

# MAGUS

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This is getting to be a bad habit. It's Tuesday again, and this isn't even Belgium. More burnout evidence? More real world? Some of both? Well, I have been working in excess of 60 hour weeks. Daf has brought us into the age of wall to wall carpeting, which means we have been moving again. We aren't going anywhere, but all of the packing, taking apart of the big pieces, putting it all into different places, moving it back, putting the big pieces back together again, and the unpacking are the same. The nice part is having soft carpet to step onto with tired feet when it's all done.

The more attentive of you may have noticed that there are no end game stats in this. Well, that too is a sign of burnout, but not in the way you might think. As it happened, between MAGUS #79 and #86, there is a huge hole in my files. The zine just hasn't interested me enough to make the point of putting away after getting it out to check the previous month's positions. I asked Don for help, and he came through, but I told him the wrong set of numbers. Now, I have all of my copies of #87 thru #90, and a copy of his copies, too.

Anyhow, if any of you have had more interest in the zine than I've shown, could you please send me copies of those issues? I'd offer you three free issues for each, but that seems pretty pointless. Anyhow, until I get things together, can we just continue along with the games and do the end game stuff later? Along those lines, Slowtime comes to an end with a Russo-Turkish draw. If I get the issues, and if I can talk Daf into doing the typing, I will get all of the end game stuff in next month. Promise? Well, I hate to make promises about the future, but trust me.

The Production Lead job that was supposed to be mostly going to meetings and writing memos is over. It was the reason I was working 60+ hours a week. Just my luck that the system fell apart during my reign. The seeds of destruction were laid down just before Mitch (the guy I replaced) left, and I got things straightened out and running again just before he came back. It was an exciting month. I learned that I can manage people, which is a good thing to know. Basically it comes from asking people to do what they can do, and not asking them to do what they can't do. I guess the trick is in knowing what they can do. Of course, it helps to have people who can do things well.

Now that the weather has dried up a little, Winston isn't as wet as she has been in the past. She used to lie down in puddles. She reminds me a lot of Chris in her taste for mud and water. When things started drying out, Daf thought we ought to get her a plastic pool so she would have a place to get wet. We all tried to teach her that she could use the pool for a puddle, but she wouldn't go near it. Later, I watched her approach it on her own. She tried to get a hold of the pool with her teeth and drag it away. It was too heavy, but she did manage to splash herself in the face a couple of times.

1987 CV New Kids Summer and Fall 1907

Nothing passed, but a concession to A, and the A/F, A/R and A/E/R draws are proposed. Steve Emmert is back. He called in his moves rather than trust to the mails.

1987 CV New Kids Summer and Fall 1907

AUS (Russ Rusnak 15) A BOH-Tya(fails), A Gal-WAR, A Tri-VEN,  
F Nap-ROM, A MOS S ENG F NWY-Stp(fails, NSO), A PIE-Tya(fails),  
A BER S A Sil-PRU, A Sil-PRU, A UKR S A MOS, F Ion-TUN, A Smy-ANK,  
F CON S A Smy-ANK, F AEG-Bul(sc)(fails), A RUM-Bul(fails),  
ENG (Don Williams 4) F NWG-Nth(fails), F NWY S F NWG-Nth(cut),  
A DEN S AUS A BER-Kie(fails, NSO), F Lpl-CLY  
FRA (Steve Emmert 10) A Bel-LON, F NTH C A Bel-LON, A Bur-MUN,  
A MAR H, A Mun-KIE, A Kie-HOL, A YOR S F Iri-LPL, F Iri-LPL,  
F EDI H, F MID H  
RUS (Ron Cameron 4) A Mos R LVN, F Sev R BLA; A FIN-Nwy(fails),  
A STP S A LVN-Mos, F BLA-Bul(ec)(fails), A LVN-Mos(fails)  
TUR (Mark Weseman 1) A SEV S AUS A MOS

1987 CV New Kids Winter 1906 Supply Center Chart

AUS Bud Tri Vie Ser Bul Gre Ven Rom Tun Rum Nap Ber +2; builds 3  
War Con Smy MOS ANK  
ENG Lon(lost) Lpl(lost) Den Nwy -2; removes 2  
FRA Bre Mar Par Por Spa Bel Mun Hol Edi Kie LON LPL +2; builds 2  
RUS Mos(lost) Stp Swe Sev(lost) -2; removes 2  
TUR Ank(lost), SEV +0; even

1987 CV New Kids Press:

TSAR to CLUCK: Sure, take Sweden, to quote Rusnak "WHO CARES"?

CLUCK DUCK: Sounds like the secret identity of Super Drake, doesn't it. But we all know better than that...don't we?

TSAR to TURK: So long, sucker!!

GM to TSAR: A bit premature with the "bye bye"s, aren't we?

1987 AL Euro Style Fall 1911

Everything was defeated, F/G/R and F/G/T are proposed. Thanks to Jim Burgess for taking over the Russian position? An adjudication error was brought to my notice; Fance has F MID, not F Bre.

FRA (Rick Kohman 9) A ROM S A Pie-VEN, F NAP-Apu(fails), A GAS H(u),  
F Tyh-TUN, F Ion-ALB, F MID H(u), A Pie-VEN, F Gol-TYH,  
F Aeg S TUR F Alb-GRE(disl, R ION),  
GER (Bob Slossar 10) A TYA S A Ven-TRI, A RUH H, F Nth-NWY,  
F Bal-SWE, F NAT H, A BOH-Gal(fails), A Gal-BUD, A Ven-TRI,  
A VIE S A Gal-BUD, A Mun-SIL  
RUS (Jim Burgess 5) A LVN-War(fails), A MOS S A WAR-Ukr, A FIN H,  
A WAR-Ukr(fails), A UKR-Rum(fails)  
TUR Larry Botimer 9) F Alb-GRE, A SEV-Ukr(fails), A RUM-Gal(fails),  
A Tri-Tya(disl, R SER), F Bla-CON, A Bud-Vie(disl, R OTB),  
F SMY S F Bul(sc)-AEG, F APU-Ven(fails), F Bul(sc)-AEG

1987 AL Winter 1911 Supply Center Chart

|     |   |                                   |
|-----|---|-----------------------------------|
| AUS | Tri(lost)                                     | -1; out                           |
| FRA | Bre Mar Par Por Spa Lon Tun Rom Nap VEN       | +1; builds A MAR                  |
| GER | Ber Kie Mun Den Bel Hol Edi Lpl Ven(lost) Vie | +3; builds A MUN,<br>A BER, F KIE |
|     | SWE NWY TRI BUD                               |                                   |
| RUS | Mos Stp War Swe(lost) Nwy(lost)               | -2; removes (NRR)<br>A FIN, A LVN |
| TUR | Ank Con Smy Bul Sev Bud(lost) Gre Ser Rum     | -1; even                          |

To answer the question, why were A FIN and A LVN removed? I use the CD rules, with the additional alphabetic order tie-breaker.

1987 AL Euro Style Press:

BOOB to GM: Thanks for letting me stay in MAGUS. I'm not sure how long this will keep me around though. Speaking of keeping people around, does Daf type the press any more? I thought not.

GM to BOOB: Of course, your sub is good for the life of the zine, and, you were right about Daf, although she is typing the End Game stuff.

GM to BOOB: Right, prophetic retreats and builds (and removals).

RIKKO to GM: Sure, you're all Cute & Cuddly, but you grow up to have some hellacious claws and teeth!

GM to RIKKO: I still have most of my teeth, but the claws aren't much.

RIKKO to RH & KK: What a bunch of Party-Poopers! It got past your bedtimes, eh?

GM to RIKKO: I don't know about Richard, but Kathy needs her beauty sleep. (I know I'm going to regret saying that).

RIKKO to LARRY: I HAD to write something nasty last time; Kathy threatened to kick me out of BBI#14, if I didn't.

1986 A Slowtime Autumn and Winter 1913, Spring 1914

The R/T draw has passed. The adjudication is meaningless.

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| FRA | (Bill Quinn 4)    | A Pic R OTB(NRR); A Mar-Spa(fails, poof),<br>F Spa(sc)-Por(fails, poof), A Par-GAS   |
| ITA | (Larry Botimer 1) | A NAF-Spa(fails, imp)  |
| RUS | (Don Williams 15) | builds A SEV; A SEV H, A MOS S A SEV, A GAL H,<br>A UKR S A GAL, A SIL S A GAL, A BOH S A GAL, F NAT H(u), A BEL H,<br>A RUH H, A Lpl-WAL, A Bur-MAR, F Eng-NTH, A PIE S A Bur-MAR,<br>A Pic-PAR, A MUN S A BOH, F Nwg-Cly(fails, NSU) |
| TUR | (Flash Fassio 14) | builds A CON, A SMY, F ANK; A CON-BUL,<br>A Smy-ARM, F Ank-BLA, A RUM S A BUD, A VEN S A TYA,<br>F GOL S F Wes-SPA(SC), F Wes-SPA(SC), A TYA S A VIE, A VIE S A TYA,<br>F MID-Por(fails), F BRE-Mid(fails), A BUD S A VIE              |

1986 A Slowtime Press:

PARIS - RT: I have not been guilty of voting NO for some time.

ITALY - RUSSIA: (Snort) I'm truly impressed that you're going to work for my destruction. Give me a break.

BO(T) - FAZ: What some people won't do for a little respect.

LARRY - QUILL: Come on partner, get it over with, you don't have to outlive me you know!

FLASH to QUILL: Bill, sorry for the lousy tone of last letter, and I'm sorry you're mad about the taking of Brest. But it's always been R/T

this game (Russia's NMRs and stab notwithstanding), and whatever it takes to end this game on an R/T can--and will--be done. Hopefully the "yes" vote has passed and this one is history.

TUR to ITA: Larry, stay on "hold," but I don't anticipate any convoys or aggressive actions for the duration of this one. Please vote "yes" to the draw, or I'll have to succumb to the Russian War Party and help eliminate any non-yellow and white blocks around. And that's just not cricket, old man; you and France both deserve survival.

FRANCE to REPENTENT RUSSKIE: Let the GM throw slings and arrows of outrageous fortune at the "Diplowimps" who are winning this game! Each game is different. And this game was done under the "Odd Couple" scenario--"Can two completely different Dip players (and their playing styles) survive on one board without drivinf each other mad?" You tried the Oscar Madison "Slob Win" ploy, and the "Felix Unger" in me covered it (luckily). We both realize a stab is counterproductive at this stage. I say, let peace reign over Europe, and let's move on to a different game, with different results. Righto? GM, what say you?

GM to DIPLOWIMPS: I have to call them the way I see them.

FAZ to TOM: As usual, you played a good game, Tom. Things didn't go your way, but that happens. I'm sorry you're so bitter and nonresponsive about it all.

This is the following Sunday. I put in lots of overtime Wednesday and Thursday. Two separate projects, each of which had a sudden deadline. The Wednesday project had to be completed by midnight that day (I got a good data transmission off by 9:30 that night), and I got in to work the next morning to discover that we had a whole new hot project waiting. A report for Congress that had to be to Congress by Friday (this on Thursday morning). We faxed it to them 10:00 Friday, our time, and got lots of brownie points (I even have a letter from Blue Cross thanking me for the job I did) for it. By Friday, I was too tired to consider trying to complete MAGUS. I did do some of it yesterday, but since Friday was also my birthday, Daf had a bit of a party planned for me.

I got a T-Shirt from one of my friends at work that says, "This is what 50 looks like." Until I got it, turning 50 was a bit depressing. After I got it, I felt a lot better about it.

This is the list of those who are getting MAGUS. To be on this list, you have to play, standby, or have some other quality that makes me want to send this to you. What that quality might be, I leave to your imagination.

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This is the place you should look if you want to find out if there are any changes of address in the above. Oh, by the way, if you want me to change your address, tell me so. Bob Olsen told me his new address. Mark Weseman sent in his Summer COA.

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ZAT for the games will be June 16, 1989.