

Lords of the Earth

CAMPAIGN TWENTY-FOUR – THE WEST

Turn 99

1466 ~ 1469 Anno Domini

870 ~ 875 in the year of the Hegira

4164 (Fire Dog) - 4167 (Earth Ox)

Announcements and items of note

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Version 6: Lords 24 uses version 6 of the basic rules

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VARIOUS FEES AND LEVIES

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We are using the latest v6.3.5 of the basic rule book that can be found here

<http://lords.throneworld.com/players/loterule/rules.html>

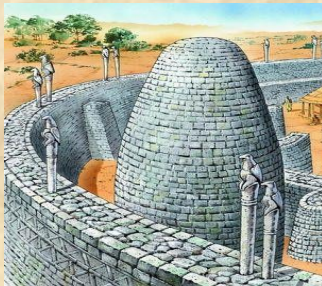
Africa



The Mwene-Mutapa Empire

(Unkulunkulu Civilized Open Empire)

TjiKalanga, King of Mapungubwe

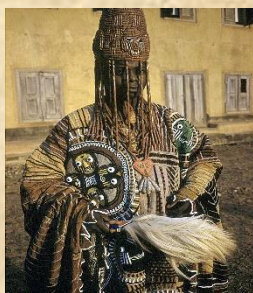


The cities of Manekweni, Sofala, Inhamizua and Qimbara were to grow in size and prosperity. The emperor ruled from his palace in Mapungubwe and was blessed with two young daughters by his wife Uuieaga. Keltanke was to finally persuade the Shonans to integrate with the empire whilst Vandalwe travelled to Banhine to gain the support of their warriors.

Usama-Yoruba Onium of Ibo

(African Pagan Civilized Open Empire)

Obinna, Oni of Ibo



The death of King Boure II in 1466 meant that Prince Obinna was to become the new ruler of the Onium while he was continuing his diplomatic mission to Bomi. Meanwhile, work continued in expanding the road network to Bomi and Teke. The city of Bata was to grow in size and several forts build in the lands of the Benin. General Mansa was to take control of a newly raised army of over fourteen thousand warriors; his army was then marched through to Gambia. Agents from the Onium were at work in Senegal. Firstly, they sprung Prince Numini from prison on Nujabi

before creating dissent amongst the Senegalese army. As General Mansa moved to attack Senegal, the disaffected defenders left both the province and the city of Nujabi unguarded. Mansa simply moved in and claimed the province for the Onium. Prince Numini, savouring his new found freedom. Was quickly dispatched to Takrur city where he was able to gain their military support. Fatoumata travelled to Ibo to look after the Onium's affairs while Prince Obinna was yet to take up his rule. Neneh was to offend the elite of Mdouba during his stay in the city but Nxinga had some success in the province of Marampa.

Eastern Europe



The Varangian Rus of Kiev

(Orthodox Civilized Open Empire)

Ragnar, King of the Rus



Gold was transferred to the Romans via the trade route. In Pechneg, the Great Wall was extended along the Moldavian border; it was to nearly completely encase the Kievan heartlands. The city of Pechnograd was to grow in size and its walls preserved. Outside Varangia the walls of the fortress were improved as well as the city walls of Vitebsk. More converts were gained in the Ademid province of Levedia. King Siegfried was to fall ill and die in 1467. His son and heir, Prince Ragnar was by his side and took time off the defence of the kingdom to bury his father and claim his throne. The elder Prince Ragnar continued his search for the Narodnaya armiya in Kiev but found little sign of their activities. The Princess Brunhilda led a large delegation to the Crimea in an effort to persuade the province to join the Rus kingdom. Despite her party's best efforts, it seemed that the Crimeans were paying fealty to a Czech elite rather than ruling themselves. The Princess was kept from meeting the rulers of the province throughout these years by the Czech guards. General William was in charge of the Kievan defence but was to pass away from a fever in 1468.

The Oriental Roman Empire

(Roman Catholic Civilised Open Empire)

Manuel, Emperor of East Rome



The fleet under Andronikos was augmented with ten new frigates and two thousand marines. The Admiral continued to patrol the Aegean but missed a large Moslem fleet that went on to attempt to raid the Uighur coast. Repelled by the Uigurs, the raiders fled east. Missionaries were again active in Rhodes and Sevastopol but once again had little success. The emperor himself was to continue his diplomatic mission to Bosphorus before his death in 1469. His son, Prince Manuel, took control of the empire without any unrest and continued his rule from Constantinople with the assistance of Duke John. Any incursions in the Mare Negri were prevented by the presence of the Duke Angelos's fleet.

The Order of St Vladimir

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

Sven, Grandmaster of the Order of St Vladimir



While the Grandmaster Sven ensured that the Order protected their holding around Varangia, Charles moved to the port of Ancyra in Galatia with the Brothers Skallagrim and Mark. Despite a sizeable bribe, the Catholic townsfolk were averse to the Order setting up an Orthodox House in the city. The delegation continued its efforts in Ancyra and was to gain an increased status amongst the Turki.

The Noble House of Byzantium

(Roman Catholic Civilised Mercantile House)

Laodamos, Chairman of the Noble House of Byzantium



The Chairman, Laodamos, travelled to Kirivitch and despite lamenting the quality of his board members was unable to acquire an agent for the company in the province. Poor Apheidus was not highly thought of in the organisation but was able to successfully persuade a local agent to support the House of Byzantium in Rhodes. The company's greatest success came in Valletta where city was to become a Cartel through the efforts of Argos. Sailing west, Aegeus was able to explore the seas around the Gates of Hercules and the Sea of Dogs before returning to Valletta harbour.

The White Cossacks

(Pagan Nomadic Open Empire)

Stenka Razin, Hetman of the Cossacks



The Hetman was not idle during these years; after ensuring the Cossacks were firmly under his rule, Stenka Razin took his sizeable force over the Volga and raided the Kievan outpost of Mordva. Returning with copious loot, the Hetman was also successful in the marriage bed when he fathered a daughter by Anatasia. Pavlo Teteria was able to reduce the Bolgar hold on Suvar and claim it for the Cossacks. Vasily Orlov took a small force to raid Kostroma and Bolgar. Some loot was gained from Kostroma but the Bolgar put up a fierce defence which saw many of Orlov's men slain.

Arabia and the Middle East



The Buwayid Sultanate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

Lamman II, Sultan of the Buwayids



The cities of the Sultanate were once again to grow in size and their walls greatly improved. Grain was shipped to the Sea Lords through the trade route with the Al'Bahri Order and large amounts of manpower received in return. The roads from Baghdad were greatly improved and bridges built over the Euphrates. Trade with the Christians was expanded from Chrysopolis with routes to Hungary and Poland. Agents of the Sultanate were to gain much needed scientific information from the universities of Christendom, with only the Salernese actively stopping their activities. While the Sultan oversaw the defence from Mesopotamia, Prince Lamman was left to rule. Prince Omar Alain travelled to the Levant to join Inger where their diplomatic efforts saw the province fully integrate with the Sultanate. After transferring his men to Jalal Hayat, Salah a Din assisted Hayat in ensuring Hاستor became part of the Sultanate. Protection of the western Sultanate was given to General Fariba Esmail who had travelled north from Mesopotamia to Hاستor.

Al-Khulafa'ur Rashidun

(Sunni Islam Civilized Primacy)

Qaa'id al-Mohamed, Caliph of Baghdad

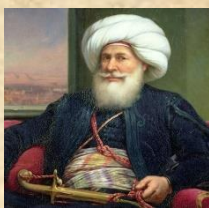


The Caliphate's cities of Ramadi and Tyria were to grow in size. Vast sums of gold were sent to the Karakhanate and the Saffarids in Iran. All the known rutters held by the Caliph were written down and sent to the Al'Bahri. Further dredging took place along the Euphrates River as it bordered Mosul and Circis. Young men from the Caliphate were sent to Arbiliq to help improve the Khwarzimi lands while others were sent to convert the Shi'ites of Iran and help with converting Asturias in Spain. The Caliph, Qaa'id al-Mohamed, ruled from his palace in Baghdad before his death in 1469. He was also able to gain some influence with the Saffarids in 1469. In Kurman, Jaadallah al-Samad was able to gain many converts from amongst the populace. Naazim al-Rahaim continued his work in Tyria and managed to gain the full support of the city. Salafi al-Bahrain founded a small mosque in Palmyra before travelling to Thedyarbekir to spread the word of Allah. After the death of al-Mohamed, al-Bahrain was a surprise candidate for Caliph and was voted in shooraa council of six of the senior Sahaabah. Abdul al-Hasakah continued to gain converts in Armenia while Huraira al-Basha supported the Imans in Siahah; he was to die of a fever in 1469 before the vote for a new Caliph. In the east, Yaasir el-Noor was to found a Monastery in Merv before he was to also pass away in early 1469.

The Egyptian Empire

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

Ahmad III, Emperor of all Egypt



With the support of the Al'Bahri, the Egyptians were able to expand Al'Qairah and El'Gitar while in Suakin, the port of Sawwan was built around the fortress. Throughout the empire, the fortresses were increased in size and smaller forts built in Egypt and Mansura. In exchange for grain, gold was shipped to the Salernese. The lands of Danakil were further improved as well as those of Dongola. The road was extended from Adulis through to Suakin while a defensive wall was built in Zeila to protect the Adal to Djibouti border. Ahmad III was to continue his rule from Alexandria and was blessed with two children by Queen Aisha. Malik was to spend these years checking the lands around Egypt for anything suspicious but found little that was not already known. General Al-Nasir was to collect some of the army in Zeila before moving to Danakil to ensure the protection of the Egyptian southern lands; the rest of the army was left in Zeila under the command of Al-Sharif. In the meantime, Salil Ayyub was to try to improve relations with the Emir of Danakil after the province was conquered by the empire. To protect against any incursion by the Sahels or the Wadai, General Taaraz took command of the army in Al'Qadi and moved to Axum. In Al'Qadi, Ali Bey was unsuccessful in persuading their Emir

to further support the empire. Egyptian missionaries were active throughout the south, gaining converts in Funj, Adulia and Dongola.

Amir Al-Bahri

(Sunni Moslem Seafaring Religious Order)

Khalid ibn al-Walid, Lord of the Sea



In Cyprus, a fortress was built on the Gulf of Cyprus. The Al-Bahri had many recruits and feeding them all was limiting the Order's ability to project its influence. Some were sent to help settle the cities of Al'Qairah and El'Gitar while others were ordered to assist the Egyptians and the Buwayids. Houses for the Order were raised in Jordan and Madina but the Al'Bahri had little success elsewhere. Khalid ibn al-Walid was to ensure that more food was provided for his men by improving his fishing fleet out of Mansura before overseeing the Order's affairs. Dhiraar ibn al-Azwar was dispatched to Cyprus to oversee the defence of the Order's prized possession. After ensuring that the excess manpower was escorted to Egypt, Zubayr ibn al-Awwam joined ibn Jabal in Al'Qairah. Fayruz al-Daylami was to escort the men to Baghdad with ibn Ali before scouring the city for any signs of infidels or cultists. In Al'Qairah, Mu'adh ibn Jabal took command of a newly commissioned fleet and after being joined by al-Awwam, set sail into the Mediterranean Sea. His fleet was to later dock in Carsk.

Western Europe and Moslem Spain



The Knights of Malta

(Roman Catholic Civilised Religious Order)

Heinrich, Grandmaster of the Knights of Malta



Grandmaster Heinrich of the Knights continued his rule from Malta. Otherwise, their watch on the Moslems continued.

The Kingdom of Germany

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

Hans, King of the Germans



The road was extended out from Provence westwards to join the French road in Languedoc. New Galleasses were commissioned for the fleet in the dockyards of Genoa and Cannes. King Ludvig was ruling from Saxony when he suffered a fall during hunting in 1467. The king was to never recover from his injuries and Prince Hans, recently returned from Bavaria, was declared king. King Ludvig's legacy was to continue when

his recently bereaved wife, Queen Duretta of Poland, bore him a son shortly after his death. Perceived threats from the Moslems saw an upsurge in support for the church throughout the kingdom. Godric travelled to the city of Cavalleri where he gained some support from the city's countess. In Sicily, the arrival of Reinhold saw an increase in influence from the Germans. Sadly, the diplomat was to fall ill in 1469 and die from a fever. After escorting Queen Duretta back from Poland, Erken collected several scattered garrisons from throughout the kingdom and stationed them in Saxony. Jurgen continued his work in the Tyrol and improved on the alliance with the province. Now in command of the Galleasses from Genoa and Cannes as well as hundreds of smaller warships, Admiral Waltraud patrolled the Mediterranean from Cannes.

The Akramid Caliphate

(Sunni Islam Civilized Open Empire)

Tiroman VI, Caliph of the Akramids



With tensions increasing around the Mediterranean, the Caliph ensured that the growing cities of Algiers, Heuruseum, Mahidia, Mikhael, Olbia and Susanna had their extensive walls rebuilt. Missionaries were again active in Asturias where they converted the province to Islam. Corsica was also to convert to Islam through the efforts of the Caliphate's Imams. The Imams were also able to stem the growing Christian converts in Granada and Murcia as the Pope once again looked inwards. The Caliph was to ensure the security of the Caliphate from Seville with Prince Luhk and Admiral Tarsh while Prince Tiroman ensured the dynasty's longevity by fathering three children. Borus led the religious delegation to Asturias with Kazim, Upendo and Malit. The delegation spent all these years in the province despite the deaths of Kazim in 1466 and then Upendo in 1468.

The Kingdom of France

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

Percival, King of the French



The northern cities of Antwerp, Bruges, Calais and Cherbourg were to grow in size during these years as well as the capital Paris. Roads were built out to Brest and to the German border of Provence. The French were also to flock back to the churches and chapels of the kingdom as a new wave of religious fervour swept the nation. Queen Marie continued here rule until her death in 1469. Despite being from a lesser branch of the royal family, Prince Percival was accepted as the new king of France; possible because he was in charge of the French army. Piers handed over the command of six thousand elite cavalry to Guy before travelling south to Navarre. The wily diplomat was able to secure an alliance with the southern province. After demobilising some idle militia in Brittany, Marcelle was also to travel south where he made some diplomatic gains with the Count of Giovanna. John spent these years in discussion with La Orden de San Denis in Catalonia and was able to gain great influence with the Order. After taking command of the knights from Piers, Guy was to patrol the southern border from Valencia.

The Papal States

(Roman Catholic Civilized Papacy)

Remo, The Pope



Pope Remo was content to oversee the Papal lands from the Vatican.

The Principality of Salerno

(Roman Catholic Civilized Open Empire)

Socto Durazzo, Duke of Naples



The city of Petropolis was to grow in size and to benefit from Prince Socto's largesse. The great fortress in Lombardy was strengthened and its garrison improved. In return for grain, the Principality was to receive gold from the Egyptians. Although they had little success in Bosnia, missionaries from the Principality were able to convert the Slovaks to Christianity. The rule of Prince Socto continued and he was blessed with two children by Princess Katarina during these years. He was glad that the Principality's defences were strengthened as the Magyars took this opportunity to raid in Carinthia and Slovenia. Giuseppe Ludovisi was caught by surprise when the Magyars raided Carinthia and was unable to stop the horsemen from pillaging the province. However, he had mustered his forces when they struck again in Slovenia and redeemed himself by driving the Magyars off. Admiral Morosini patrolled the Tyrrhenian Sea out of Naples but no threats were encountered by the Salernese fleet. Before his death in 1467, Angelo Sanudo set sail on a voyage of exploration. General Mattei was also to die during these years as he protected the Principality's southern border. Through the efforts of Marco Ludovisi, the city of Klagenfurt in Carinthia was to fully join the Principality.

Scandia and the Out Isles



Kingdom of Orkeneyjar

(Roman Catholic Seafaring Open Empire)

Soren, King of Orkney and the Isles



The far lands of Vinland were further improved and cultivated and protected by a series of fortifications. Walls were greatly improved in Santander, the Nordheim citadel, Hordavil and the great fortresses of Dublin, Thingvellir and Thorshavn. In Kirkval, the Orkney smiths cast several more of the new Bombards and their crews were assigned to the city's militia. Vast sums of gold were once more shipped to Le Marteau and the Rus of Kiev. King Soren was to take personal command of the nation's defence from Kirkval before his death in 1468. His son Prince Aethelbert travelled back from Vinland with his wife Eowyn of Northumberland where he was to be crowned king. The royal couple were to be blessed with a young daughter, their first child. Princess Chelsea was in Berwick when the Orkneyjar delegation led by Gayle arrived to discuss terms with the city elders. Their extensive negotiations led to the city being fully integrated into the kingdom. Bishop Hugin, led a delegation to Wells where the city was also to join with the kingdom. Canute was in charge of the defence of London and the seas around it. He transferred twenty warships to Gunnar who shipped most the kingdoms mercenaries south to the Maltese Knights holdings in Castellon and Velencia. Brother Eldred of Le Marteau was assisted by Coenrad in gaining the full support of the Mercians. Priests from the Orkneys were able to raise a Preceptory in far Vestrehavn.

The Ests

(Jumali Skyfather Civilized Open Empire)

Braddick IV, King of the Ests



While the walls of Lagoda were removed to allow the city to grow in size, those of Reval were greatly improved. In Veposkava a fortress was built next to the Volga and another built in Kostroma. Along the border with Livonia the Great Wall extended, protecting the Estonian heartlands from eastern attacks. King Bradick was to continue his rule from Estonia and was blessed with three more children by Queen Rietta, the young queen had now provided Bradick with eight children before her 25th birthday. Before his death in 1469, Allan helped Kalev with negotiations in gaining an alliance in Kalinin. In Yaroslav, Ervin took over negotiations with Yaroslav after the death of Merle in 1467. Missionaries for the Skyfather were active in Ventapils and Kur, gaining many converts for Jumali.

The Kazans

(European Pagan Barbarian Horde)

Igor, Khan of the Kazans



Taking his men south to the Khirgiz lands, Igor of the Kazans drove off their Scythian overlords before accepting tribute from their Khan.
