

LORD OF HOSTS

LORD OF HOSTS is the Miller Number Custodial Zine. It carries assignments of Miller Numbers, variant game statistics and material related to the Miller Numbers and the variant Diplomacy hobby in general. Copies will be mailed to all people whom I know to be GMing variant games or to have variant openings; other persons may receive copies by sending a stamped, addressed envelope. I am willing to trade URF DURTAL for any zine running variant games or having openings in variant games. Those who do not wish to trade are urgently requested to send me the names of players, GM, zine and variant at game start, and a complete supply-center breakdown by year as well as player records (i.e., who dropped out when) at the conclusion of the game for publication in LoH.

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1. No new Miller Numbers have been assigned since 1 January 1981. The Miller Numbers assigned here will be a surprise to the gamesmasters of the various games. However, I have not dropped out without a trace; there has been a hiatus of four months, but here they are. There are a variety of reasons for this, and I could bore you with a list of things I've done in those four months and things I've yet to do, but none of that would justify my nonfeasance in any case, so I shall refrain.

It has become clear to me that without other duties in the hobby (vide, publication of a zine) the hobby does not hold sufficient interest for me to continue operating a post like the Miller Numbers. Consequently, I am currently looking for a successor to my position. I'll be writing a number of people, but suggestions and volunteers are welcome. To my mind, the new MMC must a) have several years of experience in the hobby, b) have an interest in variants, and c) must have a general reputation for reliability.

2. At the same time I've been lax in my MN duties, I've stopped publication of my zine, URF DURTAL GRANDSON OF POUCH. One game has been transferred to Fred Hyatt's THE HOME OFFICE (and Mr. Hyatt will find enclosed with this issue a check for gamefees and subscription monies and a complete game record), and another to Glenn Overby's JIHAD. However, I still have several games, variant and regular, which need homes. Anyone interested in volunteering should write me. Be warned, however, that there has been a hiatus of about eight months, so it may be difficult getting these games going again. GM's who take over such games will get any gamefees and subscription monies from the players.

Miller Number Designators Assigned Since 1 October 1980:

jj--Gusher  
 jk--Jupiter  
 jl--North America 2020  
 jm--Youngstown XII  
 jn--Woolworth Diplomacy

GAME WRAP-UPS SINCE LAST ISSUE

78Chb (Gesta Danorum)  
 Zine: RUNESTONE  
 GM: John Leeder  
 Danes: Dave Pengelly (out W867)  
 East Angles: Bob Bawtinheimer (dro S870), Robert Paquin (dro F870), Trevor Baillie (dro F874), Fred Winter (out W875).  
 Mercians: Fred Weidemeyer (res S869), Hugh Polley (out W870).  
 Norse: Blair Cusack  
 Northumbrians: John Johnson (dro F867), Robert Fisher (out W871).  
 Picts: Ken Wilkie (won W875).  
 Welsh: Alan Laucke (dro F871), Bill LaFosse (dro S875), Raynald Provost (res F875), Steve Cartier  
 West Saxons: Doug Hayward (dro S871), Raynald Provost (out W871).

(Note: victory criterion was majority of units on board).

	865	866	867	868	869	870	871	872	873	874	875
Danes	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E. Angles	4	5	5	6	6	6	5	4	1	1	-
Mercians	5	4	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norse	4	5	6	6	5	5	9	9	10	10	12
Northumbrians	4	5	4	2	2	2	-	-	-	-	-
Picts	4	4	4	6	8	8	9	10	11	13	17
Welsh	3	3	4	5	6	9	9*	9	10	9	3
Wessex	4	5	4	4	4	2	-	-	-	-	-

78Tid (5-Player Madman)  
 GM: John Leeder to F03; John Michalski  
 Zine: RUNESTONE to F03; BRUTUS BULLETIN

A: Steve Carter (out F08)  
 England: Fred Weidemeyer (res F01), Peter Reese (drew S11).  
 France: Steve Columbo (Drew S11)  
 Germany: madman (out F04).  
 Italy: Madman (out F05).  
 Russia: Trevor Baillie, (dro S06), C.D. (out F07).  
 Turkey: Hugh Polley (dro S05), Arturo Guajardo (drew S11)

	01	02	03	04	05	06	07	08	09	10
Austria	2	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	-	-
England	4	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	16	14
France	4	6	8	10	10	10	9	7	5	6
Germany	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Italy	4	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Russia:	6	7	7	6	5	3	-	-	-	-
Turkey	4	6	7	7	8	10	10	13	13	14

79Dfh (Colonia IV)

GM: Phil Cooper (to W1751), Gene Prosnitz (to W1754), John Zipper  
Zine: THE HOME OFFICE  
Austria: Fred Hyatt (drew)  
China: Dale Kemper (drew)  
England: Charles Price (dro W1753), Phil Cooper  
France: Steve D Alessandro (dro F1752), Konrad Baumeister  
Netherlands: Gene Paulson  
Ottomans: Bill Doelling  
Portugal: Jerry Muto (F1753), Art Schleinkofer  
Russia: Glenn Ledder  
Spain: Dan Mathias (S1751), Walter Blank (drew)

	1750	51	52	53	54	55	
Austria	10	16	19	22	26	28	drew
China	7	9	10	13	17	21	drew
England	10	13	14	13	16	14	
France	9	8	6	4	1	0	
Nether.	10	14	14	15	10	8	
Ottoman	10	12	14	15	13	9	
Portugal	9	15	17	11	5	4	
Russia	13	14	14	15	15	13	
Spain	8	11	13	17	22	28	drew

79Lfh (Gunboat Colonia V)

GM: Fred Hyatt  
Zine: THE HOME OFFICE  
Austria: Phil Cooper (drew)  
China: Bert Leighton (drew)  
England: Walter Blank (drew)  
France: Conrad Struckman  
Netherlands: Robert Cheek  
Ottomans: Karl Schuetz  
Portugal: Eugene Paulson  
Russia: Bob Kluge  
Spain: John Zipper

	1750	51	52	53	
Austria	10	13	17	19	drew
China	8	10	13	16	drew
England	10	15	22	26	drew
France	8	12	15	15	
Netherlands	9	11	11	11	
Ottomans	10	13	12	13	
Portugal	9	13	10	9	
Russia	13	16	14	9	
Spain	9	9	9	9	

79Mdl (Scotice Scripti III)

GM: Fred Hyatt  
Zine: THE HOME OFFICE  
Connacht: Lee Kendter, Sr.  
England: Phil Cooper (drew)  
Kymru: Mike McGranaghan (dro W1017), Mark Burden (out W1020)  
Leinster: Joe Grailey (drew)  
Munster: Art Schleinkofer (dro W1015), Chris Ward (dro W1017), Vern Schaller  
Orkney: Marc Hess (dro W1015), Margaret Gemignani  
Scotland: Victor Ricci  
Ulster: Karl Schuetz

5	1015	16	17	18	19	20	
Connacht	4	3	4	3	1	-	
England	4	5	5	6	8	10	drew
Kymru	4	4	4	4	2	-	
Leinster	5	6	7	8	9	9	drew
Munster	4	5	4	5	6	7	
Orkney	3	4	4	4	3	4	
Scotland	4	5	5	4	4	4	
Ulster	4	4	3	2	3	2	

80Ffh (Gunboat Colonia V) GM: Phil Cooper  
 Zine: THE HOME OFFICE  
 Austria: Karl Schuetz  
 China: Eugene Paulson  
 England: Vernon Schaller (drew)  
 France: Walter Blank (to S55), Alfred Rodriguez  
 Netherlands: Paul Hess (out W54)  
 Ottomans: Fred Hyatt (drew)  
 Portugal: \* Dennis Sulsberger  
 Russia: Konrad Baumeister  
 Spain: B. Leighton (out W54)

	1750	51	52	53	54	55	
Austria	10	13	15	15	13	14	
China	8*	10	11	14	15	16	
England	10	14	19	22	29	30	drew
France	9	13	13	13	15	13	
Netherlands	10	13	11	6	1	-	
Ottomans	10	13	16	18	22	23	
Portugal	8	10	11	14	13	16	
Russia	14	19	17	16	17	16	
Spain	10	13	10	6	3	-	

MILLER NUMBERS ASSIGNED SINCE LAST ISSUE

80Mjj GUSHER DIPLOMACY Zine: Bushwacker. GM: Fred Davis. A: Ralph Baty. E: Chip Charnley. F: Dan Wilson. G: Scott Hanson. I: Rick Young. R: Ed Bapple. T: Joe Marshall.

80Nfh COLONIA V GM: Eugene Paulson. Zine: The Home Office. Austria: Ben Zablocki. China: Wayne Norton. England: Jack McPherrren. France: Chip Charnley. Netherlands: Phil Cooper. Ottomans: Robert Cheek. Portugal: David Arnott. Russia: Fred Hyatt. Spain: Mike Doelling.

800jk JUPITER GM: Bruce Linsey. Zine: The Voice of Doom ((Bruce---could you forward me a list of the initial players and positions?))

81Aja SMALL WORLD II-R GM: Fred Davis. Zine: Bushwacker. Africa: Frank Kennesson. China: Robert Cheek. Islam: Greg Costikyan. North America: Ronald J. Brown. Russia: Kerry Blant. South America: Ralph Baty. Western Europe: Chip Charnley. Pacific Empire: Glenn Overby

81Bjb MACHIAVELLI (1513 scenario) GM: Glenn Overby. Zine: Jihad. Austria: Bill Osmanson. France: Larry Boudon. Milan: Steve D Alessandro. Papacy: Clark Reynolds. Turks: Don Del Grande. Venice: Mike Scott.

81Cjl NORTH AMERICA 2020 GM: Glenn Overby. Zine: Jihad. Canada: Steven Davies-Morriss. C.S.A.: Marion Bates. Deseret: Mike Scott. Mexico: David Anderson. Quebec: Debbie Osborne. Texas: Don Schwartz. U.S.A: Greg Stewart.

81Djm YOUNGSTOWN XII GM: Glen Taylor. Zine: none (carbon copy).  
Austria: Worth Buruss. China: Kerry Yon. England: Mark Costello. France:  
David McCrumb. Germany: Chris Mattern. India: Pamela Gereau. Italy: Tim  
Bertness. Japan: Bil Wulff. Russia: Dave Lowman. Transvaal: Beki Belcher.  
Turkey: Bob O Harrow. U.S.A.: Dave & Bongard

81Ejn WOOLWORTH DIPLOMACY GM: Glenn Overby. Zine: Jihad. England: David  
Anderson. France: Fred Davis. Italy: Dan Palter. Scandinavia: Mark Laadi.  
Spain: Steven Davies-Morris.

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JIM,BUMPAS: You requested a Miller Number for your \*radio\* game, but  
neglected to tell me what year it was started. I can't assign a number  
until I know when it started.

This is interesting, actually; apparently, Kendter refused to give the game  
a BN simply because all communication must be published in the zine. Now,  
nowhere in the Diplomacy rules does it say that the player must be allowed  
to negotiate privately. If players wish to enter into a private agreement  
only to permit negotiation over the game-board, they are free to do so.  
Consequently, a game in which all communication is printed changes or  
violates the original rules of Diplomacy in no way. Consequently, Bumpas  
RADIO game is NOT A VARIANT in any sense of the word. However, I will, of  
course, be glad to give it a Miller Number if Kendter is too much of an  
anal retentive to give it a Boardman Number.

On the other hand, Kendter issues BN s with reliability, while my handling  
of the MN s has been notably lax. You take what you can get.

It has also come to my attention that Kendter isn't giving BN s to phone  
games. Is this correct? This strikes me as peculiar, if so. Phone games  
are entirely legitimate within the purview of the Diplomacy rules. Further-  
more, I recall that when I first got into the hobby (72? 73?) there were a  
number of phone games in New York, all with Boardman numbers. In fact, when  
I started a Diplomacy game at my school in which the players gave their moves  
to the GM once per week and diplomacy could be conducted at any time face-to-  
face, the Boardman Number Custodian was glad to give that game a BN. What  
gives? (Any phone game which has been refused a BN may get a MN.)  
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