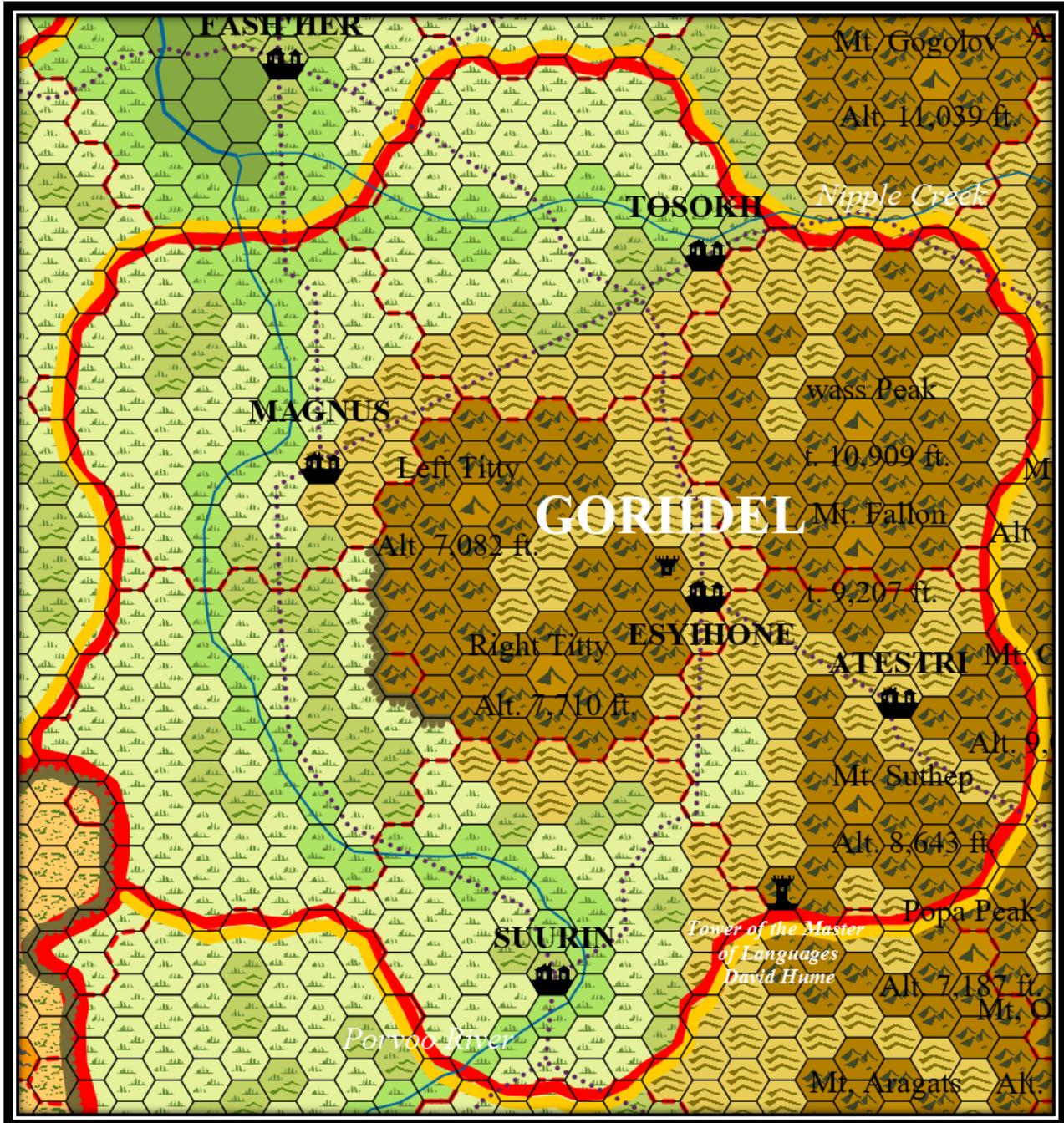


Goriidel, Barony of

AC 1014



Area:
392 square miles

Population: *(population values are given for AC 1014. Borderland population density 5 per sq. mile, +50% for river)*
1610

Villages:

Esyhone (322): is the economic and social center of the Barony and located just east of the tower of the Baroness.

Ethnic groups:

Alphatian 21%, Ethengarian 20%, Wendarian Human 15%, Hattian 10%, Kaelic 5%, Thyatian 5%, Flaem 5%, Rzechian 5%, Aalbanese 5%, Sindhi 4%, Averoignian 2%, Erewan Elf 2%, Other 1%

Languages:

Thyatian common. Alphatian

Ruler:

Jella Lan di Lorenzo (born AC 980, M11, AL - Lawful)

House:

Krinagar

Military:

A sheriff is assigned to the five main settlements of the Barony and is in charge of enforcing the law and keeping the peace. The Baroness has a force of 15 F1, leather, bow and hand axe which patrols the Barony and upholds the laws and watches for wandering monsters from the nearby mountains.

Trails:

The Northern Trail winds north in the valley between the Black Mountains and the Great Plateau. It is rated as poor by Glantrian AAA. It has seen steadily increasing volume of traffic between Glantri and Wendar since the end of the Great War. Construction on the trail to bring up to good status is set to begin next year and when it reaches Goriidel it is expected to bring lots of jobs and gold to the Barony in wages and increased trade. Poor quality trails connect the settlements of the Barony with each other as well as with the Northern Trail in the western grasslands of the Barony. The Porvoo River is too swift and shallow for use for any transport larger than canoes.

Economics:

Goriidel is a resource poor Barony but is used as a staging point for prospectors heading eastward into the mountains but so far, no significant deposits of gems or precious metals have been found in the surrounding mountains. The large grasslands in the western part of the Barony are not particularly good for agriculture and only produce limited amounts of subsistence foods such as potatoes and carrots. The grasslands are perfect for grazing animals and do support large herds of cattle which are driven south to Moulins every fall and provide for most of the income for the Barony. Goriidel's most famous export however is its honey as a small clan of elves which remains today from the original settlers of the Barony maintain several bee colonies in the village of Esyhone which produce a unique and distinctive flavor of honey that is has come to be highly valued throughout Glantri.

Goriidel Monthly Financial Ledger (figures from AC1014)

Main resources: 1 Animal (wild game), 1 Vegetable (honey)

3 hexes: mountains; borderland; pop. 168; tax 8.4 dc

4 hexes: clear; borderland; pop. 1120; tax 56 dc

Esyihone: village; pop. 322; tax 32.2 dc

Total population: 322 village/rural, 1288 borderland

A good amount passes through Goriidel with nearly all trade with Wendar and the rest of Glantri passing through the Barony. The Baroness is able to collect additional income based on fees and duties assessed on both caravans passing through and coming into Goriidel. In addition, the Baroness collects various fines assessed her subjects as well as collecting taxes on adventurers booty. As a result, the Baroness collects an average of 225 dc extra income a month.

Tax Income: 96.6 dc

Resource Income: 289.8 dc

Standard Income: 772.8 dc

Council Tax: 276.8 dc

Net Cash: 334.6 dc

Overhead (35%): 117.1 dc

Available Cash: 217.5 dc

With 7320 XP/year, in 6 years (1008-1014) the Baroness would gain 43,920 XP on Dominion XP alone.

Alternate (tax only): 1152 XP/year.

Alternate (tax and extras only): 3852 XP/year.

History:

Barons of Goriidel

Ansel Widefarer 1006 - 1008

Jella Lan 1008 -

The Barony of Goriidel was one of the 8 new dominions created by the Council of Princes in 1006. The princes felt the new dominions would provide much needed revenue with the massive increases in the Grand Army due to the war with Alphatia and would provide more balance to a Glantrian nobility structure that now had nearly as many Principalities as Baronies and Viscounties *combined*. Half of the new dominions were in the northwest as part of a larger program which annexed the previously unclaimed lands between the Black Mountains and Adri Varma Plateau south of Wendar.

Many of the new dominions were awarded to heroes of the first year of the Great War with Alphatia. Goriidel was one of those dominions. The Erewanese Elf Ansel Widefarer the leader of the diplomatic mission to Alphatia whose escape led to the burning of Aasla and a large part of Alphatia's skyship navy. As part of his reward Ansel, known now as 'The Torch of Aasla' and first war hero of the new war, was offered one of the new western Baronies being created and was confirmed as the new Baron of the new

Barony on the western slopes of the Black Mountains. Widefarer named his new Barony Goriidel after his beloved Aunt who was the Propraetor of the Eastern Wendarian Free Province and was the one who helped him get his start in the Glantrian Foreign Chancellery after graduating from the Great School of Magic.

Goriidel had few permanent residents when it was established as a Barony, several scores of Rzechians and handfuls of Glantrians who enjoyed the quiet and solitude and lack of taxes and the oversight and bureaucracy from the Glantri government. The annexation of the lands that became Goriidel was not well received by many of the human settlers of the area, and many moved out into the newly expanded Black Mountain Free Province. The new Baron worked hard to bring new settlers into his Barony and was rewarded with several large groups of settlers, including a large group of fellow elves, taking advantage of his one-year tax moratorium and favorable economic incentives. The gradual increase in trade with Wendar via the western trail which started in 1004 and was growing by the year offered his new settlers good work meeting the needs of the caravans and several settlements were established to provide inbound and outbound caravan a friendly place to rest and refit. Ansel built a Baronial Tower on the eastern slopes of the twin peaked massif long known as the Old Girls. A new settlement grew a mile from the tower where many new arrivals to Goriidel settled, including all its elven arrivals, and was named Esihone, which sounded exotic to most humans, but few knew was a vulgar elven euphemism for a female elf's twin girls.

The Barony underwent slow but steady growth for the first several years under the steady leadership and guidance of Widefarer. However, when a chance for Ansel to move up the noble ladder and get a dominion closer to 'civilization' arose in 1008 Ansel jumped at the chance. When the Viscountess of Redstone, the Alphatian Arbana Jerbat went missing and was declared dead by the Council of Princes her Viscounty was declared open for an Awards Festival. Widefarer easily won the Council vote over his Alphatian and Flaemish competitors and became the new Viscount of Redstone. The resulting Awards Festival for the now open Goriidel drew the candidacies of six potential nobles but the course of the two weeks campaigning two wizards emerged as the favorites, a male Averoignian and a distinctively unique one in a female Ethengarian wizard. Though not having the support of the ultra-traditionalist Prince Jherok the Ethengarian woman, Jella Lan, won the Council vote and became the new Baroness of Goriidel.

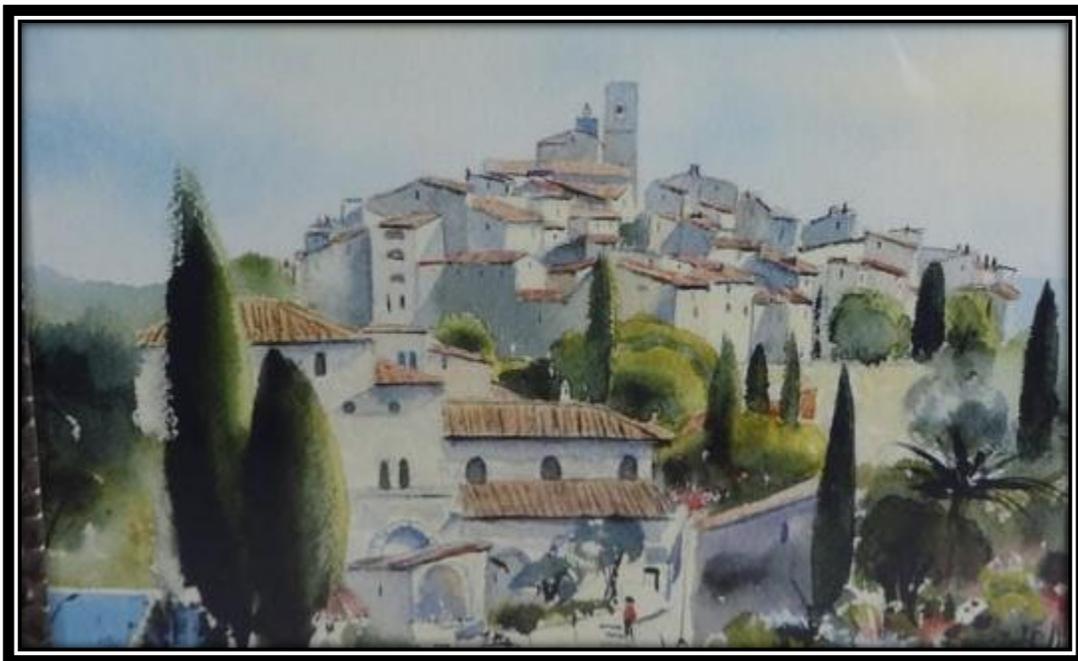
While a large number of the elves who had settled Goriidel moved along with Widefarer the elevation of Jella Lan stimulated a wave of forward thinking Ethengarians who had no issue with living under female noble and took advantage of the new Baronesses economic and tax benefits and breaks to stimulate further settling of her barony. While a good number of Ethengarians, mainly from the Bramya region, fleeing the likely possibility of Alphatian attacks in the coming years the Barony was inundated with a wave of immigration from a different source. The invasion of Thar devastated the traditional Alphatian settled lands in the south of Glantri and many survivors decided to resettle elsewhere rather than rebuild after Thar was pushed back into the western Broken Lands in early 1009 and many came to far northwestern Glantri. Between 1011 and 1014 over 300 Alphatians settled in Goriidel thus making the Barony a majority Alphatian population dominion. The newly arriving Alphatians decided to build several new settlements and generally kept to themselves and founded the villages of Tosokh and Atestri in the foothills of the Black Mountains.

The years since the end of the Great War have seen steady but slow growth for the Baroness as the continued growth of trade with Wendar brings more and more caravans and traders into her Barony with each year. The planned construction work to improve the Western Trail to higher standards

promises to bring a great deal of gold into the Baroness coffers as well as likely stimulating further immigration into her Barony. While the dominion lacks the natural resources to ever become a desirable or wealthy dominion Jella Lan has done a rather good job administering her Barony and creating a nice, even if still very frontier in nature, place for Glantrians to settle and start a new life.

Notable sites:

Esyihone is small but pretty village in the foothills of the Black Mountains just to the east of the Baronial tower. Home to most of Goriidel's administrative functions the village is known for its pretty white buildings and fine tiled roofs. The village is home to a Regional Temple of Rad which in addition to overseeing the smaller local temples of the area is also the primary educator of Goriidel's population. A small clan of elves, which are all that remain from the hundreds of elves that built and first settled the village when Goriidel was established in 1006, still resides in Esyihone and are famed for producing the honey that has become famed throughout Glantri for its unique tastes due in large part to the White Wild Indigo flowers which are unique to the western slopes of the Black Mountains. The town's Mayor Llewel Leothyra (Age 498, E8, AL-L) has served as the villages leader since its founding and has come to be quite fond of the new Baroness and goes out of his way to make sure the Baroness gets no trouble from any of the residents of Esyihone and that all taxes are collected, and troublemakers and drifters looking for trouble are dealt with quickly and decisively.



One of the most celebrated immigrants to the newly established Barony was the Master of Languages of the Great School, David Hume, who had become friends with Ansel and fell in love with the rugged beauty of the land when visiting the Baron in his new dominion. Hume decided to sell his old tower on the western slopes of the Colossus Mounts and built himself a 3-story tower atop a mountainous spur overlooking the southern planes of Goriidel with a magnificent view of the Adri Varma less than 20 miles to the west. While Master Hume lives at the Great School during the 10-month terms, when the school is in recess he is often found here at his new tower. Though a long-time friend of Widefarer Master Hume has to really enjoy the company of the new Baroness and for the last several years has been hosting classes for the local population at this tower when he gets to enjoy the company of the children

of Goriidel and sate his love of teaching even the simplest of subjects like reading and writing or basic arithmetic.

Coat of Arms:

A white stallion on a field of red

Useful links:

The Glantrian Economy by Aleksei Andrievski

Glantrian Politics AC 1000-1014 and Jella Lan by Michael Berry