b>	POP: 949	Area: 613km <sup>2</sup>	Currency holdings: \$0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
			EVENTS: MILITARY VICTORY!							



**1984 AI SPRING, 1908  
FIRA and FI PROPOSED!**

**AUSTRIA (GESTIEHR):**  
A-vie/a/()boh, A-gal)WAR<sup>s</sup>, A-rum)GAL<sup>t</sup>;  
**FRANCE (KOZLOWSKI):**  
Build A-MAR<sup>s</sup>, F-BRE<sup>s</sup>; F-bre)MID<sup>s</sup>, A-MAR<sup>s</sup>()pie, F-mid)WES<sup>s</sup>,  
A-ed)NWY<sup>s</sup> (C) by F-WTH<sup>s</sup> & (S) by F-SKA<sup>s</sup> /&/ F-BAR<sup>s</sup> (S) by  
F-NWG<sup>s</sup>, F-swe)FIN<sup>s</sup>; F-kie)BAL<sup>s</sup> (S) by F-DEN<sup>s</sup>, A-ber)PRU<sup>s</sup>,  
A-men)SIL<sup>s</sup> /s/ by A-BOH<sup>s</sup>, A-rub)MUN<sup>s</sup>, A-hol)KIE<sup>s</sup>;  
**ITALY (LEE):**  
F-bul-r-AEG<sup>s</sup>, build A-VEN<sup>s</sup>; A-VEN<sup>s</sup>()pie, A-tya)VIE<sup>s</sup> (S) by  
A-BUD<sup>s</sup>, A-alb)TRI<sup>s</sup>, A-gre)SER<sup>s</sup>, F-ion)GRE<sup>s</sup>, F-aeg)COM<sup>s</sup> (S) by  
F-SMY<sup>s</sup>, F-con)BLA<sup>s</sup>;  
**RUSSIA (DITTER):**  
F-swe-r-BOT<sup>s</sup>, remove F-Bla; A-bul)RUM<sup>s</sup>, A-ank)ARM<sup>s</sup>, A-(in)LVA<sup>s</sup>  
(C) by F-BOT<sup>s</sup>, F-nwy /d/()bar (S) by F-STP<sup>s</sup>ac.

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**PRESS:**

Il Re d'Italia)Mm. Kozlowski: My real life commitments are over. I'm a dipster again! Do I sound like Al Villanueva? I hope not.

Michael)Al: Sorry pal. I couldn't resist.

ITALY)DAVE: Sorry to sound nasty and vindictive. But where were you last June? I was bright eyed and bushy tailed and ready to negotiate. Now I'm bleary eyed and willing to stay the course for a 2-way rather than drag this to a 4-way. Kevin was there last June and we got along famously.

AUSTRIA)ITALY: If this is such a good plan, why is it my bacon that's hanging out?

AUSTRIA)FRANCE: If these high roller moves work, I may head for Las Vegas.

AUSTRIA)RUSSIA: Don't you just love it, when people just assume things had been great on the farm? The animals had been well fed. As the chicken was making her morning rounds, she came along the sty. As the pigs were just rousing, she struck up a conversation. As the lights came on in the house, she stated, "We should do something nice for ol' farmer Mac. Let's treat him to a ham & eggs breakfast." "Hold on," squealed the pig! That's easy for you to say. For you, it only means getting involved. But for me, it's total commitment!"

**1984 CN SPRING, 1906  
DRAW FAILS!**

**FEAT RE-PROPOSED!**  
**AUSTRIA (GARDNER):**  
Build A-VIE<sup>s</sup>; A-(tus)PIE<sup>s</sup> (S) by A-TYA<sup>s</sup>, A-ven)TUS<sup>s</sup>, A-BOH<sup>s</sup> (S)  
A-SIL<sup>s</sup> & A-MUN<sup>s</sup> (S) e.o., F-ROM<sup>s</sup> & F-MAP<sup>s</sup> (S) T.F-Ion()ty,  
A-vie)GAL<sup>s</sup>;  
**ENGLAND (GESTIEHR):**  
Build A-EDI<sup>s</sup>; A-STP<sup>s</sup>()mos (S) by A-LVA<sup>s</sup> (S) by F-BOT<sup>s</sup>,  
A-ed)HOL<sup>s</sup> (C) by F-WTH<sup>s</sup>, F-BLA<sup>s</sup> (S) A-PRU<sup>s</sup> & A-KIE<sup>s</sup> (S)  
F.A-Ber, F-hol)HEL<sup>s</sup>;  
**FRANCE (NESTER):**  
F-tus-r-OTB; Build A-PAR; A-par)BUR<sup>s</sup>, F-TUN<sup>s</sup> & F-WES<sup>s</sup> (S) F-TYS<sup>s</sup>  
/s/ A-PIE<sup>s</sup>()tus, F-MAR<sup>s</sup>()pie, A-hol)RUH<sup>s</sup>, A-BER<sup>s</sup> (S) E.A-Pro;  
**TURKEY (KOZLOWSKI):**  
F-ROM<sup>s</sup>, A-SEV<sup>s</sup> (S) A-Mos, A-UKR<sup>s</sup> (S) A-WAR<sup>s</sup> & A-MOS<sup>s</sup> (S) e.o.,  
F-ADR<sup>s</sup>()ion (S) by F-APU<sup>s</sup>, F-IOM<sup>s</sup>()ty.

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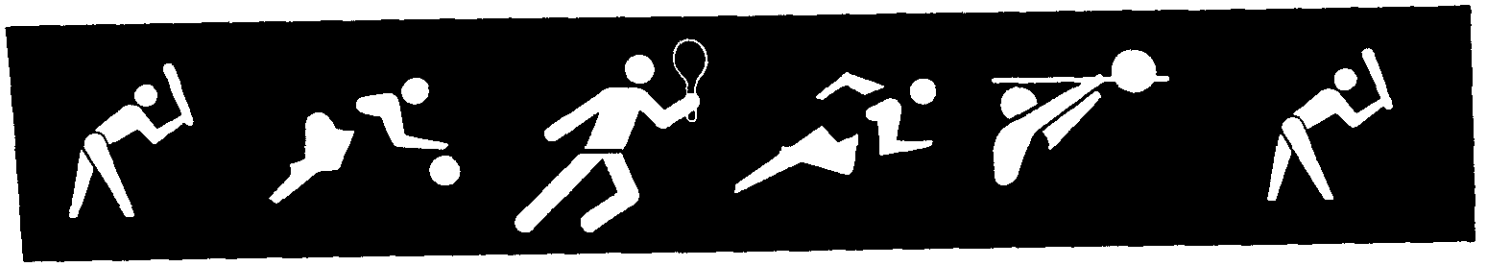
FRANCE)TURKEY: Greece and Budapest are fine places to visit in the autumn.

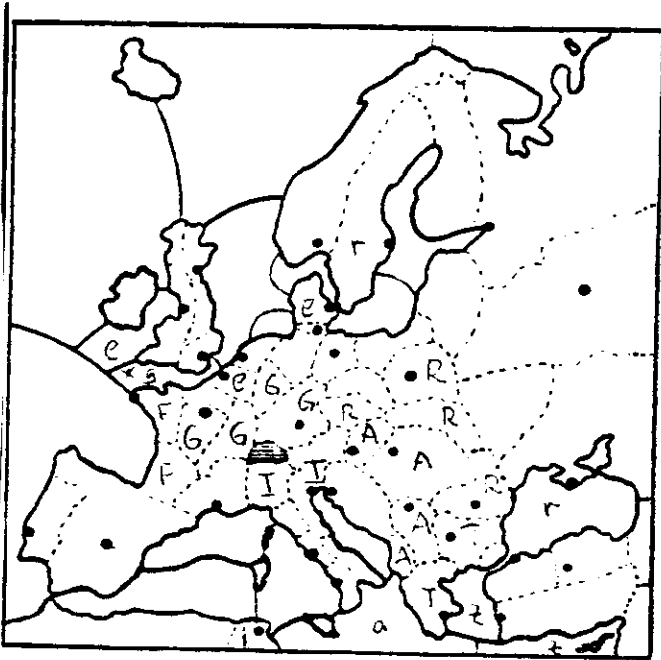
FRANCE)AUSTRIA: Knock. Knock. Who's there? You'll soon find out.

TURKEY)WORLD: I hereby vote for the FEAT draw, and will continually propose & vote for it.

TURKEY)F & E: This game is not a matter of playing it out until 1920 or not. A/T has a stalemate line. We also have extra units north of this stalemate line, and are being careful not to overextend ourselves. Thus, this game is a matter of us (A/T) being careful, and just holding out until you either vote for the draw or drop out of the dippy hobby, whichever comes first.

ENG)AUS: My, but aren't you the feisty one?





1985 I FALL, 1902

**AUSTRIA (GARDNER):**  
 F-gre-r-ION\*; A-tri)ALB\* /s/ by F-ION\*, A-VIE\* (S) A-BUD\* /&/  
 A-SER\* (S) e.o.;

**ENGLAND (KOHMAN):**  
 A-LON\*, F-IRI\* (S) G.F-bel)ENG\*, F-nth)BEL\*, F-ska)DEM\*;

**FRANCE (GORHAM):**  
 A-pic)BRE\*, F-eng/d/(>)bel, A-GAS\*(mar);

**GERMANY (CLOSE):**  
 A-PAR\* & A-BUR\* (S) e.o., F-bel)ENG\*, A-RUH\* (S) e.F-nth)Bel,  
 A-MUN\*(>)tya;

**ITALY (GESTIEHR):**  
 A-PIE\*(>)mar, A-VEN\*(>)tya, F-TUN\*;

**RUSSIA (BOHANNON):**  
 F-SWE\*, A-WAR\* (S) A-rum)GAL\*, A-gal)BOH\*, A-sev)RUH\* (S) by  
 F-BLA\*;

**TURKEY (CHEEK):**  
 F-EAS\*(>)ion, F-AEG\* (S) A-GRE\* (S) R.A-rum(>)ser (NSO),  
 A-con)BUL\*.

The deadline for Winter, 1902 is 1.00 pm, Monday July 15, 1985.

1985 I CENTER DISTRIBUTION:  
 Fall, 1902

**AUSTRIA:** home, ser, /gre/ (4) [-1];  
**ENGLAND:** home, nwy, DEN, BEL (6) [+2];  
**FRANCE:** mar, bre, spa (3) [0];  
**GERMANY:** home, kol, par (5) [+2];  
**ITALY:** home, TUN (4) [+1];  
**RUSSIA:** home, swe, rum (6) [0];  
**TURKEY:** home, bul, GRE (5) [+1];

**PRESS:**

PIE)BER: Did you receive my little request, mien gut herr?



TYA)BER: Hey, dumptkauf, did you get little ol' Piemont's request?? Huh? Huh?

ITALY)AUSTRIA: The main purpose of diplomacy is not grabbing pots, but to write press, PRESS, and more press!

AUSTRIA)RUSSIA & TURKEY: I just think I've allied myself with a village idiot!

AUSTRIA)TURKEY: Why are you so anxious to sell off my territory? Seems like you ought to talk to my real estate agent first.

Racist Joke making rounds in Austria: Q- How many Rumanians does it take to change a light bulb. A- None. They don't have electric lights.

AUSTRIA)WORLD: If you have any press for France, address it to me and I'll pass it on to him when I join him in the hereafter.

ITALY)RUSSIA: Is Crantz & Stern's real identity Burns & Schriver?

ITALY)ENGLAND: I'll be happy to own Denmark, if no one wants it.

ITALY)FRANCE: Answer -- they get TOAD away.

ITALY)FRANCE: Question -- what happens to frogs which are illegally parked?

TURKEY)AUSTRIA: Yes, but my proportion of Italy games out of my total is higher than you! (I don't play as much as you).

RUSSIA)WORLD: Cossack horsman at home in snow/ his village is far away/ He feeds the fires that save the bear/ nothing can stand in their way.

Vladimir: I've got the yo-yo.

Boris: I've got the string.

Vladimir ('Stern): Is that you, Rosencrantz?

'Crantz (Boris): Of course it's me. You were expecting maybe Dan Rowan?

'Stern: Have you any idea what the coded message was all about?

'Crantz: You lost the book again. You gotta stay 'way from that opium den in Izmir. You're just lucky I've got a good memory for codes.

'Stern: So, what did you come up with?

'Crantz: Mind you, this probably isn't an exact break-down. My memory isn't photographic.

'Stern: Well???

'Crantz: According to what I remember of the code book, the message reads, "Distill sauce of old tomato."

'Stern: Great!! We don't need a code book. We need a cook book.

'Crantz: I told you my memory isn't photographic.

'Stern: More like coloring book!! I think we should call the Director. Here, use my pen.

'Crantz - Pen: Open Channel "D". Let me speak to Grigori.

Pen: this is the Office of the Director. Grigori is no longer with the Company. Leo speaking.

'Crantz: Leo? Leo who??

Pen: Leo M. Trotsky. You were expecting maybe Leo G. Carroll??

RUSSIA)ENGLAND: What a fine persecution. To be kept

intrigued without ever quite being enlightened.

RUSSIA)AUSTRIA: You might also add, "p.s.s -- And replacing it with another." You were expecting maybe chopped liver??

GERMANY)TURKEY: Who's minding the store?

BER)LOW: It stinks! You can have it.

GERMAN 2d ARMY, PARIS)FIRST ROYAL INFANTRY, LONDON: You should hang your recruiter -- we're having a blast. We tried to save you a table, but they won't take reservations.

MUN)WAR: Care for a Mozart Kegein?

LONDON TIMES: The Queen is dead... Long live the King!

Her Majesty, despite our prayers, has at last succumbed to the double-pneumonia which she contracted this last hard winter, at the age of 82. An emergency session of Parliament has approved the Divine Right succession of her son, Edward VII. (The one notable absentee was the House of Commons peer S. Holmes, reported to have been pre-occupied with stumbling over "things" in the dark -- once again not heeding the advice of his physician, one J. Watson, MD -- and cramming God-knows-what in that meerschaum of his.) Our correspondent-in-residence was able to obtain the following quote from His Majesty:

"Mummy was a tough old bird. One could say she was, to use the vernacular, a 'wicked witch'. One could also say she was a cornerstone of stability in Western Europe. One could also say 'I've got a quid down on horse #5 in the 5th at Ascot', but who'd listen? At least I get to kick that pompous ass, Lyons-Harte, back to Castle Bewildurd!" (our correspondent has resigned his post. Your genteel editor is considering same.)

EDWARD

VII)Whoever-in-hell-is-mismanaging-France-this-season: Mums was too lenient with you. Your total disregard for Her concern over the welfare of Europe, which only hastened Her physical deterioration, shall be avenged.

LOW)BER: What stench? Denmark smells fine!

ENG)TUR: We offer nothing for a piece of Austria. We are not interested in distressed property. Slumlord! Ask the Italian.

BLORE)JUDGE WARGRAVE: I was merely following my orders; "If it moves, shoot it. If it's bigger than you are, get someone else to shoot it for you."



## F-15 STRIKE EAGLE

(Microprose Software \$34.95)

F-15 Strike Eagle is a simulation putting you in command of a modern jet fighter-bomber. At your fingers are medium and short range missiles, guns and bombs. Ahead of you are SAMs, enemy fighters, airfields, and targets. The mission is to penetrate the enemy defenses and bomb your primary target(s). Are you good enough?

This is a change for me. Usually I play ground combat simulations, but I never turn away a challenge. And this game is a challenge, for pilots of all ages. The game disk includes seven missions to fly, from Libya to Hanoi. One to four players may participate. There are also four levels of difficulty, and they are difficult. Realism plays a big part in this game. Before you can begin a mission, you must authenticate yourself with a code found in the book. More realism exists in the game as your plane is equipped with everything from HUD (Heads up Display, showing instrument read-outs on the windscreen) to flares to ECM (Electronic Counter Measures to defeat enemy weapons). You look out from the cockpit over the landscape as you fly, but your dash board includes three radars, as well as a tactical map.

This game is very playable, and flexible in that no mission is exactly the same as any other. The graphics are very detailed, along with power/weight curves and thrust output graphs included in the manual, and even diagrams of some simple evasive actions. The aircraft is so maneuverable you can perform almost any type of maneuver. I rate this game highly, for the true pilot or just for someone who wants to enjoy the thrill of flying.

—Aaron Ness



**BREAKTHROUGH IN THE ARDENNES** (\$40, SSI) is a smoothly executed simulation of the last major battle on the Western Front during WW2. This is a "classic" simulation, war-gamed by dozens of paper board gamers over the years. The computer version permits both solitaire and two-player enjoyment. Each turn is a day of game time. Three scenarios include the first and last 7 days, as well as the whole 12 days.

The map scrolls over several screens containing a 32 by 31 hex grid each of which "represents an area of about two miles". Parts of Germany, France, Belgium and Luxembourg are included. Terrain includes clear rough, forest, town, river and road. The depiction of roads is unusual — they are indicated by white hexsides. Bridges are a very important terrain feature, but they are indicated on the screen only by the white hexside of a road. When the bridge is destroyed, it must be rebuilt by the player desiring to use it. Players must refer to a plastic-coated play-aid map to see bridge sites which may be rebuilt. Only Engineer units may rebuild bridges for the Germans.

Maneuver elements include battalions, regiments and divisions. Units belonging to the same formations may be combined or broken down into separate units. While there are only 12 turns, each turn has 12 phases. The program performs very quickly, and players are offered the option to save a game in progress at several points during a turn.

Tracing supply lines to a friendly edge of the map is crucial to success in the game. Air points are available for ground attack and interdiction roles. Artillery and replacement points may be added to ground units. Units may enter a "Travel" mode for more rapid movement along roads. Units may also fortify positions. Combat is plotted with the option to advance into a vacated enemy hex. Weather may affect the movement of units.

The 5 levels of victory conditions are based upon the possession of towns on the map. The 7 pages of documentation include a historical commentary, notes on strategy and tactics, an Order of Battle Chart, and some examples of play. A novice to the hobby of playing historical simulations might enjoy this one. For those of intermediate or expert skill, this game provides subtle challenges.

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