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Life is but a walking shadow, a poor player that struts
and frets his hour upon the stage and then is heard no
more; It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and
fury, Signifying nothing....

Macbeth, Act V, Scene 5

1984CT, 1984HN, 1985W, 1985AO, 1985CQ are the games in process.

Deadline for all games is 20 December, 1985. *Note this is 7 days past posted
the games.

STABBACK # 9

I have decided to open STABBACK #9. I have three players signed up for this game. As soon as I have all the players and the game fees I will start this game up. So far I have McKinnon, Christie D., Nonis(?). So lets get this game filled up and started. How about you, Jim?!?

MILITARY QUIZ

David McCrumb is the winner, the only entry. Answers next issue!!!

STABACK's RATING SYSTEM

- 6 Points for a win.
- 4 Points for a draw.
- 2 Points for a survival.
- 1 point for an elimination.
- 0 points for drop or resign.
- 1 point for stand-by and no game or points for the position.

Divide points by number of games,
gives your score.

No stand-by points will be awarded for a country which wins or draws.

The top five are:

- Phil Cooper = 7.00
- Hugh Christie = 4.00
- Willis Beaver = 4.00
- Steven McKinnon = 3.00
- Andy Clough = 3.00

Total games played:

- 1 win, 1 stand-by
- 1 draw
- 1 draw
- 1 sur, 1 stand-by
- 1 sur, 1 stand-by

Thundering Herd:

- Doug King = 1.00
- James Early = 1.00
- James Brumbaugh = 1.00
- James Young = 0.00 (1)
- Robert Smith = 0.00 (2)
- Chris Bruck = 0.00
- Jim Ridenour = 0.00
- Fred Hyatt = 0.00
- Greg Doyle = 0.00
- Peter Saterffen = 0.00
- Will Wehr = 0.00

- 1 elim
- 1 elim
- 1 elim
- (1 stand-by)
- (2 stand-by)
- drop
- drop 2
- drop
- drop
- drop
- drop

Country Survival Chart:

	Win	2-way	3-way	4-way	5-way	6-way	Elimination	Sur
Austria	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
England	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
France	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Germany	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Italy	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Russia	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	0
Turkey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTALS	2 Games played							

1984CT

FRANCE DIES, GERMANY/ENGLISH/ITALIAN ALLIANCE?
AUSTRIAN MONARCH FLEES CAPITAL

FALL 1906

AUSTRIA (David McCrumb): a vie*Prays for a miracle

ENGLAND (James Early): f NTH c ga bel-nwy; f eng-BRE; a PAR-gas; f mid-POR; f nwy-SWE

FRANCE (Robert Smith): f por*spn(sc); f GOL s ff por-spn(sc); a GAS-mar

GERMANY (Jeff Zarse): f hel-HOL; f kie-BAL; f DEN -holds; a bel-NWY; a hol-KIE; a ruh-MUN; a mun-BOH

ITALY (Hugh Christie): a pie-VEN; a MAR-gas; f SPN(sc) s ef mid-por; f TYH-gol; f rom-NAP

RUSSIA (Paul Schembaria) a MOS- hopes to be around for another year.

TURKEY (James Young): a tri-TYO; a bud-VIE; a GAL s ta bud-vie; a unk-MOS; a arm-SEV; a bul-SER; f adr-TRI; f ALB s tf adr-tri; aeg-GRE

There is no reason for Austrian or FRENCH retreats this season since both countries are eliminated this season. Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. The supply center is shown below. Orders for Winter 1906 and Spring 1907 are due by ~~13~~ 20 December 1985.

- | | |
|--|---------------|
| A- vie | 0=out |
| E- home, por, par, bre, swe, any | 7=Build 2 |
| F- por, par, spn | 0=Out |
| G- home, bel, hol, den, stpete, nwy, swe, war | 8=Even, has 8 |
| I- home, mar, tun, spn | 6=Build 1 |
| R- war, nos | 1=Even, has 1 |
| T- home, bul, gre, ser, rum, sev, mos, bud, tri, vie | 12=Build 2 |

PRESS:

SPAIN-WORLD: The once glorious French Empire has fallen only to this?!?

VIENNA-WORLD: Goodby World.

ITALY-WORLD: The Pope prays for the departed souls of France and Austria, Czar Schembaria will remain on our prayer list. Should I pray for myself?

1984HN FRANCE DESTROYED IN ONE SINGLE SWEEP, TURKS GET A BUILD, AND RUSSIA FALL 1905
COUNTER ATTACKS THE AUSTRIANS

AUSTRIAN (Willis Beaver): a war*holds; (RT's-sil, unk), a GAL s aa rum; a rum*s af gre-bul; (RT's-unk, otb), f GRE-bul(sc); a BUD-ser

ENGLAND (Hugh Christie): f spn(sc)-MAR; f mid-SPN(sc); f nao-MID; f eng-BEL; f NTH-holds; f nwy-NWG; f KIE-holds; a DEN s ef kie; a hol-RUH; a bel-BUR; a PAR s ea bel-BUR;

FRANCE (Paul Schembaria): f NAF*tun; a PIE-ven; f TUS s ef spn(sc)-gol

ITALY (Steve McKinnon): a mun-BOH; a TYO-ven; f tyh-ROM; f TUN s if wes-naf; f wes-NAF

1984HN Continued

RUSSIA (Jay Brumbaugh): RT war-MOS; a mos-WAR; a PRU s ra mos-war; f BER -holds; a SER-gre; a unk-RUM; a SEV s ra unk-rum; f BLA s ra unk-rum

TURKEY (Jamie Young): a con-BUL; f AEG s ta con-bul; f smy-EAS

Willis Beaver has resigned the AUSTRAIN position, the new player for that position is SGT Garth Getgen, PSC #1, Box 567, Andrews AFB, MD 20331. Underlined moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Orders are due by ~~13~~ December, 1985. The Supply center chart follows.

- | | |
|--|-------------|
| A- home, gre, <u>bat</u> | 4= remove 1 |
| E- home, nwy, swe, den, hol, bel, kie, bre, por, par, mar, spn | 14=build 3 |
| F- <u>bat</u> , <u>bat</u> , <u>bat</u> | 0=out |
| I- home, tun, mun | 5= Even |
| R- home, rum, ser, ber | 7=Even |
| T- home, bul | 4=Build 1 |

PRESS:

ENGLAND TO FRANCE: Sorry, Paul, but I promised you an Italian center belonging to Cooper... not McKinnon.

1985W AUSTRIA ATTACKED FROM ALL SIDES AND FRANCE SENDS NAVY TOWARD ENGLAND SPRING 1903

AUSTRIA (David McCrumb): a VIE s aa tri; a TRI s aa ser; a SER s af alb-gre; f ALB-gre; (rtgre-alb)

ENGLAND (Bob Smith): Built f LPL; f lpl-IRI; f BEL-hold; a NWY-stp(nc); f NTH-nwy; f BAR s ea nwy-stp;

FRANCE (Jason Nonis): Even, f mid-NAO; f bre-MID; a PIC-par; a SPN-mar

GERMANY (Steven Decker): a BUR-par; a MAR-spn; a hol-KIE; a mun*s ga hol-kie; (rtmun-ruh, otb) f DEN-swe; Built a MUN

ITALY (Jay Brumbaugh): a TYO-ven; a VEN s ia tyo-ven; f ion-ADR; f tun-ION; Even

RUSSIA (Doug Christie): Built a mos; a MOS s rf stp(nc); f STP(nc)-hold; a FIN s rf swe; f SWE-holds; f RUM-holds; a BER s ra sil-mun; a sil-MUN

TURKEY (Bart Levy): a BUL-ser; f GRE-alb; a CON-bul; f ANK-con; f smy-AEG; Built f smy

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PRESS:

Vienna - Moscow: What did you think of that football game? Tech was a 12 point underdog to thoses Wahoos, but we blew them out 28-10. And in Charletsville!

Austria - World: In response to the Turkish announcement last turn; "The only reason the peace initiatives between Austria and Turkey have failed is because of the Turkish deceit."

1985W cont.

Three times in the past two years he has willfully and vagerently lied to me about his moves and intentions. Do not trust him!

Russia - World: This proves it! Those Vienna Tech's who think they are so great, can't even spell C-H-A-R-L-O-T-T-E-S-V-I-L-L-E correctly, well, atleast Wahoo's can do that!

Czar Nuke to Pope Violence (If you are still out there): In regards to the Austrian's definition of a UVa, a Tech is the lowest "super" sub-animal class in which all dirt roads lead to! At least UVa'ers have proper roads and an understanding of each other.

MOSCOW - Vienna: Why did the Techies buy 3,000 ceptic tanks? To try to invade Turkey.

1935AO TURKEY SURVIVES, GERMANY HANGS ON BY THE SKIN OF HIS TEETH. Fall 1902

AUSTRIAN (Steven McKinnon): a mun-BER; a tyo-MUN; f AEG s aa gre-bul; a GRE-bul; a SER-rum; a BUD s aa ser-rum

ENGLISH (James Young): a DEN s ea hol-kie; a HOL-kie; f NTH s ea den; f nwg-NWY; f BAR s ef nwg-nwy

FRENCH (Jeff Zarse): a bel-RUH; a BUR s fa bel-ruh; a MAR-pie; f gol-TYH; f spn(sc)-GOL; f mid-SPN(sc)

GERMAN (Stephen Wilcox): f HEL-den; a KIE s gf hel-den; a ruh*hol;(rt ruh-otb)

ITALIAN (Willis Beaver): a PIE-mar; a VEN-pie; f TUN-holds

RUSSIAN (Andreas Kubier): a nwy-STP; f SWE s gf hel-den; a GAL s ra sev-rum; a SEV-rum; f RUM-bul; f BLA s rf rum-bul

TURKEY (Hugh Christie): a arm-ANK; a BUL-hold

Willis Beaver has resigned the ITALIAN position, the new Italian player is David McCrumb (RT #1, Box 109, New Castle, VA 24127). Underline moves fail and capital letters show unit positions. Orders are due by 13 December, 1985. The supply center chart follows.

20

- A- home, ser, gre, mun, ber
- E- home, nwy, den, hol
- F- home, bel, por, spn
- G- kie, ~~NOT~~, ~~NOT~~
- I- home, tun
- R- home, swe, rum
- T- home, bul

- 7=Build 1
- 6=Build 1
- 6=Even
- 1=Remove 2
- 4=Build 1
- 6=Even
- 4=Build 2

PRESS:

AUSTRIA-RUSSIA: I hope we can get this right, I'd hate to see conflict for something as weak as TURKEY!

AUSTRIA-ENGLAND: Hang on in there!

1985AO Continued

AUSTRIA-WORLD: Something always fires the light that gets into your eyes..... like a steak of fighting that flashes and fades in the summer sky. RUSH from MARATHON on Power Windows.

LONDON-WORLD: Take that! and that! and that!!

LONDON-PARIS: Let's go and get them my French buddy!!

TURKEY-WORLD: Surprise, surprise! A Turkey who doesn't NMR!! I would rather go down fighting.

1985CQ AUSTRIANS FLEE TO PROTECT HOMELAND FROM INVADERS, TURKS, RUSSIANS, FALL 1901
ENGLISH, FRENCH, AND GERMANS GET TWO BUILDS, ITALIANS ONLY ONE

AUSTRIA (Jason Nonis): f TRI-holds, a VIE-holds, a ser-BUD

ENGLAND (Garth Getgen): f nwg-NWY; a yor-BEL; f NTH c ea yor-bel

FRANCE (Jamie Young): a PIC s ea yor-bel; f mid-POR; a SPN-hold

GERMANY (David McCrumb): f DEN s rf gob-swe; a kie-HOL; a RUH s ga kie-hol

ITALY (Steven McKinnon): a ven-TYO; a apu-VEN; f ion-TUN

RUSSIA (Vince Springer): f gob-SWE; a unk-RUM; a GAL s aa ser-bud; f rum-sev

TURKEY (Jeff Zarse): a bul-GRE; a con-BUL; f bla-CON

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A- home	3=Even
E- home, bel, nwy	5=Build 2
F- home, spn, por	5=Build 2
G- home, den, hol	5=Build 2
I- Home, tun	4=Build 1
R- home, swe, rum	6=Build 2
T- home, gre, bul	5=Build 2

PRESS:

Russia to Austria, Turkey, England: Special thanks for making this game fun guys I hope France, Germany, and Italy burn in hell for NMR's.

Russia to Former Germany, Italy, and France: Shame on You!!!

England to France, Germany, and Italy (original rulers): To quote Lucifer, "What if they gave a war and only one side came-"

Sgt. Getgen to all civilians: In reference as to what 'SrA' stands for, it's the contraction for 'Senior Airman'; but that title now belongs to James Young. As of 1 AUG 85 I became a Sergeant, or 'Sgt'; and am due to put on Staff Sergeant, or 'SSgt' on 1 DEC 85.

1985CQ cont.

England to France: Ducky, is that you over there? I sure hope so, for as Yasar Arafat put it, "Choose your friends carefully. Yourenemies will choose you!"

England to Austria: Fascinating moves there - or lack there of! I sure hope you're a better diplomat than you are a tactician. Good bye...

Getgen to Christie: Ref Rule XIV Para 3 Line 4, "If they are dislodged, they are disbanded." You have made a legal interpretation of this and stated in your houserules, however I have seen two other rulings which seem to be more fair. The first allowed said units to be retreated. The rational being that the rulebook does not cover play-by-mail games.

The second, which I like better, gives the retreat option only to a stand-by player. This pennalizes a player for missing his/her move, but gives the stand-by a position to work from. The rational here is that the stand-by is doing you a favor by taking over where someone else gave up.

Of course your ruling stands unless you see fit to change it. I just wanted to express my views in the matter. Do print this and make your rebuttal. Thanks.

Austria - World: Why is it so quiet?

GM-GETGEN: I will reply to your question. Yes I have made a strict interpretation of the rulebook. This is how the rules were made and this is how I will interupt them. In postal Diplomacy the GM's word is final and this is how it will stand.

STANDBY LIST

If your name appears below you are on STABBACK's standby list. If you want on or off just drop me a line. If a player plays out his or hers standby position, you will recieve three free issues to STABBACK. The names appear in any special order.

BRUMBAUGH, GETGEN, YOUNG, CHRISTIE, MCKINNON, MCCRUMB, WILCOX, NONIS, ZARSE.

HOUSERULE CHANGE

Bart Levy wrote in to me about the last houserule change with a good suggestion. His suggestion was that only the original player of the game should be counted in meeting the 50% requirement. So I have decided to incorporate that into the houserules. The new on reads; If you are requesting a seperation of seasons you must have 50% of the original and standbies up into the last NMR vote to get the seperation of seasons.

Letters Welcomed

Once agian I place the call for an open letter page in STABBACK. This issue is sparse on the letter side this time around. So go ahead and send in those letters.

STABBACK RATING SYSTEM

Look at the second page and you will seen a few new changes to the ols one.

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