Great West Road

Summary

The Great West Road (also referred to as the **Great Western Road**) is the pre-eminent land-based trade artery on the Continent of Osnines, representing a monumental feat of engineering and state **labour**. Spanning thousands of miles, it serves as the primary connective tissue for international commerce, linking the eastern trade hubs to the westernmost reaches of the continent. The road facilitates the rapid movement of mercantile caravans and serves as a vital logistics route for the Cottalemnese military.

Description

Route and Infrastructure

The road originates in the Kingdom of Zushonia, specifically departing from the primate city of Crucivia where it converges with three other major continental routes. From this hub, it strikes due West across the nation of Spuetan. Continuing westward, it enters the Kingdom of Salicia, passing through the second city of Aintzira.

As the route progresses, it skirts the southern foothills of the Cobre Mountains (Sierra Cobre), a region known for its copper smelting pits and challenging terrain. The road eventually enters the Kingdom of Cottalem, where it reaches its ultimate western terminus at the city of Dacidade. While the major port of Beretha is situated slightly off the main route, it serves as the primary maritime-to-land transition point for goods entering the road's western sectors.

Strategic and Economic Significance

The Great West Road is essential for the macro-economic stability of the region, carrying high-value commodities such as iron ingots from Berenicia, spices from Mangandalay, and cured meats from Zushonia. During periods of conflict, such as the Cottalemnese invasion of 774 AM, the road's capacity for shortening travel times becomes critical. The Cottalemnese Horse Guards used the road for forced marches, alternating walking and trotting with hourly stops for water and grain to maintain their high operational speed.

Relationships

Places

- Continent of Osnines: The landmass across which the road is constructed.
- Crucivia: The eastern point of origin and convergence for the continental road network.

- Aintzira: A major Salician city situated along the road's central-western path.
- Dacidade: The western terminus of the road in Cottalem.
- Beretha: A primate port city located just off the road.
- Cobre Mountains: The mountain range the road skirts in its western segments.

People

- Rojden: The Cottalemnese ruler who uses the road for rapid troop deployment.
- Yngvild the Fierce: A hero who used the road to flee from the Salician capital.
- Major Duerte: A cavalry officer whose detachment patrolled the segments near the Citadel.

Concepts

- Board of Trade: The authority that monitors mercantile traffic and logistical flow along the road.

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