

SPYING IN THE BARRENS, SUMMER 379YE

The spy network in the Barrens requires a minimum of five hundred force committed to it if it is to provide valuable information. Carlov Izmon de Temeschwar, Othello di Severio von Holberg, and Johann Rookwood of House Martel you only manage around three-hundred and forty force.

Your forces are just about able to confirm that the Barrens as a whole is under the control of the independent orc tribes who recently escaped slaved by the Druj. The western region of Drycastle remains in the hands of the Dawnish – and thus the Empire.

There is certainly at least one orc army in the Barrens, but it is impossible for you to be sure that it is the only one.

The towers of the Dawn still stand in Drycastle, and Dourfen Keep still stands in Hope's Rest. While there are rumours that the Towers of Dusk in the east have been destroyed or damaged your forces cannot confirm or deny these rumours. Your troops do not report any new fortifications, but absence of proof should not be taken as proof of absence.

There is some bad news, however. Not all of the Imperial agents in the Barrens have reported in. A mixed group containing members of the Dawnish House Martel, along with agents of both Carlov and Othello are unaccounted for somewhere in the eastern barrens. The last reports place them near the ruins of Guido's Fort in Saltmarsh. The fort was established during the reign of Emperor Nicovar by an adventurous guild based in Holberg hoping to establish a trade route along the river toward Axos. Six months after it's completion, it was burnt down by barbarians.

If the agents are in trouble, and still alive, it is likely they will make for the fort. It is possible that a rescue might be attempted using the Sentinel Gate provided an appropriate conjunction exists.

Game Information

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