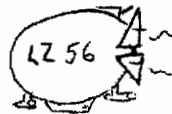


# ZEPPELIN!



This is the fifty-sixth issue of Zeppelin!, an Atlantic Canadian war-gaming periodical now in its fourth year of publication . I'm Laurence J.P. Gillespie, of 23 Robert Allen Drive, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3M 3G9 and this is March 16th, 1978 . Currently we feature openings in War In The Air, Holocaust Diplomacy, Arab-Israeli Wars and Pete Walker's World War I variant . Subscriptions are available at 10 issues for \$2.00 . With the Canadian dollar at the lowest international exchange rate since the great depression, this is truly a bargain for you USans out there . The editor is a member of the Atlantic Diplomacy Wargaming Association, the Dalhousie University Conflict Simulation Society , and the Dalhousie Tolkien Society . Contributing Editor to this publication is Eugene Agan III.

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## THE GAMES

### 1975 Z-Spring 1913

BRITISH DRIVE STALLED IN EAST AND WEST AS AUSTRO-GERMAN COUNTEROFFENSIVE MOVES INTO HIGH GEAR . AS FOR THE SOUTH, WELL, TWO OUT OF THREE AIN'T BAD!  
Austria (Kendter) A SER S A Tri-ALB, A Tri-ALB, A RUM H, A BUD S A RUM  
England (Charnley) A Edi-YOR, F Eng-LOE, F Mid-ENG, F Wes-MID, F Tyr-LYO,  
F Ion-ADR, F Nap-ROM, A-MOS-War, A LVA S A MOS-War, A Alb-Ser (ret to Gre, oth  
A Bur-Bel (ret to Par, Pic, Gas, Mar, oth), A UKR S TUR A SEV-Rum (nso)  
Germany (Howard) F Nth-NRY, F Den-BAL, F Kie-HOL, A Mun-BUR, A BEV S A Mun-  
BUR, A Tyr-PIE, A Ven-TUS, A VIE H, A Boh-GAL, A WAR H, A SIL S A WAR H  
A Ber-KIE  
Turkey (Blank?) NMR A APU H, F EAS H, A SEV H, F AEG H, F BUL(sc) H

Deadline for summer and fall moves is April 8th, 1978, at 1 PM.

### 1977 AD-Spring 1906

ALL QUIET ON THE WESTERN FRONT AS MASS MERS RESULT IN THE ANNIHILATION OF THREE ARMIES! IT'S CALLING ALL STANDBYS AS THE TURKS BREAK OUT TO THE ATLANTIC! (FROM THE OTHER END, THAT IS!). WILL REDS OVERRUN ITALY?  
Austria (Gibson) A Bul-APU, F ADR S A Bul-APU, A Ven-TUS, A PIE S A Ven-TUS, A Tyr-VEN, A TRI S A Tyr-VEN  
England (Killeen?) NMR A NRY H, F BAR H, A YOR H, F NTH H, F BEL H, A StpH (dis)  
France (Charnley) F Tur-TYR, A Tus-ROM, F NAP S A Tus-ROM, A Bur-PIC, A PAR S A Bur-PIC, A GAS H, F Mar-LYO  
Germany (Brian?) NMR: A HOLH, A RUH H, A DEN H, A MUN H, F SWE H, A Pic H (dis)  
Italy (Flight) NMR: A Rom H (disbanded)  
Turkey (MacLellan) A Lva-STP, A MOS S A Lva-STP, A Ukr-WAR, A Ank-COM, F EAS S F ION, F GRE S F ION, F AEG C AUS A Bul-APU, F ION C AUS A Bul-APU

Deadline for fall 1906 moves is April 8th, 1978, at 1 PM. Standbys for all NMRing positions in this game are urgently solicited, except from people who have already played in the same game.

Austrian Intellectual Meritocracy to Emperor Claudius of Rome:

The way your reign started, it is one of the wonders of history that it has lasted six years. The magnanimous French have used you better than 99% of dominant powers would do.

Our government has proposed to Turkey that in consideration of France outstanding war effort we aim to grant it fourth rank in the final peace, or equality with Germany if it helps eliminate that incompetent government of Britain soon instead of forcing us into a ten year war.

London: King Ronald I expressed his dismay over the current situation in Europe at a diner for his honor last night. Specific mentions were made of the current aggression against France by Germany and the recent press release of Turkey, calling France an enemy and encouraging the German aggression. "Can we not have the peace and harmony that the creator had intended us to live within?" The speech went over well at the diner.

ATTENTION COA: Ron Killeen, Room XXXXX 317, Leonard Hall, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, K7L 3K3. ((The XXXX is not part of the address: 1977 AK-Winter 1904

Austria (Gregory) Even Has A Ser, F Bul, F Alb (3)

France (Langley) Even Has F Cly, A Yor, F Lon, F Eng, A Par, A Gas, A Bur (7)

Germany (Lavolette) A Bur retreats to Ruhr. Build F Kie, A Ber Has F Kie, A Ber, A Ruh, F Swe, F Fry, A Den, A Mun, A Bel (8)

Italy (MacKay) Build F Nap, A Ven, Has F Nap, A Ven, A Vie, A Tri, F Adr, F Iom6

Russia (O'Neill) A Swe retreats to Fin, Disband A Gal. Has A Fin, F Edi, F Ska, A Rum, A Mos, F Sev, A Bud (7)

Turkey (Walker) A Bul ret oth, Has A Arm, F Bla, Builds F Con (3)

Since I have spring orders on file for everyone besides Germany, deadline for spring 1905 is March 25th, 1978, at 1 PM

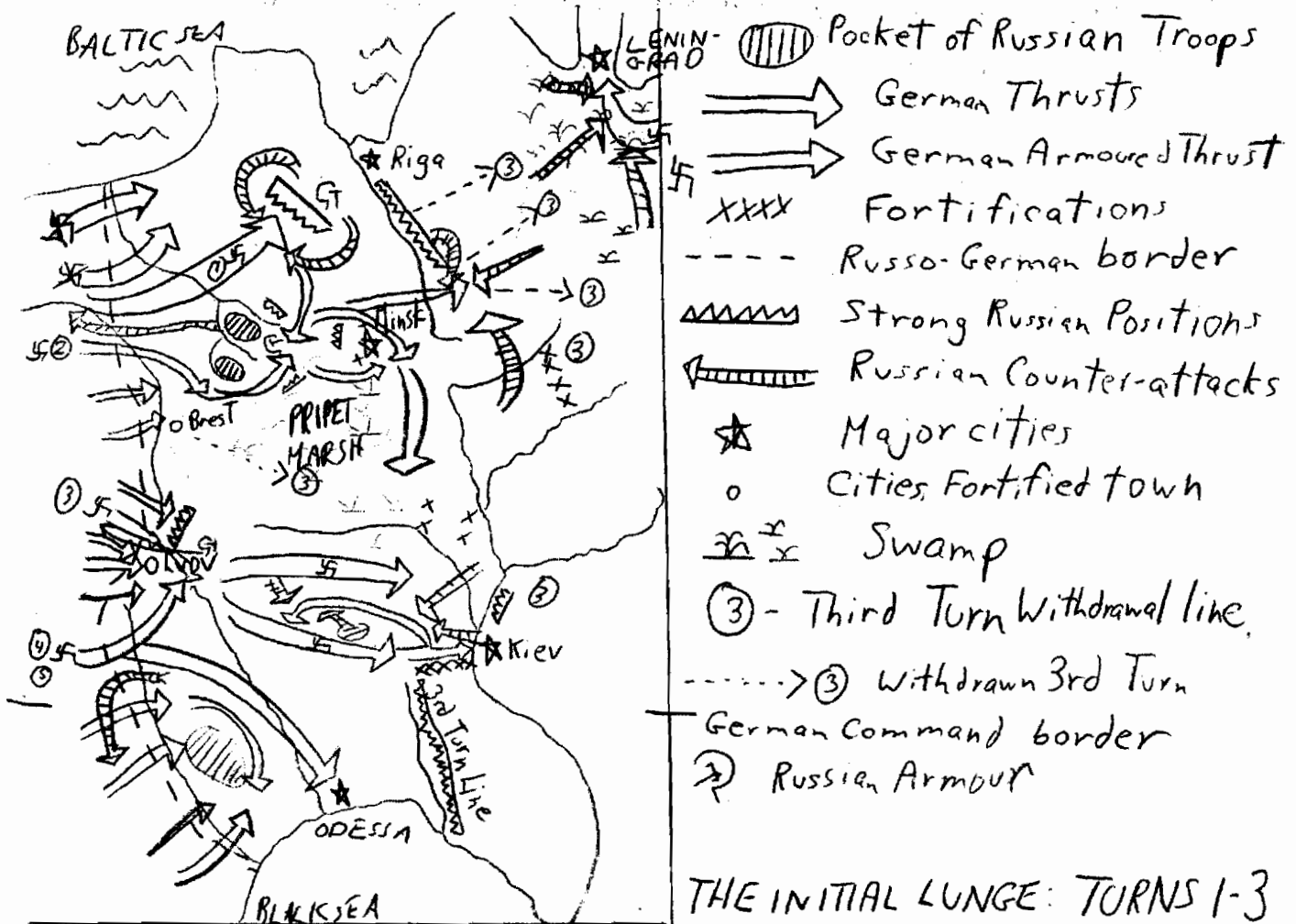
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T\*I\*G\*E\*R\*: The French have been found at last.

Ankara: Ottoman Dictator Alley Ben Cop blasted the Russian dogs of war today. "Those petty scum, like to pick on all the poor weak powers of the world, the scruffy Soviets' days of bullying are rapidly fading. We were aware our Rumanian army couldn't hold, but its sacrifice has achieved its aim. The security of Austria is now an established fact and now the USSR is going to be delighted knowing that it will have a 6-unit power to its south to play around with. Bully us while your northern empire crashes to the ground and we rip open your southern underbelly, you petty cowardly bullies! Threaten us now you swine of Russia!"

TWO MAN CHALLENGE MATCH II

GIBSONIA II	Spring 1901	MACLELLAND II	
England: <u>F Lon-Eng</u>	Italy's SC's	Austria: A Bud-Rum	Deadline is at
<u>F Edi-Wth</u>	are empty and	A Vie-Boh	your convenience,
A Lvp-Yor	worthless. 5 yr	F Tri-Alb	gentlemen, I
Russia: A War-Gal	time limit. If	France: A Par-Gas	recommend April
<u>F Sev-Bla</u>	after winter	A Mar-Spa	8th, 1978, but I
A Mos-Ukr	1905 ERG is even	<u>F Bre-Eng</u>	will adjudicate
F Stp-Bot	or one up	Turkey: A Con-Bul	them as soon as
Germany: F Kie-Hol	it is a draw,	A Smy-Con	they arrive.
A Ber-Kie	Win Margin	<u>F Ank-Bla</u>	
A Mun-Tyr	ERG ♡, AFT=1 No TKO. The loser pays me \$3.00.		



FREDERICTON DNO # 2

**DNO PERSONNAE**

Stephen Llewellyn	Russian Commander in Chief
Roger Waterhouse	Commander in Charge of Special Operations
Rick Valenta	German High Command
Stephen Floyd	Commander in Charge of Finnish and Odessa Sectors

Some Opening Notes: Commander in charge of special operations is the man who views the battle field not with the intention of stopping the enemy, but of making sneaky, damaging raids. Roger excels at this. Stephen Floyd is commanding a relatively small force because he is new to DNO.

((In Halifax we've started novices off with commands of 200 units or more, sometimes when the novices were novices to wargames period! Most of those were railbreak markers but....))

**RUSSIAN SETUP:** This game I intended to play Stalingrad style. That is defend the "hard crust", therefore there was little depth in my line. Two thirds of the Russian forces lay along the river stretching from the marshes to the Baltic Sea. In the south, the lines were very thin except just east of Lvov. Lvov itself was only lightly garrisoned even though Brest Litovsk was packed full. Reserves for the south lay in Kiev and Odessa. In the north, reserves were in Riga, Minsk, and behind the central part of the river. The rail line in the swamp was well guarded (Due to the breakthrough of 2 SS corps in the last game there). Leningrad had only its garrison in it. There were 9 brigades in Murmansk and ski troops were deployed along the Finnish border.

GERMAN SETUP: It should be noted here that Rick drew an Ace for Finnish war effort so we were in real trouble . In Finland were 10 Luftwaffe units and 12 stacking of combat engineers and flak in addition to the Finns . Unnoticed by the Germans was the fact that 3 Me 109 Fs were based out of range of Leningrad. Also there were no construction engineers in Finland! (Yet)

German armour was in Five groups, numbered 1-5 on the map (good system, eh?) PanzerGruppe I had two panzer corps (6 panzer divisions, 4 assault gun battalions, 2 flak battalions) in it . It was to break through the northern part of the river ((Dvina)). PanzerGruppe II has 1 panzer corps and one motorized corps (3 panzer divisions, 4 SS motorized divisions, 2 motorized artillery regiments, 2 flak battalions, 1 assault gun battalion and 1 army HQ with 5 Supplies)

It was to drive towards Minsk and destroy or encircle Russians on the way.

Panzer Gruppe III which together with Panzer Gruppe IV was to encircle all the troops in an behind Lvov had the same amount of troops as Gruppe I . But it was Gruppe IV that held the main striking force of the German southern wing. It had 1 panzer corps, 1 motorized corps, and corps of mixed SS and Hungarian armour . Altogether 3 panzer divisions , 9 German, SS and Hungarian motorized divisions, 2 armoured Brigades, 2 motorized brigades, and two flak battalions . In all 99 attack factors . In two turns they would be 17 hexes deep into Russia, almost a third of the way to Moscow and advancing through the suburbs of Kiev .

The last group, Panzer Gruppe IV under Stephen Floyd had 1 panzer ((I think Stephen means PG V)) division, 2 SS motorized brigades, 1 Croatian motorized brigade, 1 German motorized division, the Gross Deutschland SS motorized regiment, 3 assault gun battalions, 1 Flampanzer battalion, and 1 Rumanian motorized division . For air protection it had 1 flak battalion . A total of 41 attack factors, it would reach Odessa by the first turn.

#### THE FIRST THREE TURNS

(Originally it was to be the first two turns, but we're playing fast)

As can be seen on the map, massive armoured thrusts drove deep into the rear . Around Lvov a large pocket was formed immediately. Further south the Germans scored another coup where the 5th Panzer-Gruppe reached Odessa on the first turn, pocketing 15 rifle divisions. But not all went well . A Russian tank division broke through the line and raided deep into Rumania . German and German allied planes were caught on the ground. One Me-109, 2 He-111s, and 1 He123 were destroyed along with 10 supply factors . Colonel Weramov was posthumously awarded the Hero of the Soviet Union decoration, posthumously because his division was annihilated the next turn.

The Russians were not so lucky all over the front. Automatic victories crushed large numbers of brigades and the Germans penetrated all defense positions . The only major counter attack was in the north. Large Russian armoured forces tried to ambush a leading panzer corps at 1:1, -1 . They were  $\frac{1}{2}$  eliminated.... the Russians that is.

Turn 2 saw even deeper German armoured thrusts . The first and second PanzerGruppen almost closed a ring around 30 Russian divisions. Only a narrow gap allowed their rescue . All but one brave motorized brigade motorized brigade which penetrated deep into the enemy rear to reach another unguarded airbase.

Result? 2 Ju-88A's and 1 Ju 87 burned. Another raid past Lvov reached an airfield but all planes escaped. 3 divisions were saved from the Odessa Pocket by sea and 2 more retreated into Odessa. Panzer-Gruppe IV reached Kiev! But a fateful decision dispatched 1 motorized corps to envelop 5 Russian armoured corps in front of Kiev. Gruppe III was needed to hold shut the Lvov pockey. PanzerGruppe V had insufficient armour to do anything but enclose Odessa. It would be stationary in Turn III also. 7 divisions were destroyed in the Odessa pocket. But now it was the Russian turn!

Powerful Russian columns from Moscow, and Leningrad drovetogether and split a German thrust around Leningrad although it only destroyed  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the force. One flak regiment and several engineer battalions retreated west to eventually rejoin advancing German troops. (And don't think we didn't dang well chase'em. Just couldn't get our mitts on'em! Author's note)

In the north troops retreated to Minsk and surrounding fortifications. But it was in the south that things got hot!

The Lvov pocket managed to free most of its moterized formations. But 20 infantry divisions remained behind. The key to the turn was the motorized corps next to the Russian Central Front Armoured Reserves. With forces from behind Kiev, the Armoured Reserve, screening forces and from Minsk(!) the motorized corps was surrounded. The attacking forces were pure armour with full AECA. The motorized corps had ~~surr- surrounded~~ only  $\frac{1}{2}$  ATEC. That meant 1:1 plus 2 surrounded!! The robl of a 5 meant the end of the motorized corps. ((This is known as how to turn a motorized corps into a motorized corpse!))

With a roar the German vowed revenge on the mass of Russian armour so I retreated to the edge of the Pripet Marshes in exploitation. This did not help us, which ~~soon~~ was shown very shortly.

Turn 3 was even more exciting! Raging German Panzer Corps of Gruppenes III & IV, four stacks of Panzers in all, converged on the retreating Russians. But careful defensive positions allowed us to escape with 2 corps at the cost of 3 armoured divisions. The weary Kampfgruppen of the mauled motorized corps pulled back to Lvov for R&R. Satisfied their work was done the Germans exploited back to repocket the Lvov troops. A mized SS motorized and Hungarian-Rumanian armoured corps was left behind to keep watch over the battered Russian armour.

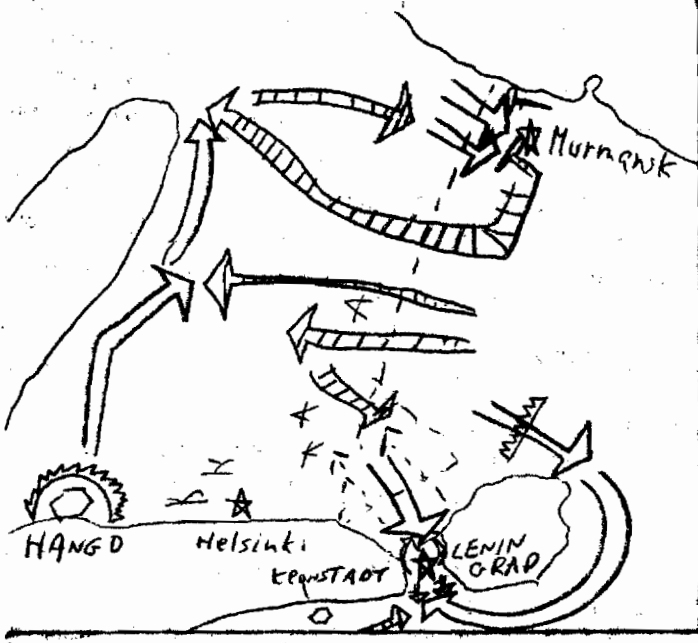
In the north an Italian armoured division swept into the marshes along an unguarded rail line and cut off 12 stacking points retreating from Brest Litovsk.

The Northern PanzerGruppen concentrated at Minsk blowing four Russian tank corps off the rough ground beside it (sob, sob). Even worse was the fact that a motorized corps broke the Dvina River Line! The last of the troops in the Odessa pocket were eliminated and only five divisions and six brigades were left in the Lvov pocket. The Odessa PanzerGruppe shut off Odessa from the sea to prevent any further evacuations.

What could the Russians do? It was incredible! Again two motorized corps were left unsupported! Using troopsffom Minsk, Kiev, and Leningrad 2 more attacks at 1:1 +2 surrounded were made! Two more 5's wiped out 2 more corps! ((Gee, Steve, you were rotten to the corps!)) But the price was the complete evacuation of the Dvina River line. Back to the Leningrad Swamps.

The end of the 3rd turn saw the Russians in position around the Leningrad swamps, in Riga, fortifications near Smolensk, surrounded in Odessa and Minsk and being threatened near Kiev!





Wait, you cry, what about the northern front? Glad you asked. There were some incredible maneuvers going on in Finland. Hango was not evacuated. It was supplied by air on turn 3! The entire Moscow garrison was shipped to Leningrad to halt a German envelopment.

The battered troops escape southwest to join up with advancing armoured formations or retreat back north around the lake.

This left the Russians with some sizeable forces in the area. Determined not to have to defend Leningrad from both sides I decided to start a major offensive aimed at destroying Finnish

offensive strength, not Finland completely although some interesting things were happening further north.

Deep probing ski brigades had reached the two key railheads marked as dots on the map. If these could be held then the only form of supply open to about 20 divisions in Finland would be Helsinki, seven hexes from Hango. The object now was to starve everything in Finland. On turn three the Axis realized their danger. 10 regiments moved north to regain the railheads which were so vital. Just as was planned. With Axis strength tied down in the north and the west, 3 brigades would move from Hango and seize Helsinki, provided all the railways were cut to prevent reinforcement. That was the pinch. As will be seen in turns 4 to 6....

-Stephen Llewellyn, 1978

To you whom I love  
 Stephen Llewellyn  
 1978

Stay tuned to next issue for the next thrilling installment of DNO in NB! Note the technical terms AECA and ATEC mean Armour in the Attack and Anti-tank Capability. They are used to simulate the advantages of armour in a way besides the usual increase of attack factors. ATEC represents the indigenous anti-tank capability of certain units, and is the natural thing to use against armour. Any comments on the above article would be welcomed! See you next week!

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