

Lords of the Earth

Campaign Fifteen

Turn 1

Anno Domini 1000-100

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A MESSAGE FROM THE REF...

I'm a lazy, lazy, man, Roger.

Krusty the Clown

Hello There!

Here is the turn one news.

Map stuff: This campaign is currently confined to the Western Europe map. If interest increases, it will expand to other other maps (or the parts of other maps). For the moment here are some things to keep in mind.

First, any region which contains a both a name and a gp/resistance value is playable, occupyable, etc.; with the exception of **Kiev** on the eastern map edge. The region is normal in all respects except that a city may not be built there (one already exists, it's just not in the playing area). When the play area expands, the city will "come online" as it were and be available.

Second, the Region of **Denmark** consists of both Zeeland and Jutland at this time. This may change when the playing area expands.

New: Constantinople is NOT on the Aegean Sea, so many of you who tried to trade with the Byzantines were out of trade range. Once the Byzantines gain control of Heraclea, then trade will be possible for those outside the three sea zone range.

Leaders: All Kings are assumed to have started the campaign married (which is why you all had heirs). I tend not to track queens (unless they're running things, like in Attica, or if they're the only available regent, in which case stats will be rolled for them when the situation arises. Princesses are tracked but they usually have only a charisma stat, since they're used by players as diplomacy fodder. In the event you only have princesses on your stat sheet when your king dies, you might be in deep trouble.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rulebook Version... This campaign uses the greatly simplified Lords Lite rules which are available off of the Lords 15 website.

Your turn costs... \$5.00.

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ZERO AND NEGATIVE CREDIT: CONSEQUENCES

If you haven't paid for your turn, you don't get your stat sheet.

RULE CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS

Beginning next turn Industrial Capacity will be assessed (it wasn't done this turn because, well, I forgot). So keep this limit in mind when building Cavalry, Siege Engineers, Transports, and Warships. Infantry and field forts may be built freely.

Also the maximum number of city wall points a city may have may not exceed your Siege QR. Most cities begin the game with five or more wall points and can remain as such. If the existing wall points are reduced below your Siege QR however, they may only be built to the QR limit.

BRITAIN & GAUL

THE KINGDOM OF SUSSEX

Athelstan I, King of Sussex

DIPLOMACY Anglia (t), Northumbria (t), Mercia (ea), Wessex (nt)

In a whirlwind of diplomacy and smoke-filled room dealing. Athelstan managed to gain control of a good chunk of real estate.

ILE DE FRANCE

Robert II, The Wise, King of France

DIPLOMACY None

Invested in public works and conducted a census.

BURGUNDY

Pierre I, King of Burgundy

DIPLOMACY None

Did the conduct census and build public works two-step.

SPAIN

THE KINGDOM OF CATALONIA

Wilfred the Hairy, King of Catalonia

DIPLOMACY Languedoc (a)

Wilfred invested in public works and wowed his neighbors in Languedoc (except for maybe the daughter of the Duke there, who didn't relish being hitched to Wilfred's squally four year old brat of a son.) But hey, that's politics for you.

THE EMIRATE OF ANDALUSIA

Abd-ar-Rabman III, Emir of Andalusia

DIPLOMACY None

Did some regional public works and conducted a census.

THE EMIRATE OF GRANADA

Al Walid, Emir of Granada

DIPLOMACY Valencia (nt)

Al Walid spent some time among the Valencians to the north, sampling their oranges. His efforts did not pay off as much as he would like. Trade was opened up with his immediate neighbors.

NORTH AFRICA

THE EMIRATE OF MOROCCO

Idriss I, Emir of Morocco

DIPLOMACY None

Idriss was content to mind his own affairs, building public works in both Morocco and Fez.

THE EMIRATE OF TUNISIA

Jasser Ramy, Emir of Tunisia

DIPLOMACY Balearic Islands (nt), Malta (nt)

Jasser took to the seas to see if he could get some of the local islanders to be his friend. He had some success in this. Trade was also opened up with all and sundry, regardless of religion, the Emir being a cosmopolitan sort of guy. Closer to home, some public works were built in Tunisia itself.

ITALY

THE KINGDOM OF SAVOY

Juliano de Savoy, King of Savoy

DIPLOMACY None

More PWB and Census action!

THE KINGDOM OF VERONA

Otto, King of Verona

DIPLOMACY Bah! For wimps!

Not feeling predisposed to sit around with all this mamby-pamby census crap. Otto raised 6,000 troops and marched into Romagna! Here he met and defeated a slightly less larger Romagnan force. Then he left a garrison and returned home, feeling immensely pleased with himself. He did raise some regional public works but who cares about that?

THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

Sylvius, Holy Roman Emperor

DIPLOMACY Tuscany (a)

Seeing that the Pope was an ephemeral, ineffective, fellow and since no one else was using the title, he had every right to it. Sylvius browbeat the wussy prelate into crowning him Holy Roman Emperor. Reaction was indifferent although it gave the lowlifes dwelling in the "Evil Eden" along the banks of the Tiber an excuse to cavort and behave in a generally gauche fashion (well, even more than usual).

The new Emperor proceeded to pay his neighbors to the north a visit, showing off his new trinket to such an extent that the Tuscans threw in their lot with him.

THE EMIRATE OF SICILY

Ja'far al-Kalbi, Emir of Sicily, Protector of Malta and Sardinia

DIPLOMACY None

Ja'far opened trade with his various neighbors and was slightly miffed that the Tunisians didn't take his title as "Protector of Malta" very seriously.

GERMANY

THE KINGDOM OF LORRAINE

King of Lorraine

DIPLOMACY None

Built some public works, conducted a census and sired a bunch of squally brats.

THE KINGDOM OF BOHEMIA

Boleslaus II, King of Bohemia

DIPLOMACY Franconia (ea)

In a great feat of agriculture, Boleslaus ordered the clearing of woodland throughout the entire Bohemian uplands, putting the region completely under the plow. The King also had some success in wheedling his neighbors.

THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK

Svend I Haraldsen Forkbeard, King of Denmark

DIPLOMACY None

Prettified Copenhagen a bit and sired kids.

EASTERN EUROPE

THE KINGDOM OF POLAND

Edgarsiky I, King of Poland

DIPLOMACY: None

Much like the Bohemians to the west, Edgarsiky oversaw the beginnings of a cultivation project to make the Polish lands more productive. It's still in progress.

THE KINGDOM OF LITHUANIA

Kunigaikestis Palemon The Tactless,, Grand Duke of the Aukstaitians

Highlander Lithuanian Balts

DIPLOMACY No effect

Raising over 5,000 infantry and horse, Palemon marched into Masuria and, being rebuffed diplomatically, beat them into paying tribute. He then turned south and raided the Catholics of Bialoweza, putting the fear of Perkunas, God of Thunder, into the feckless Christians. He then returned home and got drunk.

THE BALKANS

THE DESPOTATE OF ATTICA

Aerin Athenagapeton, Despot of Attica

DIPLOMACY: Thessaly (ea), Maceonia (nt), Thessaloniki, in Macedonia (nt)

Aerin, desiring a husband, set off at the head of some 6,000 cavalry looking for a spouse among the petty states to the northeast. Although the young queen was feted for her quick wit and good sense, finding a husband was easier said than done and Aerin returned to Athens in 1005, unwed, but having brought the northern lords to some sort of allegiance.

THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE

Basil II The Young, Emperor of Byzantium

DIPLOMACY None

Raising a mixed force of infantry and horse (6,000 strong); Basil marched into Bithnia and with great difficulty, managed to beat the natives into submission.