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PANAGEANEWS

This month we begin in the Western Region. On the Illyrian plain, Black Company (Trimorph worshipping CSA Giants) defeated the retreating Dust And Thunder (Lawful Runeblades Elves). The next day and some three hundred miles away Urotsukidoji (Lo-kee worshipping CSA Humans) destroyed Vortex (Lawful EGA Elves). Several days passed before Throbacs (Wicca worshipping Humans) destroyed Red Knife (Lopra worshipping EGA Humans).

In the Vaeld Mountains outside the Dwarven city of Thraegens Deep, Lions Of The North (Wicca worshipping Humans) destroyed Reavers (Lopra worshipping EGA Humans), Mutton Birds (Chaotic CSA Giants) defeated the fleeing Nasties (Lawful EGA Elves), and Puma Brigade (Wicca worshipping Humans) defeated the fleeing Cobra Demons (Lawful Humans)

Moving to the Eastern Region we begin in the Black Mountains where Andar's Own (Lawful Terminator Humans) destroyed Dopn (leaderless Chaotic LOOT Orcs).

In the Lorian Forest outside the Chaotic Gnoll city (formerly Lawful Elves) of Featherwood Lodge, Wyraxian (Lawful Terminator Giants) and Bloodguard (Lawful Terminator Humans) teamed up to smash Luna Brotherhood (Zraxxut worshipping LOOT Gnolls). This was a large engagement involving well over 33,000 troops and is a big victory for the Terminators.

LORASIANEWS

In the Anvil Mountains, Ark Of The Covenant (Cosmic Balance Worshipping Humans of the New World Order) defeated Order Of Neptomics (Lawful Humans) in a hard fought battle.

This month the Pryma Forest saw, by far, the heaviest fighting. To start things off Frost Giants (Lawful HARM Giants) and Jaws Of Thirst (Lawful HARM Gnolls) teamed up to destroy Zooma Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati). Two days later at the Human city of Novograd, Ratt Skinners (Shhvoon worshipping Goblins) destroyed the defenseless Ziira Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati). At about the same time at the Dark Elf city of Morlok'Ced, Ez'zak Pochteca (Lawful Kobolds) defeated Stompin Jugulers (Cosmic Balance worshipping Ogres of the IRA).

Two weeks later we saw more of the same as Ratt Skinners destroyed Ashanti (Humans) outside Novograd and Ez'zak Pochteca smashed Stompin Jugulers.

On the Vardian Plain outside the Human city of Kaffa, Goats R Us (Lawful HARM Satyrs) crushed Oblivion (Cosmic Balance worshipping Giants).

In the Sammian Sea the rare sea battle occurred as Tonatiuh's Torch (Lawful Kobolds) defeated the fleeing Bad Blood (Chaotic Humans of the Akuda Combine).

On the Verian Plain outside the Gnoll city known as the Duchy Of Hound, Renders And Eaters (Shhvoon worshipping Goblins of the New World Order) defeated Xalna Swarm (Miiya worshipping Xaati) in a hard fought battle.

On the Agerian Plain outside the Gnoll city of Kingston, Dark Legion (Chaotic Nemesis Goblins) defeated Gnolls Of Osiris (Gnolls).

In the Cambrian Range outside the Giant city of Magdenheim, Gongylus Gongyloids (Ya-zii worshipping Xorg) defeated the fleeing Avoirdupois Stones (Cosmic Balance worshipping Giants).

PANAGEARUMORS

Lawful reserves are rushing to Thraegens Deep — the battle has just begun!

Valen of Mycene is not long for this world.

Xanthor's running away again.

The New Blood's leaders were all killed in a freak accident. From their ashes shall rise a new alliance.

Jard the Bard says everything will be revealed soon.

Nick Gnoll-tee wears pink fuzzy slippers.

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The Terminators are poised to make a bid for Mycene!

LORASIA RUMORS

Don't tell me. The Chaotics are sending their 2nd line and tertiary battle navies. Why have I heard that BS before?

Beware the revenge of the BUGS!

Current and former Akuda members should sleep with one eye open because the Lawfuls have your number.

Akuda armies will get what they deserve very soon.

If Akuda armies attack unallied Lawful armies, it shouldn't be a surprise when Lawfuls attack unallied Chaotic armies.

Large Chaotic armies sailing to Quadro? Why do they enjoy so much punishment?

The Crystalian Warriors are experiencing a lot of in-fighting lately.

Word has it HARM has dissolved!

The Dragon of Voth has been seen in the skies above Cosmopolis. Rumor has it he's looking for his cousin.

BULLETINBOARD

PANAGEA PLAYER NOTICE

Xanther —

Methinks yo been eatin too much sheeps. Suffrin from maddsheeps disease yo be no? Brain gotz holes init lik sponge. Howz cum yo rewrites history of Pan? Tryin to puff up yer lackeys who weren't there no doubt. Them not aware of yo treachery. Howz yo use them as katapult fodder. Them get kilt. Yo jus runs away.

I tells yo what... ifn yo big armys fites lik did in Auroomia... ha, ha, ha... hac! ptui... what a joke. Us neva hird of defense taktic called "stupid". Yo armys puts on gran display at edge of Mirelan jungle. Not likes to fite in swamp yo don't. Yo not smart to set defense line. Puts alla armys inna one sector wit intercept orders no doubt... DUH! Us jus goz round yo and attacks main breeder inna rear sittin alla lone. Sum taktishun yo iz. Maybe turns yer field kommanders inta sheep tenders. Us even sendz in probe army on first attack. Them was outnumbered and outclassed. Even had cleric pray to Gawd and ask fer forgiveness in sending warriors to their death. Gawd have gud laff when us kums out winners. Thot mitey Termites win they would. Wrong was I. What yo do then? Fite? No.

Load on ships and runs away. Termites not fites. Them not taktishuns. Them boys sure kan runs fast though.

Yo kalls me idiot. I kalls yo yella. Best yet... I kalls yo KOWARD! Howz kum yo gotz... had... 9,000 NWs inna Movallens? Kants maks no gold huh? No cities to trade. Runnin outa sheep on island no. Yer akshun round Fleabite speaks volumes. Hope yo gets lotsa booty cuz yo know yo gonna get pushed bak inna sea. Remember... wherever yo go... inna this world or next... stench of sheeps and slime trail mak yo easy to trak.

Hey! Sponge brain... in kas yo didn't know...

IDIOT...
haa, haa, haa

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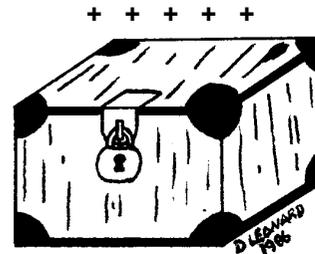
LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Long, long ago (CB #214 May 2004), Akuda Combine attacked two Lawful Titan armies (Grizzly and Sandmen) because they happened to be near the Lawful city of West Veldt. The powerful Akuda armies felt threatened by the small Titan armies. In the following CB, the spokesman for Akuda justified their attacks on those armies because they "know they are HARM". To press their point home, they smugly proclaimed that "Breeder and Trade armies are legitimate targets of war." Wow! That makes it all right to attack any Lawful army.

The leader of Lean Mean Green may think that my army is just a band of thugs. However, he needs to know some facts before going ballistic. Your army is the same race as the band of scum known as Ratt Skinners. The Ratts have breeder armies trading at Novograd and other nearby cities. They have been known to hide their banners. How will I know whether or not your army is part of Ratt group? Any non-Lawful Goblin army is a legitimate target. The Chaotic scum have been freely attacking and destroying Lawfuls in their homeland. Is there something wrong with bringing the war to the Chaotics' stomping grounds?

Theoden
Leader of Shadowmane

PS. This missive was sent in Feb. but was lost in email hell.



LORASIA PLAYER NOTICE

Congratulations are due to Ratt Skinners Goblins and 10th Virginia Inf Gnolls on finally destroying Ziira Swarm Xaati. The first attacks by Ratt Skinners and 10th Virginia Inf didn't destroy the Xaati army. Then, Ratt Skinners managed to destroy it in the next attack. Ratt Skinners started with more than 6,500 warriors and 10th Virginia Inf started with more than 1,500 warriors. And Zira Swarm started with almost 500 non-combatants. The odds were in favor of the Xaati army.

The prowess of the Akuda armies has once again been demonstrated to all who dare threaten them. Let all who witnessed these attacks tremble in fear. IF you dare challenge them with at least 500 non-combatants, you're guaranteed to be destroyed after three attacks. You'll survive the initial two attacks by the two armies fielding a combined total of more than 8,000 warriors. You have been warned!

Please don't think of fielding an army with more than 500 non-combatants. It's simply just not nice to embarrass the Akuda armies. Their fragile egos might be severely crushed if your army with 1,000 non-combatants survived four attacks by the MIGHTY Akuda armies. Have pity on their tender egos.

Tlatoani

COD ON-LINE

Our presence on the Internet is growing rapidly with a number of resources currently available.

If you want to learn about the happenings in the CRACK OF DOOM (I and II) check out the following message boards:

http://groups.yahoo.com/group/conclave_gathering/
<http://www.neosoft.com/~lanza/ICONdiscuss1.html>

Message Boards are a great way to share ideas and pick up the latest gaming gossip. As with anything you get off the internet — don't believe everything you read! When in doubt, ask the GM. Also, if you have an important comment, question or complaint, send it to AGE rather than posting a message as AGE does not supervise or manage these sites and your comments may never reach us and will be unlikely to get an official response.

In a similar vein, the ICON alliance (COD II) has its own website that contains a wealth of useful information for members and non-members alike:

<http://www.hypercon.net~lanza>

If you want information on CTF2187 check out the following:

TALES OF CTF2187: A great new site by Shannon Muir that contains the best of her game related fiction and more! Check it out at:

<http://members.aol.com/shannonelisemuir/>

ORBO's CTF2187 HOME PAGE: Want to check out a great archive of old CTF newsletters? How about player bios, many with color photos? All that plus lots of other useful information is available at the CTF website. Special thanks to Orbo (Rob Fackler) for his efforts in setting and maintaining this cool site: Check it out at:

<http://userweb.suscom.net/~orbomaxx/ctfhome2.htm>

Brigadier General Them Bones [PN323] of the Berserkers [TM5] has set up a Chat Room at:

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ctf2187>

He also has set up an email discussion list. For those of you unfamiliar with a mailing list, here is how it works. Folks interested in a common topic must JOIN (aka SUBSCRIBE TO) the list. All of these "members" will then receive all postings to this list and can also respond and/or post their own messages. All sorts of folks can have all sorts of topics going at the same time — so long as it is strictly CTF related. The list is currently moderated by General I.B. Tryon [PN721] of team WASP [TM18].

To join, send a blank email to: CTF2187-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

If you prefer to get all of the postings in one "batch" mailing a day (rather than each one sent to you individually) then immediately send a SECOND email to: CTF2187-digest@yahoogroups.com

REMINDER

It is important to remember that the newsletter now covers two different game worlds: PANAGEA (COD I) and LORASIA (COD II). All newsletter submissions (Player Notices or Rumors) should clearly be labeled indicating to which world they refer. Not only does this make the information more useful to the reader but it also helps to avoid confusion between two positions with the same ID Number (one in each game). As stated in the House Rules, materials for the next newsletter must be received by the 21st of the month. Diplomatic messages should also clearly indicate what world they are for.

SCORE CARD

Can't tell the players (ie. alliance abbreviations) without a score card? Here it is:

Panagea (COD I)

A.I.M. — Aegis In Malum (Latin for Shield Against Evil).

C.S.A. — Circle of Steel Alliance.

D.O.A. — Defenders of Aldaryn.

E.G.A. — Elderwood Guard Alliance.

L.O.O.T. — League of Orcs Ogres and Trolls. Sometimes also referred to as L.O.O.(G.)T. when Gnolls are included.

P.T.L. — Panagea Trade League.

R.P.A. — Royal Panagean Alliance.

S.N.A.P. — Society of Neutrally Allied Peoples.

S.W.A.R.M. — Shhvoon Worshipers And Respected Mariners.

Lorasia (COD II)

A.C.E. — All Chaos Explorers.

Akuda — Akuda Combine.

C.W. — Crystalian Warriors.

F.R.C. — Fourth Reich of Chaos.

Guardians — Guardians of Destiny. Sometimes referred to as G.O.D.

HARM — Heroes and Raving Maniacs.

ICON — Independent Confederation Of Neutrals.

I.R.A. — Imperial Red Armies.

K.I.L. — Kobolds Invade Lorasia.

N.W.O. — New World Order.

R.O.C. — Reign Of Chaos.

R.O.T. — Raging Odious Terror.

S.O.B. — Soldiers Of Balance.

WHAT'S NEW — COD I & II

Having trouble keeping track of all the latest rule changes, hints and strategy articles published in the Cosmic Balance? Now available: "The Best Of The Cosmic Balance" covering Issues #126-#180 (more will be added as time permits). This publication is FREE for the asking when your request is accompanied by a turn or a payment to your account otherwise we ask \$1.00 to cover postage and handling. Another great service from your friends at ADVANCED GAMING ENTERPRISES.

SPREAD THE WORD

Do you know someone who might be interested in Play-By-Mail? Better yet, how about someone who might be interested in playing one of the games run by AGE (CTF, COD I, COD II)? If so, send us their name and address and we will send them our massive information package along with a special free gift. It's a great way to recruit a friend into the hobby.

COMPANY NEWS

Oh it's been a tough couple of weeks. Our aging Lexmark Optra Lxi laser printer finally gave up the ghost. Its end was a rough one as page streaks, crinkled pages and frequent paper jams greatly disrupted operations as did Duane's eventually futile efforts to fix it. Then we were forced to endure a week using our backup printer, a once proud HP Laserjet IID, that was painfully slow, had virtually no print buffer and also its share of streaks. But then the moment of glory came as our brand new Lexmark T630 arrived just in time for the COD I Monthly Adjustments! With the Lxi they took about an hour and a half to run. With the IID we were expecting about 3-4 hours. But the T630 should manage it in about a half an hour! Yahoo! [Ed: In the beginning we ran them on an Epson Dot Matrix printer — it took 8+ hours to run! Kerchunk... kerchunk... kerchunk...]. Anyway, if you had to suffer through one of the recent yucky printouts (streaks, crinkles, etc.) our apologies. With the new printer everything should be fine now and productivity might go up a tad as well!

Our big new promotional push is still getting up to speed but is already showing great dividends. We have a bunch of new players entering both COD and CTF. Welcome aboard guys (and gals?! More are undoubtedly on the way!

[Ed: By the way we here at AGE really like Lexmark laser printers — there fast, reliable, and affordable. For the do-it-yourselfers (like Duane), parts and repair manuals are easy to get and the machines are easy to work on].

