

Lords of the Earth

Campaign Fifteen

Turn 4

Anno Domini 1016-1020

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A MESSAGE FROM THE REF...

Okay, we're young, rich, and full of sugar! What do we do?"~ Bart Simpson

Hello There!

Here is the turn four news.

Map stuff: With great reluctance, I have opened up selected portions of the Arabia and the West African map. This was done as many regions on the other maps have their information on these maps. Any regions marked in gray and the regions to the south or east of them are unplayable. In addition, I have reluctantly opened up Mansura. A player has expressed interest.

Intensive Cultivated (C2) Regions: These regions are considered normal cultivated regions until the player controlling them builds a level one megalithic construction project to convert them.

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.

New: When filling out your orders please do the basics, like letting me know what country you're playing, your name, your email, and naming your leaders. Thank You.

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.

CONTACTING & PAYING THE REFEREE

Players sending funds by mail should make all paper style checks payable to Thomas Harlan and send them to his address, which is:

Thomas Harlan
1270 Fir Street South
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Payment: When paying via Paypal, please send all funds to this account:

ZERO AND NEGATIVE CREDIT: CONSEQUENCES

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

RULE CHANGES AND CLARIFICATIONS

Universities: Yes you can invest in them, even if they're not on the new order form.

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.

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

THE KINGDOM OF ANGELCYNN

Athelstan II, King of Sussex

DIPLOMACY None

Athelstan sired an heir and sent his Wessex flunkies to steal stuff from the Cornish.

ILE DE FRANCE

Henri I, The Pious, King of France

DIPLOMACY Anjou (nt)

Robert died at the end of 1020 in circumstances too indiscreet to mention here. In happier news, a new city, Saint Quentin was built in Vermandois. Von Kluck's 1st and Bulow's 2nd Armies were conspicuous in their absence. (That's a little WW1 humor, never mind).

BURGUNDY

Pierre I, King of Burgundy

DIPLOMACY No effect

Engaged in some ineffective diplomacy.

SPAIN

THE KINGDOM OF CATALONIA

Wilfred the Hairy, King of Catalonia

DIPLOMACY Navarre (f), Old Castile (nt)

By contrast, Wilfred's diplomats (including the heir apparent, no slouch in the fenagling department) continued to meet with success among the petty Christian lords in northern Spain. In more domestic matters, Charles the Bald of Languedoc was rewarded for his services to the state by being granted the hand of the princess Anita in marriage. A month long celebration was capped off by the groom expiring six months later and the distraught bride entering a convent. Ain't diplomatically arranged love grand?

THE EMIRATE OF GRANADA

Al Walid, Emir of Granada

DIPLOMACY Murcia (nt)

Having dealt with his Andalusian rival, Walid dispatched his son to make nice with the Murcians. This he did...

NORTH AFRICA

THE EMIRATE OF MOROCCO

Idriss I, Emir of Morocco

DIPLOMACY Zirid (nt)

Emerged from his lassitude long enough to attempt to charm his neighbors.

THE EMIRATE OF TUNISIA

Karim Ramy, Emir of Tunisia

DIPLOMACY Malta (t), Sardinia (nt)

Jasser died in 1017 whilst attempting wheedle the Sicilians. His son Karim, had more success among the Sardinians and Maltese, though the Corsicans went with the Romans. A diplomat sent to the Cypriots died as well, which left a rather icky impression.

THE FATIMID CALIPHATE OF EGYPT

Al Mansur, Caliph of Egypt

DIPLOMACY None

This position is now open.

ITALY

THE KINGDOM OF SAVOY

Juliano de Savoy, King of Savoy

DIPLOMACY Lombardy (ea, see below)

Juliano made entreaties to the Lombards, dispatching his son Celistino hence with orders to get hitched. Unfortunately, Celistino had to contend with a formidable delegation sent by the Veronans, who were also desirous for Lombard support. In the end, it was only the marriage offer from Juliano that cinched the deal for the Savoyards.

THE KINGDOM OF VERONA

Otto, King of Verona

DIPLOMACY No effect (see Savoyard results above)

Otto's sent emissaries to the Lombards only to find the Savoyards there as well. A fun diplomatic set-to ensued with the Savoyards getting the prize in the end.

THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

Sylvius, Holy Roman Emperor

DIPLOMACY Naples, in Campania (ea), Campania (a), Corsica (nt)

Sensing opportunity, Sylvius decided to take advantage of the sudden power vacuum to the south. Amassing a truly great host

(for Lords 15 anyway) of 6,400 troops, plus another 1,800 provided by his Campanian flunkies, the Emperor set forth to conquer Sicily!

Calabria was quickly overawed into submission. Making for the Straits of Messina, revealed a flaw in the Emperor's planning: namely the Sicilote squadron of ships blocking the straits. A debate was held and a plan to try to rush the straits was considered. Fortunately, the heir, Prince Stephanus was present and consoled that that would be a supremely BAD idea. Suggesting that his father should start investing in a navy instead.

Flummoxed and annoyed, but not stupid, the Emperor retraced his steps. On the bright side, diplomatic efforts among the Neapolitans, Campanians and, yes, even the Corsicans bore fruit.

GERMANY

THE KINGDOM OF LORRAINE

Lothar, King of Lorraine

DIPLOMACY Friesland (f)

Stirring slightly from his 15 year torpor, Lothar finally set out trying to win friends and influence people. The results were surprisingly successful (of course offering the heir's in marriage to a Frisian noblewoman may have had something to do with it.

In other events, trade was opened with the Danes.

THE KINGDOM OF BOHEMIA

Vaclav I, King of Bohemia

DIPLOMACY None

Emerging from behind the walls of Prague, Vaclav toured his shattered domain. Although the place hadn't been subjected to the extensive obliteration of everything of value (as befell Andalusia last turn), the Lithuanians did a pretty thorough job of swiping everything not nailed down. The King was a charismatic fellow and a gifted speaker and he soon rallied his stricken people. Sadly, this common touch did not extend to the Royal bedchamber, where, despite much effort, Vaclav failed to sire any children. "It's all HER fault!" he was heard to sulk on many occasions.

THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK

Svend I Haraldsen Forkebeard, King of Denmark

DIPLOMACY Saxony (t), Adger (c), Skane (nt), Halland (don't even think about coming back, Holy Ghost Boy!)

Diplomatic efforts against the Saxons yielded better results than before. Similar efforts among the Norse Princlings to the north were less so. Trade was opened with Lorraine and the Swedes.

THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN

Snorri Sturlson, King of Sweden

DIPLOMACY Halland (fa), Smaland (c)

Snorri made nice among his immediate neighbors and opened trade with the Danes.

EASTERN EUROPE

THE KINGDOM OF POLAND

Edgarsiky I, King of Poland

DIPLOMACY: Bialoweza (c)

Edgarisky, seeing that everyone else was having so much fun extorting cash from their neighbors, decided he wanted a cut of the action too. So he sent his son and heir out at the head of

some 1400 jobs with orders to browbeat and extort the locals. Unfortunately, this was easier said than done. First, Edgarisky II was no Palemon-

“NO ONE IS LIKE PALEMON!”

“Yes, yes, I know, Palemon, I know. 'No one is like you' Check. Now shut up will you?”

Second, the locals having been victimized by roving thugs were starting to get themselves better organized. So while Edgarisky managed to extort cash from some of his victims (Lausatia, Silesia, Bochnia and Volhynia were all hard hit and many locals up and left); Others resisted furiously, attriting the raiders. Finally, Edgarisky overestimated the number of Aps he had per year. **(A normal Civilized ruler w/ infantry has six AP per year, so thirty for the turn. He loses any bonuses for moving alone the moment he picks up the troops).**

Consequently, the heir to the Polish throne is sitting in the middle of the Pripiat Marshes with 400 disgruntled troops and a bunch of loot. On the plus side, the duck hunting is excellent.

In other events, Poland became cultivated.

THE KINGDOM OF LITHUANIA

Kunigaikstis Netimer, The Tactful, Grand Duke of the Aukstaitians Highlander Lithuanian Balts

DIPLOMACY Courland (ea)

Palemon died at the end of 1018 and the continent breathed a sigh of relief. His son a quiet thoughtful lad went a courting among the Courland nobility and managed to secure a wife and a diplomatic alliance.

THE KINGDOM OF KIEV

Oleg I, Boyar and Prince of the Kievan Rus

DIPLOMACY Polotsk (nt)

Oleg, finding himself newly in charge of things, took a diplomatic trip among the Polotsk. While not spectacularly successful (the Prince spoke with a stutter and was notoriously ill-groomed), the locals did agree to recognize Kievan suzerainty.

THE KINGDOM OF MUSCOVY

Kriv Karlitch Vjatichi, Prince of Muscovy

DIPLOMACY Smolensk (nt)

Decided to get things in some degree of order. The prince ordered a census of the realm. The numbers were not great. Kriv also made nice among the Smolensk.

SVITJOD HIN MIKLA

Vyacheslav Vladimirovich, Prince of Great Sweden

DIPLOMACY No effect

Vyacheslav changed the name of his realm to something more in keeping with his ambitions. He also renamed his capital Holmgard. He then conducted a census of aforesaid renamed possessions to determine who lived where and who owned what. Unfortunately, his diplomatic endeavors among the Estonians were unsuccessful.

THE BALKANS

THE DESPOTATE OF ATTICA

Aerin Athenagapeton, Despot of Attica

DIPLOMACY: Morea (nt), Crete (fa)

Continuing her efforts against the unbeliever in the Aegean basin. Aerin showed up off the shores of Crete with a squadron of ships and made the local *comes* and offer he couldn't refuse: swear allegiance to the Despot, throw off the shackles of the hated

Tunisians (which were admittedly, not particularly heavy), and the Queen would be more than happy to take him as a husband.

Needless to say, the offer was accepted with alacrity.

THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE

Basil II The Young, Emperor of Byzantium

DIPLOMACY None

Desiring to carve out a larger realm among the newly opened lands to the east. Basil dispatched his heir Constantine at the head of some 1,600 troops into Paphlagonia. Although outnumbered by the locals, the young prince had a knack for this sort of thing and was able to crush all resistance, securing the other side of the Bosphorus for the Empire.

THE MIDDLE EAST

THE SULTANATE OF DAMASCUS

Sultan of Damascus

DIPLOMACY Aleppo (nt)

The mysterious Sultan of Damascus did the usual routine: he conducted a census, and he made diplomatic overtures to his immediate neighbors. So routine were these activities that he forgot his own name...

THE SULTANATE OF BAGHDAD

Mu'izz al-Dawla, Sultan of Baghdad

DIPLOMACY Hahmar (nt)

Not much to report here. Did a census, made nice with his neighbors. You know the drill.