

Well, here we are, firmly ensconced at 121 19th Ave. NE, Calgary, Alta., Canada T2M 1E9, and with the luxury of having my desk and my Diplomacy staff with me once again, so things are actually semi-organized once more! (Not fully organized - that'd be too much to ask....) I feel as though I should write more here, but I can't for the life of me think what, so it's off to gamesville first....

Game 1978Eck, Fall 638: IN SPITE OF DOZY COLLEANDERS, NO MASSIVE GAINS....  
(Jihad II)

The Barbarian unit in Den is a fleet; I typed both "F Den" and "A Den" last time by error.

- Arabs (Dave Pengelly): (Retreated F Alx-SSI, A Ant-Dam); A 24-Mecca; A NorthSinai-Alexandria, s by F SouthSinai & A UpperEgypt; A Yemen-Ethiopia, s by A Axum; A 25-Yemen; A Baara-28; A Bahrain-28, s by A 29; A 30 s A Baghdad; A Mosul-Samarra, s by A Baghdad & A Euphrates; A Damascus s A Jerusalem; A Jerusalem s A Baghdad; A Nejd unordered.
- Barbarians (Greg Brown): A BZII-7; A Scythia-LowerMoesia; A UpperMoesia un; A 8 & A EastArmenia s A WestArmenia; A WestArmenia s A EastArmenia; A 4 s A UpperMoesia; A Pannonia & A 2 s A Bohemia; A 1-Saxony, s by A Bohemia; F Norway-NorwegianSea, s by F Denmark; F Skagerrak a A Denmark.
- Byzantines (Steve Norris): NMR! F Euxine, F Thrace(oc), F IonianSea, F Crete, F LevantineSea, F PamphylianSea, F EgyptianSea, A Epirus, A Macedonia, A LowerMoesia, A Constantinople, A Paphlagonia, A Pontus, A Awasim & A Antioch all hold unordered.
- Franks (Jim Peters): NMR! F NorwegianSea & F Saxony dislodged; F Ireland, F NorthSea, A Noricum, A Rhaetia, A Venetia, A Frisia, A Thuringia, A Alamania, A Treveri & F Aix all hold unordered.
- Ostrogoths (Trevor Baillie): "A Alexandria goes the the library (got to be one of the boys, you know)" (dislodged); A Ravenna h, s by A Etrucia; A Carthage h, s by A Leptis & F SyrtisGulf; A Rome h; F NorthFyrrenian-Gulfllyons, s by F Sardinia; F AiolianSea-PitusyanSea.
- Persians (Hugh Polley): NMR! A Samarra dislodged; A Assyria, A ZagrusMts, A Susa, A Nishapur, F MareCaspicum, A Bivar, A Tahiriden, A Samarkand, A Gauda, A Somalia, F GulfOman, F WestArabianSea, F PersianGulf & F RedSea all hold unordered.
- Vizigoths (Steve Cartier): A CisalpineGaul s FRA A Venetia; F Gulfllyons-Corsica; A Massilia s A CisalpineGaul; A Septimania s A Massilia; A Numidia-Carthage, s by A Tingad & A Hippo; F PitusyanSea s A Hippo; F Capenao s F PitusyanSea.

Retreats: Frankish F Sax ann.; Persian A Sam ann.; Frankish F Nrg retreats to Mercia(oc), Picts or Oceanus; Ostrogothis A Alx to Marmarica.

Centres: Arabs: 7 hidden + Bas, Bag, Lio, ~~Sam~~, ~~Ax~~, Dam, Jer, Alx\*, UEG, Axu, Yem (18) Build 1.

Barbarians: 7 hidden + EAR, WAR, Scy, UMo, Den, Swe, Nwy, Sax, Boh (16) Build 2.

\*double centre

Byzantines: Con\*, Mac, Epi, Ath, Cre, Rho, Opt, Ana, Cyr, Ank, Cae, Ant (13) Remove 2.

Franks: Lug, Aqu, Aur, Aix, Tre, ~~Boh~~, ~~Sax~~, Thu, Fri, Wax, Mer, Irg, Nrg (11) If F Nrg retreats, no change; otherwise build 1.

(more overleaf) Ostrogoths: Rav, Rom, Nea, Syr, Sic, Sar, Car, Lep, Cyr, Etr (10) If A Alx retreats, no change; otherwise build 1.

Persians: Ras, Guj, Had, Pat, ~~Gas~~, Hor, Her, His, Ker, Eob, Sus, ~~Ass~~, Ass, Smk, Oma, Kho (15) Build 1.

Vizigoths: Mas, Gas, Sep, Val, Cas, Sue, Tol, NCa, Cor, Cad, CalI, Hip, Tim, (13) Build 4 (room only for 3).

I hope the missing players will come through, but in case they don't, I'll dip into the badly overworked standby corps: for the Byzantines, Peggy Gemignani; for the Franks, Bob Fisher; for the Persians, Steve Payne. See page 1 for my new address. Winter orders are due Monday, July 16.

Somewhere in the North: The barbarian leader tapped his finger against the map. "It's Götterdämmerung," mumbled one of the assembled leaders. "Aye, Ragnarok," said another. "The brown stuff is really in the fan," rumbled an overlarge clergyperson. The barbarian leaders shrugged in disgust.

"You awful offal! Cowardly curs! Dastardly dogs! Bilious boobies!" "Better than antagonizing alliterative!" yelled someone from the back.

"There is one thing we can do! Attack all of these silly buggers who won't help. The Arabs in their nightshirts, the Visigoths..." He glowered at all assembled. "If they won't ally with us, we'll wipe them out!"

"I have a bad feeling about this..." said the clergyperson, mostly to herself.

Hippo: In the sands of the great Sahara,  
Dead, the Ostro now looks fairer.  
Poor a soldier, less a sairer,  
The sack of Rome now draws nairer!

5-Player Madman, Fall 1902: NEUTRALS SWAPPED UP AS MADMEN START TO FALTER!  
(No Miller Number yet) AUSTRIA-HUNGARY STILL AROUND!

- Austria (Steve Cartier): a tri-ser; a bud-vie.
- England (Pete Reese): (Retreated a nwy-fin); a fin-swe, s by f den; f nra-nwy; f bal-hol.
- France (Steve Colombo): f mid-por; f wes-tyr; a tyo-mun, s by a bur.
- Germany (madman): f bal-ber; a kie-hol; a boh-mun.
- Italy (madman): a vie-gal; a ven-tyo; f tus-rom; f tyr-ion.
- Russia (Trevor Baillie): f nwy s f swe; f swe s f nwy; a stp-fin; a sil-ber;  
a rum-bud; f sev-rum.
- Turkey (Hugh Polley): a ser s Rus a rum-bud; a bul s a ser; f con-aeg;  
f aeg-gre.

Retreat: Russian f swe to bot, ska or disband.

- Centres:
- Aus: ~~Mad~~, tri, vie (2) No change.
  - Eng: home, ~~W~~, swe, bel, den (6) Build 2.
  - Fra: home, spa, por, rum (6) Build 2.
  - Ger: ~~W~~, kie, ber (2) Remove 1.
  - Ita: home, ~~W~~ (3) Remove 1.
  - Rus: home, ~~W~~, nwy, rum, bud (7) Build 1, or 2 if f swe disbands.
  - Tur: home, bul, ser, gre (6) Build 2.

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Paris to Budapest: Help is on the way. Hang in there.  
Paris to Constantinople: Pick on someone your own size.

Constantinople to Paris? ... Why aren't you and England at each other's throats?

Flare to G: Please keep that two-headed Italian coin.

Game 19780hb Error: Obviously, the Welsh took SMe in the fall, own 9 centres, have 3 builds and eliminate Mercia. I had thought Blair had informed Alan, but from the looks of Alan's orders he doesn't know, so I'll give him a chance to change his orders. With any luck, I should be able to do it next week. Alan, phone 276-4756.

Meantime, this press should have been printed last season, with a Mercian elimination.

Cirencester Abbey to the Peng: Have said last rites for late Mercian chieftain. With a bit of luck, he may not receive his just rewards for his earthly endeavours.

The Sacred Rhino and Emperor games were held back, like the others, by my move, but later by difficulties in obtaining anonymous neutral orders.

Sacred Rhino, Spring 1901: ITALIAN ARMY MOVES INTO TRIESTE IN ONLY OUTRIGHT ASSAULT... BUT THAT BLACK SEA MOVE LOOK LERY! & CHANNEL

- Austria (Peggy Gemignani): a bud-vie; a vie-boh; f tri-adr.
- England (Robert Paquin): NMR! anonymous neutral orders f lon-nth; f edi-nrg; a lpl-yor.
- France (Bob Albrecht): a mar-spa; a par-pie; f bre-eng.
- Germany (Robert Cheek): f kie-den; a ber-kie; a mun-ruh.
- Italy (Dan McLellan): a ven-tri; a rom-ven; f nap-lon.
- Russia (Victor Melucci): f stpsc-bot; f sev-bla; a war-ukr; a mos-war.
- Turkey (Raynald Prevost): f ank-con; a con-bul; a smy h.

- Boers: Pastor is in Nieuwe Republik, h. Monomatopa: Baboon is in Shaba, goes to Babamba.
- CABOS: Jesuit is in Pondoland, h.
- Baluba: Hippo is in Babamba, h. Rotse: Hippo is in Kasai, h.
- Masai: Elephant is in Tabora, h. Zanzibar: Harem is in Mwera, h.

Some people seem to have misunderstood the NRS placements, but no harm done. Note that: there are no armies in Africa, only NRSs. Also, the NRSs cannot leave Africa and go to Europe. Also, preference lists for DA arrival may be sent any time before and including W01. Also, your African alliance may be kept secret until then or revealed (as one person has done) at your pleasure. For obvious reasons, I'm not revealing which African power is ordered by anonymous neutral.

Standby for England: Francois Guerrier, 2005 Thompson, University of Ottawa, Ottawa, Ont., Canada K1N 9A7. All other addresses in #252. Note my COA (p. 1). Fall orders are due Mon., July 16.

Moscow: Greetings from Moscow to all. May the green arrows, out of amber seas, never lose integrity...

Vienna: The Austrian Empire is proud to announce an alliance between them-

selves and the Boers of Africa for the purpose of wiping out alcoholism in Europe and Africa. Nominal head of the ~~South African~~ ~~of a similar nature~~ a zealous female pastor whose anti-alcoholic stand is well known, has not

Monomotapa (Coconut Capital of the World): The Starry Babeen, he ~~is~~ ~~not~~ ~~get~~ ~~involved~~ in Zealous Pastor's territory, He move up north, where the action is.

Imperator, Spring 235: INITIATIVES OF LOCAL TROOPS IN SPITE OF SLUMBERING  
(No Miller No. yet) COMMANDERS MAIN FEATURE OF SPRING CAMPAIGNS!

- African Commander (Arthur Lowe): NLR! Anonymous neutral orders  
F Carthage-IberianSea; F Cyrene(AGC)-EgyptianSea; A Ptolemais-Sinai.
- Danube Commander (Vic Melucci): A Moesia(AGC)-Peglia; A Dacia-Moesia;  
A Pannonia-Venetia.
- Emperor (Steve Payne): PG Rome-Neapolis; A Brundisium-Ravenna;  
A Ravenna-CisalpineGaul; F Neapolis-SouthTyrrenian.
- Rhine Commander (Robert Paquin): NLR! Anonymous Neutral ordered  
A LowerGermany(AGC)-UpperGermany; A UpperGermany-EastCeltica;  
A Britannia-Belgica.
- Syrian Commander (Dan MacLellan): A Antioch(AGC)-Cilicia; A Palmyra-Sidon;  
A Cappadocia-Galatia.

Note my COA, on p. 1. Standbys: for Africa: Blair Cusack; for the Rhine: Raynald Provost. All addresses in #252. Monday, July 23 is the Fall deadline

Danube: Greetings from Victorius. There is no AGC in the Empire with legions more loyal to the Emperor than mine. However, with chaos in Rome, we would like to know who is Emperor this week....

New Blood: Bruce Linsey, 71 Hudson Terrace Apts., Newburgh, NY 12550, USA (as luck would have it, Bruce sent in a Zine Poll submission and I got his address from it, Handy, that poll...)

- Standbys: N.A. Regular Games: Morgan, Acheson, MacLellan, Walk\*, Normand, Workman\*, Bartman, Albrecht, Gemignani, Baillie\*, Dunbar\*, Cusack, Carroll, Karnes, Lipscomb.
- Worldwide Regular: John, Hurd\*, Albrecht\*, Wasastjerna, Butcher, Winter.
- Variants: Baillie, Cartier, Albrecht\*, MacLellan, Pengelly, Gemignani, Fisher, Payne, Guerrier(?), Cusack(?), Provost(?).

Note to Robert Sacks: I responded to Costikyan's "rebuttal" (which in fact "rebutted" things I never said) in his zine, as he might have done in my zine if he had the good grace. As a general rule, I feel responses to something printed in a zine belong in that zine. However, I may reprint his "rebuttal" in a future issue, along with my explanation.

Note to Francois Guerrier: No, I'm formerly married (had my first divorce anniversary last month)and have finally found somebody worth living with.

That smuffs this issue....

CHIMO!