

INTERIM RULING

re: Distribution of War Scenarios for a Crown War

Friday, May 3, 2002

Unto Their Imperial Majesties,

Your servant, Sir William, sends greetings and offers this Interim Ruling in answer to Your subject, HIM Justina of Umbria:

"A question has arisen concerning the war scenarios being turned over to the Chancellor and the crown contenders. The autocrat of the war (HRM Sir Phillippe) has informed the chancellor of the day, time and location of the upcoming crown war. The scenarios have been completed, but the autocrat will release them the day of the war." and, "It has been usual and customary for the war scenarios to be handed out the day of the war."

Interim Ruling:

No, custom and practice guide us in the absence of law, Article XVI. Crown War A. Conduct of the War 1. Notice provides that, "The Minister of War shall devise the scenario and advise the Chancellor of the date, time and place set for the war at least sixty (60) days prior to the actual date of the war." B. War, states that, "The Minister of War will then provide a copy of the first day's battles to each contender. On the following morning, after Opening Court, the battles will begin."

While the first part of 1. "devise the scenario" may be read as a grant of authority and distinct from "and advise the Chancellor of the date, time and place set for the war at least sixty (60) days prior to the actual date of the war." The Chancellor is to be notified of the "date, time and place" --not the scenario.

B. may require us to read the sentences in reverse order but it is quite clear. The first day's battles shall be provided to the contenders the evening/night before the morning the battles begin. We interpret it as the evening or night before, only because of the use of the word "morning." A simpler interpretation is anytime the day before the war begins.

Just to put another issue away before it is raised, if any parties "suffered injury" because any of this did not occur 60 days in advance--they are 30 days past the statute of limitations.

In Service,

Sir William Baine, Chancellor, Adria

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