

RAMBLING WAY

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I'm writing this as US troops begin the Ground Phase of Operation Desert Shield. I'm sure that you've been pelted with individual opinions and comments over the past six months; from the TV, radio and other publications that you receive. Thus, I'll only say that I strongly support our president and what he is doing; as well our troops. I hope and pray for a quick end, and a safe return of all our troops. I have two good friends "over there" and am concerned about them.

Now, to game related items. Thanks to Michael Morris for submitting standby orders for Austria-Hungary. Stora Harris submitted orders, and expressed his apologies for missing last turn (see his introductory statement). Mike, you're still on tap for another position.

Another person has been added to the mailing list (this is becoming more of a 'zine, then a flyer game -- oh well....). Please welcome Rick Young (address on mailing list).

Next, in gaming news, I forgot to mention the Hobby Awards last time. Ron Cameron is again soliciting nominations for the Miller, Walker, Koning and Holley Awards. All nominations must be received by March 15th (Ron Cameron; 7821 Bouma Circle; La Palma, CA 90623).

The Don Miller Award is for hobby service during 1990, the Rod Walker Award is for literary excellence (in writing about the hobby), the John Koning Memorial Award is for outstanding play and the Melinda Ann Holley Award is for quantity participation. A small donation to cover the cost of the plaques and other expenses is welcome. I'll be enclosing a copy of the ballot when it is published.

There are still two openings in the GunBoat game. If you are interested, and not on the list, let me know. I'd like to get this game off and running as soon as possible.

As always, please mail preliminary orders upon receiving this. Then, send in revisions as necessary. Also, anyone wanting to write a short article for "Rambling Way" is welcome to (and strongly encouraged).

Look for the next issue the week of March 25th.

DIPLOMACY

Mensa #35

"Thistle and Shamrock"

FALL 1901 ORDERS

Turkey: A BUL-gre, A CON-bul, F BLA s con-bul
Russia: F bot-SWE, F rum-SEV, A ukr-RUM, A GAL-vie
Italy: F ION c A nap-tun, A nap-tun (<nsu>), A ven-TYR, A APU (<holds>)
England: F nwg-BAR, F NTH c A edi-nwy, A edi-NWY
France: A pic-BEL, A spa-POR, F MAO-spa
Germany: F DEN holds, A kie-BER, A ruh-HOL
A/H: F ALB-gre, A SER-bud, A VIE-bud

CENTERS/BUILDS

Turkey: Con, Ank, Smy, BUL (+1 UNIT)
Russia: War, Mos, StP, Sev, RUM, SWE (+2 UNITS)
Italy: Rom, Nap, Ven (EVEN)
England: Lpl, Edi, Lon, NWY (+1 UNIT)
France: Par, Bre, Mar, POR, BEL (+2 UNITS)
Germany: Ber, Kie, Mun, HOL, DEN (+2 UNITS)
A/H: Vie, Tri, Bud, SER (+1 UNIT)
Neutral: Spa, Tun, Gre

DUE DATE FOR WINTER 1901

((builds))

March 22, 1991, 13:00 (ctd)

NOTES

#1: Italian orders to A Nap and F Ion were disregarded (<nsu=no such unit>), as the army was in Apu. The army in Apu was unordered, so it held.

#2: French order to F MAO was ambiguous, thus it failed. The coast was not specied.

PRESS

TURKEY:

For the past two centuries, since the Treaty of Karlowitz (1699), the Ottoman Empire has been considered "the sick man of Europe". Under Sultan Jim the Great it will rise again to its former greatness.

Our first step is to recapture Bulgaria, for this land was our first major European conquest (from Serbia) in 1396, 57 years before Constantinople fell to us from the Byzantines. We held Bulgaria for almost 500 years, until the 1878 Treaty of Berlin re-created it. We shall hold it for another 500 years.

The Ottoman empire has not been in a war with Italy or any of its states for 220 years, and we are pleased to announce that we have just concluded a treaty with it that forbids any Italian fleet from entering the Aegean Sea or the Eastern Mediterranean.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY:

Greetings and salutations all-

My name is Stora Harris I have been assigned to Lackland AFB here in San Antonio, Texas for a little over a year now. Although I rarely admit it, I am married.

This is the first time I've ever tried to play Diplomacy by US Mail. While I was on GENie, a national electronic bulletin board, I had played one or two games, none of which worked out well. I have played perhaps a dozen games of Diplomacy otherwise, usually at gaming conventions when I had no other plans during that time slot. My primary interests in wargaming are 'real' wargames such as (sic) "Air Superiority", "World in Flames" and "Advanced Squad Leader".

GENEVA (API) -- The leaders of the European community were shocked at the blatant disregard exhibited by the Russian Czar as he sent troops across a major national boundary into Austria-Hungary. The national leaders of England, France, Germany, and Italy all expressed their support for the besieged Austrians. In a meeting of the foreign ministers of the major European nations, a joint resolution was passed demanding that the Czar immediately remove all forces from the soil of Austria. The Sultan of Turkey has been strangely silent on the matter.