

Lords of the Earth

Campaign Fifteen

Turn 5

Anno Domini 1021-1025

TURN 5 ORDERS DUE BY: FRIDAY, MAY 2ND 2014

A MESSAGE FROM THE REF...

You accuse me of everything around here! 'Who put slippers in the dishwasher?', 'Who threw a cane at the TV?', 'Who fell into the china hatch?'

Abraham Simpson

Hello There!

Here is the turn five 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: A land trade route will always take precedence over a sea trade route. So a player cannot change the former to the latter in order to try to get a better trade multiple. The building of a royal road link can upgrade land trade over a difficult route (LTO to LTR; LTD to LTO; LTH to LTD).

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
2535 Dalhousie St
Victoria, BC V8R2H8
Canada

Below is Colin's email address:

ancaric@throneworld.com

Payment: When paying via Paypal, please send all funds to this account:

thomash@throneworld.com

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

ANGELCYNN

Athelstan II, King of Sussex

DIPLOMACY Mercia (f), Wessex (nt following feudal ally leader death)

Athelstan sired some more kids on his (long suffering) wife and that was about it, actually.

ILE DE FRANCE

Henri I, The Pious, King of France

DIPLOMACY Anjou (f)

Proving himself to be quite the urbanizer, Henri ordered the raising of another city, Angers, in Anjou. All was well in this, the best of all possible worlds.

BURGUNDY

Pierre I, King of Burgundy

DIPLOMACY Provence (f), Nivernais (nt)

Pierre's diplomatic work was very successful and this allowed him to open trade with the French to the north.

SPAIN

THE KINGDOM OF CATALONIA

Wilfred the Hairy, King of Catalonia

DIPLOMACY Aquitaine (fa), Old Castile (f)

Wilfred's diplomats continued to make inroads among the Aquitaini and Castilians.

THE EMIRATE OF GRANADA

Al Walid, Emir of Granada

DIPLOMACY Cordoba, in Murcia (t)

Did some diplomacy and sired a whole bunch of squally kids (well, okay, three kids, but they're mighty squally).

NORTH AFRICA

THE EMIRATE OF MOROCCO

Idriss I, Emir of Morocco

DIPLOMACY Merrakesh (t)

A new port city, Oran, was raised in Zirid. Elsewhere, Idriss' heir made nice with the Merrakeshites.

THE EMIRATE OF TUNISIA

Karim Ramy, Emir of Tunisia

DIPLOMACY Sicily (f), Cyprus (t)

Tunisian diplomatic fortunes revived from their previous low ebb as the Emir of Sicily aligned his fortunes with Karim's. Further east, the Orthodox Christians grudgingly agreed to pay tribute.

THE FATIMID CALIPHATE OF EGYPT

Al Mansur, Caliph of Egypt

DIPLOMACY Egypt (t), Alexandria, in Egypt (nt)

Mansur, new to the job and a bit flustered, nevertheless acted quickly, securing diplomatic ties (via marriage) with the Egyptians while having lesser success with the Alexandrians.

ITALY

THE KINGDOM OF SAVOY

Celestino de Savoy, King of Savoy

DIPLOMACY Genoa, in Liguria (nt, than lost, see below)

Juliano dispatched his son, Celestino, to Genoa to make nice with the local Doge.

Unfortunately, Juliano's neighbors, envious and hateful, were conspiring his ruin...

THE KINGDOM OF VERONA

Conrad, King of Verona

DIPLOMACY None

Stung by the diplomatic *coup* of his neighbor, Otto vowed vengeance. Allying himself with the evil Romans, the King raised a force of 3,000 horse and foot, with the backing of several siege engines. He then set out to take by force what had been denied him through diplomacy.

The Veronese part of the war can be described quickly: Otto marched into the region and began reducing the field forts that the Savoyards had built. Crushing one particularly troublesome castle, the Otto's head made contact with a hurled rock and he expired. The Veronese were momentarily flustered by this, but Otto's

lieutenant, Leonardo Cavelli took matters into hand and was able to secure the remainder of the region by year's end.

During all this, two things occurred: First, word reached Celestino both of the Lombard attack and his father's death in an unrelated event. Aghast, the young man quickly cut his diplomatic trip short and hurried back to Turin.

Second, the Roman army piled up from the south and entered the fray...

THE HOLY ROMAN EMPIRE

Sylvius, Holy Roman Emperor

DIPLOMACY Genoa, in Liguria (t), Naples, in Campania (f)

Prince Celestino's seat cushion was barely cold when an emissary from the court in Rome showed up and began making his own pitch to the local Doge. The eventual appearance of 6,000 plus Roman troops under the Imperial Heir Stephanus who showed up and occupied Liguria made a deep impression on the Doge. The quick establishment of a siege perimeter around the city made an even deeper impression. Faced with the icky options of "join us or die", the Doge agreed to throw in his lot with the Romans. The latter made the deal more palatable by arranging the marriage of a Genoese princess to Stephanus, who took his new bride on a tour of the new siege works that he had just built around her city. (Real romantic there, aintcha Stephanus).

GERMANY

THE KINGDOM OF LORRAINE

Bruno I, King of Lorraine

DIPLOMACY Holland (nt)

Lothar's attempt to woo the Alsatians ended abruptly when he keeled over at a state dinner. His twitching corpse, face down in a bowl of soup, made a very poor impression. Diplomatic overtures in Holland were more successful.

THE KINGDOM OF BOHEMIA

Vaclav I, King of Bohemia

DIPLOMACY None

Vaclav proclaimed his son, Jakob as Heir Apparent. He then sired three more kids over the following five year...all girls.

THE KINGDOM OF DENMARK

Svend I Haraldsen Forkbeard, King of Denmark

DIPLOMACY Holstein (t)

Svend continued to make nice among the Germans to the south.

THE KINGDOM OF SWEDEN

Snorri Sturlson, King of Sweden

DIPLOMACY No effect

Snorri engaged in some utterly unsuccessful diplomacy.

EASTERN EUROPE

THE KINGDOM OF POLAND

Edgarsiky I, King of Poland

DIPLOMACY: Bialoweza (nt), Danzig (t)

Edgarsky's fortunes, so recently rather lackluster, now took a turn for the better as the pagans of Danzig paid him homage and the Bialowezens increased their commitment from the non-existent to occasionally thinking that the Polish King was an OK fellow...

Most of the time...

Usually...

THE KINGDOM OF LITHUANIA

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

DIPLOMACY None

Netimer sat quietly at home.

THE KINGDOM OF KIEV

Oleg I, Boyar and Prince of the Kievan Rus

DIPLOMACY Polotsk (a), Pereaslavl (ea)

Rus diplomacy among the trans-Dniepr peoples continued apace.

THE KINGDOM OF MUSCOVY

Kriv Karlitch Vyatichi, Prince of Muscovy

DIPLOMACY Smolensk (t)

Vyatichi continued to make nice among the Smolenski.

SVITJOD HIN MIKLA

Vyacheslav Vladimirovich, Prince of Great Sweden

DIPLOMACY Estonia (t)

Vyacheslav's diplomatic entreaties to the Estonians finally bore fruit.

THE BALKANS

THE DESPOTATE OF ATTICA

Aerin Athenagapeton, Despot of Attica

DIPLOMACY: Crete (a), Rhodes (c)

The Despot made another diplomatic *anabasis* around her watery domain. Results were less than she anticipated. On the plus side, trade was opened up with the Fatamids.

THE BYZANTINE EMPIRE

Basil II The Young, Emperor of Byzantium

DIPLOMACY No effect

Like their counterparts across the Aegean, Basil opened up trade with the Egyptians. He then set out with his son, Constantine, at the head of some 2,000 troops to “treat” with the Lydians to the south. When the locals proved recalcitrant to the pair's diplomatic entreaties, the Byzantines attacked...and got thumped, losing about 400 troops and retreating back into Bithnia.

THE MIDDLE EAST

THE SULTANATE OF DAMASCUS

Khalif the Bold, Sultan of Damascus

DIPLOMACY Levant (nt)

Khalif continued to attain nominal acquiescence from his neighbors.

THE SULTANATE OF BAGHDAD

Mu'izz al-Dawla, Sultan of Baghdad

DIPLOMACY No effect

Attempts to woo the Abadans and Diyalans met with failure. Mu'izz's penchant for taking his wife on such trips had disastrous consequences when she croaked in childbirth. Raiding the southern emirates was more successful, netting much gold for the treasury. And of course, much enmity among the aforementioned southern emirates.