

# Lords of the Earth

*Campaign Fifteen*

**Turn 3**

Anno Domini 1011-1015

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## A MESSAGE FROM THE REF...

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*Wonder what's over on this side?*

Cletus The Slack-jawed Yokel.

Hello There!

Here is the turn three 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.

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.

**Orders Form:** There should be a new orders form on the website. Please use it. Also, when submitting orders, try to cut out parts of the form that you ain't using. For example, if you have only two leaders, please don't send me orders with three additional blank leader templates. Toner is really expensive. There are some of you who do this for which I am grateful.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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**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.

## CONTACTING & PAYING THE REFEREE

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1270 Fir Street South  
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Below is Colin's email address:

## ZERO AND NEGATIVE CREDIT: CONSEQUENCES

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

## RULE CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS

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**NOTE: As of this turn, there is no more Secret Diplomacy. All diplomatic results will be posted in the fax. Also, a nation with a claim result does not have it marked on the map as anyone can have a claim result.**

**I've also been doing the Raid action wrong. Sigh! Expect it to get harder now.**

Industrial Capacity is now being assessed. 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.

**New:** Some of you are still putting money into intel stats. There is no intel in this game. None. Zip. Nada. There is no intel in a house. There is no Intel with a mouse. I do not like intel. I don't like it one teeny tiny little bit. Intel is worse than herpes or syphilis in my eyes.

## BRITAIN & GAUL

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### THE KINGDOM OF ANGELCYN

*Athelstan II, King of Sussex*

**DIPLOMACY** None

Athelstan died at the end of 1014 and was duly succeeded by his son and namesake. Other than that, things were pretty quiet. Well, okay, the kingdom was given a swanky new name.

### ILE DE FRANCE

*Robert II, The Pious, King of France*

**DIPLOMACY** Vermandois (f), Maine (nt0)

The French continued their diplomatic efforts, with varying degrees of success.

### BURGUNDY

*Pierre I, King of Burgundy*

**DIPLOMACY** Lyonnais (a), Provence (fa)

Pierre and his heir continue to finagle the peoples of the south.

### SPAIN

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## THE KINGDOM OF CATALONIA

*Wilfred the Hairy, King of Catalonia*

**DIPLOMACY** Navarre (t)

For his part in the “Let's Bash the Andalusians Around Campaign”, Wilfred set out from Barcelona at the head of a mixed force of 3200 horse and foot. This force spent most of 1011 transiting Old Castille and Leon before emerging in Portugal. Once there, the engaged and mauled a 1600 strong Portuguese force. The latter had been sitting around waiting for the Emir to show up and take part in his great diplomatic party and clambake. Having smacked around the locals, Wilfred's troops returned from whence they came.

## THE EMIRATE OF ANDALUSIA

*Abd-ar-Rahman III, Emir of Andalusia*

**DIPLOMACY** None

As 1011 opened, Rahman was in high spirits. Having planned a major diplomatic effort in Galacia, the Emir was intoxicated by visions of money filling his hands from thousands of Christian pilgrims who flocked to the shrines of Santiago de Compostela every year. The fact that the cash would come from the infidels would be doubly enjoyable.

To this end, the Emir pulled out all the stops for this particular diplomatic junket. In addition to himself and 1400 infantry, the entourage also included the heir, Al-Hakim, and Rahman's eldest daughter Zokhorouf, whom he hoped would make a fine wife for some northern prelate.

Unfortunately, that's not how things went. No sooner had the entourage left Seville when word reached Rahman from the east. Granada had invaded.

## THE EMIRATE OF GRANADA

*Al Walid, Emir of Granada*

**DIPLOMACY** None

Fearing his neighbor to the west, Walid decided to take action by gum! Raising over 2000 cavalry, the Emir marched into Andalusia just in time to scotch Rahman's diplomatic endeavors. The Andalusian infantry were quickly destroyed as were most of the field forts in the region while Rahman and his entourage fled for the safety of Seville. Walid then spent the next three and a half years systematically destroying everything of value in the region, leaving it a desolate waste. He and his army then returned home, heavily laden with pillage.

## NORTH AFRICA

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### THE EMIRATE OF MOROCCO

*Idriss I, Emir of Morocco*

**DIPLOMACY** None

Continued to mind his own business.

### THE EMIRATE OF TUNISIA

*Jasser Ramy, Emir of Tunisia*

**DIPLOMACY** No effect

Jasser's attempts to woo the Corsicans was a bust. As were his attempts to convert the Christians of Rhodes. Worse, Attican diplomatic efforts among the Kyklades and Dodecanese Islands resulted in their renouncing allegiance. On the plus side, Jasser's son came of age and a census was conducted.

## ITALY

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## THE KINGDOM OF SAVOY

*Juliano de Savoy, King of Savoy*

**DIPLOMACY** None

Juliano pretty much kept to himself.

## THE KINGDOM OF VERONA

*Otto, King of Verona*

**DIPLOMACY** Romagna (+24% to YFC)

In order to solidify his control of Romagna, Otto ordered a new port city, Ravenna, to be built there. He also married his son and heir off to a Romagnan princess to further make nice.

## THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

*Sylvius, Holy Roman Emperor*

**DIPLOMACY** Tuscany (f), Naples, in Campania (t), Corsica (c)

With his shiny new port at Ostia, Sylvius opened trade with all and sundry. Granada, Attica and Tunisia all began receiving fine Italian products from across the sea. Holy roman diplomacy was also reasoanbly successful, although Sylvius was miffed that the Apulians went with those Sicilian bastards instead of him.

## THE EMIRATE OF SICILY

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

**DIPLOMACY** Apulia (t)

Determined to consolidate his control over Southern Italy, Ja'far pulled out all the stops, going so far as to offer his son and heir in marriage to an Apulain princess. This offer seemed to go over well with the Italians, although the Emir's son didn't particularly relish the idea of marrying an infidel.

## GERMANY

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### THE KINGDOM OF LORRAINE

*Lothar, King of Lorraine*

**DIPLOMACY** None

Lothar built some more public works and sired yet another puling, whining kid on the world..

### THE KINGDOM OF BOHEMIA

*Vaclav I, King of Bohemia*

**DIPLOMACY** No effect.

Boleslaus died in late 1012 whilst trying to wheedle the Bavarians. He was duly succeeded by his son, Vaclav, a rather dull and colorless fellow.

Then the Lithuanians showed up and everything went to hell in a handbasket.

### THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK

*Svend I Haraldsen Forkbeard, King of Denmark*

**DIPLOMACY** Saxony (c)

A new port, Hammaborg, was constructed at the mouth of the Elbe and overlooking the North sea. And a fine collection of wattle and daub huts it is too. Svend also continued his diplomatic efforts among the Germans of Holstein and Saxony (and fat lot of good it did him, too).

## EASTERN EUROPE

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### THE KINGDOM OF POLAND

*Edgarsiky I, King of Poland*

**DIPLOMACY:** Bialoweza (c)

Edgarsky stayed at home and sired more kids whilst conducting a census. Meanwhile, his son and namesake was having little success among the immediate neighbors.

## **THE KINGDOM OF LITHUANIA**

*Kunigaikestis Palemon The Tactless,, Grand Duke of the Aukstaitians Highlander Lithuanian Balts*

**DIPLOMACY**     None

Growing ever more ambitious, Palemon decided to play for higher stakes this time. As 1011 opened, he raised some additional troops and marched south into the Pripiat Marshes before turning west again in Volhynia.

Six months later, Palemon leading over 2000 troops marched into Bohemia set on plunder and destruction. Vaclav, with a mere 200 infantry at hand, wisely decided to hole up behind the walls of Prague. Palemon then thoroughly looted the place before continuing west into Franconia which was raided. Austria was raided next, and then Moravia, where things didn't go according to plan. Here the locals managed to cobble together some resistance, killing 400 of the raiders in an ambush and ensuring that the region escaped serious harm. His second destructive *anabasis* complete, Palemon withdrew east again.

## **THE BALKANS**

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### **THE DESPOTATE OF ATTICA**

*Aerin Athenagapeton, Despot of Attica*

**DIPLOMACY:**     Kyklades (un) Rhodes (un)

Aerin, not liking the idea of the Tunisians mucking around in her neck of the woods, set out among the various islands of the Aegean to try to win them to her cause (or at least away from those nasty African infidels. She had some success in Kyklades and on Rhodes.

### **THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE**

*Basil II The Young, Emperor of Byzantium*

**DIPLOMACY**     Heraclea in in Thrace (t)

Byzantine diplomatic efforts were more successful this time around.

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