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EDITORIAL



Last month, Jervis wrote his Standard Bearer article about the 'collecting hobby'. This month, White Dwarf is all about Apocalypse. Putting the two together has made me realise a few things about collecting armies and playing big games.

I've noticed that many people play games of Apocalypse by taking a 3000-point army and finding an opponent with an equally large force to play against using the Apocalypse rules. Remember, a 3000-point game of 40K with some extra special rules and a new scenario is actually the *minimum* requirement for a game of Apocalypse. The real fun comes when you forget about force restrictions, and put truly enormous armies on the tabletop, either your own or an allied force. Apocalypse for me unlocks the collecting part of the hobby like nothing else – it's perfectly okay for me to paint whatever models I like and put them in my army, with no restrictions. The fact that I paint at the speed of a three-toed sloth is neither here nor there; I just like to have options!

The other point about big games is that they don't always have to be 'apocalyptic'. 3000 points is perfectly playable as a normal game of Warhammer 40,000, so there's no need to get hung up about finding extra players for a multi-player, stratagem-fuelled experience just so that you can field a larger-than-average force. And of course, these principles apply to our other games, too. Don't forget Legendary Battles for Warhammer (from White Dwarf 340), and the forthcoming War of The Ring game.

Finally, a quick note to say that our very own Christian Byrne has been off most of this month due to an operation, but he's getting better and will be back with a vengeance next issue! I'm sure you'll join me in wishing him a speedy recovery.

Mark Latham, Editor

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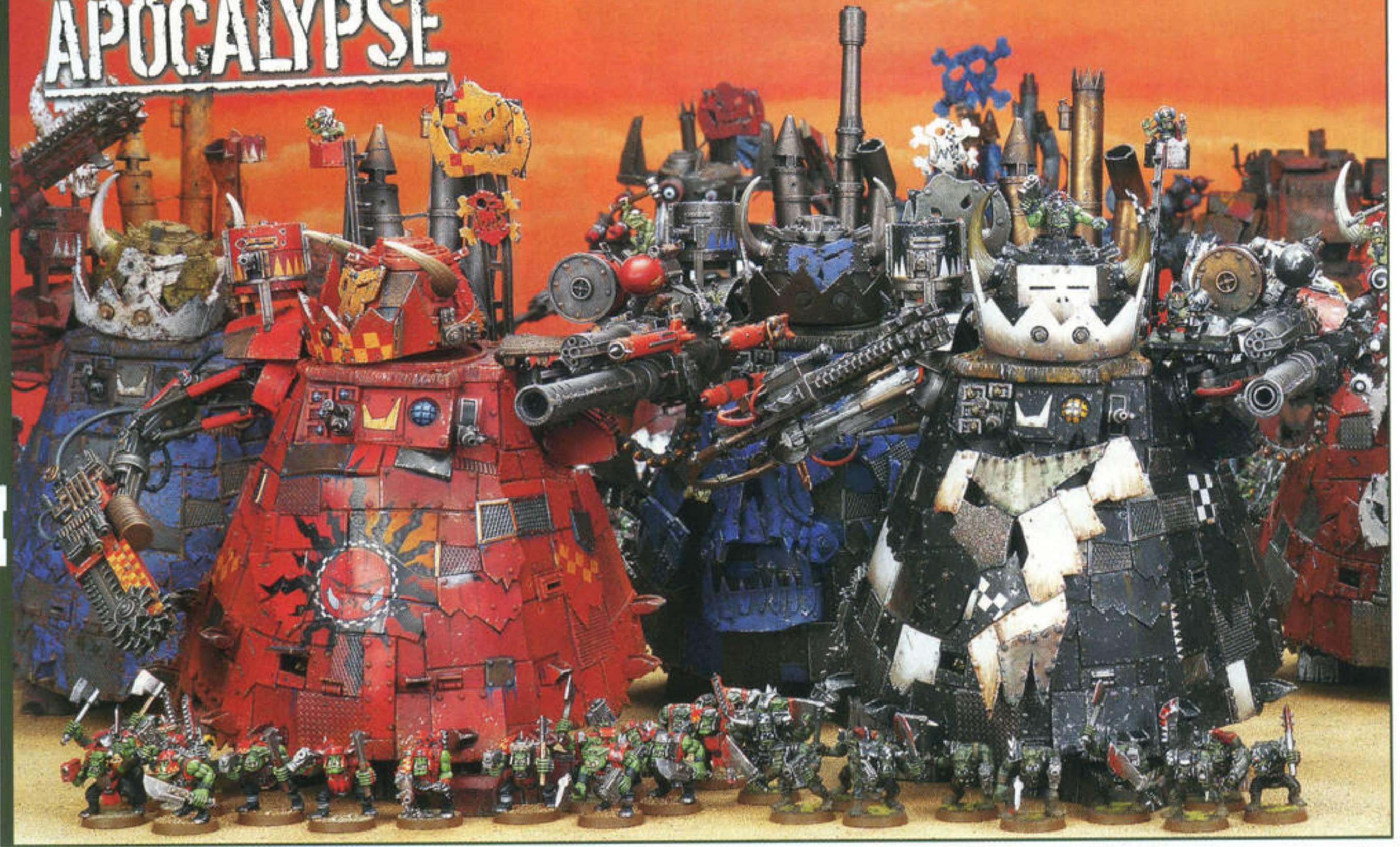
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The Stompa is no less than a walking, shooting, stomping idol of the Ork god, Gork (or is it Mork?). It is a great, tottering vehicle armed to the teeth with massive weapons that can obliterate whole armies in a single burst of fire.

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Stompas are often adorned with totems of their clan or Warboss.



This Evil Sunz Stompa has been assembled without the chest-mounted 'boss plate', leaving more room to paint on the clan icon instead.



The kit comes with lots of options including variant face plates, one of which houses the 'Gaze of Mork'.

SEE A MASSIVE STOMPA MOB IN ACTION ON PAGE 58!



Supa-rokkits are unerringly accurate for Ork weapons.



There are no set positions for the Grot Riggers, so they can be placed wherever you like.



Grot Riggers have to be surefooted when scampering about the Stompa.



There's even a choice of Ork Kaptin heads.

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This massive plastic tank kit is based on the ever-popular Baneblade chassis, and is one of the most versatile models in the Citadel range. The kit contains the parts to make not just an eponymous Shadowsword or Stormlord, but also one of four other variants. Truly the armies of the Emperor are blessed this month!



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Twin-linked heavy bolters and lascannons are fitted to the hull and sponsons to pick off lighter vehicles and infantry.



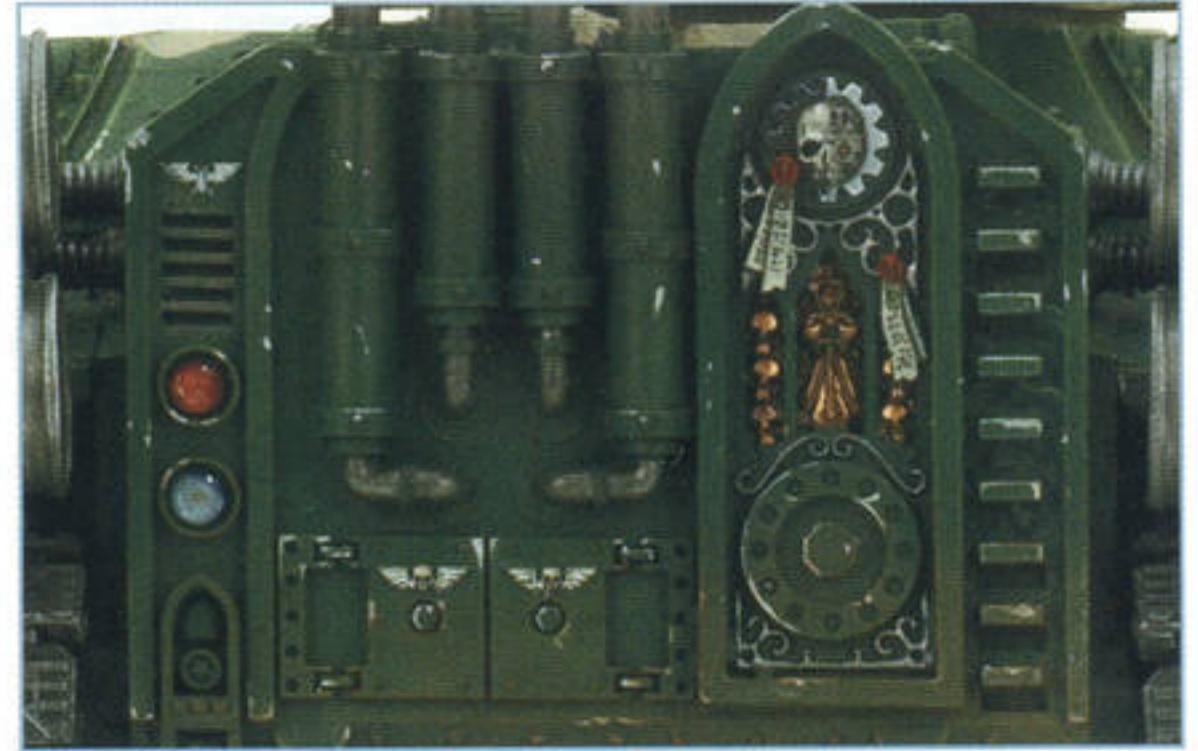
The Banehammer is armed with a tremor cannon, a weapon that cracks apart and rips up the ground, making it hard for enemy forces to advance.



The Banesword is an adaptation of the Shadowsword design, exchanging the volcano cannon for the fortress-pounding fury of the quake cannon.

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The Stormlord is armed with a Vulcan mega-bolter which gives it a very specific battlefield role, that of dealing with large swathes of enemy infantry. This, coupled with a large transport capacity, makes it highly sought after by Imperial Guard regiments that favour mobility over the more traditional, rigid gunlines and static formations.



SEE THESE TANKS IN ACTION ON PAGE 58!



The sponsons of a Stormlord can be fitted with twin-linked heavy flammers, in keeping with its close infantry support role.



The magma cannon of the Doomhammer is able to marshal a Titan-killing blast like a volcano cannon – its range is shorter but the blast is larger.



The Stormsword carries a mighty siege cannon that fires huge rocket-propelled shells, capable of flattening buildings in a single shot.

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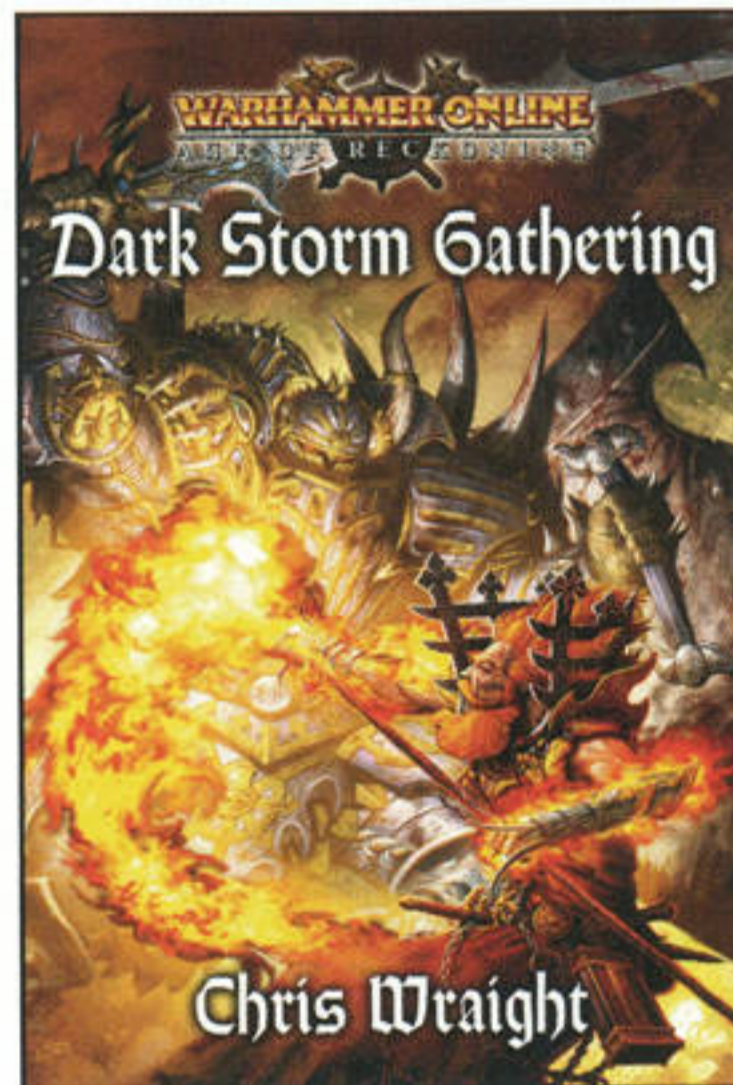
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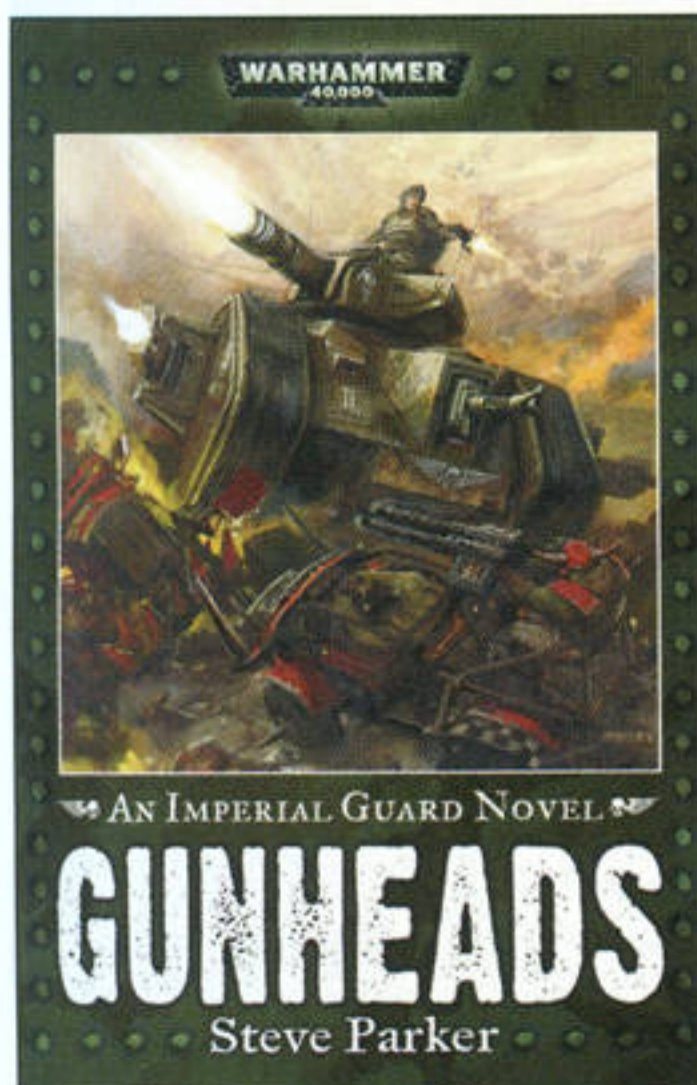
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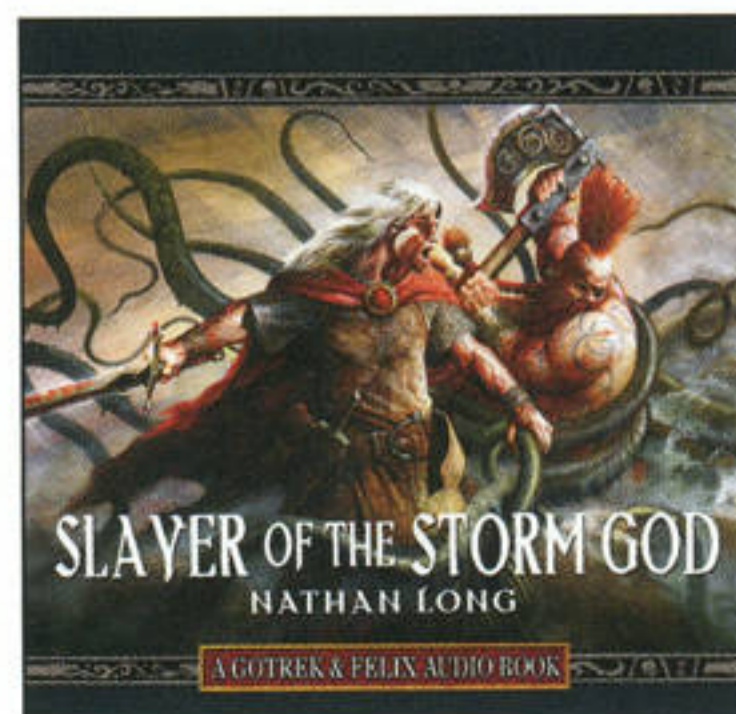


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Existing players will already be familiar with the way this army fights but what will be of interest is that they're about to get a brand new Codex. Author Robin Cruddace has been hard at work on the new Imperial Guard army list to make sure that it's the best incarnation yet.

The real challenge Robin has faced is to squeeze in all the tanks so that even a small Imperial Guard army is a treadhead's dream. But it's not all about the tanks, as there are also a few very cool surprises in there for the humble foot-slogger, with things like the 'orders' system and new Ratling squads being mentioned in hushed tones around the Studio.

As you'd expect there are loads of new miniatures too, all of which we'll be showing in detail in just a few months' time. To whet your appetites until then, here is an exclusive look at the brand new plastic Valkyrie, in the Codex for the first time.

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IN BRIEF

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Phil Kelly has organised a few nights of making bunkers, buildings and barricades for an upcoming campaign. What's it all for? We can't tell you yet, but watch this space for future developments.

White Dwarf sent no less than three teams to the 40K Doubles Tournament in Warhammer World this year. We don't know the rankings at the time of writing but we'll be shocked if there's a top ten place among them!

WARHAMMER 40,000 DAWN OF WAR

From acclaimed developers Relic Entertainment comes the next generation of real-time strategy gaming. Yes, the Blood Ravens return this month in Dawn of War II, the hotly anticipated sequel to the game that redefined the RTS genre. This time the Blood Ravens will be facing off against the Tyranids. It's the alien race's first appearance in a Dawn of War game but they won't be alone as they'll be accompanied by the Orks and Eldar as well.

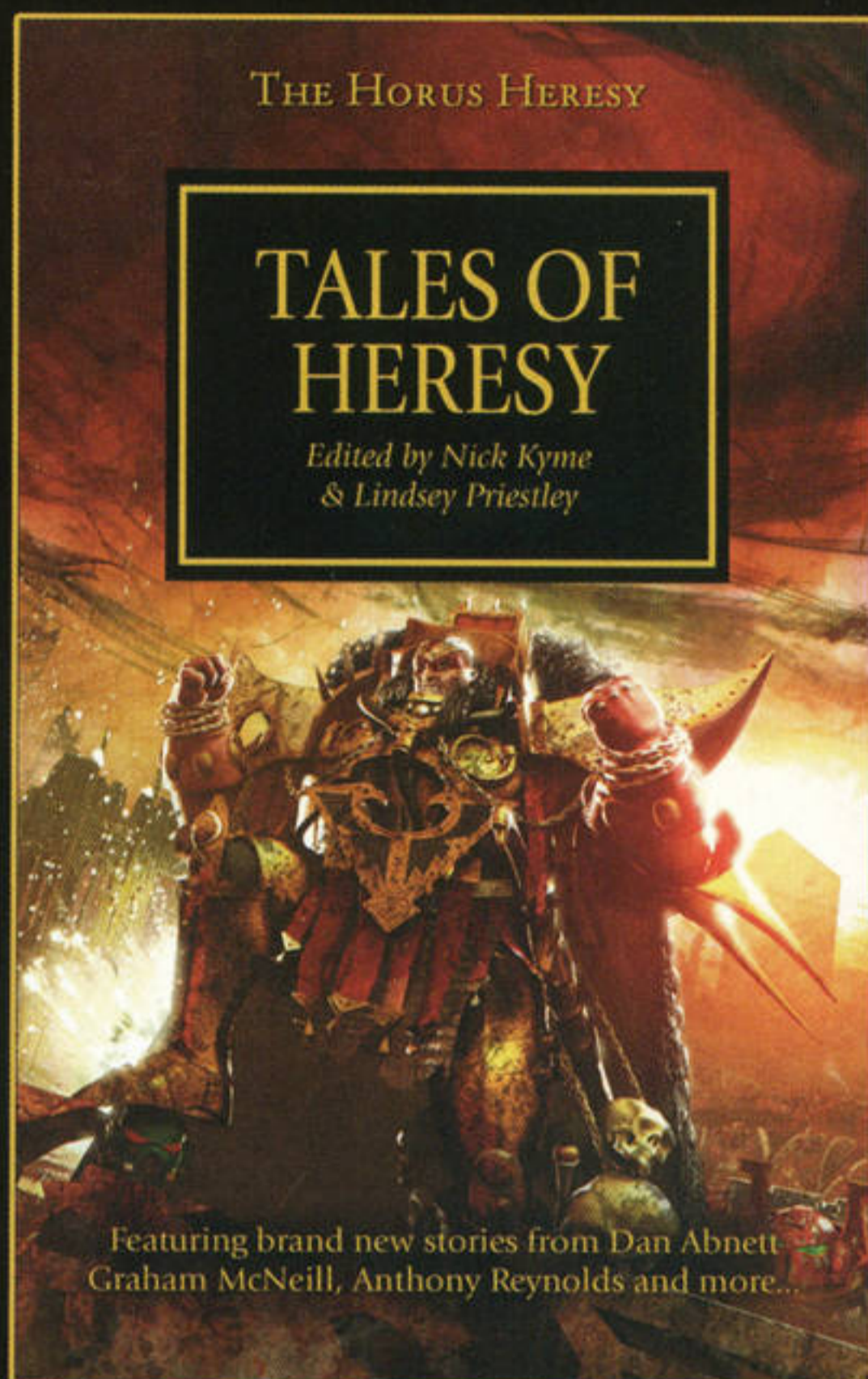
The game can be played in various modes – from a ground-breaking campaign system, to co-operative and intense multi-player action. Dawn of War II is also the first ever PC game to be packaged with the Windows Live gaming service, giving you access to millions of potential players. All this and the breathtaking graphics of the new gaming engine means that Dawn of War II is set to become an absolute classic.

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When Horus the Warmaster rebelled against the Emperor, the ensuing civil war nearly destroyed the Imperium. War raged across the galaxy, pitting Astartes against their battle-brothers in a struggle where death was the only victor. This collection features stories of heroism and tragedy set during this turbulent time, by star Horus Heresy authors Dan Abnett, Graham McNeill, James Swallow and more.

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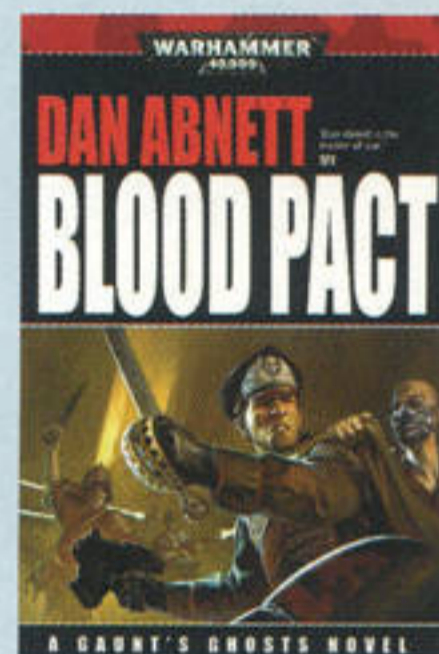
Congratulations go to Ben Komets for collecting this year's Slayer Sword with his amazing diorama. To see his and all the other winning entries, log on to the Games Workshop website:

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Last year's UK Games Day and Golden Demon was the biggest and best Games Day in the whole world – ever. However, this year we're aiming to make it even bigger and better!

2008 saw the release of the new edition of Warhammer 40,000 together with the Emperor's Finest – the Space Marines, a life-size game of Warhammer 40,000, the biggest tank battle in history and a full-size Space Marine Rhino, not to mention the many hundreds of participation and demonstration games that ran in and around the Arena hall by gaming clubs and Games Workshop stores from across the UK and Northern Europe.

This year, we're hoping to go even further. Although details are sketchy (we can't give too much away too early – Ed), 2009 will see loads of amazing releases throughout the year culminating in a Games Day that promises to be a hobby extravaganza beyond compare!

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This year's Games Day tickets will go on general release soon. However, as has become customary, White Dwarf subscribers will be able to get theirs a whole month early.

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More details of this year's Games Day will be published in next month's issue, but rest assured, if you are a White Dwarf Subscriber, this will be a Games Day not to be missed!

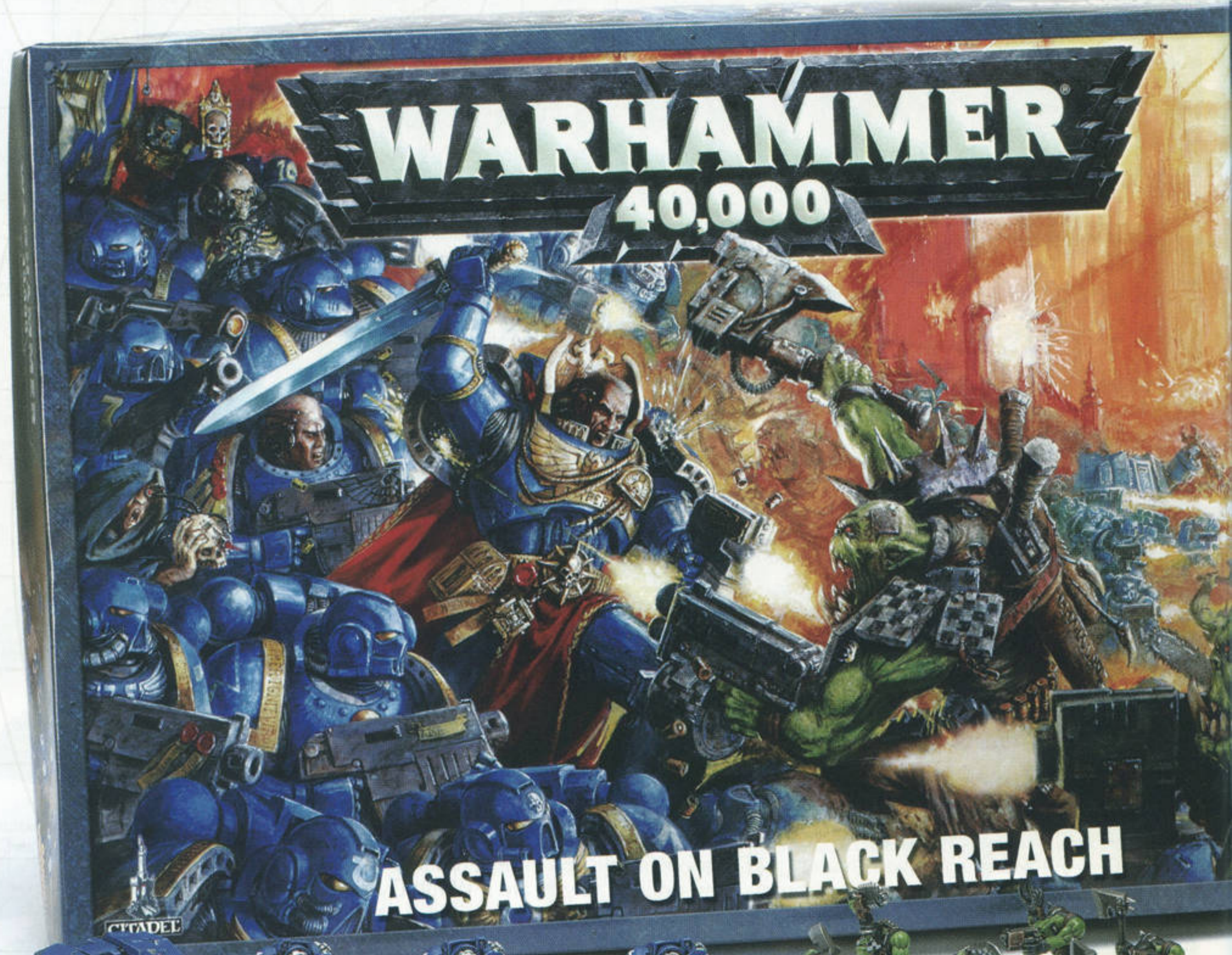


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It is an age of darkness and strife. Mankind teeters on the brink of oblivion, stayed only by the eternal vigilance of the Imperium's armies.



In Warhammer 40,000, you and an opponent take control of opposing armies of miniatures and battle it out across the tabletop in a variety of thrilling missions.

The Assault on Black Reach boxed game has everything you need to start playing Warhammer 40,000 including two complete forces – the heroic Space Marines and the barbaric Orks. Can the valiant Space Marines halt the green tide or will the world of Black Reach fall into the hands of a despotic Ork Warlord?

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- **Space Marines**

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- 10 Tactical Space Marines*
- 5 Space Marine Terminators*
- 1 Space Marine Dreadnought*

- **Orks**

- 1 Ork Warboss*
- 20 Ork Boyz*
- 5 Ork Nobz*
- 3 Ork Deffkoptas*

- **Pocket-sized rulebook**

- **Starter booklet**

- **2 range rulers**

- **Dice**

- **Transfer sheet**

- **Templates**



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THE APOCALYPSE



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APOCALYPSE

CONTINUES

The word 'apocalypse' means the end of all things. Thankfully, in Warhammer 40,000, the end of Apocalypse is nowhere in sight – Andy Hoare explains.

This month sees the release of a veritable truckload of Apocalypse goodies, from Ork Stompas to Imperial Guard super-heavy tanks. Not just that, but we've put together a raft of datasheets for these new units and for many existing models. So, before I run out of collective nouns to describe large quantities of things Apocalypse-related, let's take a closer look and see what we can do with it all.

First up we have the new Stompa. What kind of greenskin Warlord wouldn't want one of these in his army? I'll tell you what kind – the kind that would want several, and so we present not only the Stompa model, but also a new legendary formation featuring a whole bunch of them.

As if that wasn't enough, we've also produced rules for some unique Stompas, or, as the Orks would put it 'kustom jobs' or 'Mek's Speshuls'. The first thing that happened upon stocks of the new kit arriving in the Studio was that every collector of Orks descended on them and 'kindly' offered to paint and model some for us to show off. Ork collectors being what they are, several couldn't resist adding all manner of conversions to their Stompas. The most impressive of these are Dave Cross' Evil Eye in da Sky and Fil Dunn's Goff Rok'n'Rolla. Apocalypse offers the perfect opportunity to field such personalised models, and so we wrote up some datasheets especially for these conversions. We hope that many other people will be inspired to do likewise, and no doubt after seeing what the guys have come up with many will be reaching for their Mek's toolbox. You can find all these datasheets in Liber Apocalyptica, later in the issue, or on our website.

Not content with releasing one massive new kit, we've released two: the second taking the form of the Shadowword and Stormlord kit, and all the variant tanks the kit can make. This kit is truly a gift from the

immortal God-Emperor to all Imperial Guard collectors, and you'll find datasheets for the Shadowword and Stormlord in this very article. Being an Imperial Guard man myself, I know I won't be stopping with just one of these beasts, oh no – I can see a whole company of different super-heavy vehicles coming on.

But that's not all. You'll also find a whole load more datasheets online, including all the new Shadowword variants. It's always been our intention to expand the horizons of Apocalypse, adding new war machines and legendary formations as the opportunities come along. Rather than releasing them as and

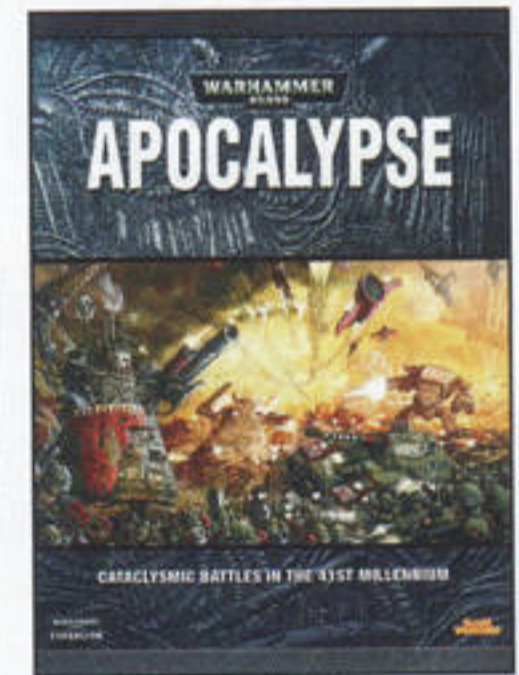
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when the ideas popped into our heads, we decided to save them up and release them all alongside the Stompa and Shadowword. That way, everyone gets to join in the excitement all over again.

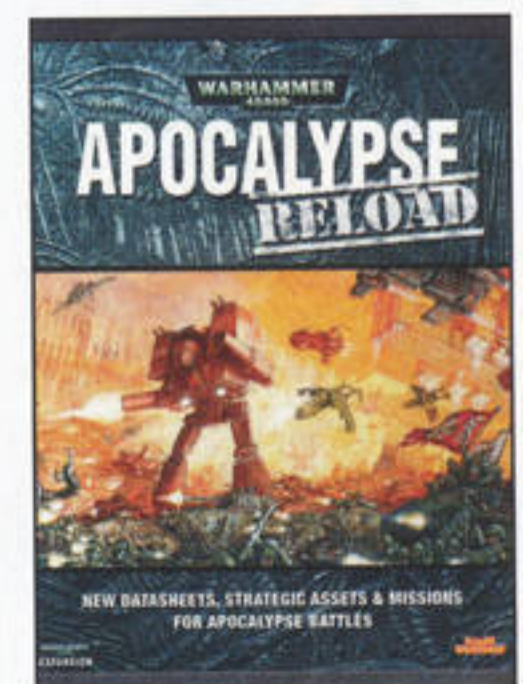
And that's a point I'd like to belabour for a moment, if you'll indulge me. Apocalypse is a great big sandbox, in which you get to cast off the restrictions of everyday pick-up gaming (as cool as that is) and let your imagination run wild. You can field your entire collection, using strategic assets to even things out if they prove too lopsided, but you also get to field things that just wouldn't be balanced or practical in a normal game or without significant preparation.

Once you've played a few games of Apocalypse you may find that all sorts of possibilities begin to suggest themselves to you. If, for example, half of your friends have collected Baneblades then how cool would it be to field them all together, in a scenario written especially for them?

Books of the Apocalypse



The *Apocalypse* expansion is a massive, large-format, 200-page book crammed with ideas and advice for playing large games of Warhammer 40,000, plus some spectacular battle reports. Most importantly, it includes all the information you need to get going, including the Apocalypse mission and rules for super-heavy vehicles, fliers and gargantuan creatures. There are also datasheets for a multitude of legendary units and battle formations, plus 25 strategic assets.



Apocalypse: Reload continues the carnage with even more datasheets, race-specific strategic assets, loads of optional rules and gaming advice.

Perhaps all your Space Marine-collecting buddies now own one or more of the splendid new Drop Pods – well what could be more impressive than a game featuring dozens of them raining from the skies to assault a well-entrenched foe? Istvaan Dropzone Massacre anyone?

And that's really the reason why we've made all these new kits and published all the new datasheets. We want people to treat all this as a toolkit, a reservoir of ideas, into which you can reach whenever you're planning your next game of Apocalypse.

Once you've got the ideas, of course, the best way to tie it all together is by way of a special scenario. The Apocalypse scenario is just the beginning, and

intended to get you started with as little hassle as possible. If, like me, you really enjoy writing your own scenarios then Apocalypse presents the perfect opportunity. An approach both myself and other people, such as the esteemed Jervis Johnson, have been taking recently is to focus in on one feature of a game we'd like to play. Just like the aforementioned Drop Pod-based game, choosing a strong, central theme for an especially written mission can have great results.

OK, money where mouth is and all that. Over the next few pages you'll see some great examples of people's collections, any of which could be fielded as an army in a game of Apocalypse. You'll also see some of the new datasheets and plenty of details on the new kits. To wrap it all up, Jervis and myself have written a new mission each. Both of these focus in on one theme. The first is centred around the new Stompa, and the second is centred around whatever super-heavies you can get your hands on. Take a look – hopefully you'll be inspired to write your own Apocalypse missions and before long you'll be the toast of your gaming buddies thanks to all the memorable games you'll be putting on!

Turn to page 26 to see all the Shadowword variants



The Stormsword is one of the new super-heavy variants you can make from the Shadowword/Stormlord kit. You can find datasheets for all the variants online.

ORGANISING AN APOCALYPSE GAME

Preparing for an Apocalypse battle does require a bit more effort than a normal game of 40K. But rather than just preach how you should organise such an event, we found a 'real' hobbyist, Tom Meer of Nottingham, UK, who has coordinated at least five massive battles, and quizzed him on his experiences.

'You need dedicated players,' says Tom. 'I always play Apocalypse with my gaming group. I've got the largest army so it's usually their forces combined against my Blood Angels. Someone will come on to my side to even up the teams – it's great fun.'

How does Tom actually prepare for the battle? 'We're really lucky because we live in and around Nottingham and so we use Warhammer World as our venue. It's simply a case of ringing them up and booking three or four tables. We get there early and then play until it closes. The difficult thing for us is transport to and from Warhammer World. That is why I've ended up as chief organiser, because I own a car. I'm the guy that goes around picking everybody up,' says Tom. 'The good thing about this is that everybody has to stay and help pack away if they want a lift home!'

Of course, not everyone lives near Warhammer

World but after talking to a few more hobbyists it seems that finding a suitable venue isn't an issue. Village halls and Scout huts are always willing hosts, you just need to contact the person responsible for the building to get a clear date, and make sure you treat the facilities with respect and tidy up after yourselves. Sometimes a small contribution will be needed to hire out the venue but if everyone chips in this fee is negligible. If you really are stumped, contacting your local Games Workshop store is always a good move, as they'll know of somewhere to play, and maybe even offer the store as a venue.

'Another point is don't let people forget things,' adds Tom. 'You need to keep reminding them about dice, army lists, datasheets, templates, miniatures (yes, even miniatures) and tape measures – you can never have enough tape measures. As the Apocalypse book says, write it down so each player has a crib sheet. The good thing about picking every player up before we drive to the venue is that I can ask them if they've got everything before we leave their house.'

All good advice, but the most important thing to remember is why you're doing it in the first place – and that is to have fun.

JEREMY VETOCK'S ORK HORDE

Jeremy: I have grown my Ork army into an Apocalypse-sized force in the last year or two but I never meant to do so. It just happened unit by unit. I don't collect armies to a points value, instead I buy and paint models that I like or that will allow me to tailor my force for a particular battle. I added my Dredd Mob while we playtested Apocalypse because I'd always wanted one – the vision of a clanking 'mekanikal' blitzkrieg was just what any sensible Ork Warlord would want at the centre of his Waaagh! I also got to try my hand at converting a slightly whacky Big Dread with a powerfield. The fact that the formation has turned out to be one of my most deadly on the battlefield has really been a bonus.

My obsession with the greenskins just keeps getting worse – I am in the process of adding Battlewagons and a few Trukks to my army, and my Deffkoptas are assembled and on the painting station. All of this probably means that the end of my Ork army isn't in sight yet. Just don't tell my wife.



RIK TURNER'S BLOOD RAVENS

Rik: This army has been a bit of an ongoing project over the past five years, ever since the first Dawn of War computer game was released. Since then it's grown, thanks largely to 2006's *The Fall of Medusa V* summer campaign and the timely arrival of *Apocalypse*. The army now weighs in at more than 6000 points, containing no less than five *Apocalypse* battle formations, including the Blood Ravens 5th Battle Company under the command of Captain Hyrcleon, and a further two legendary units.

It used to be that painting an entire Battle Company of Space Marines was a lofty and often unrealistic goal, but it was something to aspire to. Now that I've finally reached the summit of that particular mountain, I've decided to set my sights on building the Blood Ravens 1st Company! This part of the army will form a devastating support element and, all told, should bring the entire force to well over 10,000 points.



FIL DUNN'S GOFF CLAN

Fil: Many of you will recognise my Ork horde from the Tale of Four Gamers series. Well, thanks to this introduction to Orkdom, an army that I missed out on for so long has now steadily grown to its current size of about 3500 points. One of the great things about Apocalypse is that it only takes a couple of large additions to any army to bring it up to Apocalypse size. For me this was an extra Deff Dread to lead my Dredd Mob, a Gargantuan Squiggoth and a Stompa (designed by yours truly). I'd like to point out that the big roller on the front is not for aerating lawns or doubling up as a giant toilet roll holder. It is in fact for squashing anything and everything in its path!

Apocalypse also means you get to field all of your HQ choices, so Wazdakka, my Warboss from the Black Reach set, and my mega-armoured Warboss all get to fight alongside each other (or with each other). One of the reasons for choosing things like the Stompa and the Squiggoth was to transport my relatively small number of Orks across the table safely. To that end all of my vehicles have some transport capacity to keep my infantry safe from all those big nasty templates!



NICK BAYTON'S NECRON PHALANX

Nick: I began my Necron army back in early 2007 when the first whispers of the forthcoming Apocalypse book reached the Warhammer World store where I was working at the time. I wanted a huge army that wouldn't take too long to paint, and Necrons seemed the obvious choice. The colour scheme was inspired by the way the 'Eavy Metal team had painted the rusty weapons on the Ogre Kingdoms models; it just looked to me the way an ancient robot should look! I have almost every unit in the Necron Codex represented here, which makes choosing an army for smaller games much easier. The only models I am missing are a unit of Pariahs, which I am currently painting for a Studio campaign, along with even more Necron Warriors! My favourite models are the Monoliths – these hulking vehicles have caused many an enemy to shudder in fear, and have provided many great cinematic moments in my games.



MATT HUTSON'S SPACE MARINE CHAPTERS

Matt: Well, it's no secret that I love Space Marine armies and what Apocalypse does is allow me to field all my Space Marines together in one über-army. Space Marines are also well served with a variety of great datasheets, both from the books and from Liber Apocalyptica in White Dwarf. I can form a good few of these with my existing forces – the Battle Company being the obvious one.

What I've started to do is actually turn my Space Marine armies into the Imperial Armageddon force that was gathered to repel Ghazghkull Thraka from Armageddon Prime. To that end I've started adding the Steel Legion, including the super-heavy Shadowsword, to the force. Going forward I'm going to paint more Steel Legion, so it'll be a healthy size in time for the new Imperial Guard Codex. I'm also painting Imperial Fists – these have nothing to do with Armageddon, but I have to have at least one Space Marine army on the go!



ORK STOMPA

Aly Morrison has been working on the top secret Stompa project for ages, but now it's released he can finally tell the world!



Aly's name is intrinsically linked to the Stompa but he's at pains to make it known that it wasn't just him. 'This really was a team effort with the guys from the tool room,' he stresses (a 'tool' is a big injection mould). 'John Manders, Ed Cottrell, Bob Kent and myself have been working on this at various stages for over two-and-a-half years now.'

Because it was a long development process this has had the benefit of allowing the kit to evolve over time. 'We've all kept tinkering with the model, even when we were working on other projects I'd still find myself working on the Stompa when I had a spare minute, adding an extra armour plate here or placing another bit there. The guys in the tool room were equally obsessed with it. For instance, Ed actually measured the barrel of a Space Marine bolter and from that worked out the calibre of the bolt shells so he knew what size the holes and scarring needed to be when adding the battle-damage details to the Stompa! We thought about every little aspect, even having discussions and working out how thick an Ork's welding bead should be,' says Aly. 'When you take such things into account, it serves to emphasise the model; it defines the scale, makes it real and actually makes the kit seem bigger in relation to the other miniatures on the table.'

Perseverance has paid off and the Stompa is now with us. What does its Chief Mek think now he's had a chance to build his creation with the actual plastic frames everybody else will be using? 'It's certainly been an entertaining and difficult journey. But then, it's never about doing the easy thing working here. I think, frankly, it's an awesome model even if I do say so myself, and it's the project I'm most proud to have worked on – simple as that!'

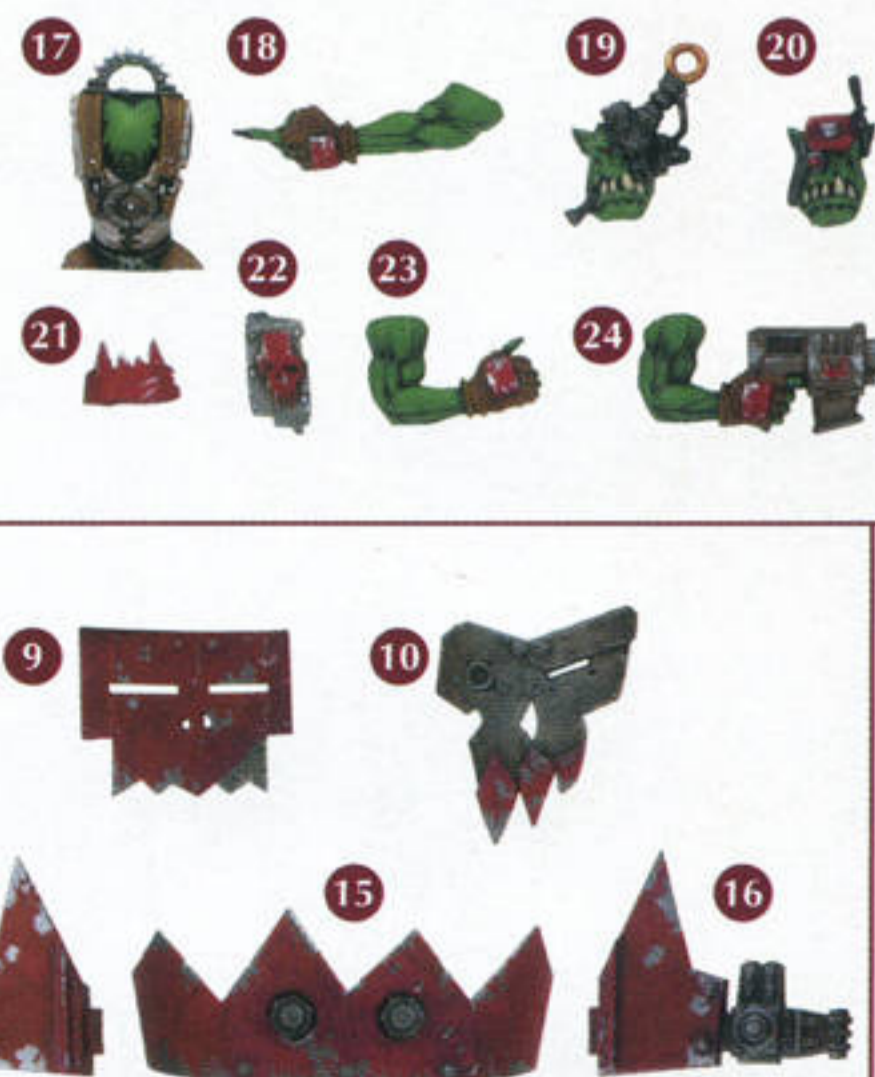
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- 1 Head hatch
- 2 Hatch lid
- 3 Right horn
- 4 Head front
- 5 Left horn
- 6 Head left side
- 7 Head rear
- 8 Head right side
- 9-10 Face plates
- 11 Head ladder
- 12 Head base plate
- 13 Jaw pins
- 14 Jaw right side
- 15 Jaw plate
- 16 Jaw left side
- 17 Kaptin body
- 18 Left arm
- 19 Mek head
- 20 Kaptin head
- 21 Kaptin jaw-plate
- 22 Shoulder pad
- 23 Right arm
- 24 Slugga arm

STOMPA HEAD



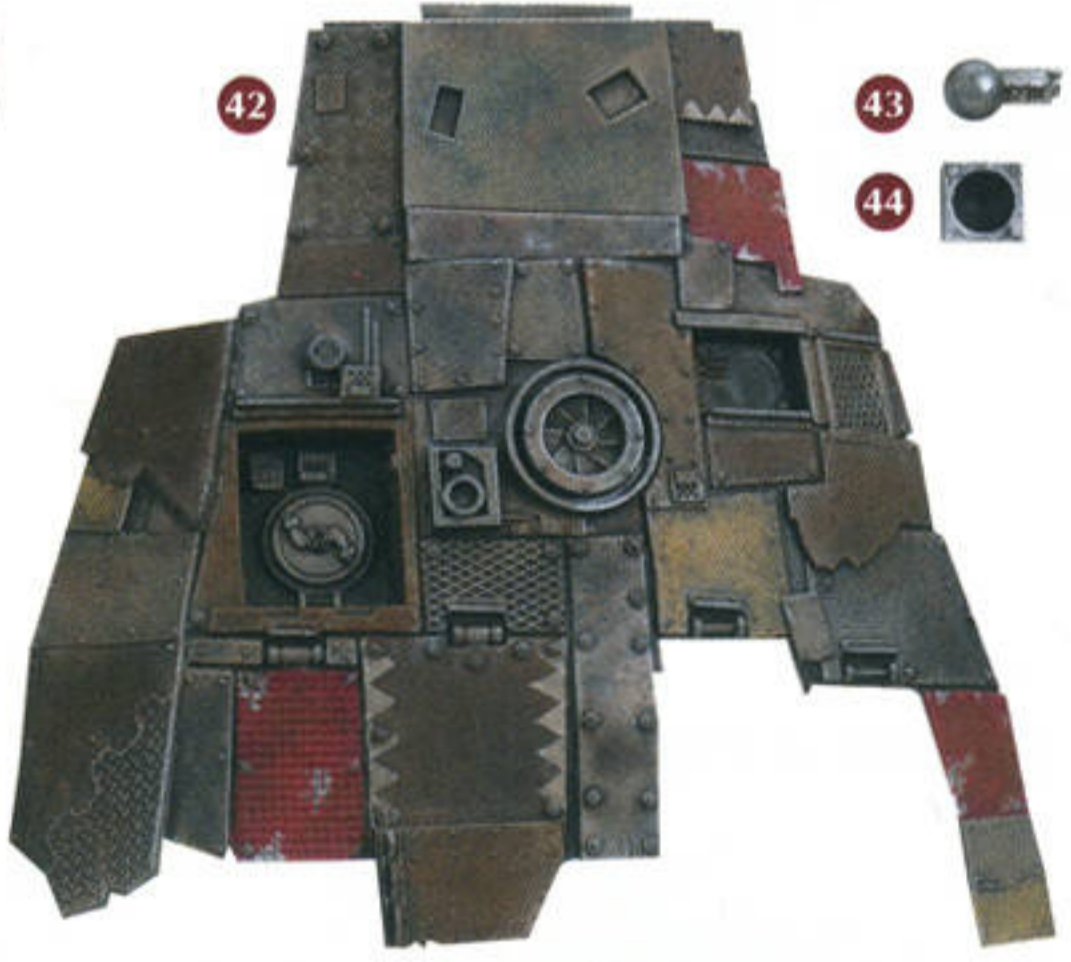
STOMPA KAPTIN



STOMPA BODY



BELLY PLATE



EXHAUST



Key

- 25 Hull hatch
- 26 Hatch chain
- 27 Hull left side
- 28 Right arm socket
- 29 Neck plate
- 30 Left arm socket
- 31 Hull right side
- 32 Hull burna
- 33 Hull scorcha
- 34-36 Hull Grot eye slits
- 37 Rt front hull plate
- 38 Lt front hull plate
- 39 Rear worky bitz
- 40 Armour plate 1
- 41 Armour plate 2
- 42 Hull rear
- 43 Rear shoota
- 44 Shoota port
- 45 Hull base
- 46 Belly plate
- 47 Belly plate strut 1
- 48 Belly plate strut 2
- 49 Exhaust stack front
- 50 Exhaust stack rear
- 51 Exhaust valve
- 52 Exhaust mount
- 53 Rt crooked chimney
- 54 Lt crooked chimney
- 55 Chimney spacer
- 56 Exhaust pipe 1
- 57 Exhaust pipe 2
- 58 Fuel injection plant
- 59 Rt exhaust bracket
- 60 Lt exhaust bracket
- 61 Rear bracket
- 62 Bracket strut 1
- 63 Bracket strut 2

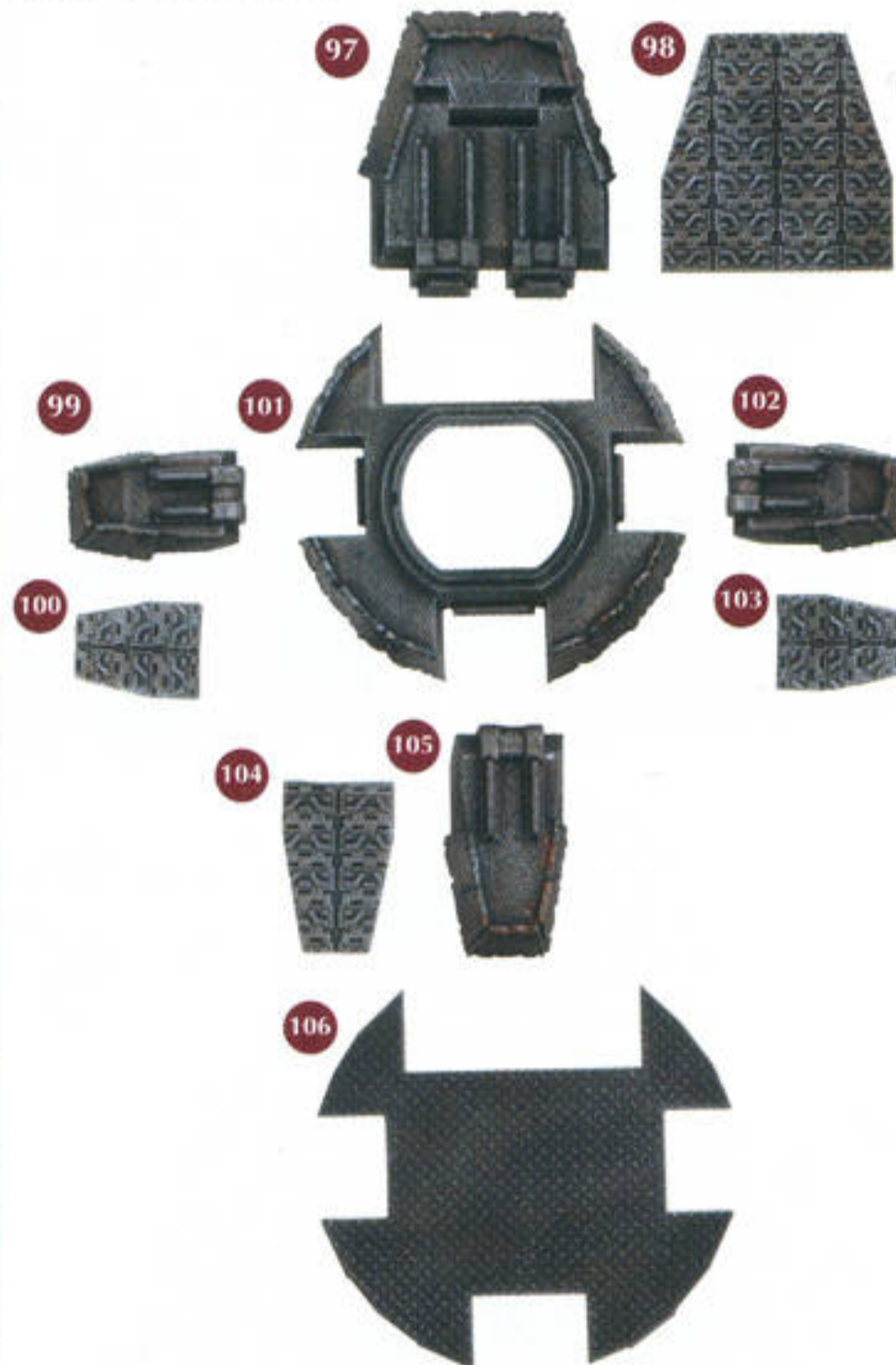
GLYPHS



Key

64-68	Jaw glyphs
69	Dag glyph
70	Fist glyph
71-78	Skull glyph
79	Waaagh! glyph
80-81	Mek glyph
82-83	Teef glyphs
84-87	Grot heads
88	'Eadphones
89-94	Grot riggers
95	Hand with mic
96	Grot right hand
97	Front toe
98	Toe underplate
99	Left side toe
100	Lt toe underplate
101	Right foot
102	Right side toe
103	Rt toe underplate
104	Rear toe plate
105	Rear toe
106	Foot underplate
107	Right ankle
108	Left ankle
109	Left foot
110	Shoulder guard
111-112	Chainfist
113-116	Chainfist arm
117	Shootas
118	Radiator
119-120	Chainfist cover
121-124	Pistons
125-126	Arm supports
127-128	Buzzsaw blades
129	Sprocket
130	Arm connector
131	Connector guard
132-133	Guard mount
134-142	Cables

STOMPA FEET



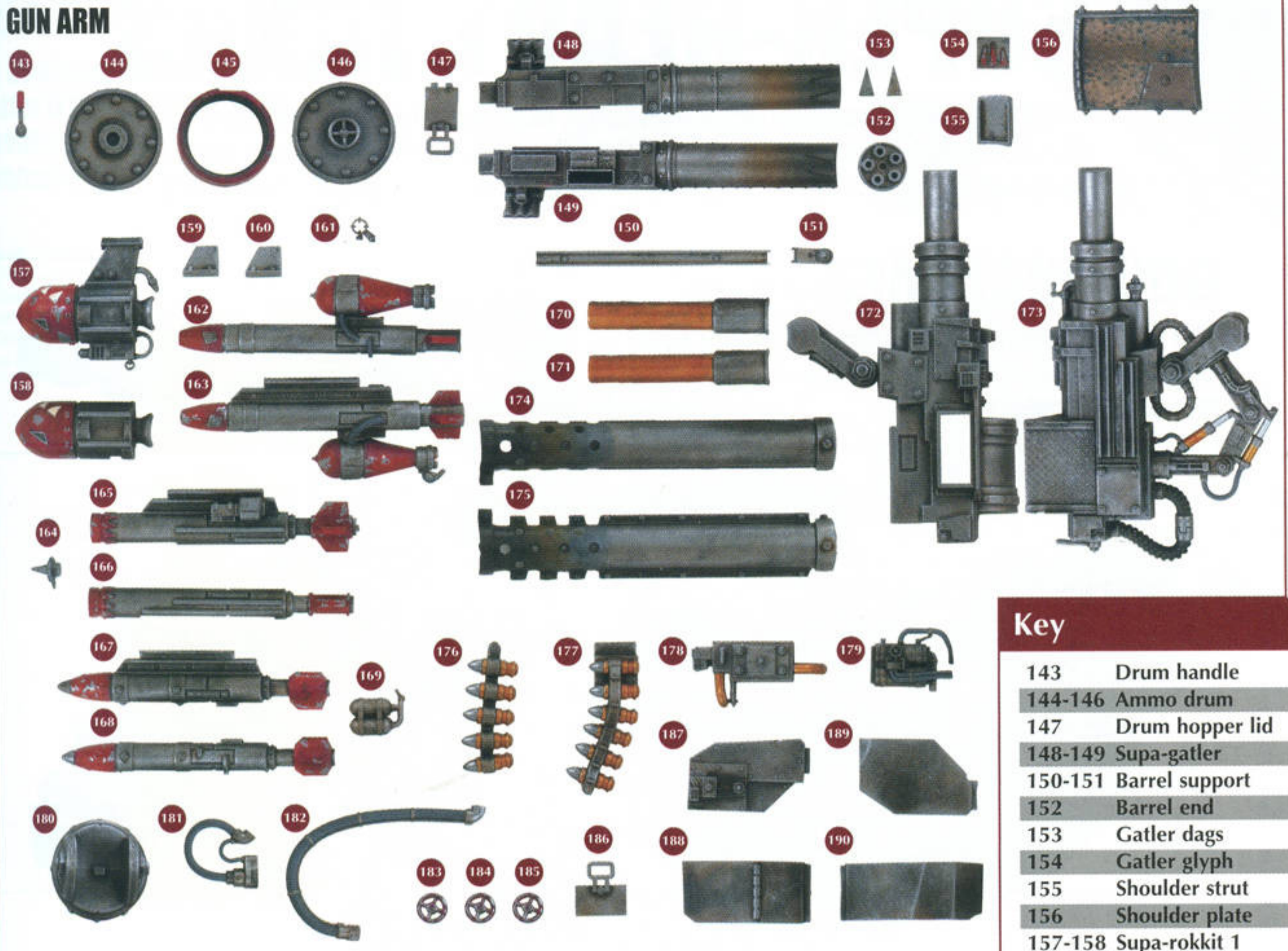
GROT KREW



CHAINFIST ARM



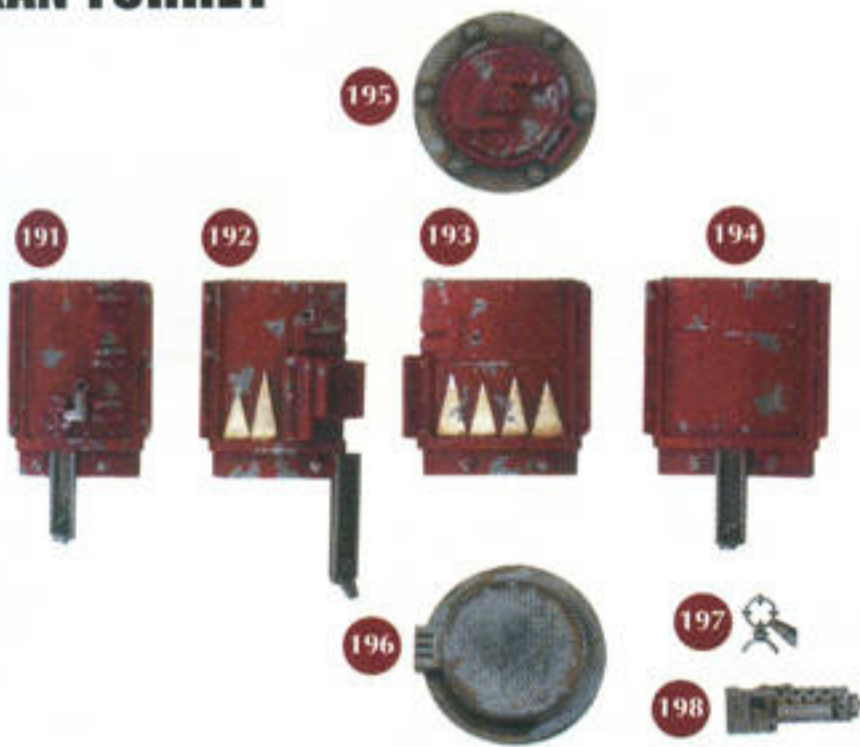
GUN ARM



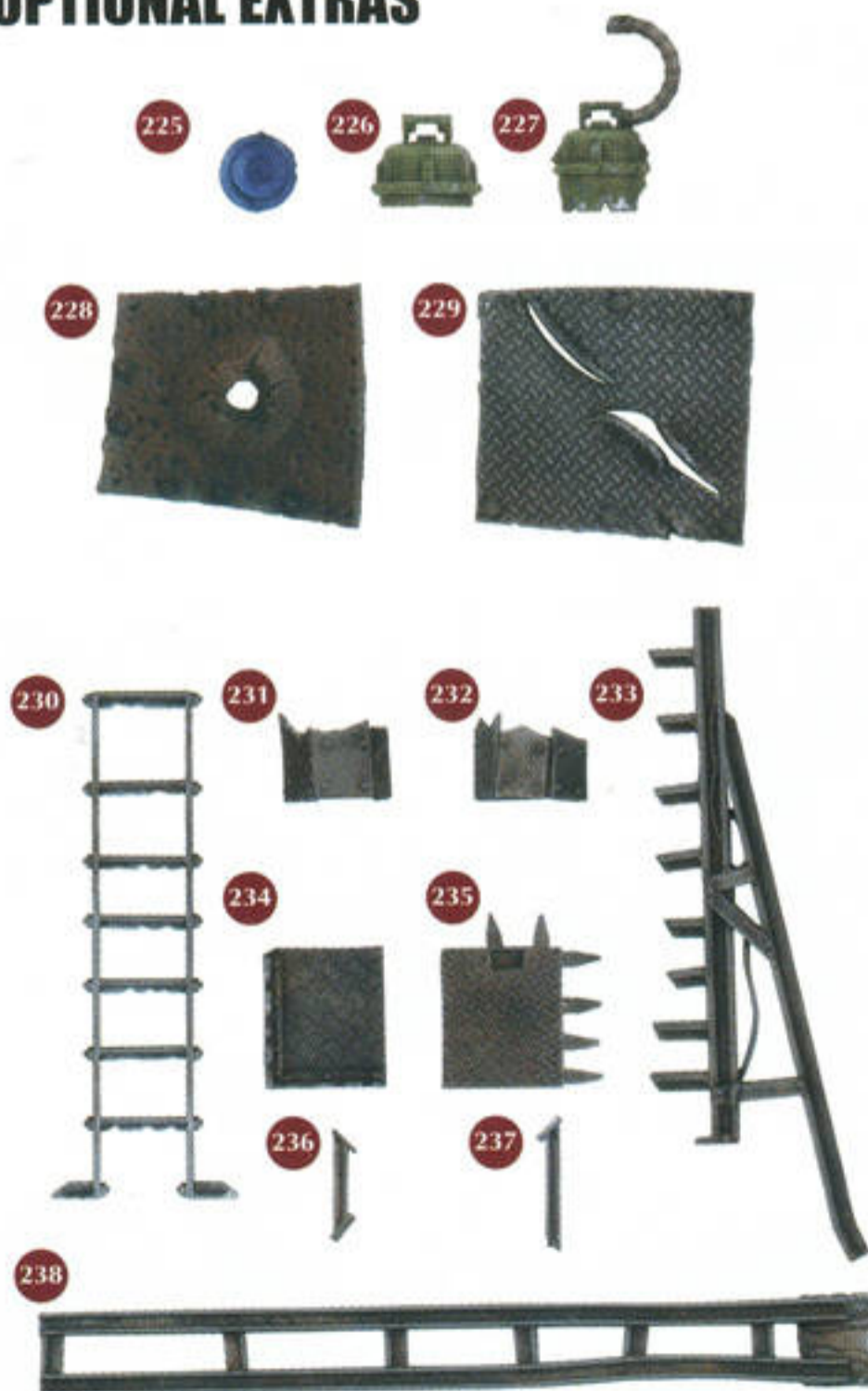
Key

- 143 Drum handle
- 144-146 Ammo drum
- 147 Drum hopper lid
- 148-149 Supa-gatler
- 150-151 Barrel support
- 152 Barrel end
- 153 Gatler dags
- 154 Gatler glyph
- 155 Shoulder strut
- 156 Shoulder plate
- 157-158 Supa-rokkit 1
- 159-160 Rokkit fin
- 161 Rokkit cross-hairs
- 162-163 Rokkit-missile
- 164 Rokkit nose
- 165-166 Supa-rokkit 2
- 167-168 Supa-rokkit 3
- 169 Fuel cannister
- 170-171 Inner barrel
- 172-173 Deth kannon
- 174-175 Kannon barrel
- 176-177 Ammo belt
- 178 Cooling system
- 179 Firing system
- 180 Arm connector
- 181-182 Cables
- 183-185 Valve handles
- 186 Ammo bin lid
- 187-190 Ammo bin
- 191-194 Kan turret
- 195-196 Kan hatch
- 197 Shoota cross-hairs
- 198 Shoota
- 199-224 Spiky bitz
- 225 Searchlight lens
- 226-227 Searchlight
- 228-229 Armour plating
- 230 Ladder
- 231-233 Grot's nest
- 234-235 Platforms
- 236-237 Struts
- 238 Boss pole

KAN TURRET



OPTIONAL EXTRAS



HULL SPIKES



SUPER-HEAVY TANKS

The Imperium is reassuringly bolstered this month with the arrival of six new super-heavy tanks, over the page you'll find datasheets for the Shadowword and Stormlord and on these pages a taste of the others.

DOOMHAMMER

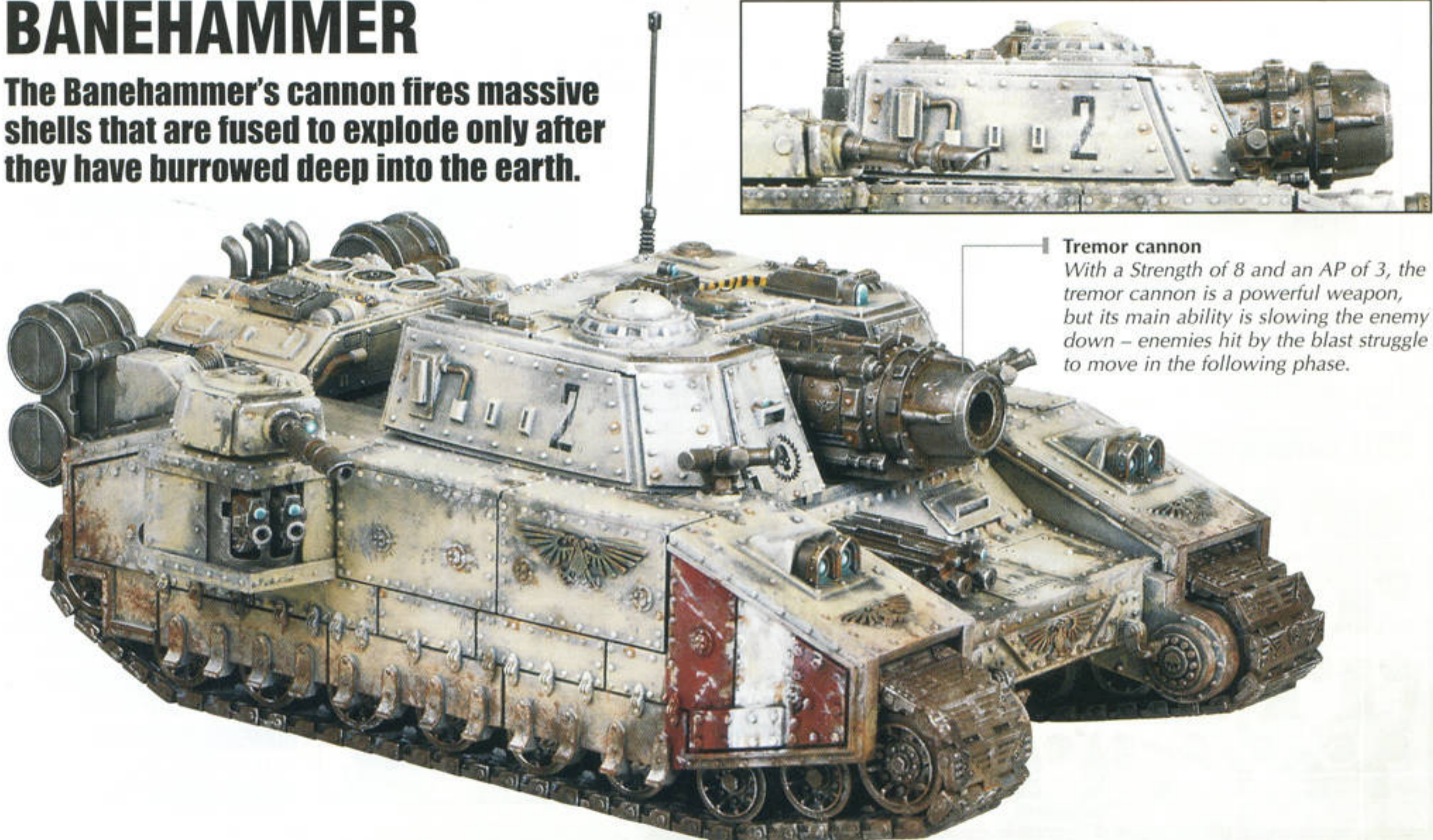
The Doomhammer sacrifices the power of a longer-ranged weapon to add a modest transport capacity.



Magma cannon
The Strength 10 magma cannon has a range of 60", uses the 5" Blast and has an AP of 1.

BANEHAMMER

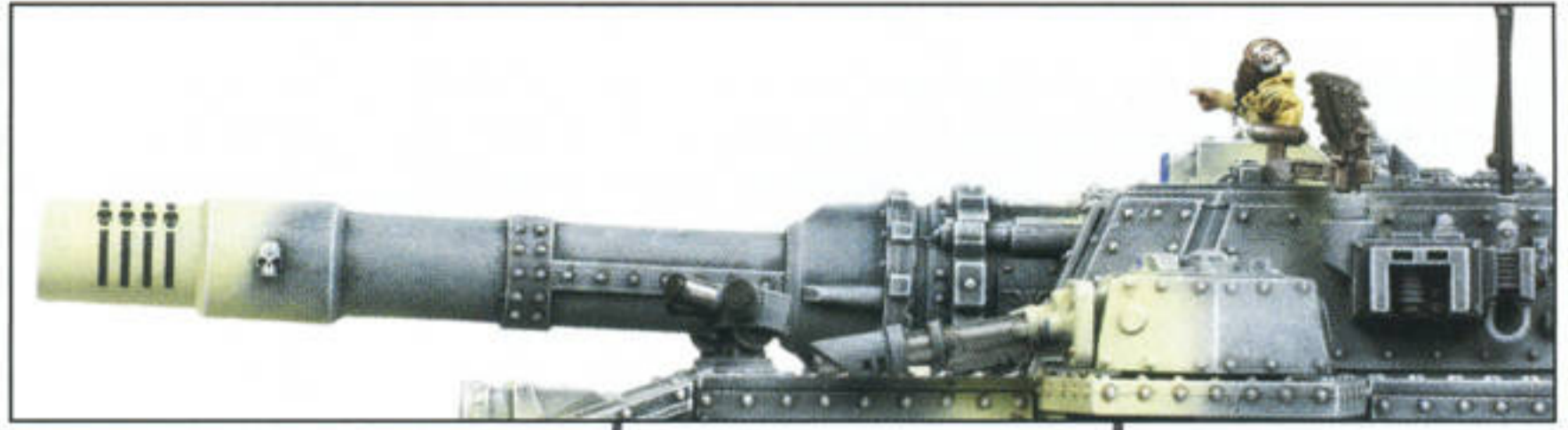
The Banehammer's cannon fires massive shells that are fused to explode only after they have burrowed deep into the earth.



Tremor cannon
With a Strength of 8 and an AP of 3, the tremor cannon is a powerful weapon, but its main ability is slowing the enemy down – enemies hit by the blast struggle to move in the following phase.

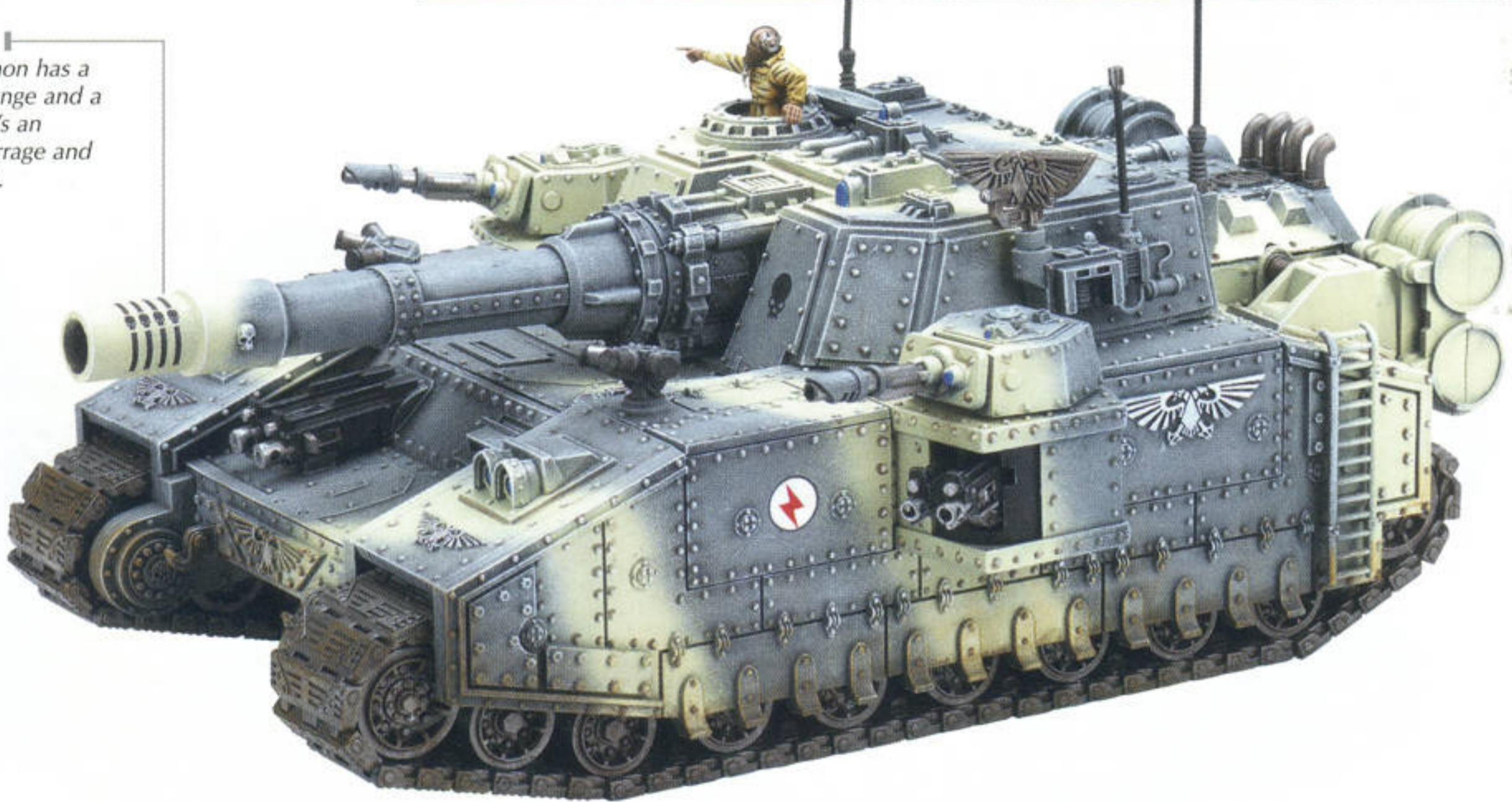
BANESWORD

A Banesword is only named after it has proven itself in battle; tellingly there are few unnamed Baneswords about.



Quake cannon

The quake cannon has a massive 180" range and a Strength of 9. It's an Ordnance 1 Barrage and uses a 10" Blast.



STORMSWORD

The Stormsword was originally a field conversion of the Shadowword, using a salvaged chassis with a new weapon.

Stormsword cannon

This weapon has a short range of 36" but makes up for this with a Strength of 10, an AP of 1 and a 10" Blast.



Visit our website to download datasheets for these tanks

SHADOWSWORD SUPER-HEAVY TANK

POINTS: 450

Amongst the many super-heavy tanks in the service of the Imperium, the Shadowsword is the one that mounts the largest and most powerful primary weapon in the arsenals of Mankind – the dreaded volcano cannon. This awesome weapon can cripple the largest war engines with a single shot. Nothing short of the most powerful energy shields can hope to stop a direct hit from a volcano cannon – no amount of armour or cover can offer protection from it.

Throughout the history of the Imperium, Shadowsword tanks have proven to be the natural enemy of Titans of all classes and sizes. Differently from their towering antagonists, the Shadowswords lie in ambush until the other units in the army have taken out the Titan's shields. At that point, they open fire with their targeter-guided volcano cannon, delivering the killing blow with precise shots aimed at the Titan's weak points.



UNIT: 1 Shadowsword

TYPE: Super-heavy tank

STRUCTURE POINTS: 3

WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT:

- Hull-mounted Shadowsword volcano cannon.
- Two sponsons, each with one lascannon and either a twin-linked heavy flamer or a twin-linked heavy bolter
- Searchlight and smoke launchers

OPTIONS: A Shadowsword may be given the following upgrades from *Codex: Imperial Guard*: hunter-killer missile, pintle-mounted heavy stubber, pintle-mounted storm bolter. A Shadowsword may replace its two side sponsons with armour plates, increasing its side armour to 14 at no extra cost. It may instead add two extra sponsons, each with one lascannon and one twin-linked heavy flamer or heavy bolter for +100 points.

A Shadowsword may replace the lascannons on its sponsons with targeters (+1 BS) at no extra cost.

ARMOUR			
BS	Front	Side	Rear
3	14	13	12

WEAPON
Volcano cannon

RANGE
120"

STR
D

AP
2

SPECIAL
Ordnance 1,
5" Blast
Destroyer,
Primary weapon

Lascannon

48"

9

2

Heavy 1

Heavy bolter

36"

5

4

Heavy 3

Heavy flamer

Template

5

4

Assault 1

A Shadowsword may take a hull-mounted twin-linked heavy bolter for +25 pts.

A Shadowsword may have the following upgrade at +25 points:

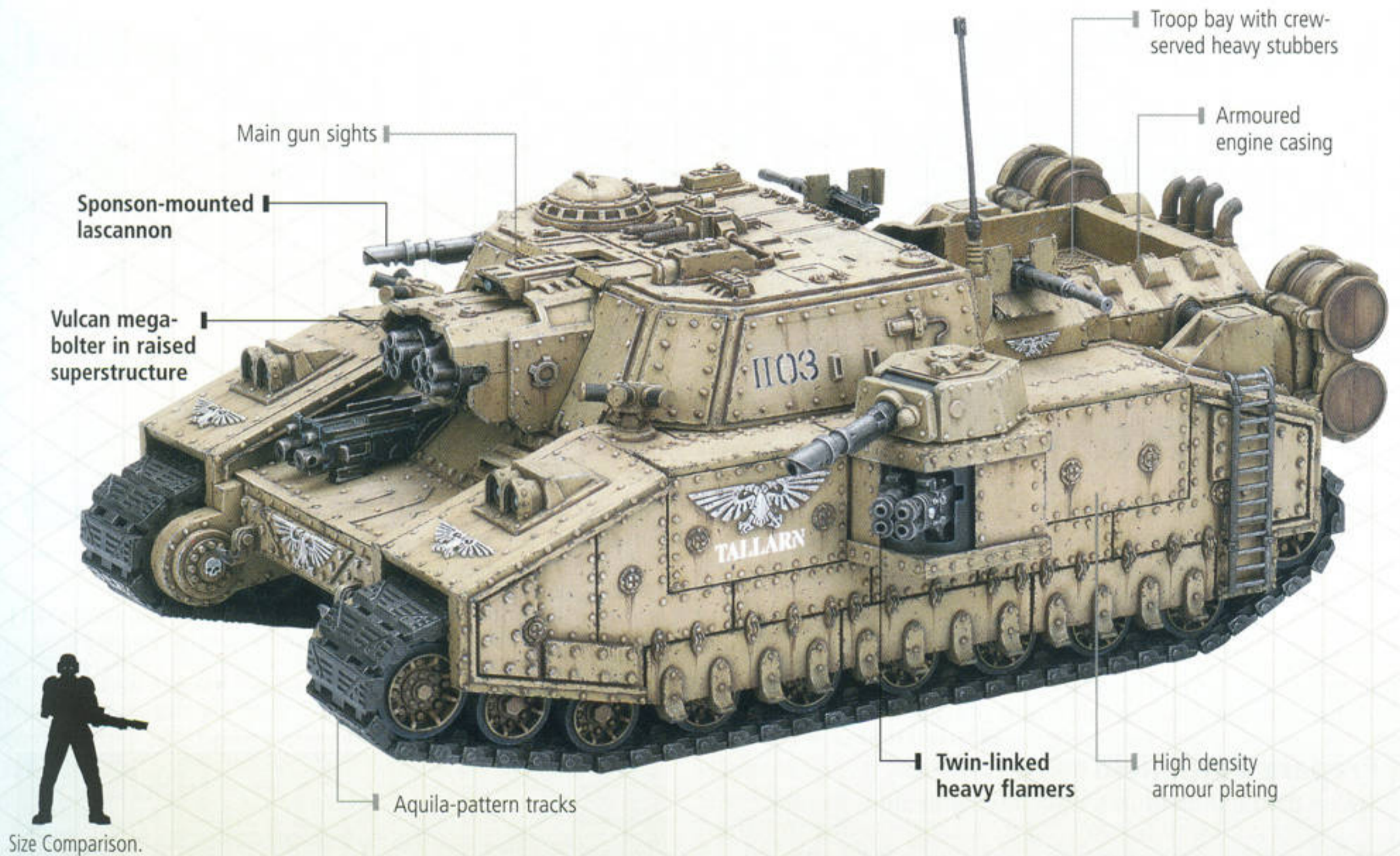
Command Tank. A high ranking officer is using the Shadowsword as a mobile HQ. All Imperial Guard units within 24" of a Shadowsword Command Tank may re-roll failed Morale checks.

STORMLORD SUPER-HEAVY TANK

POINTS: 500

With a weapons configuration suited for comparatively short-range firefights, the Stormlord's primary combat role is that of close support to infantry assault waves. As a result, Stormlord tanks are a rare sight in most Imperial armies. Super-heavy tanks are all but irreplaceable, and only the boldest and most confident commanders are prepared to jeopardise their careers (and lives) by risking such a valuable war machine in the very teeth of the enemy.

Even so, the Stormlord's devastating close-range firepower and vast transport capacity makes it highly sought after by the more mobile Imperial Guard regiments, such as those raised on Catachan, Tallarn and Tingoya. Not only can the Stormlord's embarked Imperial Guard squads traverse the battlezone in relative safety, they can also be pressed into service to defend the Stormlord against waves of tank-hunting enemy infantry.



UNIT: 1 Stormlord

TYPE: Super-heavy tank

STRUCTURE POINTS: 3

TRANSPORT: The Stormlord has a transport capacity of 40.

FIRE POINTS: Up to 20 models may fire from the Stormlord's fighting platform.

ACCESS POINTS: The Stormlord is treated as open-topped for the purposes of passengers embarking and disembarking.

WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT:

- Hull-mounted Vulcan mega-bolter
- Hull-mounted twin-linked heavy bolter

BS	ARMOUR		
	Front	Side	Rear
3	14	13	12

- Two sponsons, each with one lascannon and either a twin-linked heavy flamer or a twin-linked heavy bolter
- Searchlight and smoke launchers

WEAPON	RANGE	STR	AP	SPECIAL
Vulcan mega-bolter	60"	6	3	Heavy 15, Primary weapon
Lascannon	48"	9	2	Heavy 1
Heavy bolter	36"	5	4	Heavy 3
Heavy flamer	Template	5	4	Assault 1

SPECIAL RULES:

All Power to Weapons! The Stormlord's commander can order all power from the tank's formidable reactor to be directed to the main weapon. If the Stormlord does not move, it may fire its Vulcan mega-bolter twice in the following Shooting phase (at the same target or at different ones).

NEW SCENARIOS

Andy Hoare and Jervis Johnson have come up with these two brand new scenarios. One is a variant of the Apocalypse mission, the other is a mini-game allowing you to field a Stompa in a standard 40K battle.

TO THE VICTOR THE SPOILS

APOCALYPSE MISSION

A group of super-heavy vehicles has been stranded in the middle of the warzone, their crew having fled, or been wiped out by radiation or disease. Such war

machines make a tempting target for others, and even now two mighty armies face off for their possession, each determined to utilise them against their enemy.

Pick armies

This mission is designed to be played with Orks fighting an army of the Imperium (Imperial Guard, Space Marines, Witch Hunters, Daemonhunters and so on). You should feel free to tweak it to fit the forces you have available of course.

Select Teams

If there are more than two players, then divide the players into two teams, each with roughly equal points totals and numbers of players.

The team with the fewest points will receive extra strategic assets in order to even things up, as explained in the strategic assets section of the Apocalypse rulebook.

Prepare Battlefield

Set up the battlefield in a mutually agreeable manner.

Place one or more super-heavy vehicles within 12" of the centre of the table. The first player to get an infantry model into base contact with a super-heavy vehicle gets to control it for the remainder of the game.*

Set Time Limit

Decide a time limit for the game. The game will carry on after the time limit is reached, until both sides have completed an equal number of turns.

Pick Strategic Assets

Each side receives a number of strategic assets equal to the number of players in the larger team (if there's only one player per side, you only get one asset each).

If one side has fewer points, then they receive one extra asset for every full 250-points difference.

Deploy

Both sides secretly bid 1-30 minutes for deployment. The time chosen is the amount of time allowed to deploy the side's army.

The side that bids lowest sets up first and will take the first turn.

Units that are not set up are kept in strategic reserve.

Models may not be deployed closer than 12" to one of the target super-heavies.

Fight the battle

The side that set up first takes the first turn.

Victory!

The side controlling the most recovered super-heavy vehicles at the end of the game is the winner!

**This obviously means that someone will have to provide the super-heavies. If you're the organiser you'll probably find it's you, but that's fine, as you'll get to stand back and watch the entertaining spectacle of the players fighting over your vehicles. Also make sure that you get to play next time and someone else has to organise things – you can't always be the ref!*

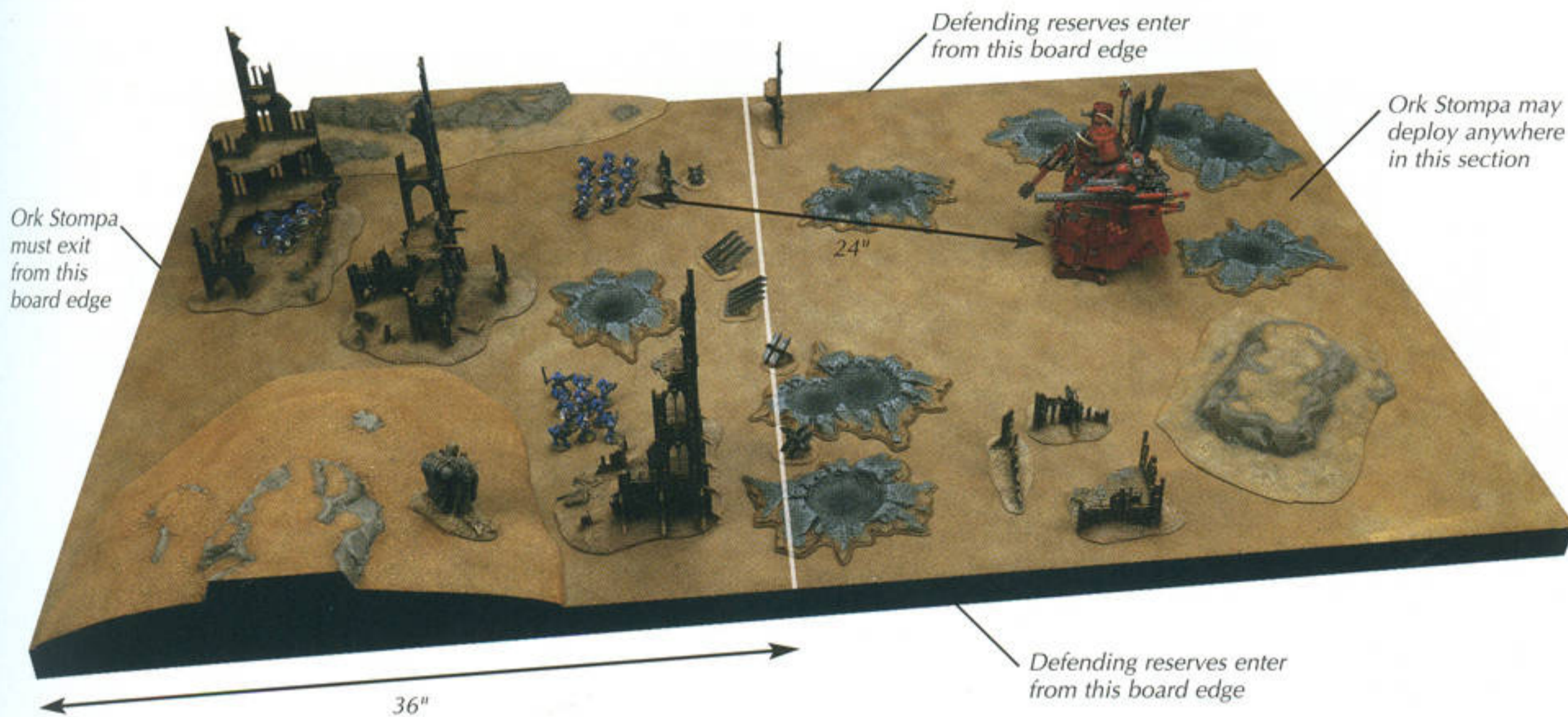


GOGARD'S LAST STAND

WARHAMMER 40,000 MISSION

Following his defeat on Balle Alpha at the hands of the Blood Angels, Ork Warlord Gogard Graksnaka was determined to have his revenge. Clambering aboard

his personal Stompa, Korpse Grinda, Gogard headed towards the Imperial lines, intent on causing as much destruction as possible before he escaped.



The Armies

Gogard's Last Stand is a 'mini-game' for Warhammer 40,000 based on Warlord Gogard's surprise attack. One player commands a single Stompa, and the other player commands a 1000-point army picked from any one Codex. Note that the defending army is not allowed to include any legendary units or battle formations – only units included in the Codex may be used!

Table Set-Up and Deployment

Set up your wargames table as you would normally, and then randomly select one of the narrow edges as the defender's table edge. The Stompa must be set up at least 36" from this table edge. After setting up the Stompa, move it 2D6" in a random direction (use the scatter dice to decide which direction it is moved in). Wherever it ends up is its starting point.

The defender may then deploy units worth up to 500 points on the table, anywhere that is at least 24" away from the Stompa.

Objectives

The Stompa must attempt to exit from the opposing table edge while destroying as much of the opposing army as possible.

Reserves

Units belonging to the defending force that are not deployed at the start of the battle are placed in reserve, and will enter play using the standard Warhammer 40,000 rules for reserve units.

First Turn

The defending army receives the first turn.

Game Length

The game carries on until the Stompa has either left the table, or has been destroyed.

Victory Conditions

Gogard wins if he can score 500 victory points *and* exit the table, or if he can completely wipe out the opposing army. Anything else is a victory for the opposing side.

Special Rules

The battle begins just before dawn. Because of this the Night Fighting rules apply on the first turn.

Larger Games (Optional)

If all of the players involved agree, then the number of Stompas can be increased by adding any extra Stompas you have in your collection. If you decide to do this, then the defending army receives 1000 points for each attacking Stompa, and may deploy 500 points' worth of troops on the table for each Stompa in the attacking force. The Stompas score a 'win' for each Stompa that scores 500 victory points and exits the table, and a 'loss' for each that fails to do so. The Stompas can only claim victory if they score more wins than losses, or completely wipe out the opposing army; anything else is a win for the opposing side.

"You'll never take me alive 'umie!"

- Ork Warlord Gogard Graksnaka

IN-STORE THIS MONTH



MARCH TO WAR!

This month, no matter whether you play Warhammer, Warhammer 40,000 or The Lord of the Rings, our Hobby Centres will be a hive of activity. As the forces of the Old World come to terms with the new Lizardmen army, Stompas face super-heavy Imperial tanks in Apocalyptic battle and the hosts of Middle-earth line up to do battle using the new War of The Ring rules... There's something for everyone! Here's just an example of what will be going on:

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MIGHTY CHAMPIONS

Character Advancement in Mighty Empires Campaigns



WARHAMMER

Heroic characters have always played a central role in games of Warhammer. In this article Kevin J. Coleman presents the house rules and ideas that he uses in his Mighty Empires campaigns to take his characters to new levels of heroism.

When using the rules presented in this article, your characters will be able to achieve great wartime accomplishments, succumb to heinous injuries or fight your dastardly nemesis in a challenge that will affect the course of the entire campaign!

At the start of a Mighty Empires campaign, each player should choose an array of characters that they will use in their armies for the duration of the Mighty Empires campaign. Each character should be given a name and may be given equipment, a mount and magic items as normal. Once each character is created, the player may not add any further equipment or magic items to that character; each time the character fights in a Warhammer game he must be fielded with the same equipment. New wargear, mounts and magic items (that are not initially bought for the character) may be earned during the campaign, however.

For example, Adam takes an Empire Captain as one of his character choices. He names his character Hans von Groppen and equips him with full plate, a shield, a lance and an unbarbed warhorse. Each time Adam fields Hans von Groppen in a Mighty Empires campaign game he will be equipped in this same manner.

The number of characters each player designs at the start of the campaign should be based on the type and scale of Mighty Empires you are playing. If you are using the campaign rules found in the Mighty Empires booklet, for example, you could simply design four characters each for standard 2000-point games, or you may want to create five or six characters that you can rotate in and out of your army for different battles. If you're playing a 'Famous Campaigns' style Mighty Empires campaign (as described in WD333) you could assign specific characters to a

particular army or banner under your control. As with any house rule, the players involved in the campaign should discuss how characters will be handled when planning their campaign.

Ultimately, you and your opponents should make sure that the characters played in your games are the same throughout and, through great feats or blunders, they will advance or diminish as the campaign progresses.

Special characters are ideal choices as they come equipped with all of their wargear, mounts, magic items and unique rules, as well as having a chance to become even more powerful over the course of the campaign!

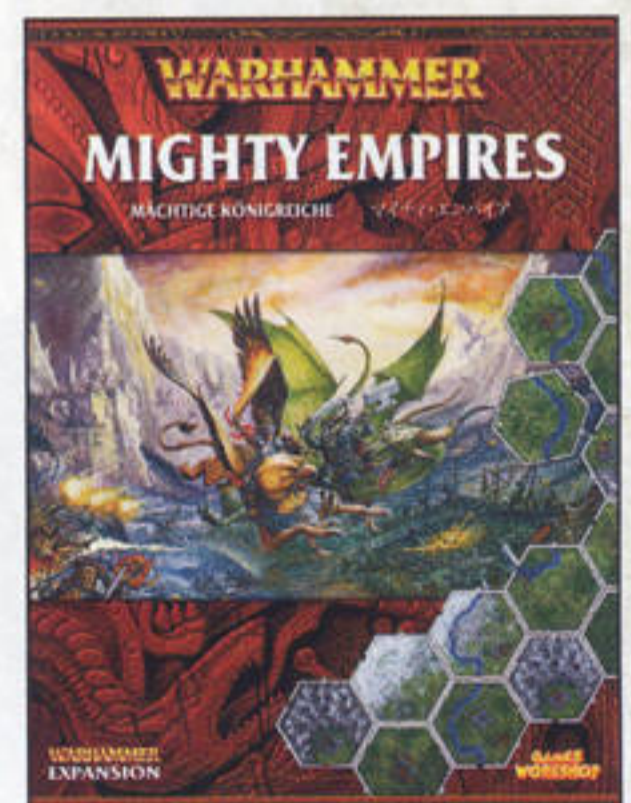
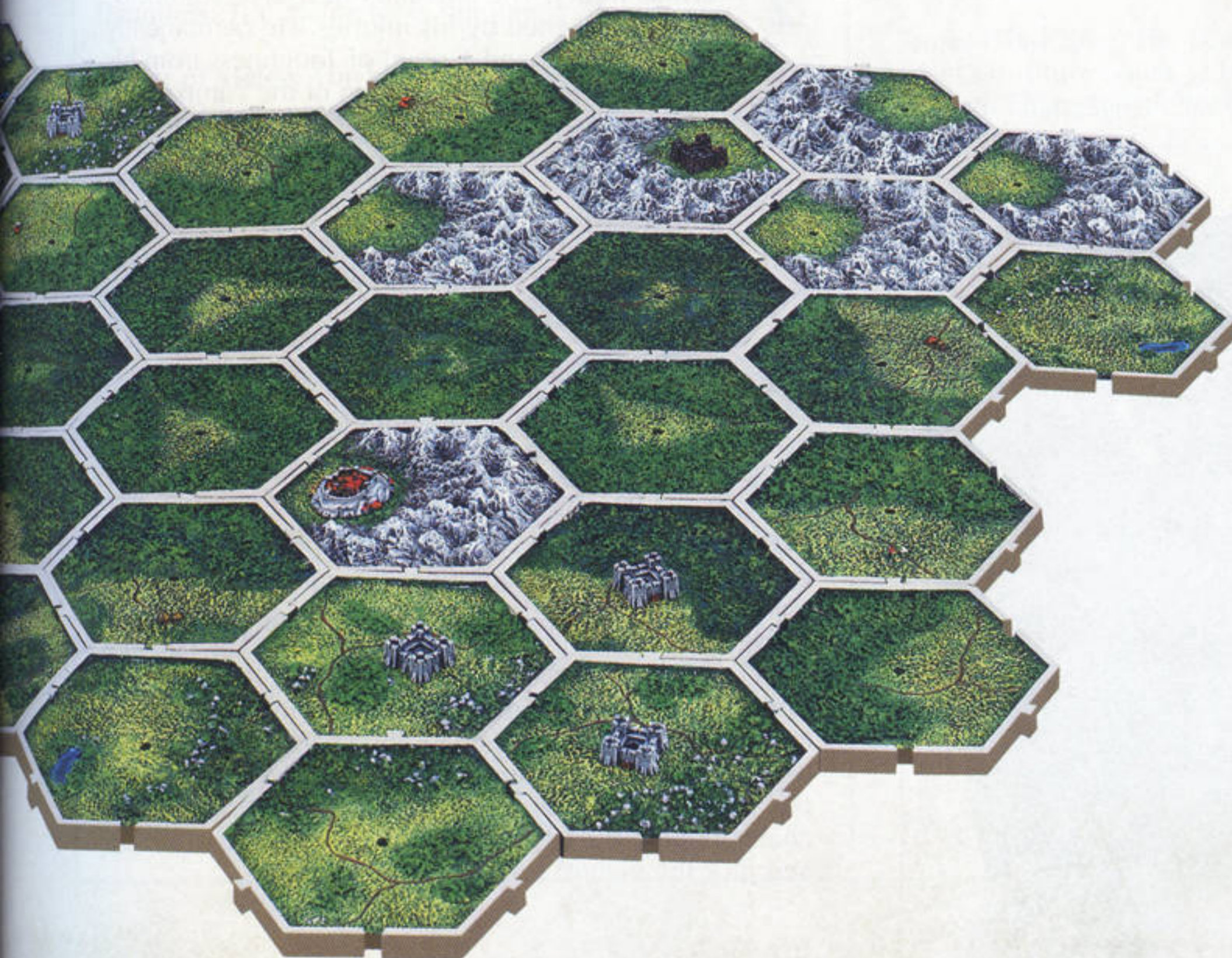
Character Points

In Mighty Empires campaign games your characters may suffer penalties and injuries as described later, however the greatest heroes will become more powerful with grand victories and legendary accomplishments.

During a Mighty Empires campaign, players keep track of Character Points that are earned during games by each of their characters.

Each time a character earns 5 Character Points, the player may spend these points to make a roll on the Character Advancement table (see overleaf). The bonus rolled is applied to that character for the duration of the Mighty Empires campaign.

Additionally, each time a character is eligible to roll on the Character Advancement table, he may also choose a mount that is normally available to him in his army list entry, or swap his current mount for a different mount. The character must pay the standard points value of the mount as normal. Alternatively, a character with a mount may abandon his mount and opt to fight on foot instead.



These rules aren't meant to be official in any way, but are a great example of the sorts of things you can come up with for your own games. This could be as simple as writing some of your own legendary abilities, or as complex as organising an entire narrative campaign.



ADVANCEMENT

Character Advancement (Roll 2D6)

2-5 **New Magic Item.** The character may choose a free magic item worth up to 25 points chosen from either the Common Magic Item list or the Magic Item list in the army book. This magic item does not count against the character's maximum point allowance for magic items.

6 **Characteristic Increase.***
Roll again: 1-3 = +1 Strength;
4-6 = +1 Attack.

7 **Characteristic Increase.***
Choose either: +1 WS or +1 BS.

8 **Characteristic Increase.***
Roll again: 1-3 = +1 Initiative;
4-6 = +1 Leadership.

9 **Characteristic Increase.***
Roll again: 1-3 = +1 Wound;
4-6 = +1 Toughness.

10+ **Legendary Ability.** The character may choose an ability from the Legendary Abilities opposite.

* Note that a character's profile may be increased up to a maximum of 10.

During a battle, characters gain 1 Character Point each time they accomplish one of the following actions:

- Slaying an enemy character or monster.
- Winning a challenge (enemy is slain or flees from challenge/combat).
- Casting a successful spell with irresistible force.
- Surviving a battle without suffering any wounds and not fleeing at the end of the game.

Characters lose 1 Character Point each time they perform one of the following actions:

- Declaring to flee as a charge reaction (a character only ever loses 1 Character Point per battle for this, regardless of the number of times the character chooses to flee). Goblin and Skaven characters do not lose Character Points for this.
- Failing to cast a spell because of a miscast.
- The character is slain or flees off the table.

Slain Characters

After each battle fought as part of a Mighty Empires campaign, roll a D6 for any of your characters that have been slain in battle (not fleeing or have fled from the table). If you won the game, a +1 bonus is added to your roll.

- 1 Dead.** The character has suffered a fatal wound and is quite, quite dead.
- 2 Serious Injury.** The character has survived, but is greatly weakened by his injuries. He permanently loses 1 Wound and 1 point of Toughness from his starting profile for the duration of the campaign. The character may not participate in battle for the next two games his army participates in.
- 3 Slow Recovery.** The character has survived, though must rest and recover his strength before returning to war. He may not participate in the next game his army participates in.
- 4+ Full Recovery.** Despite suffering grave wounds, the character has made a full recovery and acts as normal in the next game.

Healing

After suffering grievous injuries, generals and heroic leaders may be healed at the hand of an alchemist, sorcerer or other wondrous healer. If your army contains at least one Wizard (i.e. any spellcaster, including a Dwarf Runesmith), roll a D6 after each game the injured character takes part in. On the roll of a 6 the character has been fully healed and no longer suffers any of the injuries and penalties received during the campaign. An injured character with the Regenerate special rule may roll 2D6 and pick the highest roll.



Legendary Abilities

The mightiest of heroes can perform feats of endurance and tricks of the blade that are the stuff of legend, forming the centrepiece of entire sagas. In a Mighty Empires campaign a character might gain such a skill, called a **Legendary Ability**. No **Legendary Ability** may be chosen more than once per army – after all, these are the defining traits of unique heroes, not the common soldier!

Fearsome Reputation.

The character causes Fear as described in the Warhammer rulebook.

Master of Magic. Wizards only. Choose one Lore of Magic – each time the Wizard attempts to cast a spell from the chosen Lore, he adds +1 to the casting roll.

Proficient Warrior. Once per game, the character may re-roll one failed to hit roll and one failed to wound roll. As per the rules, dice may only be re-rolled once.

Superior Tactician. If the character is the Army General, the player may re-roll the dice when determining table sides and who gets the first turn.

Swift Reflexes. The character gains a 5+ ward save.

Sharpshooter. The character may fire a missile weapon in the Shooting phase a number of times equal to his Attacks characteristic, rather than only once. All shots must be fired at the same target.

Dauntless. The character is immune to Panic.

Master of Melee. The character may have a free suit of light or heavy armour and a shield. Additionally, the character may choose one close combat weapon and one missile weapon from the weapons lists found in the Warhammer rulebook. These weapon choices are free, and a character may use any of these weapons even if they are not normally permitted by his army list entry. If this ability is given to a Wizard, you may choose weapons as normal, but may not equip him with armour or a shield.

Sneak. This ability may only be employed by a character with a Unit Strength of 1. The character gains the Scout special rule. Obviously, this ability may not be used if the character is mounted.

Scale. This ability may only be given to a character with the Scout special rule. The character may scale sheer



surfaces, such as walls and buildings. This means the character treats all undefended obstacles, cliffs, rocks, boulders, scree and woods as open ground, even if it would normally be counted as impassable. The character may never end his movement in impassable terrain.

Beastmaster. The character has developed a special bond or magical hold over animals and monsters. All friendly monsters within 6" of the character may use the character's Leadership for any Leadership-based test, just as if the character were the Army General.

Unlimited Power! Wizards only. Through greater knowledge or by way of an unholy pact, the character has discovered a route to acquiring vast power. Each time the character casts a spell, other than a bound spell, he adds a free power dice to the casting roll. This extra dice may cause a miscast or irresistible force as normal. Should the character miscast, the player must roll twice on the miscast table, and the opponent chooses which result to apply.

Duellist. The character is an accomplished duellist, skilled at toying with his foes in combat. During a challenge, the character can opt to use one of the following manoeuvres instead of his normal attacks:

- *Fight Defensively:* The character strikes last, with -1 Attack, but all close combat attacks directed at the duellist in return suffer a -1 penalty to hit.

- *Target Weak Spot:* The character strikes last, but his attacks this turn count as Poisoned. Use the character's Strength characteristic for determining armour save modifiers as normal.

Daring Warrior. The character plunges into the heart of the fighting, performing daring manoeuvres that others might find reckless. During a challenge, the character can opt to use one of the following manoeuvres instead of his normal attacks:

- *Dervish:* The character gains +D3 extra Attacks. However, all close combat attacks directed against him this turn are at +1 to hit and +1 to wound.

- *Relentless:* Declare that the character is using this ability before any dice are rolled on either side. If the character is slain before making his attacks, he still gets to fight. However, if he is not slain then his opponent receives +1 Attack this turn.





FURTHER IDEAS

Over the last few pages I've presented some of my own rules for making your heroes even more heroic, rewarding them for feats of valour in battle. But why stop there? I'd encourage you to come up with your own special rules that can make your particular campaigns even more enjoyable and entertaining. Here are a few more ideas.

Arch-Nemesis

In your Mighty Empires campaigns, you and your opponents could create nemesis characters, meaning two or more characters that completely loathe one another so much that they have special rules governing this. You could completely design your own characters with detailed backgrounds about how the two protagonists have become such bitter enemies or even use appropriate special characters who are already hated adversaries, such as the High Elf Warden, Eltharion the Grim and the Goblin King Grom, the Paunch of Misty Mountain.

When two arch-nemeses are fighting one another in a combat, they must issue a challenge or accept a challenge from their nemesis. In addition to all the challenge rules, both nemesis characters are subject to the rules governing Hatred as described in the Warhammer rulebook as long as they fight one another. In addition, they add a +1 on all their to hit rolls against their nemesis.

Mentioned in Despatches

One of the best aspects of playing a campaign – or indeed any game – are the stories that naturally emerge from the games you play. Everybody remembers the time that their hero stood his ground against overwhelming odds, or turned the table from a crushing defeat to a heroic victory.

The stalwart Dwarf army mounts a desperate last defence of their mountainous homelands against the greenskin hordes. Such a game is exciting enough in its own right, but takes on a story all of its own if it represents the climax of a hard-fought campaign.



Why not write these stories down, even circulating them as part of a campaign newsletter. A victory can be made even more exciting if you know that it ended the cruel reign of the feared Chaos Champion Khan Klaw, or that it wasn't any old Dark Elf Dreadlord you defeated in a challenge, but Korhedron.

If nobody wants to be the campaign chronicler (a role that can be hard work, but great fun) then get all of the players to submit tales of their character's heroic deeds after the game. The fact that you might end up with conflicting stories just adds to the fun!

The (Green) Stuff of Legends

What better way to represent your special-character-in-the-making than to convert a suitable model to represent him. That way, when you deploy your army with Hans von Groppen at its head, your opponent will instantly recognise him and his deeds!

You could add all manner of details to him, such as rewards, totems or scars. You could adorn a warrior with the skulls of his past victims (who might also have been named characters in your opponents' armies, rubbing it in further) or a dashing general with laurel wreaths and medals awarded for his victories. Many of the plastic kits have lots of extra details that are perfect for this.

You could even convert your hero to represent some of the legendary abilities from the previous pages. A character famed for their skill as a Beastmaster should have a suitably impressive mount, whilst a Sneak might be swathed in a black cloak and wearing dulled metal armour.

A named hero is an excuse to really go to town with your conversion, making a model to live up to the legend.

Heroes of War

Inspired by Kevin's house rules, we plundered the desks of some of the more prolific players in the GW Studio to find their favourite characters and the stories that accompany them.



Dominic Murray's Empire army contains many characterful heroes, many of them heavily converted. Dom uses this Handgunner either as a Hero, or as a Marksman for his Hochland Handgunner regiment.



Mark Latham modelled all the wargear and magic items onto Boss Murgog. His finest hour was when he saw off an entire formation of Questing Knights!



Christian Leitdorf is the general of Chris Peach's Empire army, leading them in a campaign into the Chaos Wastes. Chris made three models for Leitdorf, representing different incarnations of him throughout the campaign.



Nick Cristofoli's Warriors of Chaos army is led to war against the civilised lands by this Nurgle Champion, Karenin Maggotkin. He has converted him to be borne into battle atop a putrescent palanquin, a gift for his many victories.



Pete Foley converted his Skaven Warlord after defeating one of Dom's heroes in a challenge, modelling on the decapitated head and painting a blood-spattered sword to remind everyone of his victory.



This grizzled veteran is the loyal retainer of Baron von Strotheim (right). His greatest exploit is running down Jeremy Vetock's Giant.



Dom's Empire army is from the province of Middenland, led to battle by the young Baron Otto von Strotheim. Dom converted the Baron from the Empire General kit, and uses him as either his General or Battle Standard Bearer.

WAR JOURNAL



The hour is late, and the War of The Ring is almost upon us. Mat Ward sneaks a last look at the game before the storm finally breaks.

War of The Ring is now just a month away from release, but I reckon I've got time to take a quick trawl through some of the more exciting bits. So far we've had a bit of a chat about the basics of the game and the armies within it, and I think it's time to have a more detailed look. With that in mind, let's have a proper look at the commanders of your army, and what they're going to do to bring you victory.

Each formation in your army is led by a command company. The command company is the heart of the formation in all matters – it's always at the formation's head and is normally the first company in a fight. Whilst a command company can be fielded 'as is', many formations

can upgrade their command companies to give them an edge on the battlefield. Take Banner Bearers, for example. We've all got one or two Banner Bearers in our The Lord of the Rings collections, but now we're going to want one per formation. Banners provide a crucial advantage in War of The Ring. Not only do they make charges more reliable, they also help your troops hang in there if beaten in a fight. That's in addition to looking very, very pretty indeed – let's face it, a formation of troops looks almost infinitely better with a suitable flag flying overhead.

In addition to Banner Bearers, War of the Ring also introduces Hornblowers and Drummers, who allow their formations to move quicker – always useful in a wargame, but doubly so in War of The Ring, where every last inch can count. Elsewhere, Taskmasters, available to several Evil troop types, increase their formation's Courage. Fairly trivial, you might think, but only until you've been charged by the Army of the Dead and failed a Terror test, giving away an extra three dice per company to the enemy. There are also many race-specific upgrades – some familiar (like Goblin Drummers and Haradrim Hâsharii) and some new (Easterling Dragon Knights and War Priests).

As you can see, not only do command companies offer great modelling and conversion opportunities, but there's plenty of (for want of a better phrase) rules customisation to be had as well.



The full, dark glory of an army of Harad as it marches to war against the soldiers of the Free Peoples.

Below: The new Rohan command company allows you to upgrade models to Banner Bearers, Captains and Hornblowers, which are essential for grand strategic manoeuvres.



Below: Adding an 'Epic Hero' like Saruman to a company bolsters the fighting ability and morale of the whole formation.



Left: The Three Hunters consists of Gimli, Legolas and Aragorn, a powerful combination of Heroes that form a 'Legendary formation'.

Heroes of the Hour

Yet for all the splendour and power of the upgrades you can purchase for your formations, Heroes stand tall above the rest. Let's be honest, what kind of The Lord of the Rings game would this be if there were no Heroes at the centre of it? Heroes bring several benefits to a formation. First, and most obvious, are their increased Fight and Courage values – very useful indeed! The usefulness of Heroes doesn't end there, however. Heroes give your formations the opportunity to attempt double moves, can spend Might points to modify dice rolls and call Heroic actions, thus vastly increasing your formation's tactical options.

War of The Ring's Heroic actions work in much the same way as those from the skirmish game, allowing your Hero to 'trump' the turn sequence and perform outrageous feats of derring-do. The most powerful Heroes can also declare Epic actions – especially powerful heroic actions that bestow re-rolls, increase a formation's combat prowess and much more besides. As you're probably beginning to realise, careful use of your Heroes' abilities can spell the difference between life and death, not only for their formation, but the entire army. Just as with the skirmish game, you'll be husbanding your Might points to use for crucial Heroic actions, yet the temptation to spend the odd point on to hit rolls will always be there, lurking at the back of your mind.

As if that wasn't enough, most of the top tier Heroes (or Epic Heroes, as we refer to them) also have their own unique tricks to play. Aragorn can take his formation on an Epic Journey, using hidden paths to dramatically reappear anywhere on the battlefield, Boromir can spend Might to take down monsters with a single blow, and so on. On the Evil side, each of the nine Ringwraiths has its own special rule. Khamûl can drain the life of his foes, the Tainted stops nearby enemies using a Hero's Courage and the Witch-king can make the Evil side's double moves a certainty whilst confounding those of the opponent.

And yes, some Heroes also have access to magic...

Sorceries, Light and Dark

Whilst magic is not that common in Middle-earth, those that have got it have definitely got it, so a fun magic system was essential (cue devious cackling). Magic users cover a wide range. Saruman, Gandalf and the Ringwraiths are adept sorcerers, able to cast several spells each turn, whilst the shamans and lesser wizards of the races have far less in the way of power but are considerably cheaper to add to your army.

You'll see a lot of familiar spells have made their way across from the skirmish game, such as *Nature's Wrath*, *Immobilise* and *Terrifying Aura*, but there are plenty of new magical powers to experiment with. Most of them are



Saruman leads the hordes of Uruk-hai as they ravage the lands around them.



subtle, relying on tricks on the mind and will, but a few are decidedly ostentatious – such as the *Shatter Shields* or *Tremor* spells, which do pretty much what you'd expect, in explosive fashion. By combining the effects of several different spells (for which you'll need a powerful Wizard, or a couple of lesser spellcasters in your army) you can really hammer your foe.

Some of the combinations are fairly obvious – you can repeatedly hammer an enemy Hero with spells such as *Black Breath* and *Black Dart* (if you've read the book, you'll know what to expect). Alternatively, you could use *Sunder Spirit* to reduce an enemy's Courage, followed up by some *Visions of Woe* to terrify the enemy to death – what budding Dark Lord could do else?

The Ones that Got Away

Drat! Space is running out once more, and there's still so much to tell. There are Epic Heroes who can move around the battlefield at will, lending their power wherever it is needed, and Legendary formations that represent such mighty groups as The Fellowship of The Ring, the White Council and the Three Hunters. There are monsters that can smash aside infantry like matchsticks (Dragons and Balrogs and Giants, oh my!), artillery to crush the foe with

bolt and boulder, as well as Winged Nazgûl that swoop across the battlefield, picking off luckless enemies as they go. There are ambushing Rangers, glorious Elven Knights, back-stabbing Goblins, and Dwarf Champions that can split a Troll from gut to gizzard in one blow. You can even toss Gimli at the enemy and have Merry stab the Witch-king in the back. What reasonable person could ask for any more?

“ There are monsters that can smash aside infantry like matchsticks... ”

But the proof of the pudding, as they say, is in the eating. And you'll be able to munch on this delicious pudding very soon. Games Workshop Hobby Centres around the world are gearing up to bring some of the greatest battles of Middle-earth to life. Shame I don't have room to go into detail – you'd best get down to your local store to see for yourself...

*"At dawn,
look to the east."*

Gandalf, The Two Towers



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STOMPAS!

Liber Apocalyptica is an irregular column that provides ideas and inspiration for your games of Apocalypse. This month, to tie in with the release of the new Ork Stompa kit, Jervis takes a look at (you've guessed it!) Ork Stompas.

The Waaagh! is at the heart of the Ork expansion throughout the universe. The Waaagh!, or Waaagh-Ork as it is sometimes known, is a spontaneous happening which starts suddenly in obscurity before gradually gathering momentum. More and more Ork tribes become part of the gathering strength of the Waaagh! triggering a time of great migrations, wars and conquest. Orks everywhere take to the warpath and the relentless power of the Ork race is unleashed upon any in their path.

At the very core of the Waaagh! lies the construction of gigantic vehicles known as Stompas. Each of these creations is a towering war machine with awesome destructive power. It is also a titanic, mechanical, fighting, fire-belching idol in the image of Gork or Mork, the Ork gods of war.

Gork and Mork epitomise the Orkish character on a vast scale. They are big, carefree, boisterous beings that leave a trail of destruction in their wake. War, destruction, carnage, endless feuds, the din of weapons and the war cries of countless Orks are but the crude games and raucous laughter of these strong, wild and callous gods. Each Stompa the Orks build is a crude act of worship to these primal gods; they are idols of the gods and stand for all that is Orky.

Building the Stompa

Mekboyz are the engineers and master mechanics of Ork civilisation. They can be recognised by the overalls, spanners and monkey wrench stuffed through the belt, and the oily rag perpetually in their hand. Their understanding of the principles behind much of the technology they use is somewhat vague and crude. In fact, Mekboyz are often as mystified as the rest of the Orks as to why something they've put together actually works.

Mekboyz have an instinctive talent with machinery. Inquisitiveness, experimentation, and, above all, a determination to bash the parts until they fit together are the keys to their success. Consequently they construct ingenious and unlikely devices that defy the principles of

science. Each Mekboy produces highly original work, and every item of Ork machinery and weaponry bears the indelible stamp of the individual Mek that created it.

Some of the Mekboyz that are caught up in the fever of a Waaagh! will become obsessed with creating a war machine that gives real mechanical form to one or other of the Ork gods. The Mekboy will immediately begin work, assisted by the Gretchin at his command and other Mekboyz drawn in from the surrounding area inspired by the same idea. Slowly the scaffolding is erected and, within the cradle of steel, the great metal hulk that will become the Stompa takes shape.

Stompas are miracles of the Mekboy's art, packed with whirring cogs and gears, wheezing pipes and pistons, dials, levers, stopcocks, gauges and no end of other mechanical devices that seem to work purely through the faith of their Mekboy inventors. Stompas carry awesome firepower. Giant guns and huge assault weapons are carried in place of arms, and more weapons are fitted wherever there is space to spare. Sometimes a massive gutbuster cannon will be mounted low down in the Stompa's belly, a gigantic weapon of massive destructive power. Stompas are protected by a heavily armoured hull, made out of all kinds of different metal and bits of armour plate scavenged from wrecked vehicles and welded or hammered into place.

Stompas in Battle

A vast krew of Orks and Gretchin ride into battle aboard each Stompa. The Orks fire the guns and stoke the boilers under the stern eye of the Stompa's Kaptin and his Nobz. Teams of Gretchin 'riggers' armed with spanners and oily rags are sent frantically crawling into the cramped workings of the Stompa to fix bits and fight fires as the Stompa suffers battle damage.

Stompas are usually built for a powerful Ork Warboss by an Ork Mekboy. The immensely proud Warboss will be the Stompa's Kaptin, and some of his Nobz will take up the posts of Furst Mate (who shouts at the Krew), Gunboss (who shouts



at the gunners), and Flagboss (who's in charge of the signal flags Stompa's use to communicate in battle – as well as shouting, of course). The talented Mekboy who built the Stompa is rewarded with the post of Boss-Mek and gets to order around all the other Mekboys on board and shout at the riggers. These individuals all work together surprisingly smoothly to keep the Stompa moving around and blasting away at the enemy forces.

Stompa Mobs

In the build up to the Waaagh! all Ork tribes are driven by the urge to build idol-like Stompas in praise of their savage gods. Most Warbosses manage to get one or two Stompas built by industrious Mekboyz, but some of the more powerful Ork Warlords can command enough resources to build many more. Because of this it is not uncommon for an Ork horde to be accompanied into battle by a formation of Stompas called a Stompa Mob.

Stompa Mobs comprise at least three Stompas. The best (in other words the biggest) Stompa in the mob will be commanded by the Warlord himself and is known as the Boss Stompa. The other Stompas are commanded by the Warlord's

most trusted Nobz or by the Mekboy that built it. In battle, all of the Stompas in the mob stick close together so the Kaptins can see the signal flags being waved about on top of the Boss Stompa, which tell them what their orders are and where they're supposed to be going.

As even one Stompa is a frighteningly destructive creation, the three or more that make up a Mob is enough to send all but the bravest troops fleeing for cover. The massed firepower of a Stompa Mob has spelled the doom of many a battleforce under a thundering barrage of smoke and flame.

New Datasheets

We've included three new Stompa datasheets with this article, and you can find more new datasheets on our website. These datasheets can be used in any game of Apocalypse if you wish to do so, along with the various Stompa datasheets in *Apocalypse* and *Apocalypse: Reload*.

Stompas and Stompa Mobs make a fantastic starting point for story-based Apocalypse games. Recreating such a battle is best taken on as a group project, with different members of the group supplying the models for the different armies taking part, and helping to make the terrain needed.

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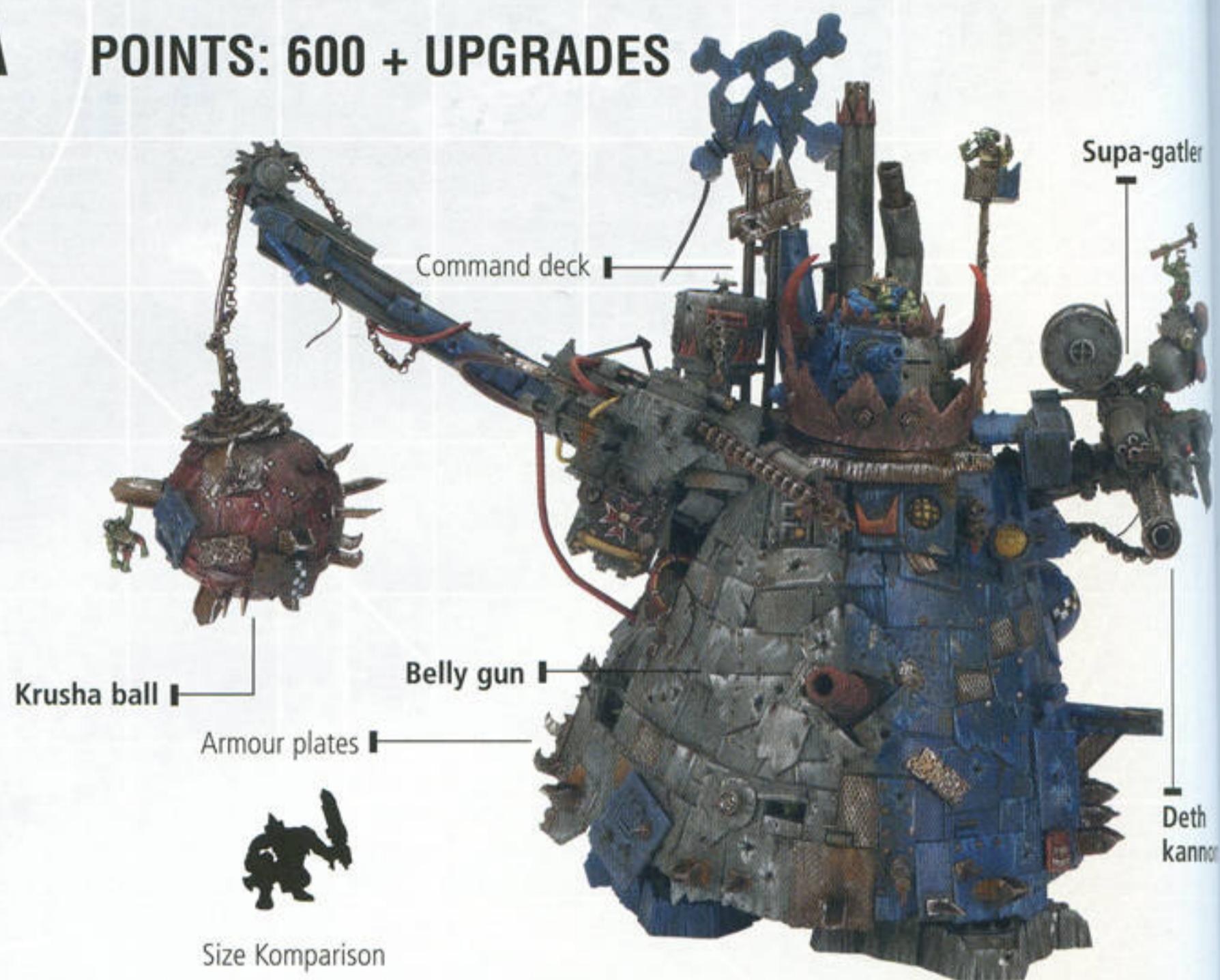
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KUSTOM STOMPA

POINTS: 600 + UPGRADES

Mass production of identical items is not a strong point of Ork culture – they lack the application and technical expertise. This tradition of original craftsmanship is known among Orks as *kustom*. Everything in Ork society is *kustom*-built. Nowhere is this more evident than in the creation of Ork Stompas, no two of which will ever be the same. Sometimes the differences will be confined to the appearance of the Stompa, but more often than not the Mekboy that built it will want to try out a new weapon he has dreamed up, or an 'improved' version of something he has tried out before. The resulting machines are known as *Kustom Stompas*.



ARMOUR								
WS	BS	S	FRONT	SIDE	REAR	I	A	
4	2	10	13	13	12	1	4	

UNIT: 1 Stompa

TYPE: Super-heavy walker

STRUCTURE POINTS: 4

TRANSPORT: The Stompa has a transport capacity of 20.

ACCESS POINTS: One rear hatch.

FIRE POINTS: The Stompa has three fire points in its hull.

WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT:

Any number of upgrades (see next page) plus the following weapons (all these weapons can fire into the Stompa's front arc):

- Titan close combat weapon
- Deth kannon with co-axial supa-gatler or co-axial gigashoota
- Twin-linked big shoota (fires into forward arc)
- Two big shootas (fire into forward arc)
- Three supa-rokkits (fire into forward arc)
- One big shoota (fires into rear arc)

SPECIAL RULES:

Effigy: The Stompa is a roaring, belching personification of the warrior god Gork (or possibly Mork) that hums with pure Orkiness. All Ork mobs within 12" of the Stompa are Fearless.

WEAPON	RANGE	STR	AP	SPECIAL
Deth kannon	72"	10	1	Ordnance 1, 7" blast Primary weapon
Gigashoota	48"	6	4	Heavy 6D6, Co-axial
Supa-rokkit*	Unlimited	8	3	Heavy 1, One-shot
Supa-skorcha**	Template	6	3	Assault 1
Supa-gatler***	48"	7	3	Heavy 2D6, Co-axial Psycho-Dakka-Blasta!
Big Shoota	36"	5	5	Assault 3

*A supa-rokkit is a Grot-guided weapon that hits on a result of 2+. It can only be fired once per game.

** To fire the supa-skorcha place the flame template so that the narrow end is within 12" of the weapon and the large end is no closer to the weapon than the narrow end. The supa-skorcha is then treated like any other template weapon.

*** Psycho-Dakka-Blasta! Once fired, the supa-gatler continues to fire until all of its ammunition is expended – all the gunner can do is sweep it across the enemy and hope that some of its many, many shots hit home. After firing the supa-gatler you must nominate another enemy unit within 12" of the original target unit and fire again. You must then target another enemy unit within 12" (this may be the previous unit). The supa-gatler keeps firing as long as it has got ammunition left – if the number of shots rolled for the second or subsequent burst is a double, the supa-gatler has run out of ammunition and stops firing immediately and for the rest of the battle (do not resolve any shots against the final target).

For the purposes of the co-axial rule, the deth kannon must be fired against the last unit that the supa-gatler has fired at (and if the target suffered at least one hit from the supa-gatler, the deth kannon may re-roll its scatter dice).

SPESHUL MEKBOY OFFERS

DEFF-DEALING NEW DAKKA FER STOMPAS (UPGRADES FOR STOMPAS)

A Kustom Stompa can be fitted with any number of the following upgrades, at the additional points cost listed.

KRUSHA BALL+50 POINTS

The only thing that Orks enjoy as much as warfare is smashing things. No weapon of battle conveys the simple brutalities of violence so well as the krusha ball – a vast chunk of reinforced metal so large that only a Stompa could swing it.

The krusha ball is a Titan close combat weapon and replaces the close combat weapon the Stompa is normally armed with. If the Stompa is not otherwise engaged in close combat the hefty krusha ball can be swung in a vast sweeping arc of destruction. Nominate a direction (it is convenient to mark with a scatter dice) and roll 2D6. This is the number of inches in which the path of devastation travels. Assume the path is 2" wide and measure from directly below the position of your krusha ball. Any model in the path takes a single destroyer hit, although infantry or jump infantry may take an Initiative test to avoid the blow. On a roll of a double-1 the backswing is too much and the Stompa itself takes a single destroyer hit in addition to any victims within the 2" arc.

Any terrain touched by the Krusha's arc is removed and replaced with rubble.

DEFF-ARSENAL+120 POINTS

When a Death Skull Warboss orders a Stompa built he often supplies the Mek with the kind of scrap that only a grasping, grubby, hoarding, Loota-loving, salvage-king could acquire. Mekboyz delight in cobbling together such edifices of destruction and there is always room to attach, nail, or weld another gun, rokkit, or spiky bit. In the end the towering Stompa literally bristles with weaponry from across the galaxy. Sometimes the gunz are even pointing in the right direction.

In addition to the Stompa's regular configuration of weapons, this upgrade adds loads of extra guns. In fact, there are so many gunz that it is impossible to load and fire them all! Roll at the start of each Shooting phase to see how many extra shots the Stompa gets. All of the deff-arsenal shots must target the same enemy squad using the following profile:

WEAPON	RANGE	STR	AP	SPECIAL
Deff Arsenal*	120"	9	3	Heavy 3D6

*Additionally, the deff-arsenal allows for an extra D3 supra-rokkits to be fired each turn as desperate Grotz frantically press the endless array of launching buttons inside the kontrol room. These rokkits may be fired at separate targets.

BELLY GUN+150 POINTS

In mimicry of the iron mountains known as Great Gargants, some Stompas mount their own belly guns. This is a massive piece of ordnance that is the pride of any Stompa lucky enough to bear one. Belly gun shells are the size of a Trukk and are simply jam-packed with explosives and shrapnel-producing scrap. The resulting explosions sometimes level whole swathes of the battlefield and at other times only devastate a modest patch.

The belly gun and its ridiculous-sized ammunition takes up so much space in a Stompa that it must sacrifice any transport capacity entirely. A belly gun may only be fired every other turn and may not be fired on Turn 1 – it simply takes too much time to load the next shell.

A belly gun has the following profile:

WEAPON	RANGE	STR	AP	SPECIAL
Belly Gun*	72"	7	3	Blast Radius 3D6" from the epicentre

*To fire the belly gun you must nominate a target and place a marker. This must be a viable target and in the case of a large vehicle, the exact aiming spot must be marked. Roll to scatter as per a normal blast weapon but roll 3D6 for scatter instead of 2D6. This will determine the point that the shell lands. Next roll 3D6" to determine the blast radius of the belly gun. Every model within this range takes a S7 AP 3 hit. Cover saves are allowed.

RED PAINT JOB+25 POINTS

It takes a lot of paint to cover a Stompa – but once given a good coat of red, even a Stompa benefits from the mysterious Ork belief that 'red wunz go fasta'. A Stompa that pays for a red paint job moves 13" instead of 12".

REPAIR KREW+75 POINTS

Meks often ride along to battle on a Stompa, ready to weld repairs, reattach wires, or hammer out dents. Some of the more disciplined Meks even wait for battle damage to occur before launching into a flurry of frenzied fixin'. Repair krew can be seen scampering in and out of hatches, running up scaffolding and generally hanging precariously from the Stompa while doing dangerous work. It gets crowded inside the confined hull of a Stompa, but weapon crews are used to having repair Grots underfoot and it is standard procedure to keep firing your weapon while trying to 'lay a boot' into any Grot within reach.

During their Shooting phase, the repair krew may attempt to fix one thing per turn. Declare what you want the krew to fix and roll a dice, checking success on the chart below:

Repair	D6 Roll Needed
Weapon – A single weapon may be fixed and may shoot next turn	3+
Primary Weapon – A single primary weapon may be fixed and may shoot next turn	5+
Damaged Drive – A single drive damaged result may be immediately repaired.	5+
Structure Point – A single Structure Point may be immediately regained.	6+

LIFTA DROPPA+25 POINTS

The lifta-droppa is a Mekboy invention which uses traktor beam technology to lift a target vehicle in the air and then drop it, preferably on top of some other enemy troops that are nearby.

A Kustom Stompa may replace its close combat weapon or deth kannon with a lifta-droppa if desired. The rules for lifta-droppas can be found on p131 of the Apocalypse rulebook.

GAZE OF MORK (OR GORK)+25 POINTS

Stompas are gigantic representations of Gork and Mork so it is quite common for them to have specially made heads to make them look more life-like. These heads are fitted with deadly force beams that can unleash an attack on nearby foes, so that the Orks can terrify the enemy with the mighty gaze of their gods.

The rules for the Gaze of Mork (or Gork) can be found on p131 of the Apocalypse rulebook.

STOMPA MOB

POINTS: 200 + MODELS

The greenskin psyche compels Orks to mob up with others who are as big and mean as they are. Stompa crews see themselves as the biggest Orks around – after all, from the top of the giant walking battle-fortresses the other Boyz look really small. In the largest Waaaghs! it is not uncommon for several Stompas to form a mob led by the toughest Stompa Boss around – an Ork who will have undoubtedly 'kommandeered' the biggest and shootiest Stompa for himself.

Stompa crews simply can't resist the urge to stomp over everything in their path 'till it's flat' – a tried and tested Orky tactic. A Mob of Stompas will crush anything foolish enough to stand in its way. Some enthusiastic crews get so carried away that they completely forget where they're going and who they're stomping on. Such things don't

tend to bother the crews as they find crushing 'da Boyz' underfoot just as amusing as crushing the enemy.

Different Stompa crews within a mob are always competing to outdo their mates, and prove once and for all that their Stompa is the deadliest of the bunch. There is a matter of Ork pride at stake as the Stompa crews get to the task of shooting, slashing, burning and stomping as much of the foe as possible. Grots in lookout posts are responsible for keeping a tally of the number of foes killed by each Stompa – a challenging assignment since many Gretchin can't actually count. It is a thankless task for the hapless Grot who, at the end of a battle, is nominated to reveal the scores to the impatient crews, and is shortly thereafter beaten to a bloody pulp by whichever team of Orks he declares as the losers.

Stompa Mob

Badtoof



STOMPA

Gorkamell



BOSS STOMPA

Big Red



STOMPA

FORMATION:

3+ Stompas (of any type).

One Stompa must be designated as the Boss Stompa.

SPECIAL RULES:

Strike Force: All Stompas in the Stompa Mob must be deployed within 6" of the Boss Stompa, or, if coming on from reserve, they must enter the table within 6" of the Boss Stompa.

Stompede! Instead of assaulting normally, a Stompa Mob may, at the beginning of its Assault phase, make a special Stompede move. If the player chooses to do this, each Stompa within 6" of the Boss Stompa must move its full assault move, plus an additional D6", directly ahead – of course, this includes the Boss Stompa!

Roll a dice for every model that one of the Stompas moves over (friend or foe, but not including super-heavy vehicles or gargantuan creatures). On a 4+ the model suffers a single destroyer hit. Any immobile or stunned vehicles in the Stompas' path are hit automatically. If any enemy models would end up underneath one of the Stompas after they have reached their final position, the models are moved out of the way by the shortest distance, leaving it 1" away from the Stompa.

If a Stompa comes in contact with a super-heavy vehicle or gargantuan creature it will immediately stop and engage it in close-combat as normal, however the momentum of the impact is such that the Stompa will gain +D3 attacks for charging instead of just +1.

If a Stompa moves over or through a terrain feature it could feasibly crush, the terrain is destroyed – remove it from the table. If the Stompa comes into contact with an impassible terrain feature, it immediately stops and suffers D3 Strength 10 hits (resolved against its front armour).

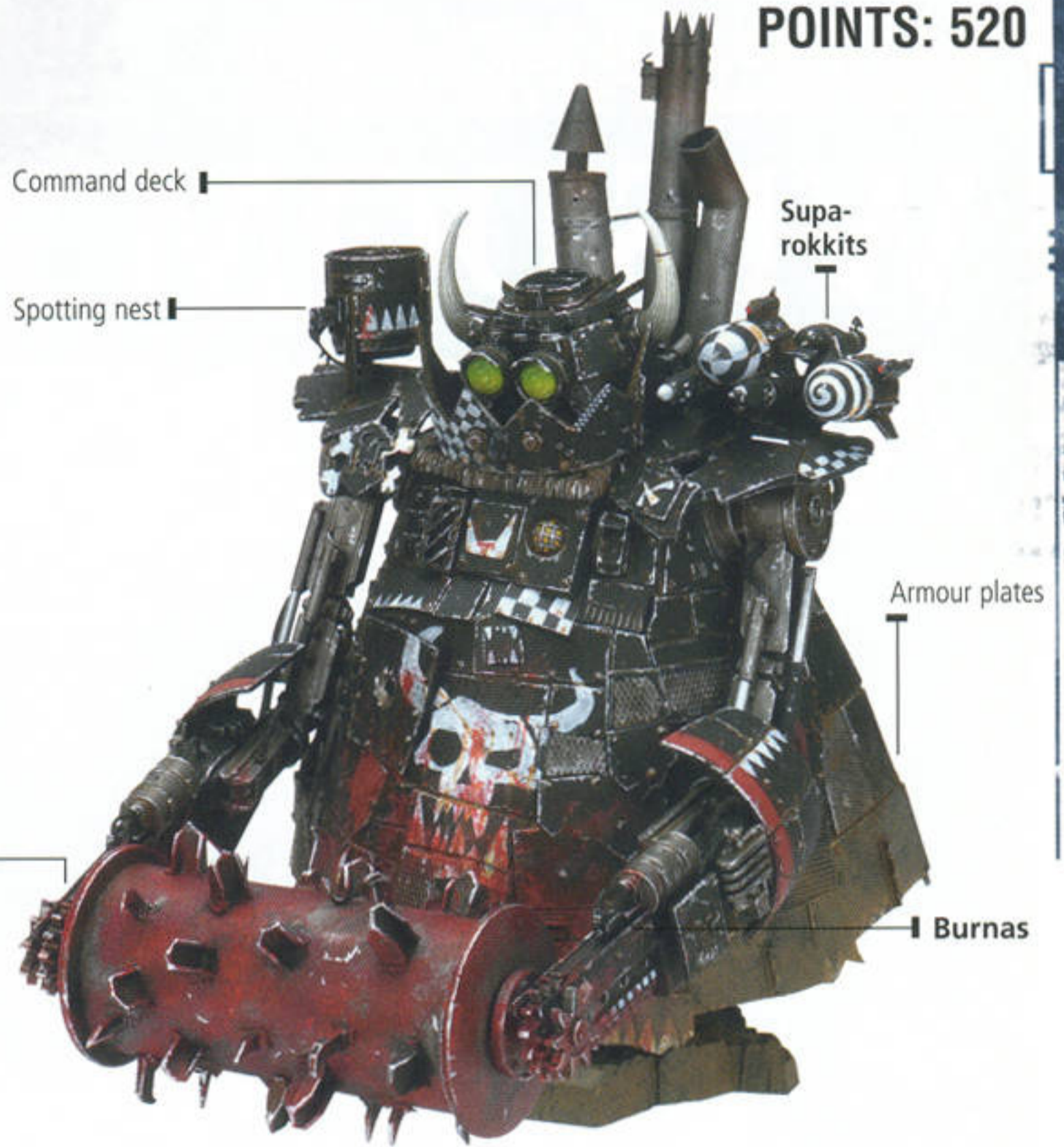
At the end of the Stompede roll a D6. If the result is a 1, 2 or 3 the Stompa crews are so carried away that they may not change direction during their next turn and can only move directly ahead. In addition, the Stompas must continue to Stompede (in the same direction) in their next Assault phase. If any of the Stompas move off the edge of the table they are removed from play – they've clearly spotted something in the distance that deserves a good stomping.

GOFF ROK'N'ROLLA

POINTS: 520

The Goff Rok'n'Rolla is a comparatively rare version of the Stompa, and most that have been witnessed were the creation of Meks in the employ of Goff Orks. The main feature of the Goff Rok'n'Rolla is the grossly over-sized roller mounted to its front, wielded as though it were a weapon attached to the ends of its mechanical arms.

Perhaps the most famous, or infamous, use of a Goff Rok'n'Rolla was during the Siege of the so-called 'Iron City' during Waaagh! Snaggaltoof. A Rok'n'Rolla appeared at the height of the final assault, rolling through a great horde of Orks before smashing through the city's 'impenetrable' Iron Gate in spectacular fashion. Once through the Iron Gate, hundreds of Orks swarming behind it, the Rok'n'Rolla kept going right on, flattening a path fifty kilometres across the city before smashing through the opposite city wall.



Megadeff rolla



Size Komparison

ARMOUR							
WS	BS	S	FRONT	SIDE	REAR	I	A
4	2	10	13	13	12	1	1

UNIT: 1 Rok'n'Rolla

TYPE: Super-heavy walker

STRUCTURE POINTS: 4

TRANSPORT: The Stompa has a transport capacity of 30.

ACCESS POINTS: One rear hatch.

FIRE POINTS: The Goff Rok'n'Rolla has three fire points in its hull.

WEAPONS AND EQUIPMENT:

- One megadeff rolla
- 5 supa-rokkits
- 3 burnas

WEAPON	RANGE	STR	AP	SPECIAL
Supa-Rokkit	Unlimited	8	3	Heavy 1, One-shot
Burna	Template	4	5	Assault 1

SPECIAL RULES:

Effigy: The Stompa is a roaring, belching personification of the warrior god Gork (or possibly Mork) that hums with pure Orkiness. All Ork mobs with a model within 12" are Fearless.

Megadeff Rolla: The Rok'n'Rolla may make a special assault move at the start of its Assault phase, instead of assaulting normally. If the player chooses to do this, the Rok'n'Rolla must move its full assault move, plus an additional D6", directly ahead.

Roll a dice for every model that the Rok'n'Rolla moves over (friend or foe, but not including super-heavy vehicles or gargantuan creatures). On a 4+ the model suffers a single destroyer hit. Any immobile vehicles in the Rok'n'Rolla's path are hit automatically. If any enemy models would end up

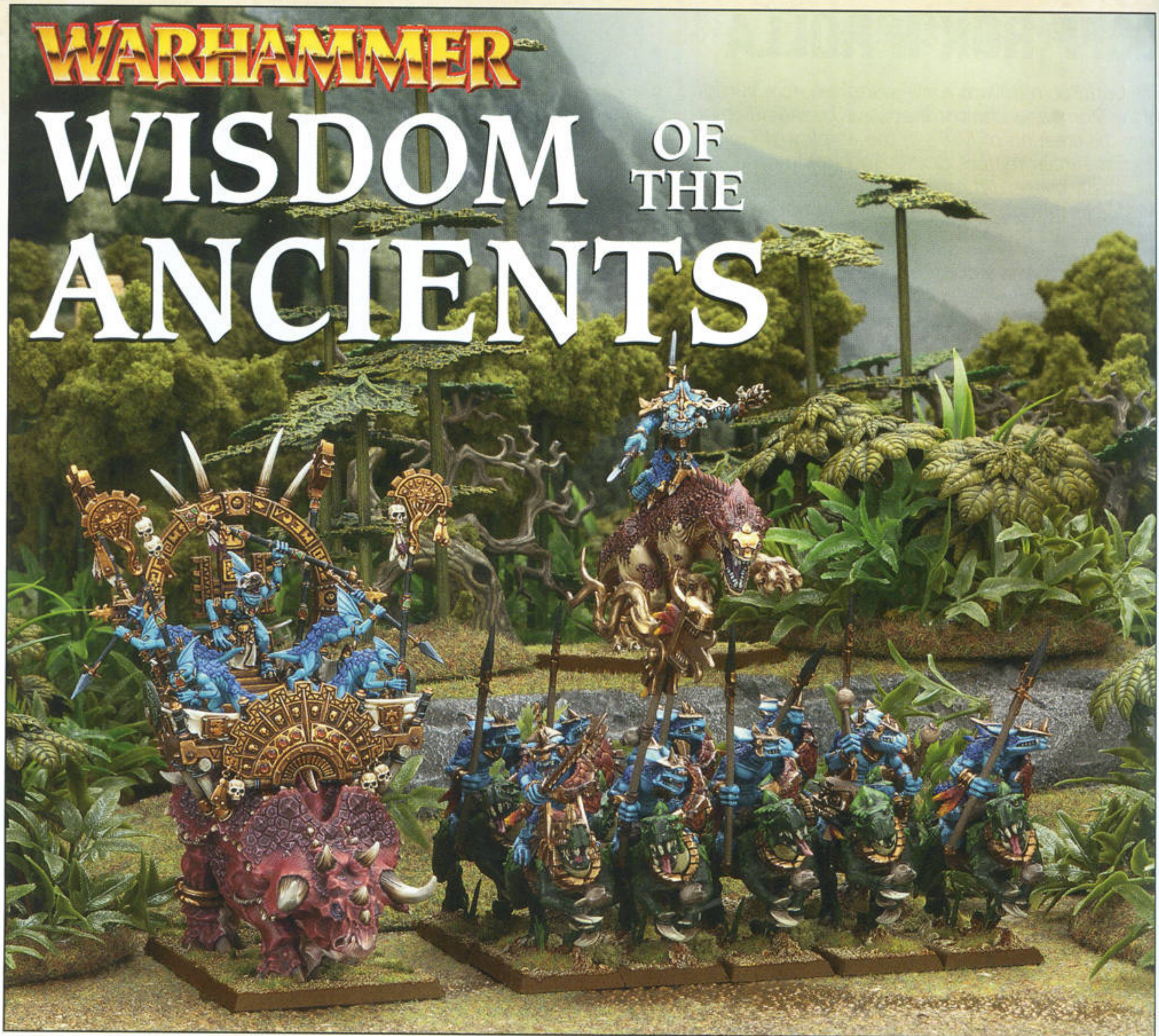
underneath the Rok'n'Rolla after they have reached their final position, the models are moved out of the way by the shortest distance, leaving it 1" away from the Rok'n'Rolla.

If the Rok'n'Rolla comes into contact with a super-heavy vehicle or gargantuan creature it will immediately stop and engage it in close-combat as normal, however the momentum of the impact is such that the Rok'n'Rolla will gain +D3 attacks for charging instead of just +1.

If the Rok'n'Rolla moves over, or through a terrain feature it could feasibly crush, the terrain is destroyed – remove it from the table. If the Rok'n'Rolla comes into contact with an impassible terrain feature, it immediately stops and suffers D3 Strength 10 hits (resolved against its front armour).

WARHAMMER

WISDOM OF THE ANCIENTS



Warhammer Armies: Lizardmen

The new Lizardmen army book contains everything a cold-blooded servant of the Old Ones needs to unleash war upon the younger races.

Welcome to the first of two articles exploring how to collect, paint, model and game with Lizardmen. Having consulted the sacred plaques, Andy Hoare and his trusty Skink attendants present the arcane secrets of this ancient Warhammer race.

Andy: This two-part article is all about the great experience of being a collector of Lizardmen, the latest army to be released for Warhammer. We'll be covering a wide range of subjects within this broad theme, looking at what attracts people to start an army of Lizardmen, how they start a collection, their experiences painting and gaming with their miniatures and even how they go about making terrain to fit the race.

As ever, the best way to explore a subject like this is to talk to people who are actually doing it, so I've recruited a number of mates to help me out. Ian Strickland works in our Pre-production Studio, and it was while he was working on the photographs and boxes for the Lizardmen range that he well and truly

caught the Lizardmen bug. Next up we have a face many of you will be familiar with for his past exploits in White Dwarf, Pete Foley, who is an expert painter (and he should be too – he used to work in Games Workshop's 'Eavy Metal team!) as well as a Lizardmen player. Then we have Andy Smillie, who is a veteran of a great many Grand Tournaments, and is an excellent person to go to for all manner of sneaky tricks. Last but not least, we have Mark Havener, who is a stalwart of the US tournament scene and always one of the first people we go to when it's time to playtest a new army.

So, with our rag-tag bunch of Lizardmen players assembled, I spoke to them about how they got started...

NEW SPAWNINGS

We all know what it's like when a new Warhammer Armies book is released. We see the new models first and soon the urge to paint them sets in. Before we know it, we're imagining a whole collection of them, arranged in all its splendour on the display shelf or marching across the gaming table to crush all that oppose it. For most of us this happens pretty much every couple of months; every time a new army book is released, in fact. So what is it about the Lizardmen that attracts people?

There are many things that cause us to take the leap and start a new collection. For some it's the miniatures and painting or conversion opportunities they present. The Lizardmen are very well served in this regard, especially now that the Temple Guard and Stegadons have been rendered in plastic. Although each of the races in the Warhammer world has a distinct and coherent look, the Lizardmen have a character all of their own. This is fitting, as they were the first race specifically created by Games Workshop for the Warhammer setting (as opposed to presenting Warhammer takes on such fantasy staples as Elves, Dwarfs and Goblins). The race has developed a lot since those first appearances in the early eighties, becoming more focused and 'Warhammer' with every iteration. The sheer character of the Lizardmen has attracted many a collector, as have the painting opportunities, as well as the tactics the army can perform on the tabletop.

IAN STRICKLAND

Ian: I'd been looking to collect a new Warhammer army for a while, and seriously considered both Empire and Bretonnians, until I settled, a year or so ago, on Lizardmen. The reason is simple – dinosaurs! For me it was all about the 'Lost World' feel and the fact that they're so totally different to all the other Warhammer races. Then I heard a new Lizardmen army book was in the offing and I was away!



MARK HAVENER

Mark: There were a few factors that played into my decision to start a Lizardmen army, many moons ago. Just like most bright-eyed boys, I loved dinosaurs as a kid. The idea that there were monsters the size of skyscrapers tromping around the Earth at one time was always pretty appealing. The chance to play an army that used beasts like these was very tempting (I should note that while I've been playing Warhammer since early 3rd edition days, it wasn't until dinosaurs became prevalent with the first Lizardmen army book that I really got hooked on the game). I tend to play armies that capture my imagination. The second reason was the mechanics – I generally roll badly for Leadership tests, so an army that helps me mitigate that suits me well!

PETE FOLEY

Pete: Lizardmen have always been one of my favourite armies because they compete in every phase of the game. With fast-moving troops such as Skink Skirmishers, Kroxigor, Saurus Cavalry and Terradons they can outmanoeuvre all but the quickest of foes. The Slann Mage-Priests dominate the Magic phase as they are arguably the greatest Wizards in the Warhammer world. The Razordons and Salamanders, along with blowpipe-wielding Skinks and giant bow-toting Stegadons mean that the Shooting phase can also bring a lot of joy to the Lizardmen general. Finally, in combat, the Saurus Warrior comes to the fore. With some of the best core infantry in the game, backed up by Temple Guard and Cavalry, the Close Combat phase is another one you can expect to do well in.



ANDY HOARE

Andy: I've played Lizardmen for a little while, though my collecting activities are often derailed by other projects (such as the 6000 points of Imperial Guard I can now field in Warhammer 40,000). But, seeing the new miniatures gave me the push to take up the collection again. What I find most attractive about the Lizardmen is the character they ooze – the combination of fallen civilisation, cold-blooded savagery and mystic servants of the lost gods. I really enjoy the setting of Lustria too, which gives me all sorts of ideas about making terrain that will fit alongside my collection.

PAINTING

So you've decided to become a servant of the Old Ones and enact their Great Plan for the world – one of the first conundrums you'll be faced with is how to go about painting your new miniatures. Lizardmen are blue-skinned, sure, but within that broad characteristic there's plenty of scope to express your own style and tastes. You'll find all sorts of opportunities to go to town painting the

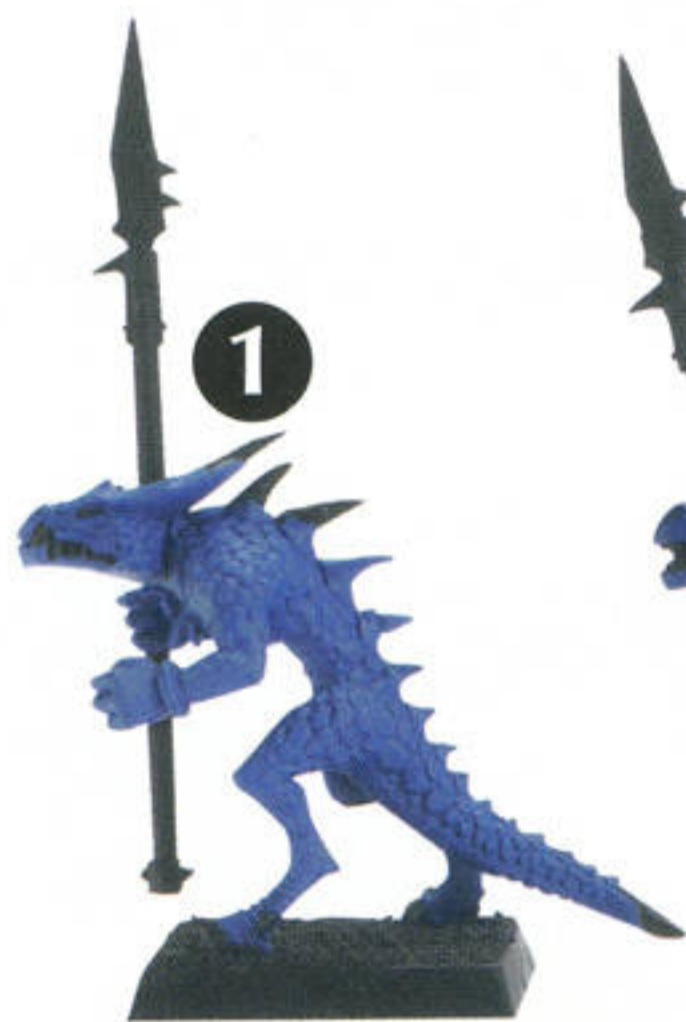
details of your miniatures, with all manner of gleaming metal, reptile-hide shields and decorative feathers. Aside from the Skinks and Saurus there are all manner of other beasts in the army that can sport a dazzling range of patterning. And forming a glorious centrepiece to it all are such awesome models as the Slann Mage-Priest, the Carnosaur-mounted Oldblood and the Stegadon-riding Skink Chieftain.

TOP TIP

Pete: Lizardmen bases can be a really fun part of your army, having them wading through water or surrounded by jungle reeds or foliage can make them really stand out. The important thing to remember is to keep the bases consistent – with so many different units in different colours, a unified basing technique will really help tie your whole army together.

HOW IAN PAINTS HIS SAURUS WARRIORS

Ian: My Saurus Warriors were painted with a method of shading using the new Citadel Washes, combined with successive layered highlights.



First I applied a basecoat of Mordian Blue to the skin and scales.



I then applied a wash of Asurmen Blue over the skin and scales.



Next, the scales were drybrushed with Mordian Blue. The first highlight layer of Mordian Blue was applied to the skin.



Enchanted Blue was used to drybrush the scales. The second layered highlight of Enchanted Blue was applied to the skin.



The skin was highlighted with a mix of Enchanted Blue and Ice Blue. The gold was basecoated Shining Gold, the spear tips with Adeptus Battlegrey and the claws with Bestial Brown.



I applied a final skin highlight with Ice Blue. Leviathan Purple was washed onto the gold. The spear tip was highlighted with Codex Grey.



The gold was highlighted with a Shining Gold and Mithril Silver mix. The claws were highlighted with Bleached Bone and the spear with Fortress Grey.



The shield was basecoated with Mechrite Red and highlighted with Red Gore. A second highlight of Red Gore and Vomit Brown was applied, followed by pure Vomit Brown.

HOW ANDY PAINTS HIS LIZARDMEN

Andy: The first models I painted were the Kroxigor, as they are such stunning models I just couldn't help myself. I had a good think about how I'd paint the skin, and came up with a technique that I'm really pleased with and will use, with variations in colour, throughout my collection. I started off by painting the skin Astronomican Grey. Over this I applied a wash of Asurmen Blue. Then, I applied the highlights by mixing a little Astronomican Grey into some more Asurmen Blue wash. This mix works as a translucent highlight, but without the need for thinning with water, as the wash is already thin enough for some of the previous layer to show through. I was very pleased with the end result, and it really didn't take very long to achieve. I plan to use the same technique on the Skinks and Saurus, varying the exact colours used to achieve an overall colour scheme, with localised variation.



Andy used Lizardmen glyphs, available from the Games Workshop webstore, to add detail to his Kroxigor's bases.



FIRST GAMES

With all this talk of collecting and painting, let's not forget that most of us intend to field our collection on the tabletop battlefield. The army list provides us with a structure for collecting our miniatures, but many people find it a great idea to get stuck in and start gaming as soon as possible. Don't let the fact that you haven't yet collected two units from the Core category stop you fielding what you have. What better way to get to know the various special rules than to get your Skinks or Saurus on the table and try them out? When playing these first small games, the best thing to do is to just field what you have collected. This means you may have some odd combinations, depending on which miniatures first took your fancy and what you wanted to paint first, and that's fine. You can use the army list to total up the points values, ignoring unit size minimums and army list category stipulations, and play against a friend doing likewise. Or, you and a gaming buddy could just agree on what looks right and get playing.

Andy: I've played lots of games with Lizardmen, but decided that when playing my first few games with my own burgeoning collection I would ignore all the models sitting on the Studio's playtest shelves and start afresh. The first unit I collected was a large block of Skinks and three Kroxigor, and it's my intention to field these as a single, combined unit once the army gets off the ground. For the first few games though, I plan to split this single unit up, fielding its members as two smaller units of Skinks and three separate Kroxigor. That will provide quite an entertaining game with plenty of opportunities to get to grips with the warriors' capabilities.

Mark: I've always been a big fan of the Slann Mage Priest. He doesn't fit the dino theme that I like, but there's something very appealing to me about him leading the army from his throne. That he barely moves on his own just makes him more perfect (yes, my wife tells me I have a strange sense of humour). So my new army will continue to be based around the core of a Slann Mage-Priest and his bodyguard. After the Slann comes the Saurus... I usually use two to three blocks of them (including the Temple Guard), and that will continue with the new book. Taking at least 30 Skinks is mandatory as well, in my book – I love the little guys! Kroxigor, Saurus Cavalry, Terradons, a Stegadon, and perhaps some hunting packs will be swapped in and out to taste. I tend to collect at least one unit of each type for my various armies, so as to give myself plenty of options when picking an army list for a game.

Ian: My first game with my Lizardmen was actually a full 2000-point battle – I got so involved in the collecting side of things that by the time it came to arranging a game I had a decent-sized army already! That game was against Dwarfs, and they won, but I learned a valuable lesson about protecting my Saurus Warriors from enemy shooting. Next time I faced them (and, later, another mate's Empire army, which is just as shooty) I took Skink Skirmishers to advance ahead of the Saurus and screen them from missile fire.



TERRAIN

Once your collection is well underway and you're enjoying all the gaming challenges it presents, you might decide to turn your attentions to the setting in which you play your games. Many people enjoy this aspect of the hobby as much as collecting, painting and gaming and Lizardmen present a unique opportunity to create a stunning tabletop environment. While many Warhammer races will look perfectly at home on any of the tables you will commonly fight across, your Lizardmen will benefit from a little attention paid to creating terrain appropriate to the character of the race.

So, if you are looking to create your own tabletop battlefield, why not make

one that represents the deadly jungles of Lustria? You could start by creating a Lizardmen version of one of the special feature terrain pieces presented in the Warhammer rule book. A Necropolis of Heroes, for example, could be imagined as a crumbling jungle shrine. An Ancient Idol might take the form of a gleaming golden serpent statue. These can be carried with you in your army transport case to every game you play, and will give even a fairly nondescript table a hint of the jungle.

The next step is to make patches of jungle, and you'll find plenty of advice on just how to go about this in the article in WD350, as well as on the Games Workshop website.

NEXT MONTH

Next month we'll be taking a look at the next steps in collecting an army of Lizardmen. We'll be hearing about the many conversion opportunities the fantastic kits present, some tactical tips from veteran tournament players, more terrain building, and campaigning with the Lizardmen using *Mighty Empires*. Until then, keep your eyes on the constellations!

EXPEDITION TO LUSTRIA

Ian: Halfway into painting my Lizardmen, I got distracted by the appeal of making some terrain for my army. Naturally this meant lots of jungle! With the Lizardmen coming from a very distinct part of the Warhammer world, I felt that they were one army that demanded a lot of appropriate terrain to fight over. With Skink Skirmishers being in cheap and plentiful supply, having lots of jungle would serve a practical purpose in gaming terms as well.

I could see in my mind's eye swarms of Skinks ambushing unwary enemy units, as the jungle itself would seem to come alive in a hail of poisoned barbs and javelins!

When the Arcane Ruin kit was released I was inspired by the efforts of the Studio's scenery makers to use this as the basis of some half-forgotten jungle ruins, so I added the metal Lizardmen glyphs to the columns to add more of a Lustrian flavour.



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APOCALYPSE

BATTLE REPORT

by
Andy Hoare

Andy: Welcome to our biggest, most apocalyptic Apocalypse battle report yet! With the release of the great new Stompas and Imperial super-heavies we decided it was a perfect opportunity to field as many as we possibly could and show off exactly what they can do on the battlefield.

But we also thought it was time to shake things up a bit in terms of the sort of game we'd be showcasing. There are plenty of ways to play Apocalypse, from two players fielding 3000 points or so per side, right the way up to an entire gaming club bringing along every miniature that they own and playing across the entire floor space.

So, I was given the task of coming up with a scenario in which we could use the new 'miniatures' (I hesitate to use that term

when talking about Stompas and super-heavy tanks!) in a new and exciting, and most importantly, inspirational way. I took my cue from a game I participated in a few years back, run by a great bunch of lads from a number of Games Workshop Hobby Centres along the south coast of England. The basic idea of having a pair of opposing generals issuing orders to their teams in another room is theirs, and they deserve full credit for it.

Having explained that idea to an amiably sceptical White Dwarf editor, we set about fleshing out the details of the game. We wanted most of the action to take place on one, massive battlefield, so we asked the guys at Forge World very nicely if we could borrow the incredible Siege of Vraks table they'd made for UK Games Day '08, and they agreed. They

FORT WRATH



even threw a free miniatures designer, Mark Bedford, into the bargain, who brought his own mighty fine Ork army along with him. Across this central table would fight a massive Ork army, led by as many Stompas as we could find, against an army of the Imperium, using as many of the new super-heavies as possible.

With the main table sorted, we needed some smaller tables, so we chose one that would represent an orbital defence platform on which the leaders of each army would fight, a lava table, and a desert table. It would take twelve players and all the miniatures they could muster to do justice to this incredible set-up, but we weren't done just yet. On top of this, we decided that the generals, fighting across the orbital defence platform, would have to issue orders to their team as they fought,

basing their commands entirely on what they could see in 'aerial reconnaissance' photos taken at the end of each game turn. That should make things interesting... but still I needed to interfere a little more. Why not give each of the players a secret, personal objective that, in some cases, might run contrary to their team's interests? Now we're talking!

So then, roll on a wet and windy morning in October 2008, twelve bleary-eyed gamers, three confused-looking White Dwarfers and a referee with no idea if any of this was actually going to work. To make things worse, tea and biccies weren't due until eleven o'clock (ever the traditionalist, the editor had actually ordered elevenses for eleven, with no thought for the consequences – poor us).

Let the Great Stompede begin!

Guardsman Lenkhax looked out across the crater-strewn wasteland beyond the fort's mighty walls, grateful that he wasn't one of the poor souls stationed below, in the trenches. The wind shifted direction and he heard the bowel-loosening sound of the Ork war machines once again, shaking the blasted ground with their heavy tread. Maybe it wouldn't make any difference where he was stationed at all, he mused. Maybe the troopers down below were the lucky ones, getting to die early.

He shook the thought from his mind, visions of the Commissar filling him with guilt. Then he looked around as a Thunderhawk Gunship launched from somewhere within the fort. He watched as it aligned itself with the massive orbital defence station, the Destroyer Moon, which even by daylight glowered down upon the battlefield. That gunship, he knew, carried Captain Johnson, who would command the defenders of Fort Wrath this day.

Looking back to the battlefield, Lenkhax saw the enemy war machines hove into view. Nine of the beasts were formed in line across the battlefield, and were advancing across the hellish no-man's-land.

'Whatever it is you're planning up there,' the Guardsman addressed the rapidly receding gunship, 'please do it fast... I don't know how long we can hold out against that!'

SCENARIO RULES

With four simultaneous battles going on, you need a robust set of special rules and an adaptable games master – but we made do with Andy Hoare. Here he explains how it's all going to work.

Designing Your Own Scenarios

Apocalypse provides the perfect opportunity to go crazy and come up with left-field scenarios, where fair rules and balanced forces are not an issue. The organiser should feel free to create any kind of situation that reflects their circumstances and the models to hand.

Apocalypse: Reload has a whole section on different ways to play Apocalypse, including some of the ideas we use here, such as story-based objectives, multi-table games and umpires.

The scenario we cooked up is a combination of mad ideas, so bear with me as I explain them.

Each of the teams will be led by a team captain, who will be fighting his own battle in a different room to the main fight. The captains will be allowed to see the main tables before their teams set up, and will be able to issue orders before the game starts. During the game, the captains will be provided with aerial reconnaissance photographs, on which they can write orders and mark troops' movements, and these will be sent back to the front lines. The only other way the captains will gain an inkling into what is going on is by way of a Dictaphone message from their team members, which will accompany the map.

Throughout the game, the games master (me!) will keep a tally of how well he thinks each team is following the

captains' orders. If they do what they're told they'll earn extra points, but if they think they know better, they won't.

On top of this, each player has a secret order card, written by the games master, which he has to keep to himself and do his best to follow. At the end of the game each player will read out his secret order and his team will receive an extra point if it's been successfully achieved.

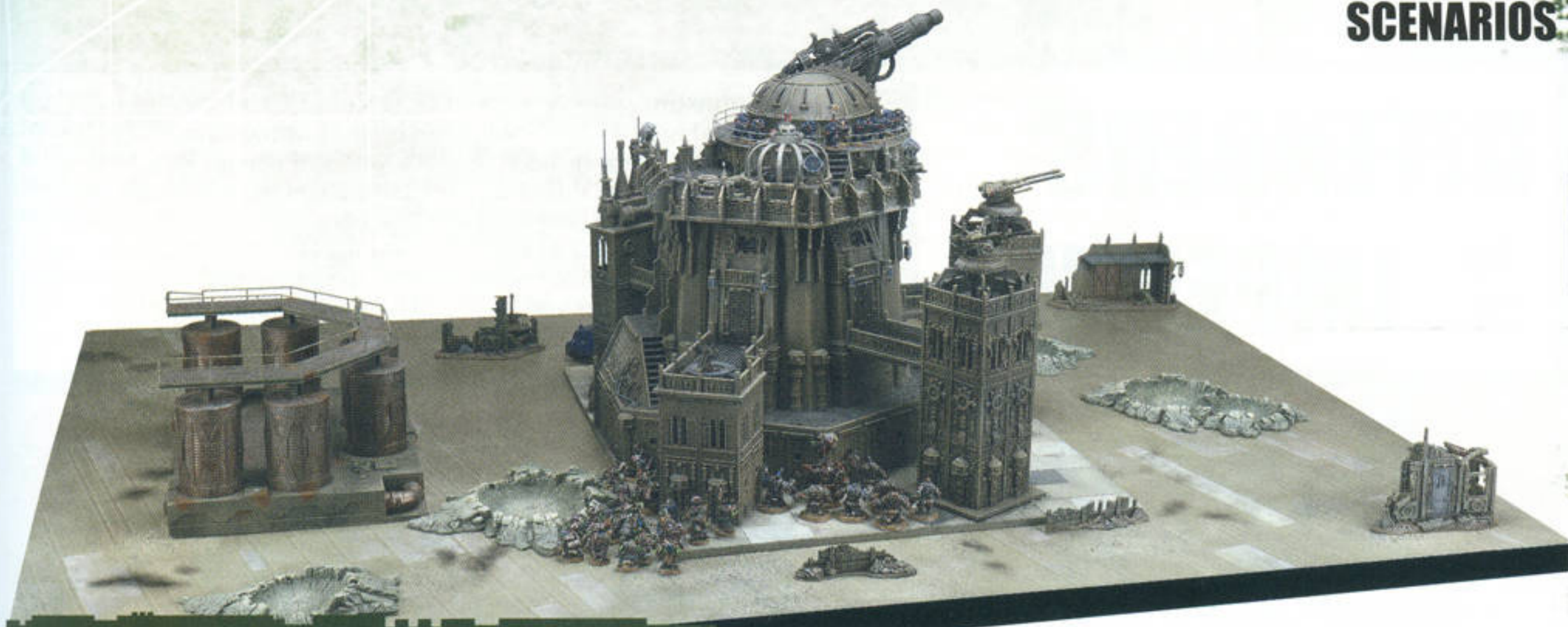
The team captains will also have the power to order the deployment of a number of reserves. The Imperium has a Space Marine Drop Company waiting in orbit, and each side also has a number of flyers, which can disengage from one table to strafe another. How all of this is used is entirely up to the team captains, though they'll only have the photographs and the words of their subordinates to help them decide where they're needed most.

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Victory on the main table will be determined by who has the greatest number of units in their target zone. For the Orks, this is the fort itself, and for the Imperium this is the bunker complex in the Orks' deployment zone. Each side must claim their objective and prevent the other from

controlling theirs. Nothing else matters, so we expect to see the armies crashing together in a bloodbath right in the centre of the table, but if the generals know their stuff they'll have a cunning strategic asset or two set aside to help their forces close on their target.





THE DESTROYER MOON

The two generals will be fighting across the surface of the orbital defence platform known as the Destroyer Moon, a malign weapon that hangs ominously in orbit around the planet. Whoever controls the defence laser at the point the recon photos are presented to them will be able to fire an Orbital Bombardment strategic asset at any of the other tables. The game playing here is a standard Annihilation mission with a Dawn of War set-up rather than an Apocalypse game, to give the poor team leaders a chance to decipher events in the other room, formulate orders and play a game at the same time. Whoever wins the game will get a well-earned point.

DEATHZONE OMEGA 13

This table is criss-crossed with lava channels, which would be counted as dangerous terrain and make for an interesting set of challenges for the players. As with the desert wastes, the game will run as a normal Apocalypse mission, except that the players are purely pursuing their own secret orders. A clear winner at the end of the battle will earn his team a point.



DESERT WASTES

The Desert Wastes table represents a separate part of the same planet, on which the Black Templars will clash with the Orks. The game will be set up and played more or less along the lines of the Apocalypse scenario, with the exception that the only objectives will be the secret orders the players are issued. A clear winner at the end of the battle will earn his team another point.



DEFENDERS OF THE IMPERIUM

01 **Jervis Johnson**
Force: Crimson Fists.
Battle Zone: The Destroyer Moon.
You know that the Imperial Guard Colonel (Ian Strickland) is a revered individual, regarded almost as a saint by the common soldier. You must ensure, via the orders you issue, that he does not die.

02 **Robin Cruddace**
Force: Howling Griffons & Sisters of Battle.
Battle Zone: Fort Wrath.
The Howling Griffons have long held the Dark Angels in contempt. It is imperative that you uphold the honour of your Chapter by reaching the enemy lines first.



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03 Pete Riordan

Force: Dark Angels.
Battle Zone: Fort Wrath.
 The Howling Griffons are known to harbour a disdain for your Chapter. You must prove your superiority by reaching the enemy lines before them.

04 Ian Strickland

Force: Imperial Guard.
Battle Zone: Fort Wrath.
 Only in Death Does Duty End. The lives of the Imperial Guard are there to be sacrificed as an example to all! Martyr your colonel – the more glorious the death the better.

05 Matt Hutson

Force: Black Templars.
Battle Zone: Desert Wastes.
 There is great honour in this battle – your Marshal must kill as many Ork HQs as possible.

06 Adam Troke

Force: Imperial Guard.
Battle Zone: Deathzone Omega 13.
 The enemy is fielding a Battle Fortress that you know incorporates parts looted from a sacred vehicle. This blasphemy must be destroyed!



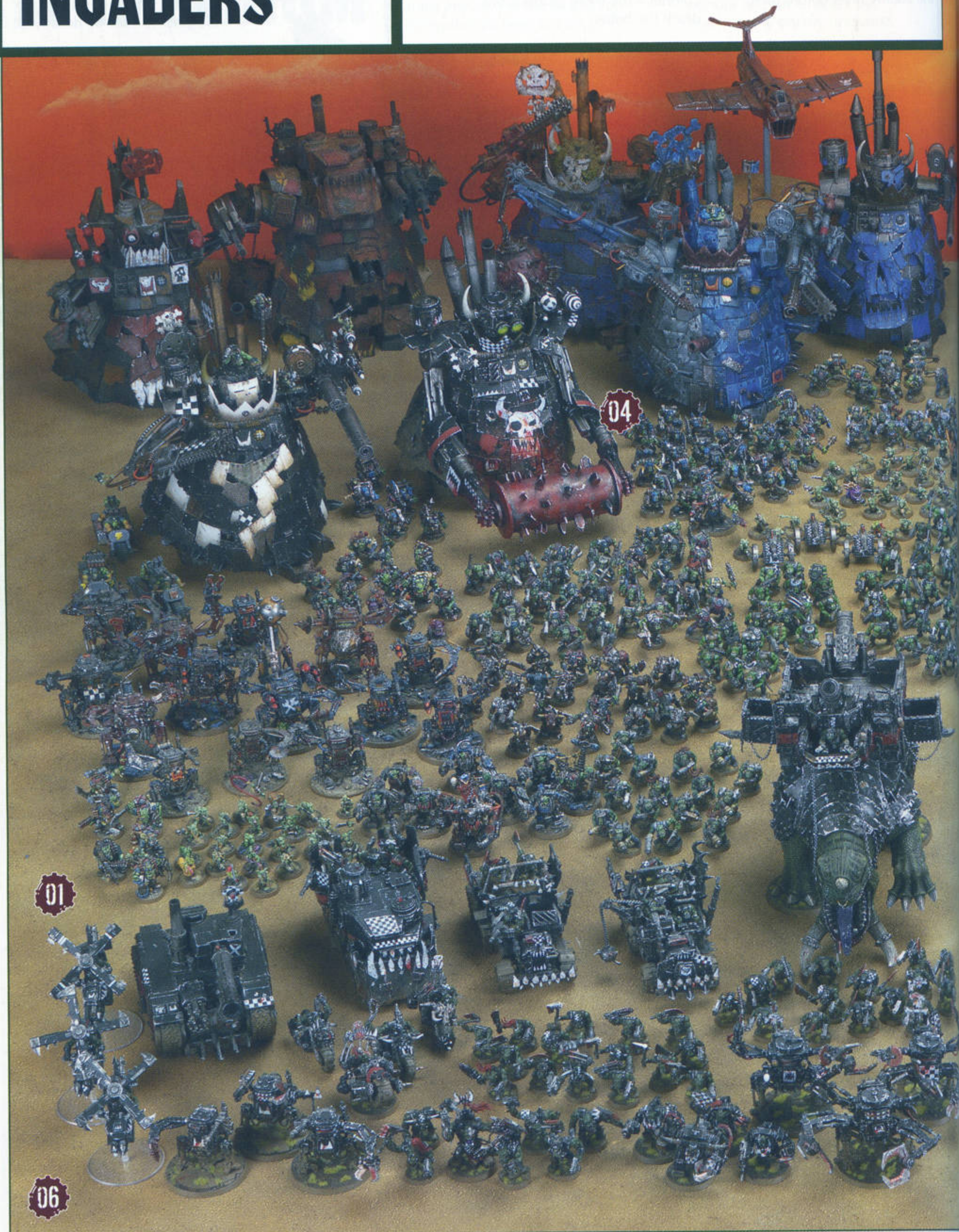
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ORK INVADERS

01 Jeremy Vetock
Battle Zone: The Destroyer Moon.
That git Killboss is sizing up your job. Make sure the orders you give him get him killed.

02 Dave Cross (Boss Kross)
Battle Zone: Fort Wrath.
You're so proud of your new Stompa you just have to show it off! Your Stompa must end the game further forward than any other Stompa on the table.



03 Phil Kelly (Da Killboss)

Battle Zone: Fort Wrath.
The guv'nor doesn't trust you, and he's right not to. In order to show that you could take his place you need to prove yourself to the other Warbosses. The best way to do that is to kill something big.

04 Jim Sowter

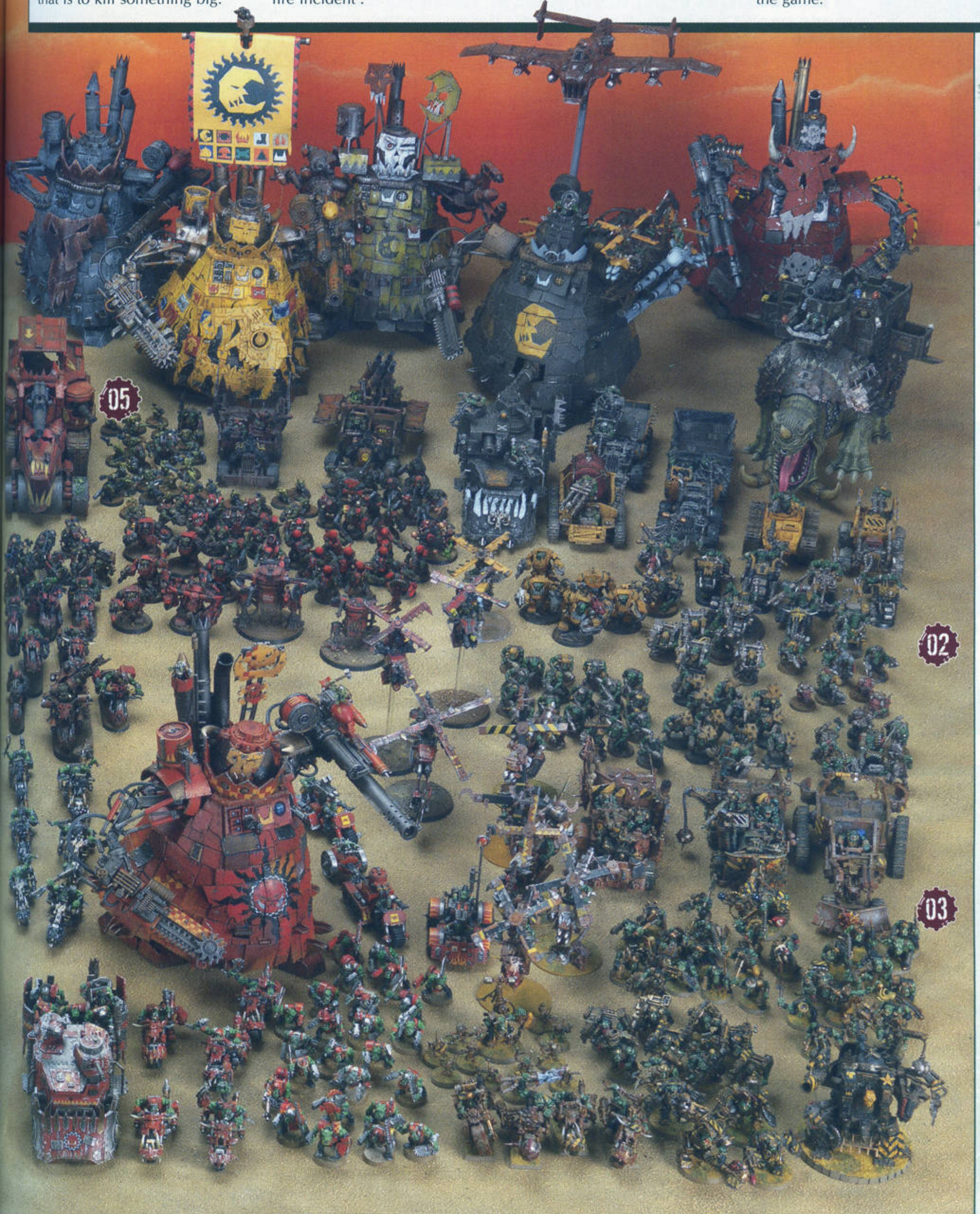
Battle Zone: Fort Wrath.
You know that Killboss is trying to get you on his side against the guv'nor, but you're not impressed. To prove your loyalty you must eliminate da Killboss through a 'friendly fire incident'.

05 Mark Bedford

Battle Zone: Deathzone Omega 13.
You're really proud of your shiny new Battle Fortress. Perform as many rams with it as you can!

06 Fil Dunn

Battle Zone: Desert Wastes.
You overheard the Lootas talking about a big stash of gubbinz hidden in a ruin in the desert. Make sure one of your HQs is occupying this building at the end of the game.



FORCE DEPLOYMENT

The Orks deployed as far forward as they could, with a line of nine Stompas eager to get stuck in. The Imperial forces made use of the battlefield's inbuilt defensive lines.



FORGE WORLD

We didn't just use the brilliant new plastic kits in this mammoth battle report. The chaps at Forge World were on hand to supply us with a multitude of cool resin models to enhance our game, too. There was a whole host of fliers including the Ork Fightas and Marauder Bombers. As well as towering Squiggoths, even the walls of Fort Wrath are Forge World products. However, it was the presence of the Imperial Titans – the Warhound and Reaver – that drew most eyes, but would even these mighty machines have enough firepower to deal with nine Stompas?

All of the Forge World models featured in this battle report and a load more besides can be purchased from their website:

www.forgeworld.co.uk

“ If it's green, kill it! ”

Jervis' initial orders lack something in the detail department – a trend that is set to continue...

Objectives

The Fort Wrath battlezone consists of two key objectives that each side had to defend or take:

01 The reinforced bunker has been taken over by the invading Orks, who have used the accompanying trench system as a rallying point before advancing on the gates of Fort Wrath.

02 The Orks need to take the Imperial citadel of Fort Wrath. The gates of the fortress are key to that objective.

Jervis: I'd like to be able to say that I'd carefully prepared for our big battle, meticulously studying the army lists of my sub-commanders and maps of the battlefields, and then coming up with a well-thought out and cunning battle plan that would ensure our total and overwhelming victory. Sadly that would all be a lie.

The truth of the matter is that when I arrived at the Studio on the day of the battle I hadn't had a chance to do anything other than to bring in my Space Marine army over the weekend. I hadn't even got my own army list ready, let alone studied that of my subordinates. Fortunately for me Jeremy 'deadlines are for wimps' Vetock was similarly unprepared. We quickly agreed to fight a 1750-point battle ourselves, and then strolled through to see how things were going in the big board room where the main battles were going to be fought.

Our subordinates were thankfully much better prepared than their commanders, which made our jobs pretty simple. One thing I've learnt about big games like this is that any plan you come up with has to be very straightforward, as anything in the slightest bit complicated will tend to fall apart. As Moltke said, 'no plan survives contact with the enemy.'

With this in mind I didn't give Adam, who was commanding on the Deathzone board, and Matt, who was commanding in the Desert Wastes, any special instructions at all other than to achieve their victory conditions to the best of their ability. On the main table Ian was ordered to use his Imperial Guard to defend our bastion, while Robin and Pete were ordered to use the rest of our forces and any tanks that Ian could spare to capture the bunker complex. The additional assets I had under my command were all assigned to the main battlefield, apart from two



Thunderbolts that were sent to help Matt out on the desert board.

These fairly simple instructions imparted, I quickly came up with a 1750-point army for my own use, and then prepared to give Jeremy's Orks a jolly sound thrashing.

Jeremy: Not surprisingly, the bandy-legged group of rival Ork Warlords voted me as Uber-Kommandant, the Mastermind of the BIG GREEN PLAN, 'da King of Kings.' Actually I was the only Ork player out of the office at the time of selection so the cowardly lot volunteered me, but any Ork Warlord should know not to let the truth get in the way of self-aggrandising bombast and bluster.

My lot for the battle was to take over the orbital defence laser from the defending Space Marines (commanded by Jervis Johnson), issue orders to my unruly lot of subordinate Big Bosses, and generally

inspire and coerce the Ork players to victory. I also had my own special mission from games master Andy Hoare – to ensure that, by my orders, Phil Kelly's Warboss da Killboss was slain in action. It is hard to say conclusively, but I'm fairly certain this would have been part of my plans without the special order.

I felt justifiably overconfident in supplying my own end of the bargain – that is, giving Jervis Johnson a good dose of the ol' thrashin'. The dense terrain favoured my close combat army and, frankly, he is one of the few beings on this planet that rolls worse dice than me. As we agreed to play 1750 points I could add my unit of Meganobz and my armour-slicing Burnas, which would surely cause da Emperor's boys some trouble. Could I gain control of the defence laser quickly enough? Would I get enough information to not totally foul up the orders? Either way, it all sounded like good fun...

Orky Shenanigans

Being a bit of a sneaky Blood Axe type, I had infiltrated the games master's system to produce my own set of order cards. Of course I didn't want to actually mess about with the outcome of the game itself, so my counterfeit orders looked like official ones, but tended to 'instrukt' Imperial commanders to stomp on each other's feet, stop shooting up the Orks, etc. A bit of good-natured zaniness around the perimeter of the game adds to the fun and keeps everyone laughing between turns.

TURN ONE

As the Stompas advance upon the gates of Fort Wrath, the Orks attack in three other theatres of war; if the planet is to be saved the defenders of the Imperium must hold.

Turn 1

01 The Ork Boyz charge towards the Imperial lines as fast as they can. However, they are quickly overtaken by the faster, but no-less-lumbering, Stompas.

02 The five lead Stompas fire their supa-rokkits at the Imperial forces below. Imperial Guard tanks are the main casualties, with Leman Russ battle tanks and Chimeras bearing the brunt of the Ork salvo.

The barren, rocky ground before the gates of Fort Wrath trembled as the Stompas lurched forward towards the Imperial lines. The mass of Boyz and myriad other Ork jaloopies trundled forward, keen to get to grips with the defenders of the Imperium.

The three Stompas in the centre of the battlefield were the first to engage, opening up with their supa-gatlers they caused tremendous damage to the Imperial forces. This created a massive hole in the Imperium's line where Space Marines and Battle Sisters had once stood.

To the north the Gargantuan Squiggoth advanced, bellowing as the Orks on its back unleashed its lobbas at the enemy.

The Mek Stompa was next to fire, using its lifta-droppa arm to pick up a Leman

Russ Vanquisher and fling it across the Imperial line. The thrown tank scattered man and Marine alike until it landed on the second Vanquisher, destroying both in an explosive plume. The Stompa also fired its Gaze of Mork at the nearby Stormsword but this failed to scratch the paintwork, let alone the armour. Lacking the range of the other Ork war machines the Klawstompa barged forward into contact with the Doomhammer on the southern flank. Before the super-heavy crew could even bail out the Stompa's powerful klaws had ripped through the thick armour plates, leaving the giant tank a smoking wreck.

The Imperium quickly recovered from the initial onslaught and immediately struck back, lighting up Fort Wrath with a host of powerful weaponry.



DESTROYER MOON – EARLY STAGES

While battles were being fought on the planet below, the two rival commanders took their personal forces to the orbital laser itself; both knew that whoever had control of it could fire down upon the enemy.

The Crimson Fists Chapter arrived at the installation first and immediately set about trying to secure the laser platform. The Orks were not far behind, appearing on the far side of the turret, roaring forward and firing wildly.

The main force of Space Marines took control of the tower, while the Devastator Squad remained further back to provide fire support. A missile from the squad hit an Ork Trukk, which careened into the Warboss's crack unit of 'Ard Boyz and exploded in their midst.

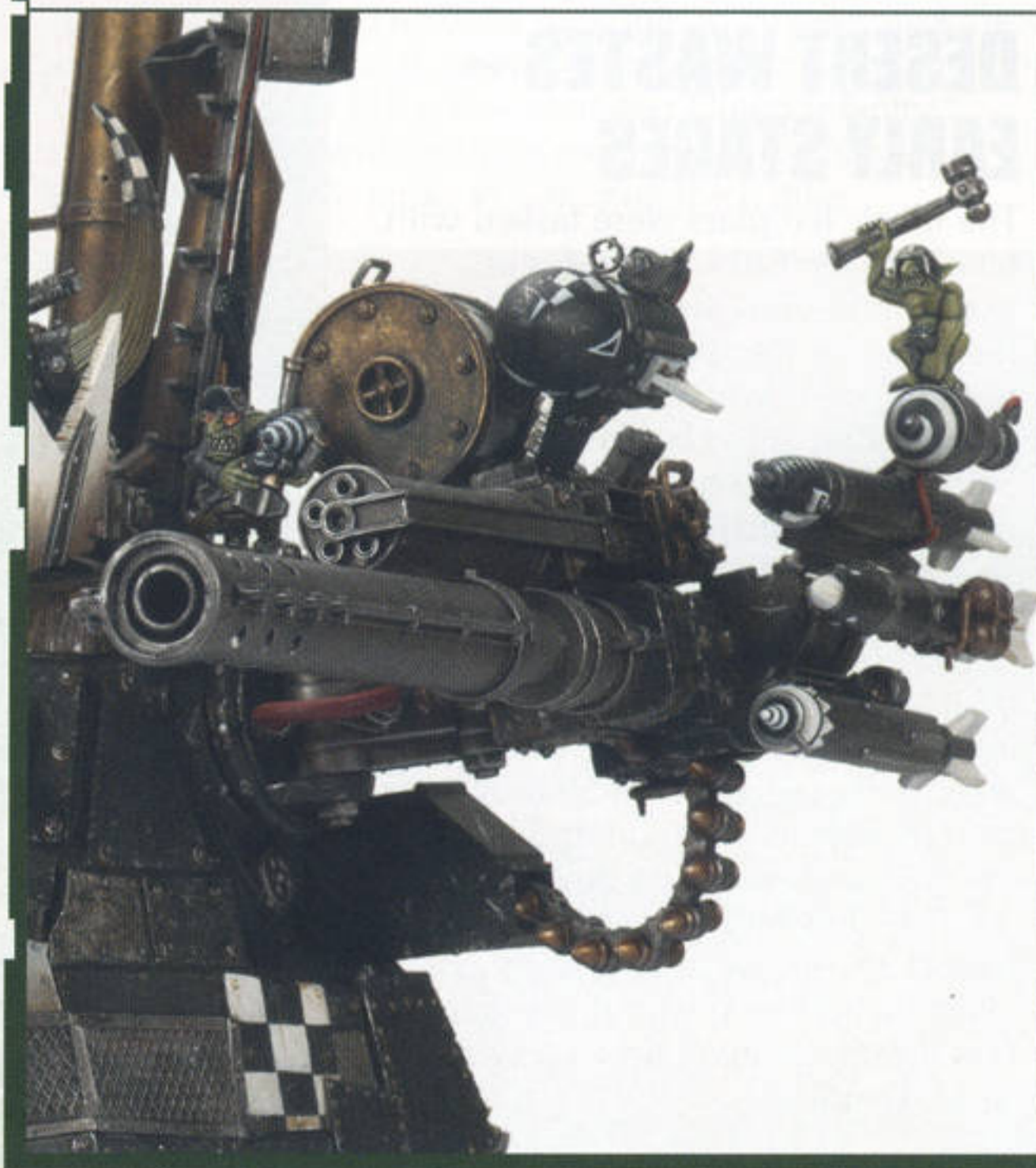
Meanwhile the Land Speeder zipped around the side of the tower, catching the approaching Boyz in a deadly crossfire.

As the early stages of the engagement came to a close, the Space Marines had control of the laser. Commander Johnson didn't hesitate and fired it at the planet below.



SUPA-GATLERS

The combined might of three supa-gatlers cleared away a scary amount of the Imperium's elite infantry. This is because it keeps firing until a double is rolled on 2D6. Once it's fired upon a squad it can then move to any other enemy squad within 12". So when the smoke had cleared and the gatlers had finally run out, Dark Angels, Battle Sisters and over 30 Howling Griffons had been killed, and four tanks had been destroyed.



Turn 1 cont.

- 03** The Klawstompa assaults the Doomhammer before it even has a chance to fire and rips it apart.
- 04** The Hammer Blow strategic asset is played. It hits the 'Evil Eye in da Sky' but only stuns it.
- 05** A Demolisher fires at the Mek Stompa taking an impressive two structure points off it.
- 06** The Dark Angels follow the Howling Griffon's example and directly engage an Ork Stompa, but they are less successful and only manage to stun it.
- 07** Robin achieves his objective when his Command Squad is the first into melee.



Games master Andy explains the situation to incredulous Ork players.

++ Destroy the xenos!
Let none survive!
For the Emperor! ++

High Commander Johnson sends (less than) detailed orders to his troops.



ROBIN CRUDDACE

BATTLE ZONE: MAIN

The Howling Griffons have long held the Dark Angels in contempt, though the exact reasons are long since obscured by time. Regardless, it is imperative that you uphold the honour of your chapter by reaching the enemy lines before the Dark Angels.

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DESERT WASTES – EARLY STAGES

The Black Templars were tasked with repulsing the Orks in the desert wastelands. They were met with strong resistance as the greenskins emerged from the ruins with a sizable force of ladz accompanied by a Gargantuan Squiggoth and two Stompas, one of which was armed with a deff rolla.

The Black Templars were non-plussed by the scale of the foe and quickly mobilised, catching the Orks off-guard. As the Black Templars advanced, eager to close with the greenskins, the attached Shadowword fired its volcano cannon and brought the Squiggoth crashing down.

The Orks hit back, keen to wreak havoc. The supa-gatler proved as effective here as it was at the gates of Fort Wrath, gunning down a swathe of Black Templars.



Titans of the Imperium

The Warhound and Reaver made their marks early in the battle. The Warhound's plasma blastgun stunned the Mek Stompa. It then opened up with its Vulcan mega-bolter, pulverising countless Ork Boyz. At the same time the Reaver immobilised the Klawstompa but also damaged the Stormhammer in the subsequent blast. Its Apocalypse missile launcher was more accurate, destroying several Ork Dreads.



DEATHZONE OMEGA 13 – EARLY STAGES

The ground of the ancient city was riddled with magma channels but even this harsh terrain didn't stop the Orks forcing an engagement. Luckily for the Imperium, Commissar Yarrick himself was present in his personal Baneblade, *the Fortress of Arrogance*.

The Orks poured fire into the Imperial forces. The Stompa's deth kannon mercilessly cut through the Guardsmen and the demolisher cannon on the second Baneblade, *Nemesis*, was destroyed.

The surviving Guardsmen advanced to bring their guns to bear on the encroaching Orks. But, despite the rousing presence of Yarrick, their return fire was largely inaccurate. The Orks took full advantage, and the Stompa was soon within assault range of *Nemesis*, badly mauling the super-heavy tank. Meanwhile all but a few scattered Guard infantry were wiped out leaving Yarrick with nothing much beyond his own tank and a few Lemman Russ battle tanks to continue the battle.

The Banehammer's tremor cannon fired upon the Klawstompa, disrupting the Ork advance as the ground heaved and lurched. The Basilisks then sent massive shells into it, blowing both claws off the Stompa. The Shadowsword fired its deadly volcano cannon at the Stompa the Orks had crudely named 'Big Bloo'. The Stompa lurched wildly as it was hit. The Lemman Russ battle tanks wisely concentrated their fire at the same target as the super-heavy tank, damaging Big Bloo's main drive and slowing it further.

While both sides' super-heavies contented themselves with blowing each other apart, the few surviving Howling Griffons – a Command Squad led by Captain Xerxes – were desperately trying to receive the honour of being the first Space Marines to directly engage the greenskins. This was achieved when they charged the Death Skull Stompa and damaged the thing with a well-placed meltabomb and a carefully timed punch from a power fist! Captain Xerxes nearly paid for this brave charge with his life, but the force field in his Iron Halo deflected the blow.



TURN TWO

Orky confidence rides high as all of the Stompas are still standing and the Imperium seems to be on the back foot. However, Commander Johnson still has some important reserves to commit to battle.



Turn 2

01 The Orks charge forward, assaulting the fortifications with typical ferocity. Despite standing behind the formidable defences, the Guardsmen can't stop the weight of the Ork attack breaching the lines.

02 The Stormlord explodes as it suffers a catastrophic meltdown. The Banehammer, positioned next to it, is another super-heavy casualty; the Ork Dread known as da Sheriff rips it apart with his power klaw and the ensuing large blast kills most of the surviving Battle Sisters.

Watch the skies, cos there's Seraphim about,' da Killboss told his ladz over the crude comm-system, oblivious to the fact that there was an entire Ultramarines Battle Company in Drop Pods still in orbit! Further orders were then received from Grand Warlord Vetock fighting on the orbital laser. His vague instructions were interpreted as 'be reckless and advance', advice taken quite literally by his subordinate Nobz.

Killboss ordered his Trukk to ram its way through the thin line of Guard Conscripts, aiming straight for the Imperial war machine. The Boss disembarked at the feet of the Warhound Titan. The Stompas, under control of Warboss Sowter, seemed to track da Killboss, before they targeted the Titan. Not all the shots were accurate and while the Warhound's void shields crackled under the impact, the Orks close by took more damage. Killboss survived despite the deth kannon on one Stompa appearing to deliberately target him.

The Orks then pulled another surprising manoeuvre; in a rare bout of battlefield

coordination the three central Stompas performed a Stompede. The Ork war machines stomped forward, crashing through the Imperial Guard lines causing swathes of damage to the Imperial forces. A Leman Russ Conqueror was destroyed along with a Howling Griffons Razorback. The Howling Griffons Company Champion was unceremoniously stepped on before he could even issue a challenge from his lips, and an entire Dark Angels Command Squad was next in line. The Ork attack wasn't quite as coordinated as it first seemed, as the Big Dread in the Dredd Mob was also crushed in the rush.

The gigashoota on the Mek Stompa was next to fire; it aimed its massive weapon along the walls of Fort Wrath itself. The powerful weapon tore great rents out of the reinforced masonry and killed all of the Imperial Guard Heavy Weapon teams that were ensconced atop the wall.

The other Stompas fired upon the Reaver; if it felt the impacts it showed no signs as supa-rokkits and deth kannon shots exploded all around it. Nevertheless, after

“ The Howling Griffons Company Champion was unceremoniously stepped on. ”

the barrage, all of the Reaver's void shields had been depleted, although the Titan itself remained undamaged.

The Ork Boyz running amok between the feet of the Titans had their part to play in the carnage as well. Many mobs were close enough to assault and they did just that, setting about the scattered Space Marine and Battle Sisters squads with characteristic gusto. The Imperial Guard infantry on the frontline in front of the fortress doors were also targeted and were quickly subsumed by the mass of charging, furious greenskins.

As the fighting continued across the rocky landscape and the Orks grew in confidence, the first contrails of light appeared in the sky. The Imperial commanders knew that it signalled one thing; the Ultramarines were on their way.

Nine Drop Pods plummeted from the sky carrying their deadly cargo of Space Marines. In a daring move, the Drop Pods landed behind the Ork lines slamming into the ground amidst the tangled trench system itself. Using the arrival of the Ultramarines as their cue, units of Seraphim descended into the rear of the Orks and Valkyries screamed overhead,

disgorging squads of Storm Troopers behind the enemy lines.

Still more reinforcements arrived as the Imperial air wing flew over the battlefield. No sooner had the Marauder Bomber begun to circle overhead than it pulled up and away, heading towards the Deathzone as High Commander Johnson reassigned it to the burning city to help Commissar Yarrick – he'd obviously listened to

Going Nuclear

Warboss Kross and his Meganobz assaulted the damaged Stormlord. They ripped through its power plant and triggered a catastrophic 14" blast incinerating all close by. The Klawstompa was left a smouldering wreck; the Evil Sunz Stompa lost its right arm; the Meganobz were all wiped out; three Deff Dreads were destroyed along with a Vindicator, a Predator, two Sentinels, an Immolator, a Rhino and 11 Battle Sisters!



DESERT WASTES – MIDDLE STAGES

The Black Templars were set on achieving their primary objective, that of killing a fearsome Ork Warboss, rumoured to be as powerful as the legendary Ghazghkull Thraka. But before they could strike at him there was the rather large problem of two rampaging Stompas. The Rok'n'Rolla Stompa crushed a Land Raider and a squad of Terminators as it lumbered forwards.

The Black Templars tackled the situation with typical Space Marine stoicism. They closed in with the Rok'n'Rolla Stompa, firing at it with as many meltaguns as they could bring to bear. The Predator and a meltagun-armed brother both hit but it was the multi-melta on the Landraider Crusader that dealt the final blow, toppling the Stompa and destroying it utterly. With all the fire concentrated on just one Stompa the other turned its attention to the Shadowword, but not before the volcano cannon spoke with a thunderous roar.





Turn 2, cont.

03 For a brief second the sky lights up over Fort Wrath – but not with an ion beam from the Destroyer Moon. It is the thrusters of the Drop Pods carrying the Ultramarines 2nd Company into the battle.

04 The Assault Marines of the 2nd Company Deep Strike straight into the action, targeting the Ork Boyz positioned close to the trenches.

Commander Troke's bleating about how having a war hero such as Yarrick die would be bad for morale...

The few remaining Howling Griffons fought on, refusing to succumb to the greenskin menace. A lone Tactical Space Marine armed with a meltagun fired it into the rear of the Death Skull Stompa. The super-heated blast penetrated the layers of plated armour and forced it to an abrupt halt. Steam and goutts of fire burst through the many rips and gaps in its armour, it was destroyed but didn't explode – much to the relief of the nearby Imperial troops.

The Stormsword fired on the Gargantuan Squiggoth but, due to blind luck, the creature only sustained a flesh wound. This seemed to send Colonel Strickland – who was perhaps still shell-shocked from taking a direct hit earlier in

the battle – into a rant. He flooded the Imperial comm traffic with bellowed orders to kill the Squiggoth at all costs, even if it meant ignoring the more pressing problem of the rapidly approaching Stompas! The Reaver Titan was commanded by a Princeps immensely loyal to the Imperial Guard Commander and he immediately turned his great guns onto the Ork beast. This time the Squiggoth was wounded badly as it was hit by the Titan's gun batteries and turbo-laser, covering it in burns and great gashes. But still the creature limped on until a Thunderbolt Fighter flew low and strafed it, and finally it toppled over dead and steaming.

The Orks had air support of their own in the form of a ramshackle swarm of Fighta-Bombers defying gravity overhead with the Orks' primitive grasp of

THE DESTROYER MOON – MIDDLE STAGES

As the battle for the planet intensified, so too did the fight for control of the massive orbital laser. The Crimson Fists remained in control of the tower but the Orks were grinding their way slowly upwards. The Devastator Squad was proving a thorn in the Orks' side until a Nob with a bunch of ladz in a Trukk rode up to them. On the other side of the battlefield, Ork Tankbustas tangled with a Dreadnought that was about to be overcome with Meganobz until a squad of Crimson Fist Terminators teleported in behind them.

With the Space Marines now firmly in control of the laser turret, Commander Johnson ordered it to fire a massive ion beam at the Orks in Deathzone Omega 13.



DEATHZONE OMEGA 13 – MIDDLE STAGES

With a sonic boom that burst eardrums a great energy blast from the Destroyer Moon struck one of the buildings in the city. But what High Commander Johnson had mistaken for a nest of fearsome Orks was in fact a building occupied by Gretchin!

Commissar Yarrick visibly grimaced at the wasted shot and reminded himself to have words with the High Commander should he survive this. He couldn't dwell on the situation for long as the Stompa that had wrecked the *Nemesis* was even now turning its attention to his own super-heavy vehicle.

However, all was not lost as a Marauder Bomber flew across the city. It fired all its might into the rear of the Battle Fortress but, the Ork vehicle remained undamaged.



aeronautics, but the Hyperios Whirlwind locked on to one of them and blew it out of the sky. The Demolisher that had proved so effective earlier in the day opened up once again, this time its cannon was firmly aimed at Big Bloo. The shell struck home and the Stompa visibly shook as its structure was compromised and its deth kannon crushed beyond use. More was to come as the Leman Russ tanks and Shadowswords continued to coordinate their firepower. They poured shots into the blue Stompa until it exploded, showering the battlefield all around with shards of metal and pieces of Ork.

The Battle Sisters Exorcist formation, the Divine Judgement Squadron, formed up to let fly with a devastating barrage that severely weakened the Mek Stompa. The Baneblade aimed at the Blood Axe Stompa

and scored a direct hit. The Stompa was riddled with a chain reaction of internal explosions. Although it now looked distinctly unsteady it still lurched forward.

As the ranged firefights were being fought, the close-assault troops that had flown onto the battlefield set about the Orks. Ultramarines Assault Squads, accompanied by the Seraphim, flew into combat with Ork Boyz or bathed them in sheets of white hot flame. The greenskins died in droves.

The Orks had started the battle firmly in control but as the sun reached its zenith it was clear that the Imperium was far from finished on the battlefield before Fort Wrath, mainly thanks to the coordinated fire of the Imperial Guard super-heavies and the timely arrival of the Ultramarines Battle Company.

++ Commander Johnson, Sir, my confidence may have been misplaced, things are going extremely badly. I think I need help. Got to go, Orks are comi... ++

Commander Troke from Deathzone Omega 13

TURN THREE

After being repulsed, the Orks hit back knowing full well that time – and Stompas – ran short. And, while the battle for Fort Wrath continues to be close, the green tide starts to dominate elsewhere.

Turn 3

- 01 The Orks play their Rok 'Em Boyz strategic asset. Three rokks scatter 2ft, 4ft and 6ft, hitting nothing (in fact, the third asteroid scattered so far that it 'hit' Robin, who was standing several feet away from the table).
- 02 The Evil Eye in da Sky prepares to launch its second Deffkopta but once again this hovers a few feet from the launch pad before tumbling to the ground below and exploding into a ball of fire.
- 03 After the Bad Moon's supa-gatler had scythed down many Ultramarines it cut through the Drop Pod that was in the way.

As the battle raged on, the Orks called down a deadly hammer blow from a Killkroozer in orbit. True to Orky nature, this went awry and landed on the Bad Moon Stompa, badly damaging it! Not content with this self-inflicted destruction, the Orks flung a trio of space asteroids onto the battlefield with the aid of the massive traktor beams also orbiting the planet. These, too, were far from accurate and impacted the planet's surface miles from any actual fighting.

Despite the heavy damage, the Bad Moon Stompa managed to turn and face the Ultramarines and start raking them down with the dreaded supa-gatler. The Evil Eye in da Sky failed to launch its second Deffkopta, which fell to the ground ablaze, but the warmachine was still able to inflict massive damage on the

Ultramarines when it too fired its supa-gatler, slaying all of Sicarius' Command Squad, a Devastator Squad and two Tactical Squads. The Ultramarines reeled as their force was seriously diminished.

The Ork Boyz refused to be cowed by the arrival of the Imperial reinforcements and counter charged. The Seraphim stood ready and took the charge well before retaliating by clinically dispatching countless numbers of the surprised Boyz. The Howling Griffons managed to hold firm against the assault but the Storm Troopers of the Imperial Guard were not so lucky and were wiped out. Warboss Kross recklessly charged into a unit of Battle Sisters alone, but the Sisters easily repulsed the charge and then proceeded to scythe down the Warboss – little vengeance for the carnage he wreaked earlier.

++ A few of those pansy bloo blokes 'ave turned up but I reckon da Gretchin in da trenches will 'ave it covered. ++

Warboss Kross, just before his demise.



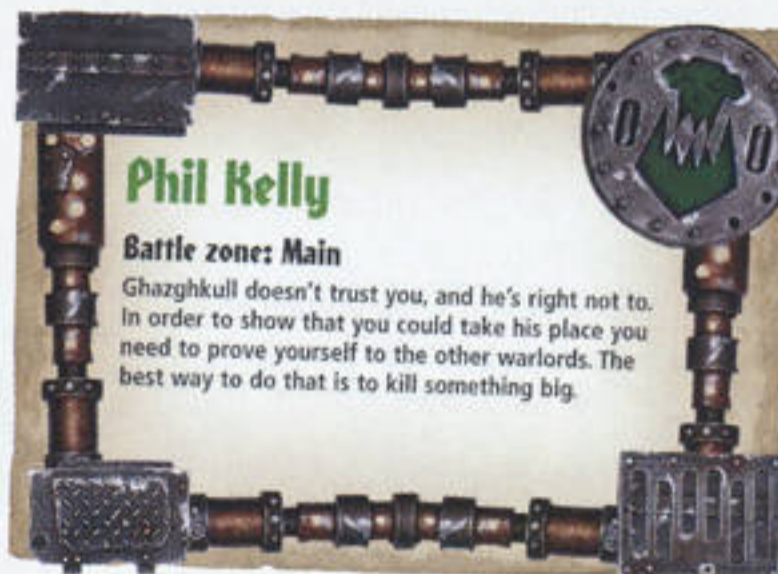
Both Thunderbolt fighters made another pass over the battlefield. They targeted a Stompa and strafed it in the rear, where the armour was the most vulnerable, and it lurched forward as the shots hit.

The Stormsword fired at the closest Stompa, weakening it further. From the rear of the Ork line the surviving Ultramarines took aim and fired, filling the air with bolter shells, missiles and las beams as they made their presence felt. Sicarius ordered all firepower, both heavy and light, into the Stompas, be they the ones that had turned to face the Ultramarines or the Ork war machines that had chosen to ignore the arrival of the Emperor's Finest and so had their rear armour exposed. While the bolter shots were unsurprisingly ineffective a few krak missiles struck home and the Devastator Squads did their job. At the end of the fusillade no Stompa stood undamaged, although the Ultramarines had failed to completely destroy any of them.

The super-heavies joined the Space Marines in hammering the Stompas. The Baneblade hit the Mek Stompa straight on but only managed to destroy its remaining weapon. The Reaper Titan opened up, blowing up the Blood Axe Stompa with its turbo laser, but the gatling blaster couldn't

KILLBOSS VERSUS THE WARHOUND

Warboss Killboss, as ambitious as ever, seemed to be indestructible. He charged the Warhound. The Stompa seriously damaged the Imperial Titan but it was Killboss that delivered the killing blow. The Warboss somehow managed to fell the Warhound – Phil described it as a classic right hook with the power claw to the Warhound's rather large chin – and as it collapsed around him he was left totally unharmed. Was Mork watching him after all?



“ Kill dat tall fing fast! ”

Boss Vetock remains eloquent in the face of danger.



Turn 3 cont...

04 Everybody had been impressed with how the Sisters of Battle had performed. Their power armour had saved them against shots and blows that would have floored Guardsmen, while their high complement of melta-weapons meant they could hurt the Stompas.

05 In the shadow of the wrecked 'Bloo' Stompa the Howling Griffons continue to battle on. Ork Warbikes attempt to drive a wedge through the Space Marines but, they are repulsed.

quite destroy the accursed Mek Stompa. Suddenly from the sky a massive ion beam thundered down incinerating the wreckage of the Klawstompa! High Commander Johnson had fired the orbital laser on it based on the intelligence he'd received, unaware it had already been immobilised!

Back at the foot of the immense walls of Fort Wrath Boss Killboss found himself amongst the rubble of the Warhound and completely surrounded by Imperial Guard whilst being unsupported himself. The Guardsmen brought their lasguns to bear and fired – Colonel Strickland could be heard, even without the aid of the comm-net, screaming orders to kill the lone Warboss at all costs!

But Mork continued to favour Killboss, (though mega armour and his cybork body certainly helped), ensuring that he emerged from the lasfire unscathed. Once again the Imperial Guard Commander could be heard above the usual battlefield noise, this time cursing in frustration.

Across the battlefield the Assault Marines of the Ultramarines fell upon the Lootas who were holding the bunker objective. The Ultramarines were in no mood to tarry and so slaughtered all the Orks before they could even bring their hulking gun rigs to bear.

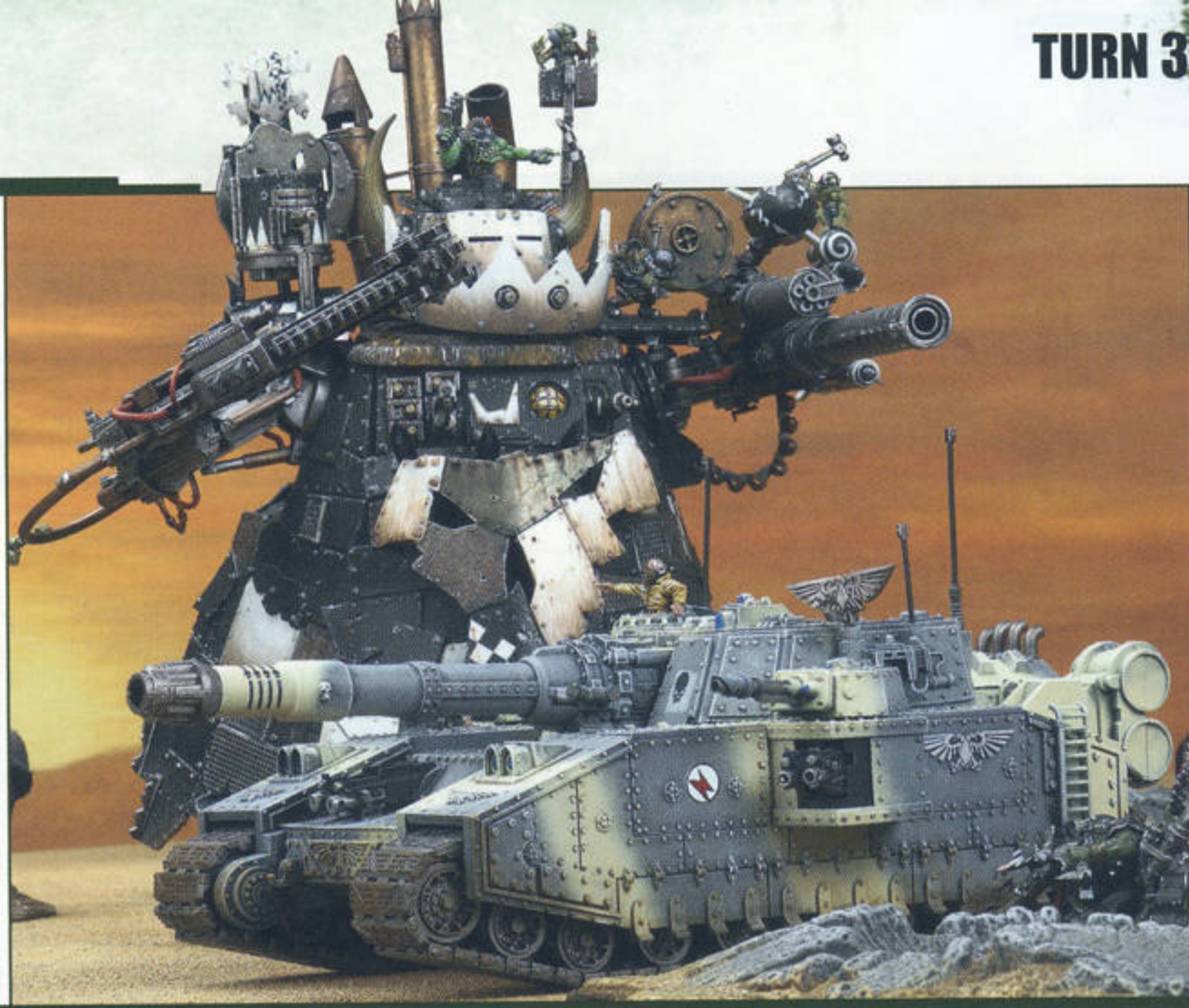
Both sides knew that the battle could not sustain itself for much longer and, despite the enormous casualties, it was the commanders of the Imperium who felt that victory was theirs for the taking. But the greenskins were not done yet. They'd come with one goal – to smash the planetary defences to pieces!

++ The reinforcements were greatly appreciated... erm, have you got any more? **++**

Colonel Strickland is never happy with what he's got.

DESERT WASTES – FINAL STAGES

The remaining Stompa set about the Shadowsword, carving it apart with its mighty chainsword. The Black Templars found their target, a mighty Ork Warlord. Space Marines swarmed around the Warboss in an attempt to slay the brute. The Templars eventually succeeded but it was a bloody affair and the beast was only slain once Grimaldus, a Marshal, and a Chaplain had entered the fray. Meanwhile the Orks had been sneaky, and while the Space Marines fought the Warboss, Wazdakka rode in and claimed the building they were after. The Black Templars, however, claimed victory.



THE DESTROYER MOON – FINAL STAGES

The Terminators had rid the installation of the Meganobz but this had little effect on the overall battle. The real fight took place high up in the tower as the Orks sent wave after wave of Boyz to assail the Space Marines' defended position. Slowly but surely the Crimson Fists were overcome as the Grand Warlord edged nearer to his goal.

Finally the last member of the Crimson Fists Tactical Squad claiming the laser was killed and the Warlord roared in triumph as his Boyz took the tower. He immediately set his Meks to work on recalibrating the laser; he had a very special target in mind...



DEATHZONE OMEGA 13 – FINAL STAGES

The battle for the city wasn't close at all, the Orks had dominated from their arrival and even the *Fortress of Arrogance* couldn't stop the green tide rolling over the Imperial Guard. Commander Troke bemoaned his force allocation but his complaints were dismissed as poor excuses from an incompetent, shortly before he was summarily executed.

The only moment of Imperial inspiration was when Yarrick went toe-to-toe with the rampaging Stompa in close combat. However, even the hero of a thousand campaigns couldn't stand against it on his own, and he fell, although his body has yet to be recovered.



TURN FOUR

The combatants had fought long and hard. Casualties were high and even the Orks and Space Marines began to tire, but now was the time for the force commanders to strike and achieve their objectives if they had yet to do so.

Turn 4

01 The unengaged Tactical Squads of the Ultramarines Battle Company fired into the rear of the Stompas, targeting the weak points. Though their bolters couldn't pierce the armour, they still had their heavy and special weapons.

02 The Imperial players gained an extra Orbital Bombardment from the presence of the Battle Company, which they used against the Evil Eye in da Sky.

Grand Warlord Vetock was now in charge of the orbital laser and he wasted no time in firing it. The massive ion pulse streaked down from the scorched sky and landed by the gates of Fort Wrath, right on top of da Killboss!

The barrage exploded all around da Killboss but somehow he managed to escape from certain death once again. Killboss was feeling justifiably smug at his constant scrapes and miraculous escapes with death and so he flung himself into the nearest Imperial Guard Infantry Squad in a euphoric frenzy. Da Killboss slaughtered all the humans he came into contact with and then ran the rest down, before making it as far as the very doors of Fort Wrath. He started to prise the heavy doors open, using his massive strength and power klaw to force his way inside.

The Bad Moon Stompa and the Evil Sunz Stompa lurched forward, as their respective crews battled internal fires and fought to keep bits attached. They fired on the Reaver Titan but their weapons failed to do any serious damage. At the rear of the battlefield, the Evil Eye in da Sky Stompa mashed a nearby Devastator Squad good and proper and waded further into the Battle Company ready to deal out even more damage.

After losing contact with High Commander Johnson, all the Imperial Commanders decided to shoot at da Killboss with everything in range. After all, it wasn't just his own kind that wanted him dead. Again, Killboss disappeared from sight in a flurry of lasfire and ordnance. Finally, the Boss' luck ran out. After beating a Titan in close combat and surviving a



“ All the Imperial Commanders decided to shoot at da Killboss with everything in range. ”

Shoot the Warboss

It wasn't just Grand Warlord Vetock who wanted his rival dead, the Imperial commanders were desperate to annihilate him too as he had finished the Ork's final turn on the Ork objective. If they could kill him, the gates would be unclaimed while they stood a good chance of clearing out the Grots entrenched in their objective.



blast from a huge laser, he was struck down by an Exorcist missile in the back!

Not all Imperial weapons were turned on the rebel Boss. Two Battle Sisters brought another Stompa low with their meltaguns. All Imperial Guard tanks beyond the reach of the fortress gate turned their attention to the Bad Moon

Stompa and blew it up, the Stompa's head flying off in a ball of flame before crashing back down to the ground.

The Commissar and Colonel who had spent most of the battle bellowing at all around them, risked their lives for martyrdom by charging the Meganobz who

had escorted Killboss into the action. The human officers performed well, and they killed a few Nobz and survived the encounter. In the trenches Sicarius stormed

forward into the Ork Kommandos and set about them with righteous fury, killing greenskins with every blow. Meanwhile, Killboss's Grotbotz had been holding the bunker all this time and, as long as

they were holed up inside, the objective would remain in greenskin hands. The Assault Marines set about remedying this situation; a meltabomb allowed them egress into the bunker where they quickly put the Gretchin to the sword, claiming the complex for the Imperium.

++ Stay on target! Remember, your Objectives! Forward for the Emperor! The enemy must be defeated at all costs. ++

More concrete orders from High Commander Johnson, or meaningless platitudes?

RESULT

While Phil's Warboss nearly managed to claim the gates it was the Ultramarines that took the bunker. The game ended with a 1:0 victory to the Imperium.

However, this game was about more than just capturing objectives on the table. All 12 players had a personal objective to achieve and it was the completion of these and the points awarded by the games master for their actions in-game that would eventually decide the winner of the entire four-battle game.

The Aftermath

When the dust had cleared and the final dice had clattered to a halt, the players all gathered around the main table as the games master explained who had won and why.

Personal Objectives

Jervis Johnson (Captain)
Mission Achieved

Robin Cruddace
Mission Achieved

Pete Riordan
Mission Failed

Ian Strickland
Mission Failed

Adam Troke
Mission Failed

Matt Hutson
Mission Achieved

Jeremy Vetock (Kaptin)
Mission Failed

Phil Kelly
Mission Achieved

Dave Cross
Mission Failed

Jim Sowter
Mission Failed

Fil Dunn
Mission Achieved

Mark Bedford
Mission Achieved

Battlefields

Fort Wrath
Imperial Victory

The Destroyer Moon
Ork Victory

Desert Wastes
Imperial Victory

Death Zone Omega 13
Ork Victory

Final Scores

Orks
Personal Objectives: 3

Battlefields: 2

Points accrued from following orders: 11

Total: 16

Imperial
Personal Objectives: 4

Battlefields: 2

Points accrued from following orders: 7

Total: 13

ORK VICTORY

Jervis: Huh, Andy and his silly scoring systems. Clearly the Imperial side won a massive victory. Well, apart from losing Yarrick and letting the orbital defence laser get overrun. Okay, I suppose we could have done a bit better...

Seriously, though, this was an extremely entertaining battle, and shows how much things like personal victory conditions and themed special rules can do to make an Apocalypse battle really special. What's more, the Imperial side really could have pulled off a win, or at least they could have if they hadn't been lumbered with a supreme commander whose competence could be compared to Herman von Strab on a bad day.

Sadly for my brave subordinates they were so lumbered, and though they managed to pull off a stoic victory on the main table, my rather obtuse and hyperbolic orders were extremely difficult for them to carry out compared to Jeremy's more sensible and practical Orky advice. The only excuse I can offer is that I had my hands full trying to fend off Jeremy's Orky horde to spend too much time pondering what was happening elsewhere.

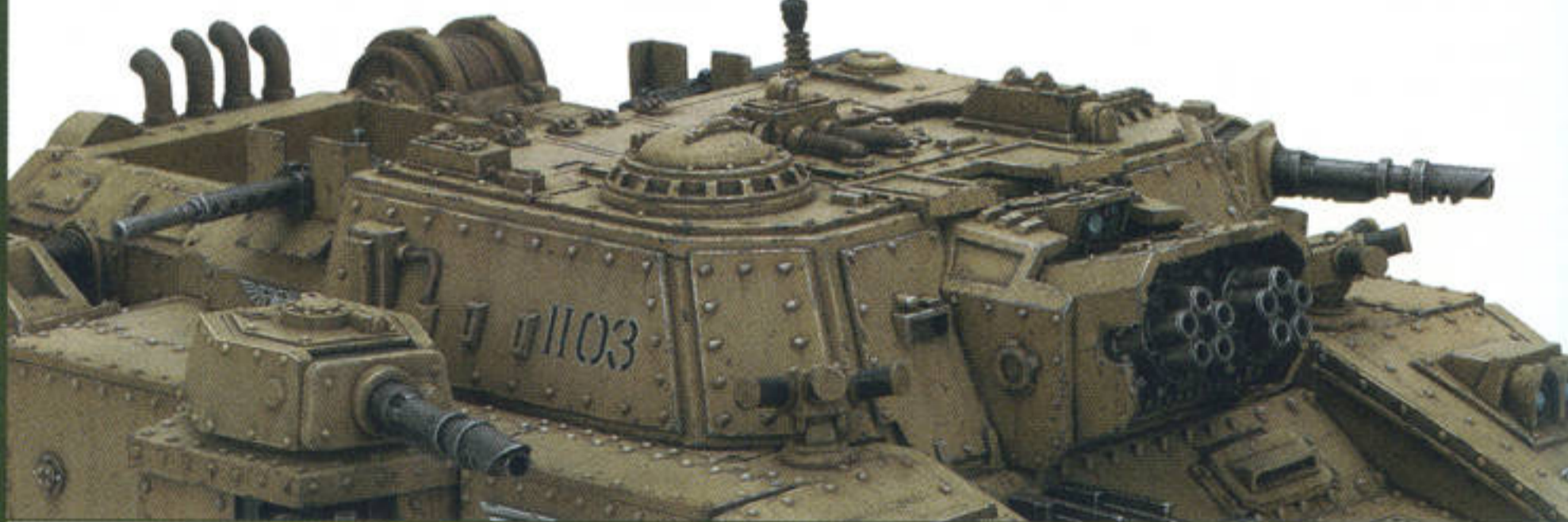
That, and the Orks did have an absolute shedload of Stompas. Those things are scary you know! Yes, that's it, it was nothing to do with my competence as a commander (or otherwise, from what Jeremy tells me – Ed); it was all those Stompas that made the difference.

Jeremy: Hmmmm – it wasn't the catastrophic crushing of the Imperium I had predicted, nor did my trusty underlings pick me up and carry me about the building on victory parade as was my due.

But aside from such minor quibbles the games were highly enjoyable. Andy's order system and the messages sent from the Ork Warlords were nothing but great fun. Sometimes pleading, sometimes bragging – the messages had both Jervis and I laughing and we gladly eavesdropped on each other's communiques while we took a break from duking it out on our own battlefield. At one point Jervis and I got messages from players on opposing sides of the same gaming table, both claiming the need for reinforcements against hopeless odds. How could they both be right? Fog of war indeed. I kept my orders in the spirit of an Ork Warlord and generally just scrawled orders such as 'git 'em' or 'smash 'em'. How far wrong could it go?

As anticipated Jervis really couldn't roll dice, but my confidence was misguided – his Space Marines held out heroically and I only barely punched my way to the controls of the defence laser in a very bloody battle. I got a defence laser shot off at Phil's Warboss (drawing crosshairs over his model on the photograph was as much fun as I'd anticipated) but the lucky git survived and then had the nerve to die by means other than those I'd ordered!

SUPER-HEAVY TANK OF THE BATTLE



The Stormlord: It would have been easy to award this to one of the many Stompas, but after a quick vote we went for the Stormlord. Not only did it kill Orks at a prodigious rate but it blew up, taking loads of models – both friend and foe – with it. What more could you ask for in a tank?

GAMES MASTER'S WRAP UP

Andy: What a fantastic and memorable day of gaming that was! For me personally, it just goes to show that setting up and running a game as a referee or games master is at least as fun as playing in it, especially when you have lots of twists and turns going on throughout the game.

Everyone rose to the occasion, really getting into the role of commander or subordinate, and it was that willingness to engage with an unusual scenario, and trust someone else to run the game that really made it so great.

The best part of the day was saved for the very end though. The captains were allowed back into the main room and everyone gathered together to hear the results (and voice recriminations, Adam!). At this stage I had an idea who'd won, but I'd deliberately avoided adding up all the points so it would be as much a surprise to me as to the players.

Throughout the day I'd kept a track of how well the teams followed the orders passed down to them by their captains. This was great fun, and the captains really played to the character of their race with the orders they issued. Jeremy's orders were very specific, while still maintaining a very Orky style – 'stomp this', 'bomb here' and the like.

Following Jeremy's orders earned the Ork team 11 points, all of which were well deserved.

The Imperial team had a harder time following their orders, but it was hugely entertaining watching them try! Jervis completely bought into his role as an Imperial Commander, particularly in his exchanges with Adam. When Adam sent the message 'Sir, we need reinforcements now!' Jervis replied with a highly characterful 'Stand in the name of the Emperor!' Unfortunately, Adam couldn't carry out that order, as he had no choice but to fall back with his forces in the face of superior numbers. In all, the Imperial team earned 7 points throughout the course of the battle.

So that put the score at 11 to 7 points, but that was only half the story. The Imperial team scored a point for taking the bunker on Fort Wrath and another for winning in the Desert Wastes. The Orks scored another two points – one for winning the Deathzone and another for capturing the Destroyer Moon.

Then it came to each player reading out his personal objective. Jeremy's objective was to ensure Phil Kelly's Warboss died as a result of his orders, and though the orbital bombardment in the last turn very nearly achieved this, I had to judge that Killboss got himself killed without any help from Jeremy. Speaking of Phil, his order was to kill something big. Killboss did take down a Warhound Scout Titan in close combat, which is no mean feat, and it was the second biggest thing on the table!

Next up was Dave Cross, who had to show off his new Stompa by getting it to the front lines. It appears Dave's sense of direction was a bit off, as it ended up at the very back, so no point there. Jim had to arrange a little 'accident' for Killboss, but this eluded him, though only just.

Opposite these guys were Jervis, who had to ensure that Ian's Imperial Guard Colonel survived, and Ian, who had to ensure that the same model was martyred for the glory of the Emperor! Jervis got that point. Pete and Robin were in a race to get to the action first, which Robin's Howling Griffons won, though Pete's Dark Angels were hot on their heels. A point to the Imperial team there.

“ I had to judge that Killboss got himself killed without any help from Jeremy. ”

On the side tables, Matt earned two points for the Imperial team by taking out two of Phil Dunn's Ork HQs with his own, while Phil earned a point for taking and holding the building with the gubbinz in.

Lastly, on the Deathzone table Mark earned a point for carrying out a ram with his new Battle Fortress, while Adam failed to carry out his secret order, which was to destroy the Orks' wheeled mechanical monstrosity.

And the grand total was... 13 points to the Imperial team, and 16 points to the Ork side. A hard-earned victory to the greenies, and a spectacular effort by the Imperium, I hope you'll agree.

So what are you waiting for? Games like these can be played wherever you can gather a group of enthusiastic players and put together a bunch of tables (or just use the floor). Cheers!

Apocalyptic Fun

One games master, three recorders, 12 players and more models than you could shake a big stick at. Here's a few moments from the day.



Will the fortress gates hold?



An Imperial conflag.



Jeremy is not happy.



It's time to move the models.



Confused, Matt queries his orders.



Officers of the Emperor.



The Ork Bosses.

STANDARD BEARER



Jervis is taking a break this month, so it was with some trepidation that we struck the Runes of Awakening upon the office door of Rick Priestley. Those of a nervous disposition should look away now.

I'd like to start off by thanking all those who wrote in response to my last Standard Bearer article expressing surprise that I was still alive. Be assured the feeling is entirely mutual. Jervis is away at the menders again, so once more I've been defrosted and wheeled out to plug the resultant Jervis-shaped hole in White Dwarf magazine. It's a bit of a stretch – he has suspiciously long arms for a start – but I'm sure if we all stick together we'll pull through in the end. Spirit of the Blitz and all that.¹

The brave chaps at White Dwarf helpfully suggested I might ramble on about 'The Old Days' under the banner headline of 'Old Duffer Speaks'. The rotters.² Personally, I've always been wary of nostalgia and remain cheerfully suspicious of anyone who really believes 'it was all better in the old days'. After all, we are all human and consequently all capable of tremendous feats of self-deception when it comes to things we're sentimentally attached to. For now at least, I've resisted the temptation to revisit models of yesteryear, games that might have been, and old favourites from the

White Dwarf archive. Maybe next time, if you're unlucky. Right now the future looks like a much more fruitful place – not least because, unlike the past, we stand a fair chance of getting there one day.

I've therefore decided to dust down the soapbox and share some of my thoughts about the future of the world's favourite game – namely Warhammer. Yes, I know Warhammer 40,000 probably has more players overall. The enduring appeal of Space Marines is surely self-evident even to the most wilfully myopic – even me. Despite all that, Warhammer maintains its rank as the first, the original and pre-eminent of its breed. I still find it a game of great drama as well as considerable subtlety, with a variety and depth of play that continues to entertain and challenge after decades of gaming.

Part of Warhammer's unique appeal undoubtedly stems from its extraordinary longevity – it has been around for a very long time to be sure. Warhammer has changed and evolved over the years; adding new and inspiring ideas along the way. Just look at how Warhammer has spawned a gaggle of unruly offspring,



¹ Note for translator of German issue of White Dwarf – you might want to change that bit. Forgive and forget, eh! Not that my granny ever did.

² Obviously, I didn't actually write 'rotters', but the White Dwarf team said 'you can't say **bleep** in White Dwarf... children might be reading this!' 'Poor bleeps', I say.



including the Mordheim game, Warhammer Ancient Battles, Warhammer Fantasy Roleplay, and even Warhammer 40,000 – which many will recall started life as a series of adaptations for Warhammer in the original Citadel Journal. And as for the game itself – well it has constantly developed in response to the demands and influences of players and ever-changing trends. Yes – I’m afraid even gaming is subject to fashion, and good games evolve in order to remain challenging and interesting.

So what challenges does the future hold for Warhammer? Peering hopefully into the melting mists of time³ I see that a big change over the next five years or so is going to be the inevitable shift away from metal miniatures and towards plastic. This has been a growing trend for years – but now it’s really started to make a difference in terms of the choice and variety of models available to Warhammer players.

It’s noticeable that this has already happened for Warhammer 40,000 players, who routinely collect armies that are by-and-large – if not entirely – made from plastic kits. Warhammer players have some reason to feel neglected with Warhammer 40,000 often getting the lion’s share of the new plastics. There are understandable reasons for this. Many 40K kits are tanks and vehicles, and these are usually put together by designers who are good at making tanks and vehicles. The same guys

can’t necessarily make monsters and other sculpted shapes. It is also worth remembering that plastic kits are very well suited to models of this kind; this is pretty obvious when you look at all the model tanks, airplanes, ships and such stuff heaped in your average toy and model store. Even when it comes to the fighting troops it’s possible to cover all that is needed for a 40K army with relatively few kits because your typical 40K army has fewer troop types with more weapon options for each type. Warhammer armies

Because the High Elf Dragon is a plastic miniature, its pose is much more dynamic and dramatic than would normally be possible for a metal model of this size. The kit is also versatile enough to make a Prince, an Archmage or a Dragon Mage.

“ Warhammer armies tend to have lots of different troop types, all of which require their own sets. ”

tend to have lots of completely different troop types all of which are unique in appearance and require their own sets.

If it’s to some extent understandable that Warhammer 40,000 has reaped the initial benefit from new and ever-improving plastic kits, it is heartening to think that Warhammer is now ideally placed to take advantage of all the experience and technological expertise gained to date. As I roam about the designer’s cubby-holes it’s very inspiring to see all the exciting work that is being done on making new plastic

³ Note to White Dwarf Editor: please insert appropriate special effect at this point. Something culled from a 1970s episode of Doctor Who should do.



With the release of the plastic Chaos Knights, an all-cavalry force for the Warriors of Chaos is much more practical – and likely to be a much more common sight on the battlefields of Warhammer.

kits for Warhammer armies⁴. This is going to seriously change the way we players put armies together if only on the basis of reduced cost compared to that of metal models. It's going to make some cavalry- and monster-based armies much more affordable and practical, and I'd certainly expect to see more mounted Warriors of Chaos armies now that we have the Chaos Knights and Marauders rendered as kits. More importantly, these new kits are marvellously adaptable, easily converted, and produce models that are little gems. OK I admit that I have become a big fan of plastic, having been seduced by the ease of putting the models together and the fun of converting them. Those new Chaos sets are enough to draw anyone onto the path of the Dark Gods though!

Warhammer has its big monsters and machines too – and I've been impressed by the way the designers have taken the opportunities to build new variation into kits such as the High Elf Chariots. This is a good principle and it's worth considering the possibilities. When you make a kit it's relatively easy to incorporate alternative parts to make a variant machine of some kind – in fact it's a bit of a wasted opportunity not to do so! So, for example, the High Elves got the Lion Chariots of Chrace as a new troop type along with the Chariots of Tiranoc – hurrah! If you apply

⁴ Which I'm obviously not allowed to tell you about and even if I did some worthy soul would edit it all out just like they do all the bits about **bleep** and **bleeping bleep**, including this bit. Which is probably for the best, all things considered. At least it keeps us out of prison, eh!

this kind of thinking to other armies there are obvious instances where an existing machine could become a plastic kit with a new variant – for example, what could you do with a Dwarf Gyrocopter? How about a Snotling Pump Wagon? Or big monsters like Dragons and Wyverns? Almost every Warhammer army has at least one big monster, chariot, or war machine that can be considered in this light – some have more. This is definitely going to reap benefits in the future and I'm very much looking forward to seeing what surprises we can come up with.

The other and probably most obvious advantage of a plastic monster compared to a metal beast of the same kidney is that we can, at long last, make Dragons, Griffons, Wyverns and other such critters at a proper size! The limitations of metal casting have always meant that your 'averagely huge' dragon has been traditionally represented as rather a small creature and nothing like the satisfyingly double-decker-bus-dwarfing, gargantuan and heart-stopping nightmare that we all know it should be. So I'm looking forward to seeing some decent-sized monstrosities in the not-too-distant future.

Whilst I'm getting carried away by the possibilities of long-chain hydrocarbon polymers I should point out that doesn't mean there won't be many new metal models for Warhammer too. No matter how far forward you might look, metal models will have their permanent and vital place in our Warhammer ranges. For example, it is hard to imagine ever replacing the special character models and other singular and spectacular pieces with plastic equivalents even once we have a full range of character models available as plastic kits. Not only does metal casting enable more complex designs to be realised, but it's possible for us to make and produce many more designs in metal than it would be with a single plastic kit – simply because it takes much longer to create and produce plastic kits than metal models. So, it's a case of appropriate materials and methods for appropriate subjects – taking advantage of whatever material is best for the job in hand.

I had intended to talk a bit about the development of the Warhammer game itself, and especially the possibilities of new and different kinds of supplements as well as the well-established army book series. But I appear to have run out of space this time round so it'll have to wait for another occasion – always assuming our brave and generous editor is prepared to let me loose on his otherwise pristine magazine again, of course.

Please write in if you have any comments about this month's Standard Bearer, or anything else to do with the hobby for that matter. Jervis is back next month, but feel free to write to Rick if you fancy taking your sanity into your own hands. Remember to include your name and address if you'd like a reply.

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In a new series, we explore how our expanding range of Bitz Packs and multi-part plastic kits make it easier than ever to convert your models and add variety to your units. This issue we take a look at head swaps.

Kit Bash

Head swaps are really straightforward conversions and, in most cases, involve nothing more than taking a head from Kit A and sticking it onto the body of a model from Kit B. This is often very simple, especially with plastic models where a dab of plastic glue will make any head swap look seamless.

The components from many of our plastic kits – such as those from the huge variety of Space Marines and Chaos Space Marines sets – are completely interchangeable.



Chris Peach has taken the arm and head from a plastic Bretonnian Knight and stuck them onto the body of a plastic Man-at-Arms, to create a knightly Hero with the Virtue of Empathy.

Metal Models

Some metal models have heads ideally suited for decapitation! Sometimes the head is separate, making the job as easy as above. Use superglue to stick it onto a suitable plastic body to get a unique-looking model for minimum effort.

For those tricky metal heads that are an integral part of the body, then the good old Razor Saw and Hobby Vice will do the job. Some slicing through the neck is all it takes in most cases, although this can be more complicated at times when cloaks, jewellery, hair, and so on get involved.



Once you've carried out your head swap, you can use a spare plastic head on the metal body. In this example by Glenn More, the metal Space Marine Captain has a head taken from the plastic Terminator Sergeant.

Combining Bitz

When you're going for a totally unique character, the Bitz Packs are your best friends. Nick Bayton has come up with this Chaos Champion, which is just the body of a Chaos Warrior with the simple addition of bitz from the Chaos Chosen Heads, Chaos Halberds and Chaos Warrior Shields packs. And, because you get ten Chaos Chosen heads in one Bitz Pack, you can scatter them throughout your army, using them either for unit champions or for adding more variety to your Chaos Warrior and Chaos Knight units.



Nick Bayton's fierce Chaos Champion has been created by adding a new shield, a halberd and the head of a Chosen, all from Bitz Packs.

ORK WARBOSS



ORKS

With every new release, plastic models seem to get better and better. The plastic miniatures of today are highly characterful and detailed models, as much at home as centrepieces in their own right as they are in units. With this in mind, we decided it had been too long since the 'Eavy Metal team had tackled a plastic miniature for one of our masterclass articles.

The Ork Warboss from the Assault on Black Reach boxed game was the perfect candidate for the job, and Darren Latham, in his first Masterclass, took on the task.

Because plastic is such a versatile material we encouraged Darren to put his conversion skills to the test (with a little help from miniatures designer Seb Perbet). The plastic Ork Nobz kit was perfect for this, and Darren used spare components from it to make a truly unique Warboss.

Before Darren started painting the model he planned out what components to use. Darren wanted to create a Bad Moon Warboss and let that concept guide his component selection. Before sticking bits together he did a 'dry run' with adhesive putty to make sure the conversion worked.

You Will Need

All of these paints are available from the Citadel Colour, Wash and Foundation ranges.

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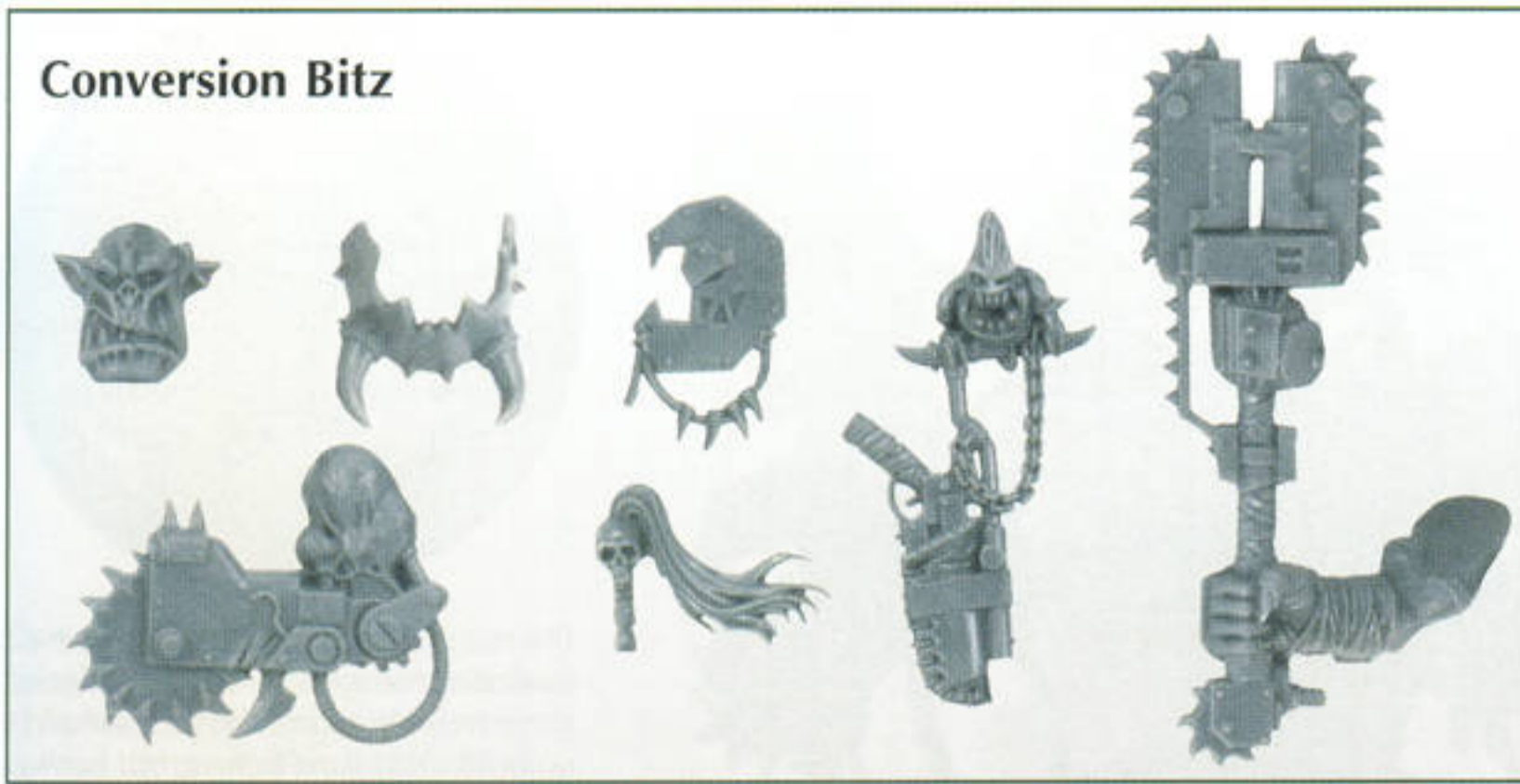
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|  Chainmail |  Mithril Silver |  F Iyanden Darksun |
|  Codex Grey |  Regal Blue |  F Khemri Brown |
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|  Dark Angels Green |  Space Wolves Grey |  F Orkhide Shade |
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|  Dwarf Bronze |  Scorched Brown |  W Badab Black |

WARHAMMER
40,000

The subject for this issue's 'Eavy Metal painting Masterclass is the plastic Ork Warboss from the Assault on Black Reach set.

Converting the Warboss

Conversion Bitz



Darren wanted to 'open up' the figure and expose more of the Ork's frontage. To do this he twisted the right arm outward and turned the head more at the neck. This was done by cutting into both the arm and neck joint and forcing the gaps open a little way to widen them. Green Stuff was used to fill the gaps he'd created.

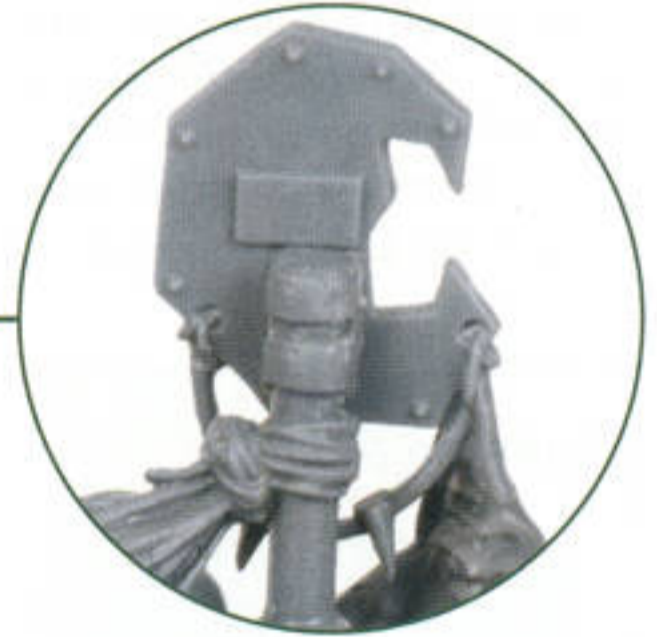
Darren made sure that all the components he used didn't alter the flow and direction of the model. A common mistake in conversions is to have hair flowing one way while a banner is flying in another direction – this can ruin the impact and realism of a miniature.



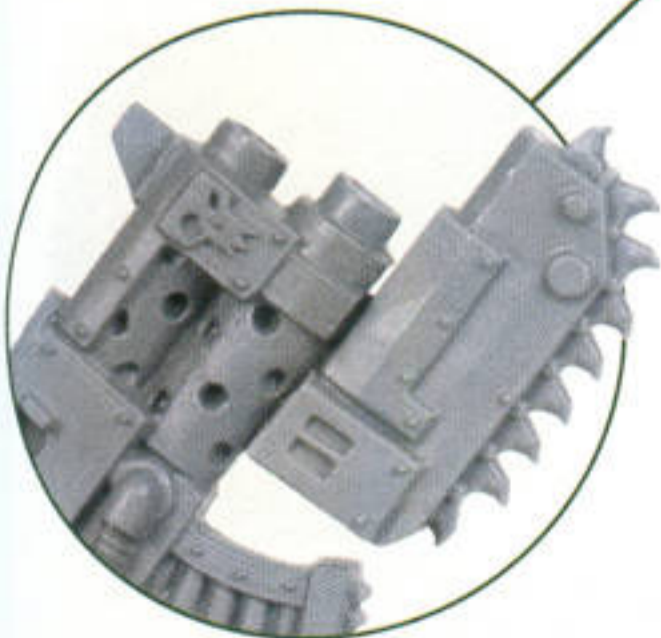
Darren replaced the original Warboss head with another from the Nobz frame. The jaw plate was added to get an even meaner visage. The topknot was another component from the Nobz Kit. Darren made sure the hair was blowing in the same direction as the other elements of the model.



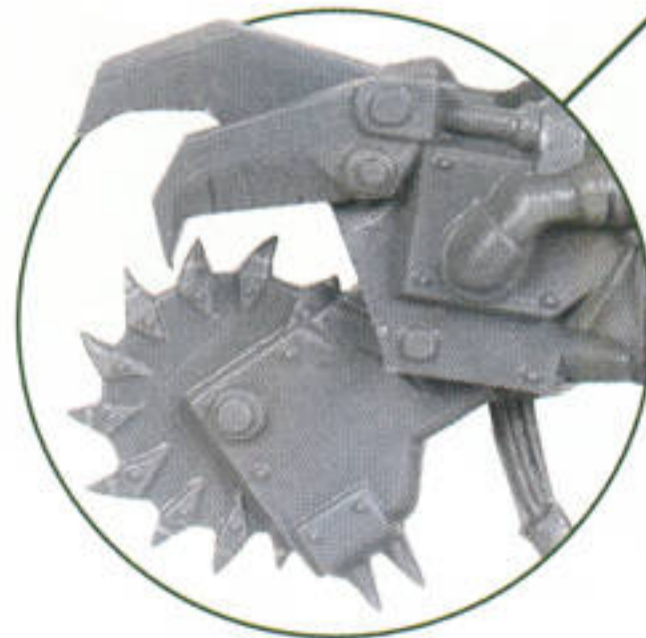
Every Ork Warboss needs a pet Squig, and one was added to the shoulder of the model for a bit of character. No doubt it's ready to bite the face off any opponent that comes within reach!



The boss pole from the Nobz frame was affixed to the back of the Warboss. The hair tied to the pole is blowing in the same direction as the topknot and loin cloth.



Darren added a buzzsaw to the power klaw first but thought that it unbalanced the model. To rectify this, he made the gun larger with a chain-blade attachment.



The buzzsaw was added as Darren wanted to make the power klaw even bigger and more vicious than it was to start with.



Extra Parts

The frames of our plastic kits, such as the Ork Nobz, are packed with extra bitz and there are more components than you need to assemble the boxed models. As every hobbyist knows, you should never throw these away – add them to your bitz box and save for another project.

Painting the Flesh



The veins were painted in the same manner as the blue under the eyelids. The redness of the skin where the flesh meets the bioniks was painted using the same method as the lips (see below).



Darren paid special attention to the bunched muscles on the arm. These were defined using the method and colours described below, but each stage was built up in a succession of thin layers rather than a single thick coat, for a smooth finish.

You always want your heroes and characters to stand out, especially in an army as infantry heavy as the Orks. While the size and aesthetics of a character model help differentiate between them and your average Ork Boy, 'Eavy Metal use a more subtle technique to further define this for the Orks by adding yellow to the skin colour.

The yellow in the mix lifts the skin tone, making it brighter and stronger so it catches the eye. Another tip for making your model stand out is to always use the same highlight colour. For instance, the lips, blue veins and skin all use Bleached Bone as the basis for the highlight colour, tying the flesh tones together.

Painting the Skin



Step 1. The skin of the Warboss was first given a basecoat of Orkhide Shade. This was followed by a wash using a 1:1 mix of Chaos Black and Badab Black.



Step 2. Darren then built up a layer of Knarloc Green over all of the flesh areas apart from the deeper recesses.



Step 3. Pure Goblin Green was then painted over the previous layer; the recesses and creases in the skin were avoided to let the Knarloc Green show through.



Step 4. Next, a 4:1:1 mix of Goblin Green, Golden Yellow and Bleached Bone was applied to the raised areas.



Step 5. The same mix of colours was used again for this stage, only the proportions were 2:1:1 of Goblin Green, Golden Yellow and Bleached Bone.



Step 6. The flesh was finished off with an extremely thin layer of Bleached Bone, applied carefully to the most prominent areas.



After the skin, Darren tackled the talons, using a 1:1 basecoat mix of Orkhide Shade and Hawk Turquoise. These were highlighted with Rotting Flesh.



The lower eyelids were painted with a 1:1 mix of Regal Blue and Goblin Green. The lips were painted with a 1:1 Scab Red and Goblin Green mix.

Painting the Clothing



Darren imagined the gun holsters as being made from the same material as the Ork's trousers, so they were painted using an identical method to the brown cloth.



The stitching was lined with black to help define the detail. This was done with a Badab Black wash followed by painting in a thin line of Chaos Black.

Darren used Kommando Khaki as the main highlight for both the brown and black cloth. He didn't want to use a traditional highlight colour like grey for the black areas as this would be a very stark highlight, suggesting that the material was made of leather, while Darren wanted it to look more like cloth.

A Kommando Khaki highlight also suggests a cool colour and Darren wanted the cloth to be painted in cooler tones so it would contrast with the warm yellows that he planned to use on the armour. A key aspect of colour theory is recognising warm and cool colours and then using them as contrasts to get a pleasing effect.

Painting the Brown Clothing



Step 1. The cloth was first basecoated with a 1:1 mix of Scorched Brown and Khemri Brown followed by a wash of Badab Black.



Step 2. A 2:2:1 mix of Scorched Brown, Khemri Brown and Kommando Khaki was applied to the raised areas.



Step 3. The same brown mix was used for the next layer, but with more Kommando Khaki added.



Step 4. Pure Kommando Khaki was used as the final highlight, applied to the most pronounced parts of the folds and creases.

Painting the Black Clothing



Step 1. Darren started with a 4:1 basecoat mix of Chaos Black and Kommando Khaki. A wash using watered-down Scorched Brown was then applied.



Step 2. The black was then layered up using a 1:1 mix of Chaos Black and Kommando Khaki.



Step 3. Darren continued to build up the layers. This time he added more Kommando Khaki to the mix, using a 3:1 mix of Kommando Khaki and Chaos Black.



Step 4. As with the areas of brown cloth, the final stage used a coat of pure Kommando Khaki as the final highlight layer.

Painting the Metal



The belt buckle was painted using the dark metal technique, as described below.



The visible parts of the guns poking out from the holsters were also painted using Darren's dark metal technique.

As with many Orks, there's a lot of metal on this model so it's a good idea to paint it in two ways. Darren's gone for dark metal and brass. Not only will these two colours contrast well against each other but the dark metal will get a warm red rust effect and the brass will have a cooler verdigris look painted on. This will bring two further

contrasting colours into the mix, helping define the model even further.

For some of the rust effect, Darren used a stippling technique. This involved using an old brush and lightly 'dappling' the paint onto the desired areas. When using this to get a rusty effect, take a 'less is more' approach.

Painting the Brass



Step 1. A 1:1:1 mix of Tin Bitz, Dwarf Bronze and Scorched Brown was used as the basecoat. This was followed by a 1:1 wash mix using Chaos Black and Badab Black.



Step 2. A mid-tone was then applied using the same basecoat mix with a small amount of Mithril Silver added to it.



Step 3. A thin wash using a 1:1 mix of Dark Angels Green and Hawk Turquoise was then applied to the rivets and recesses.



Step 4. Mithril Silver was used as a final highlight, while just a small dab of Rotting Flesh was added to some of the deeper recesses.

Painting the Dark Metal



Step 1. The silver metal parts were first painted Boltgun Metal. A wash using a 1:1 mix of Chaos Black and Badab Black was then applied.



Step 2. Darren then used a wash of thinned-down Scorched Brown. This was applied directly into the recessed areas.



Step 3. A wash with thinned Bestial Brown, followed by a second wash of Vermin Brown, was painted into the recesses. This was also stippled along the claw.



Step 4. The metal was then highlighted with Chainmail. Mithril Silver was used sparingly to emphasise the sharpness of the claw blades.

Painting the Armour



After the armour was painted, Darren added some characteristic Bad Moon details, such as these flames, which were carefully painted on with Chaos Black.



Darren made use of other motifs, such as the chequers on the jaw plate and the dags on the shoulder pad. These were first painted in Chaos Black and then highlighted with Codex Grey.

After painting the yellow armour, Darren added some additional livery in the form of black flames, chequers and dags on the shoulder plates – all classic Ork motifs.

He then came to painting the chips on the armour and for this he wanted to do something different. Rather than simply painting on a scratch in Mithril Silver, he wanted to

create a layered effect; some chips have simply uncovered the previous layer of paint, some are so old that rust is now visible, while the more recent chips have revealed the bare metal beneath the primer. Darren achieved this by 'working backwards', painting the chips from the outside, then moving in towards the centre.

Painting the Yellow Armour



Step 1. Darren started painting the Bad Moon's armour by first applying a basecoat of Tausept Ochre.



Step 2. A 1:1 mix of Iyanden Darksun and Golden Yellow was then applied to the raised areas of the armour.



Step 3. To get some definition and shade, thinned-down Dark Flesh was painted into the recesses.



Step 4. A highlight using the mix from Step 2 with equal parts Skull White added was then painted onto the prominent areas.



Step 5. For the most extreme highlights, more Skull White – half as much again – was added to the previous mix.

Painting the Paint Chips



Step 1. For the outside of the chip Darren used a 1:1:1 mix of Iyanden Darksun, Golden Yellow and Skull White. This was carefully applied to the shoulder plate.



Step 2. Dark Flesh was then applied to some of the chips. Darren was careful to leave an outline of the previous mix.



Step 3. Boltgun Metal was applied to the centre of some of the chips. Some of the chips were left at this stage to give the impression that the chips vary in age.



Step 4. Mithril Silver was used on a few chips to represent very recent scratches and damage.

Final Details



The red of the topknot is used as a spot colour across the model. It was painted Scab Red, then Blood Red, followed by Vomit Brown.



The flames on the loin cloth were painted in freehand and use the same yellow mix as the armour, with Vomit Brown used for deep shading.



The Squig was painted in Liche Purple, followed by Hormagaunt Purple and Kommando Khaki.



The Squig's hair was painted a Hawk Turquoise and Regal Blue mix, highlighted with Space Wolves Grey.



The Bad Moon banner top was painted in the same way as the yellow armour.



Spent bullet casings can be made by chopping up small lengths of plastic or brass rod.

ASK

'EAVY METAL™

For the first instalment of our painting clinic, we've received a question from Jose-Alfredo Montero of Spain. He asked how to paint the armour and shield on Sigvald the Magnificent. Joe Tomaszewski painted Sigvald, so we asked him for tips.

If you've ever wanted to ask an expert painter a question or you have a painting problem that needs solving, then send your query to the address below.

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Joe: I used a 'non-metallic metal' technique for Sigvald and I think that's what Jose is referring to. There are some basic points you need to remember when using this technique, the most important is that you need an intimate knowledge of how light reflects off shiny surfaces. A little research will reveal some surprising results, as it doesn't always reflect in the way you think it should. The other tip is to always shade and highlight with black and white, no matter what colour you are using.



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In the many years Dave Andrews has worked in the Design Studio he's been a games designer, an expert terrain maker and a Citadel miniatures designer. Who better then to nominate for the Hall of Fame? The model he's chosen is a true classic – the Green Knight.

DAVE'S FAVOURITE MINIATURE

Dave: When I was asked to choose my favourite figure, the one that came straight to mind was the Green Knight. It's a model that's now over a decade old and yet it stands up just as well against any of the latest releases. It's also an extremely well-animated miniature, especially the horse. In fact, I'd go as far as to say that it's the exemplar of a rearing horse, a miniature standard that has been copied or alluded to ever since, both within and without the Games Workshop Studio.

The other thing I like about it is the realism Michael Perry has brought to the piece. As a Warhammer model it's a fantastical miniature but there is also a verisimilitude there, as though he could have existed in the real world. Motifs such as the one on the shield, which is strongly

influenced by the old English legend of the Green Man, add to this feel and the look of the model.

The cloth on the miniature, especially the layered caparisons, also work in this way. I've always envied Michael for his sculpting ability with cloth and the evidence is here to show how he uses it to apply real-world physics to the model and enhance its dramatic presence.

I also like the concept itself, the strong archetype of the mysterious knight or the anonymous warrior has reverberated around myths and legends for centuries, so it's great to get a Warhammer take on it. This, combined with Michael's sculpting skills, make a truly classic Citadel miniature, one that should definitely be in the Hall of Fame.



The Green Knight's shadowy visage attests to his mysterious nature.



The shield bears the image of a fierce tree spirit, alluding to the Green Knight's immortal power.



The way the layered caparison hangs from the model enhances the pose and provides a sense of movement and weight.



The Green Knight



The original paint scheme by Mike McVey. The rearing horse is a pose that gives the model a dramatic and powerful presence. With his sword drawn back, the Green Knight looks poised to strike the head off his enemy, giving the miniature a strong feeling of immediacy.

MICHAEL PERRY SHOWCASE



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Mahûd Raider



Dunlending Warrior



This one-off 54mm Catachan is still a favourite of Michael's and stands pride of place above his work desk. It's quite a venerable piece and was first shown in White Dwarf many years ago. Unfortunately, if you want one, don't get your hopes up because there are no plans for it to be mass-produced!

DESIGNER'S RESPONSE

Michael: The Green Knight was an interesting project to work on. Mark Gibbon's excellent picture came first and I used that as the main inspiration for the figure. Looking at the model I'm surprised it still stands up to close scrutiny compared to the models we produce today, but I'm glad it does. It's one of the few models of my own that I still like! Normally I become overly critical of my own work after they have been released but I've always remained fond of the Green Knight. I think this is partly because Mike McVey did the original, seminal paint job for the model. This was followed by Neil Green's excellent paint work a few years later on the current model we have in the Studio collection. So, I think it's the paint scheme as much as the figure itself that has lodged in people's minds and why it remains a favourite model for so many collectors.



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KUSTOMISIN' DA STOMPA



In this two-part article we follow the progress of the Studio's ace model-maker Mark Jones as he tackles the Stompa. Here he assembles the model, adding his expert flourishes.

I Preparation and Sub-assemblies

As one of the biggest vehicles an Ork Mek can build, and the biggest plastic kit we make, the Stompa is the kind of vehicle that begs for a special 'kustom job'. Mark Jones was only too happy to oblige, and has really brought the kit to life with some subtle and expertly wrought details.

That's not to say you have to convert your Stompa at all. Most of the models featured earlier in this issue were built straight out of the box, with little or no tweaking, and are testament to the sheer number of options available on the Stompa's eight feature-packed frames.

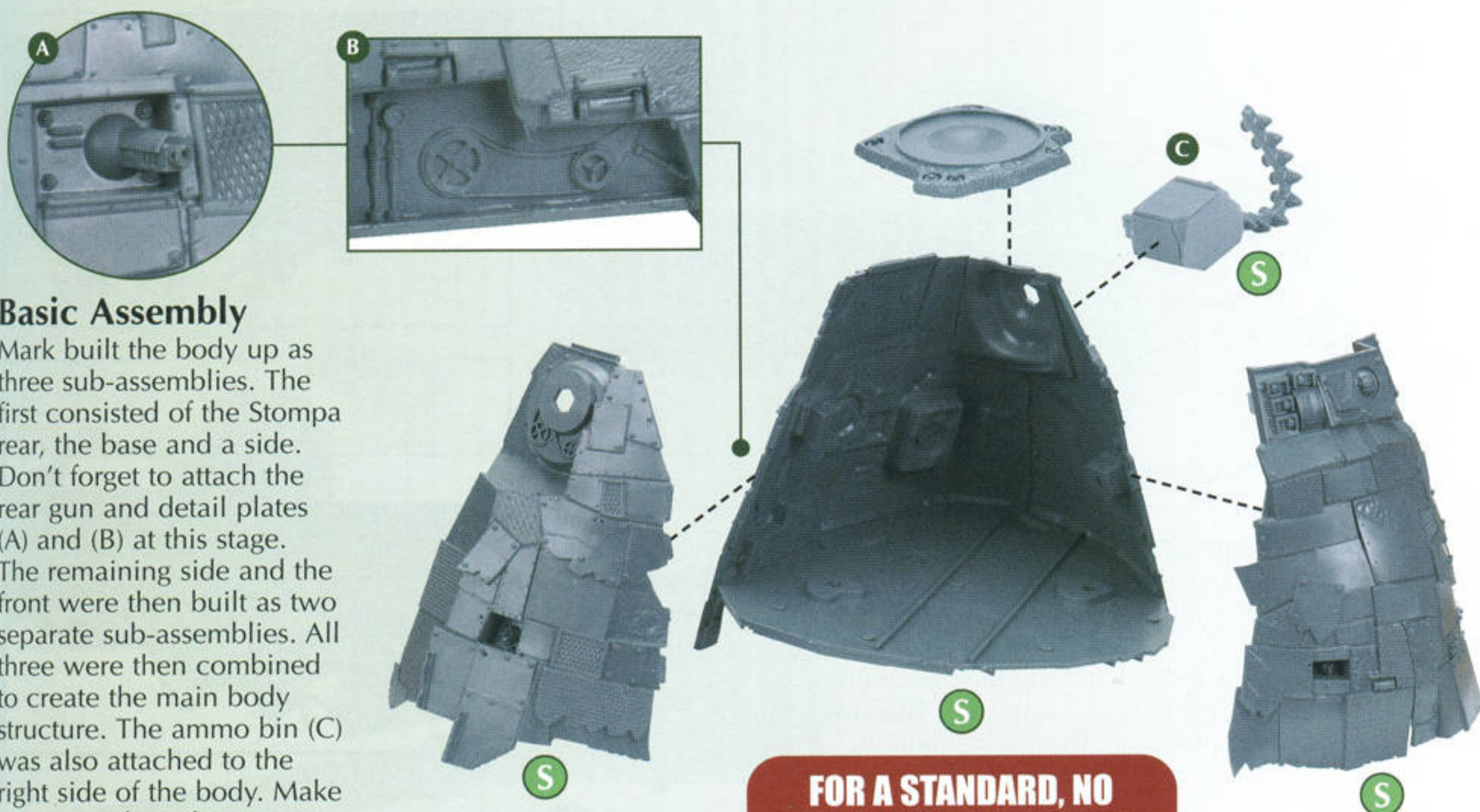
Mark's Stompa is all about taking your modelling to the next level, using the full gamut of hobby tools and techniques, and

building up the kit in 'sub-assemblies' to get a truly unique model.

Mark's approach is very methodical, when following his advice be sure to set aside plenty of time so glue can dry and mistakes can be avoided. Keep sub-assemblies and unused components in a safe place so they don't go missing. A sub-assembly, for those unsure about the term, is a section of a model (such as a gun turret) that is assembled and then left for later, without attaching it to the rest of the model. All the sub-assemblies have been clearly marked in this guide, thus:

S Sub-assembly

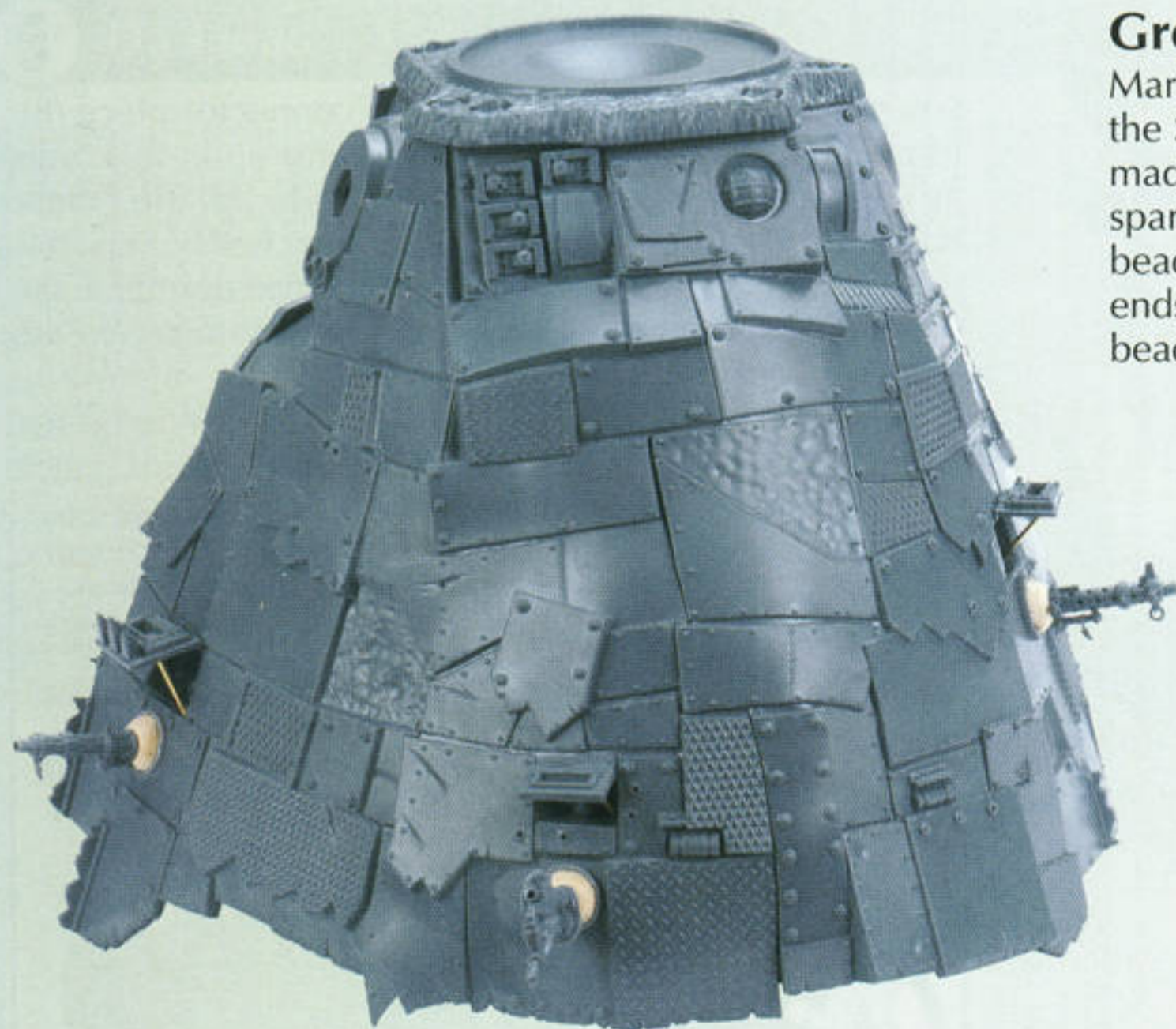
2 Main Body



Basic Assembly

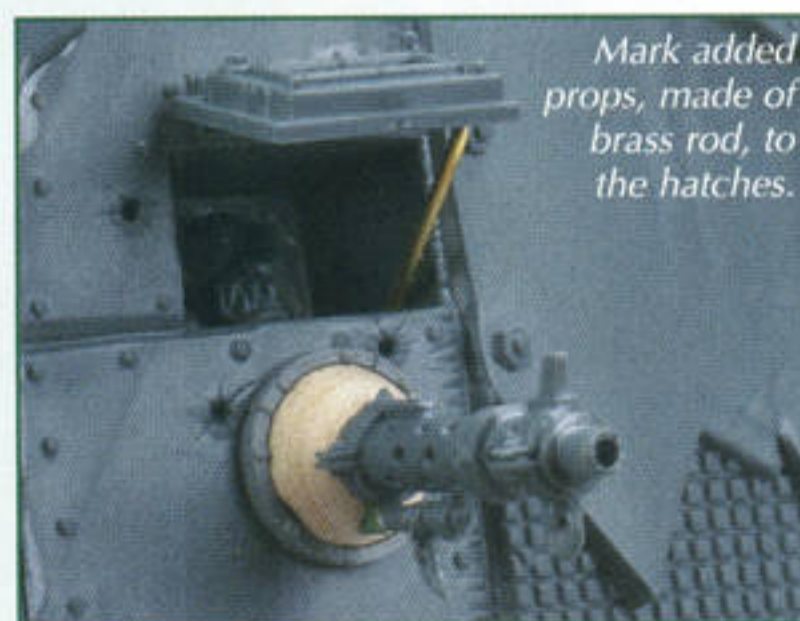
Mark built the body up as three sub-assemblies. The first consisted of the Stompa rear, the base and a side. Don't forget to attach the rear gun and detail plates (A) and (B) at this stage. The remaining side and the front were then built as two separate sub-assemblies. All three were then combined to create the main body structure. The ammo bin (C) was also attached to the right side of the body. Make sure you place the ammo feed inside the drum before you seal it.

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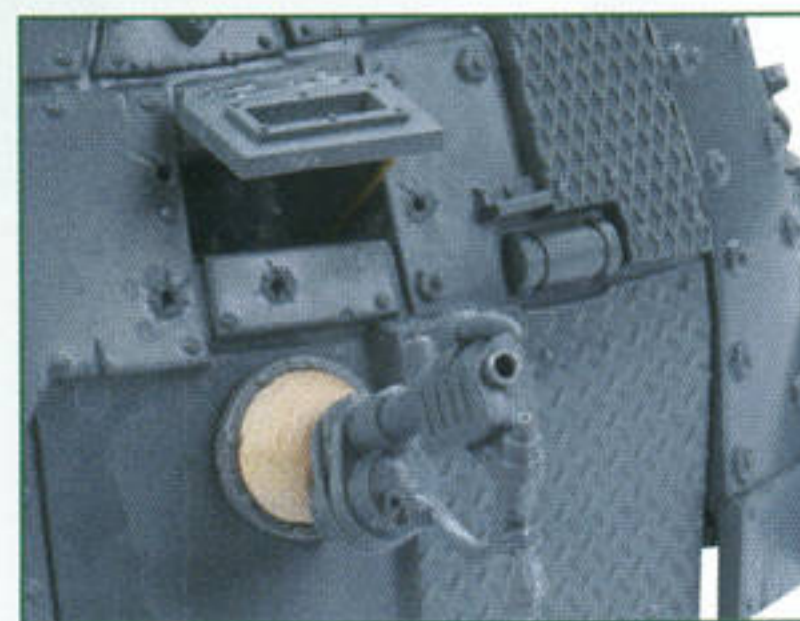
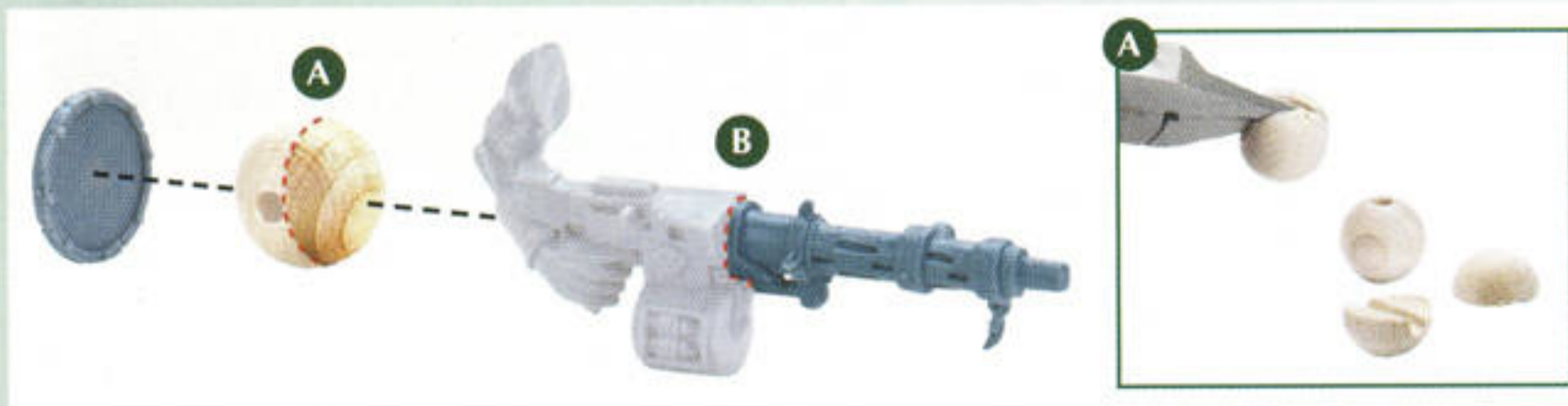


Grot Guns

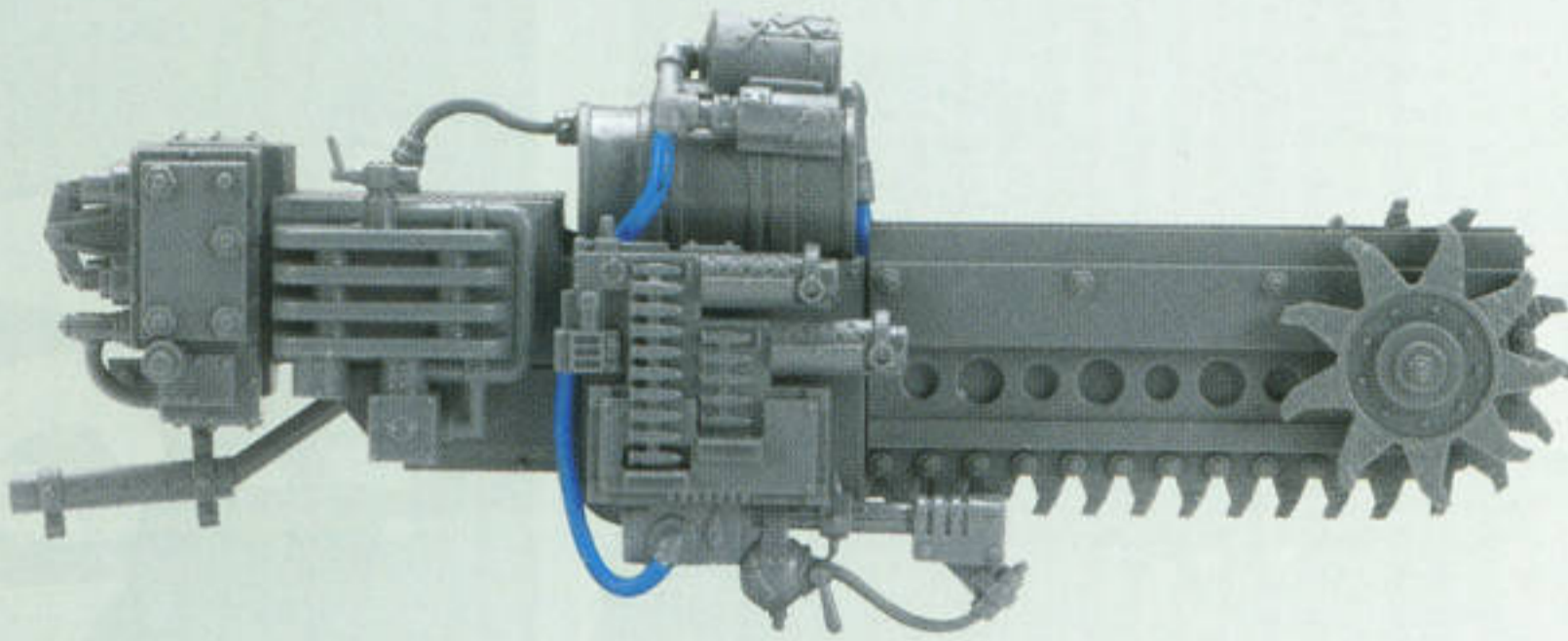
Mark added extra guns below the Grot hatches in the Stompa's hull, mounted on ball sockets. He made these from plastic shields, wooden beads and spare guns from various Ork kits. The wooden beads (A) were cut in half with Plastic Cutters. The ends of the weapons (B) were then glued to the bead, and this in turn was stuck to the shield.



Mark added props, made of brass rod, to the hatches.



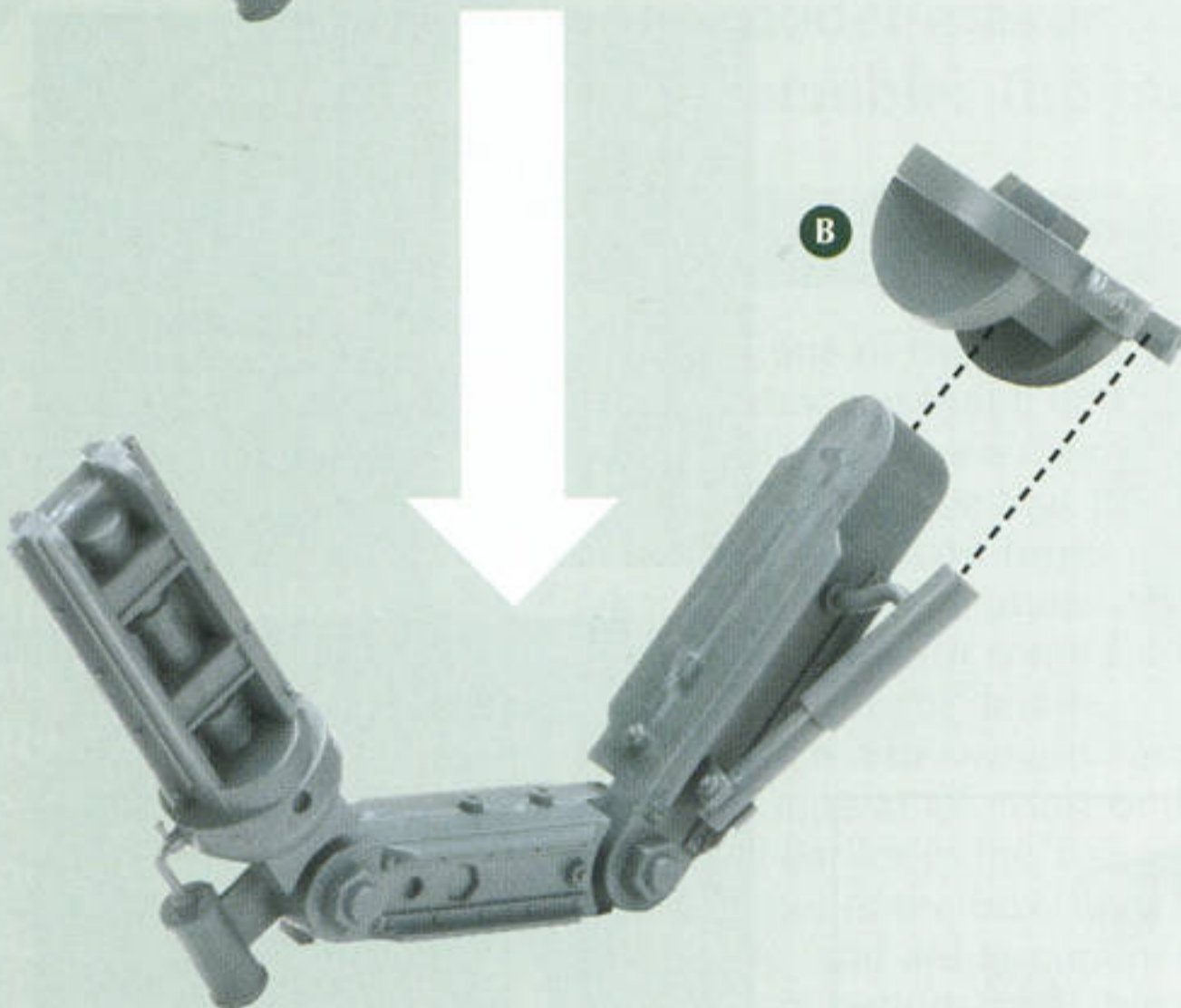
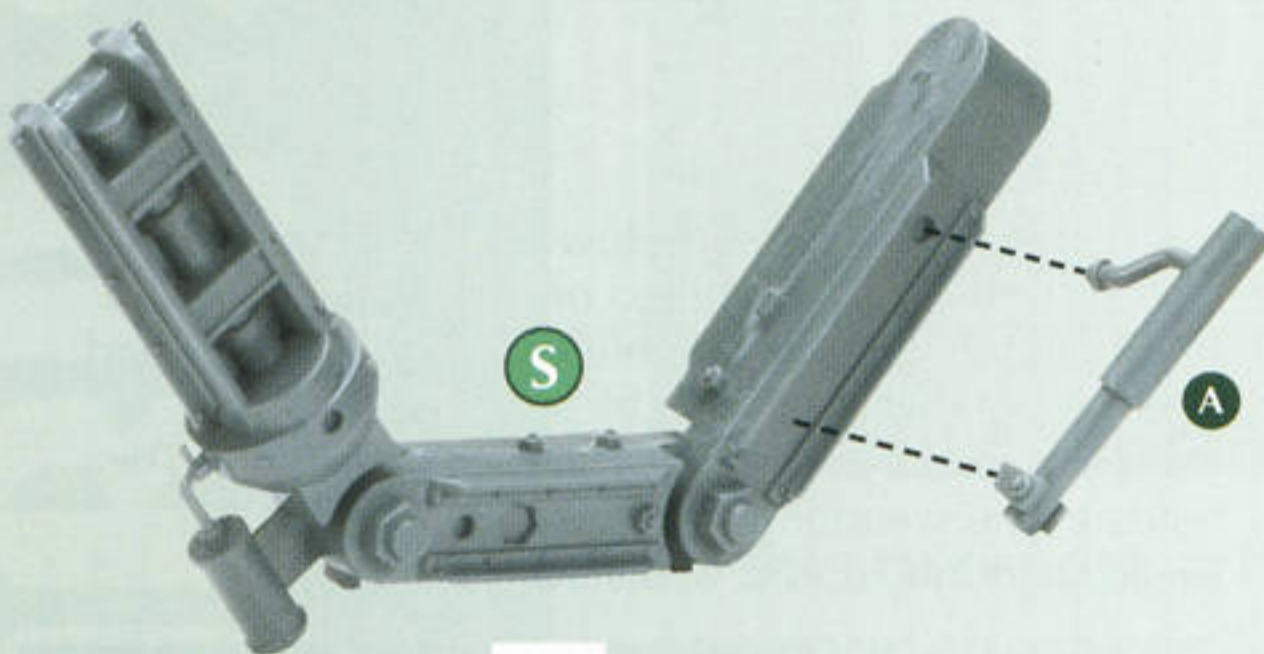
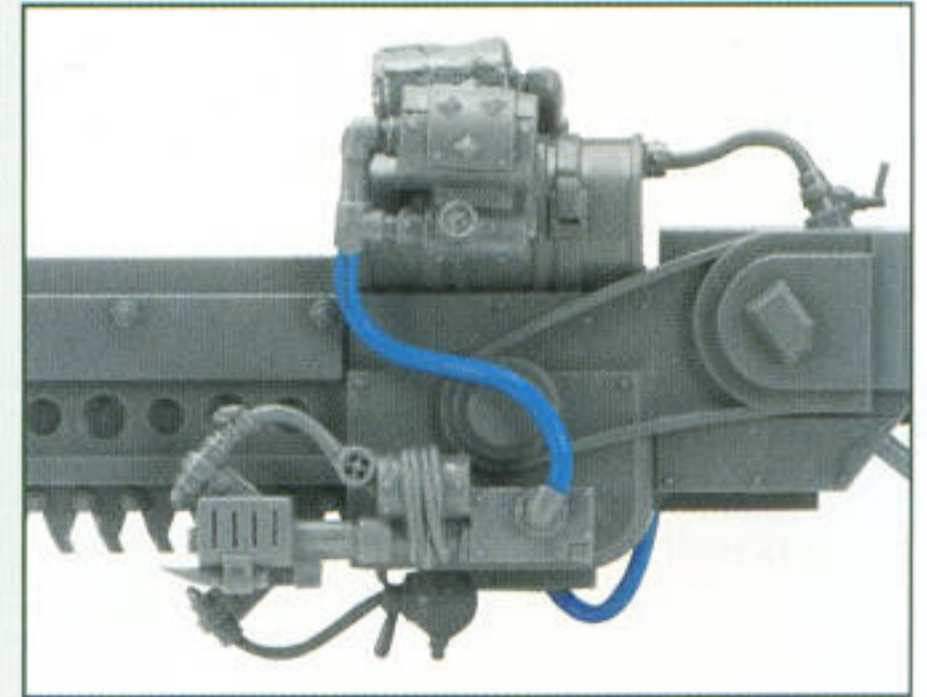
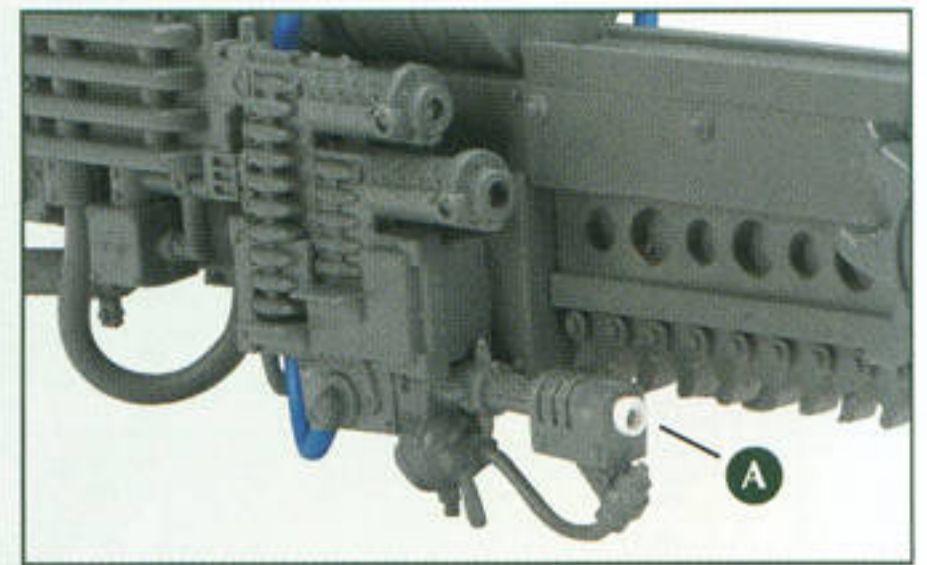
3 Choppy Arm



Extra Burnas

The chainfist was built as a separate sub-assembly from the rest of the arm. A spare burna, gleaned from the Loota/Burna kit, was attached to the bottom of the chainfist while extra fuel tanks were added on top of the fuel drum. Mark then used a length of electrical wire to represent a hose linking up the extra fuel tanks to the new burnas.

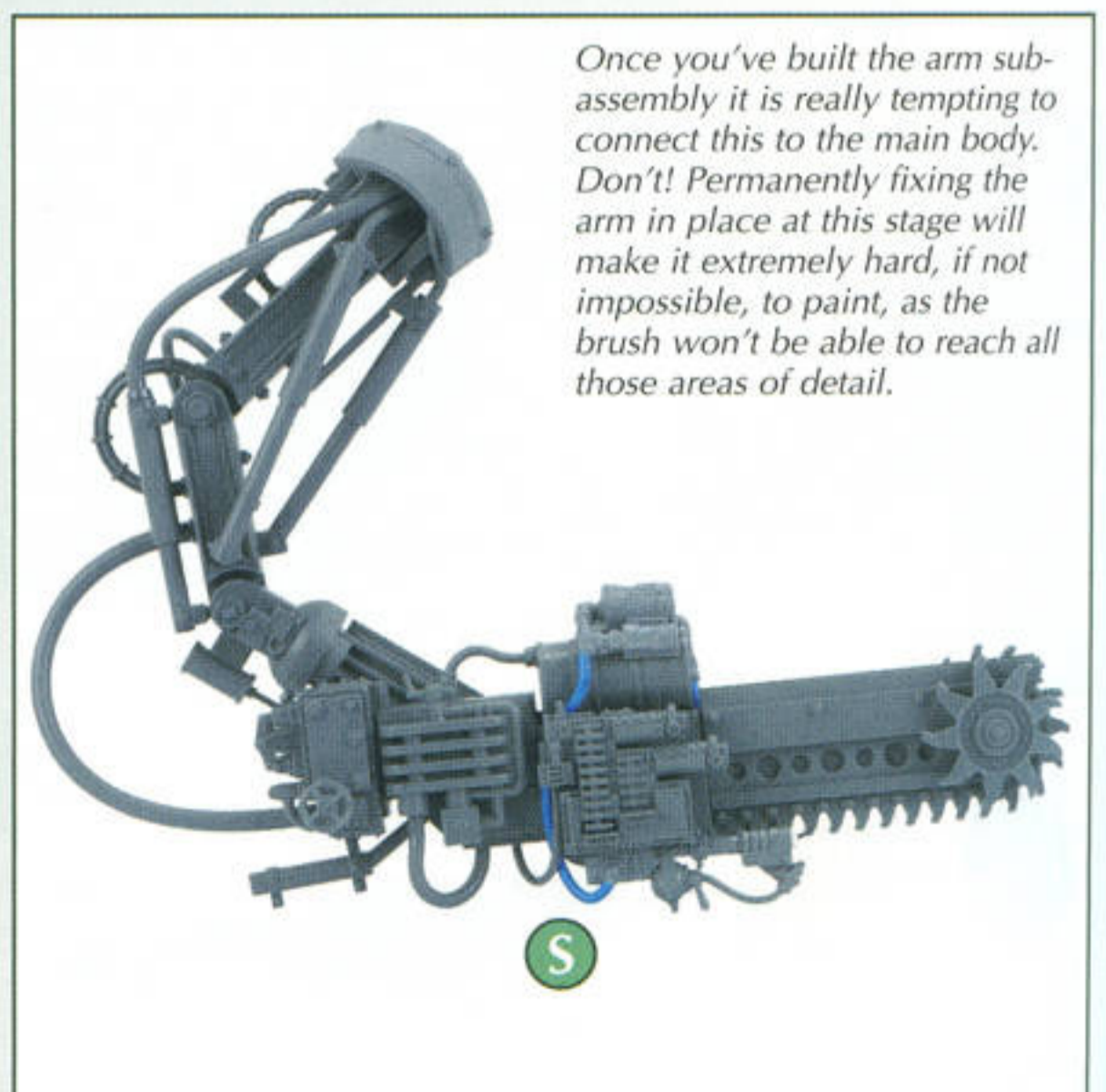
He also added a nozzle to the burna (A). This was made from a small piece of plastic rod, with the end drilled out.



Assembling the Arm

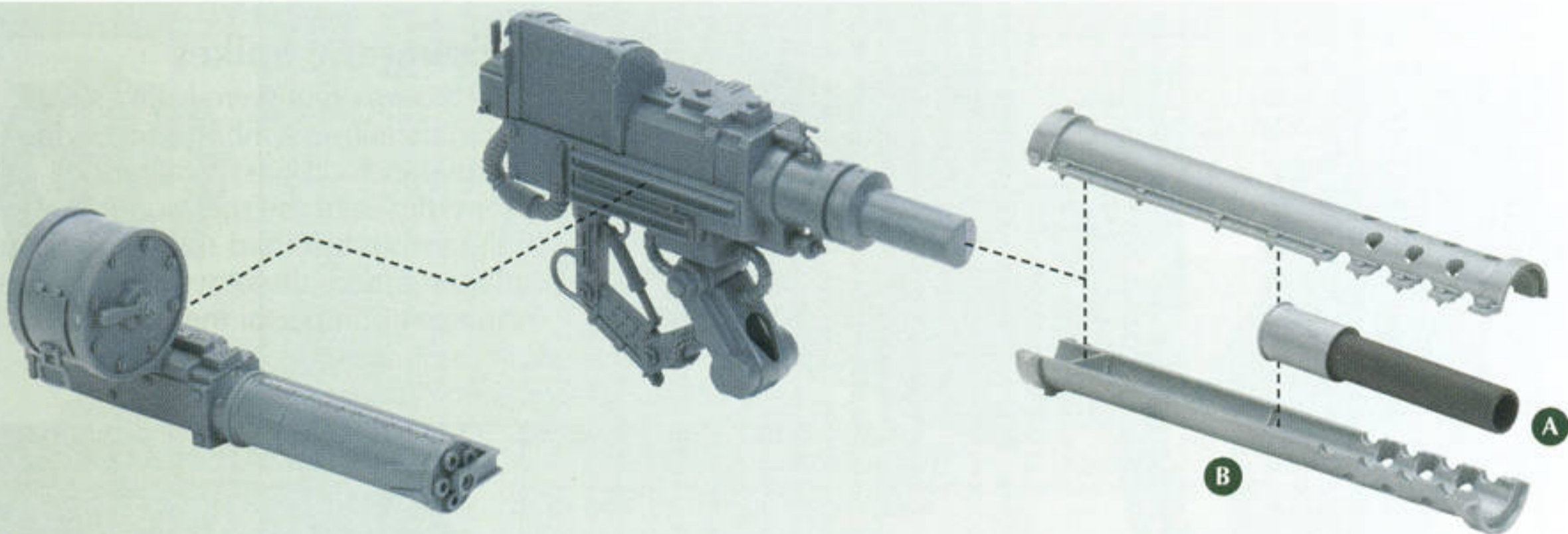
Begin building up the right arm as a sub-assembly. Once you have the basic upper arm and elbow sections glued together add the piston that's positioned on the rear of the upper-arm (A). When you've assembled that and attached it to the arm assembly you should then glue the shoulder connector piece (B) in place. It's important to build the arm up in this order as this will give you the correct angle for all the other wire and piston components to be attached.

Mark then built up the arm as per the normal instructions, adding his modified chainfist to create the right arm sub-assembly.



Once you've built the arm sub-assembly it is really tempting to connect this to the main body. Don't! Permanently fixing the arm in place at this stage will make it extremely hard, if not impossible, to paint, as the brush won't be able to reach all those areas of detail.

4 Shooty Arm



Like the right arm, once you have the left arm assembly it's tempting to glue it onto the body, but you should refrain from doing so at this stage. Keep the arms and body sub-assemblies separate for now.



Assembling the Guns

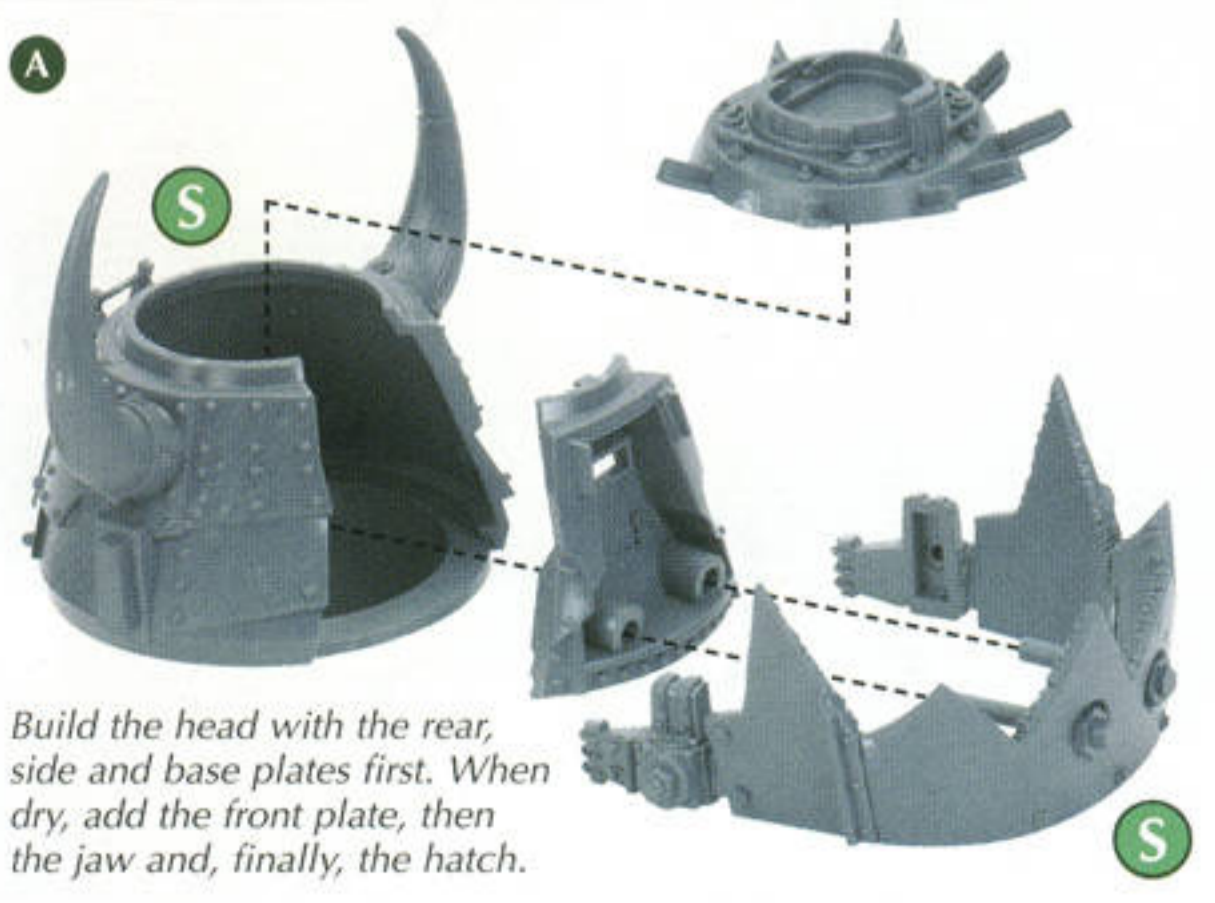
Mark's next job was the left gun arm. He undercoated the inner barrel component Chaos Black (A), but left the end unpainted so he could get a strong plastic-on-plastic bond when he glued it in place.

The outer barrels of the deth kannon were then joined together (B), sandwiching the inner barrel between them. This, in turn, was then attached to the right arm gun assembly. The supa-gatler was built separately and then attached to the deth kannon. The right shoulder connector was then glued on to complete the assembly.

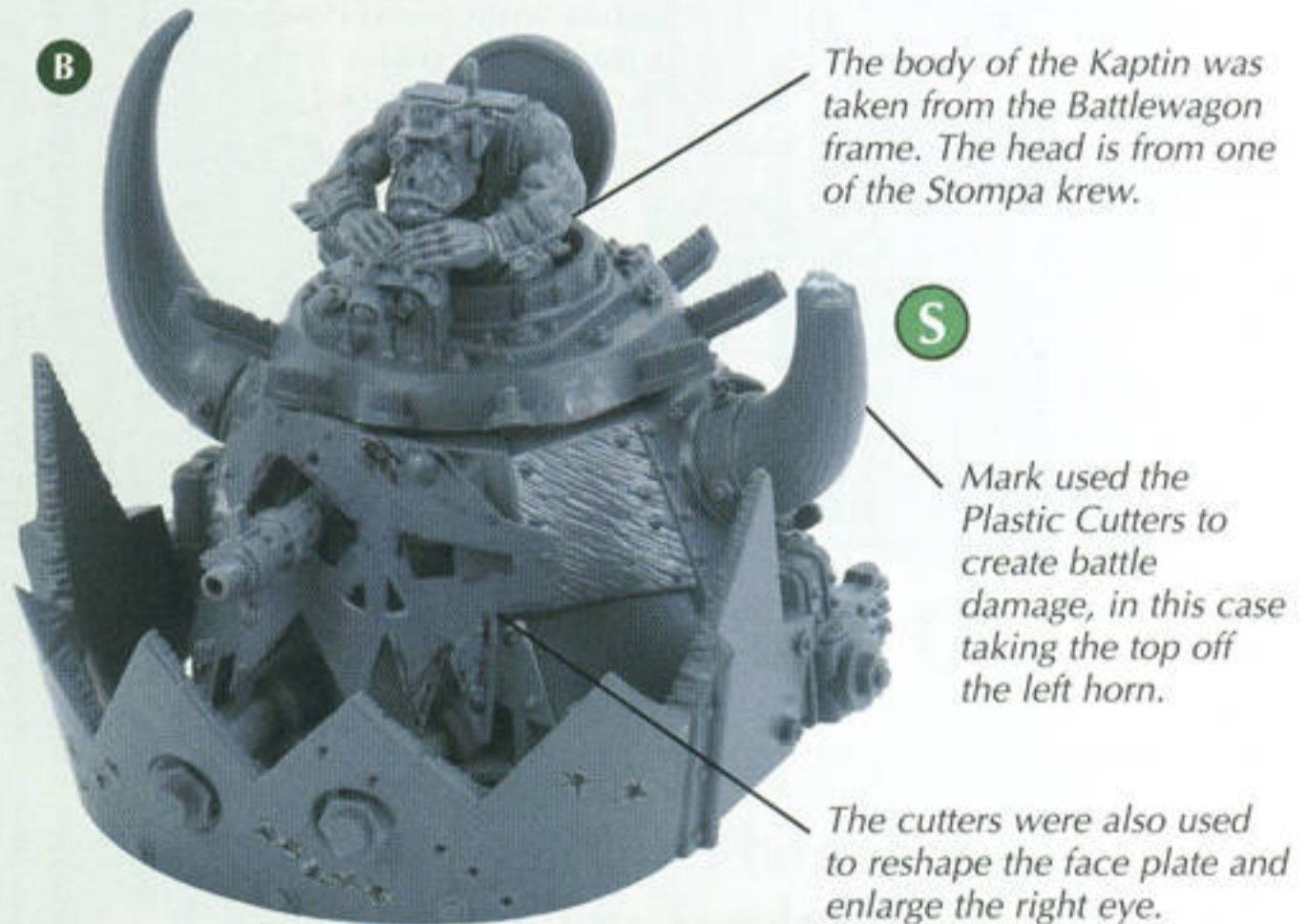
5 Da Head

Assembling the Head

Mark started assembling the head by joining the base, back and side head plates together (A). Don't forget to add the ladder to the rear plate. The front plate and jaw were then added, followed by the top hatch. Mark then set about the face plate with the Plastic Cutters, making the teeth pointier, and widening the right eye socket so he could add another gun! He also used the cutters to add extra battle damage, such as the broken left horn. Finally, strafed bulletholes were added to the jaw as well.



Build the head with the rear, side and base plates first. When dry, add the front plate, then the jaw and, finally, the hatch.

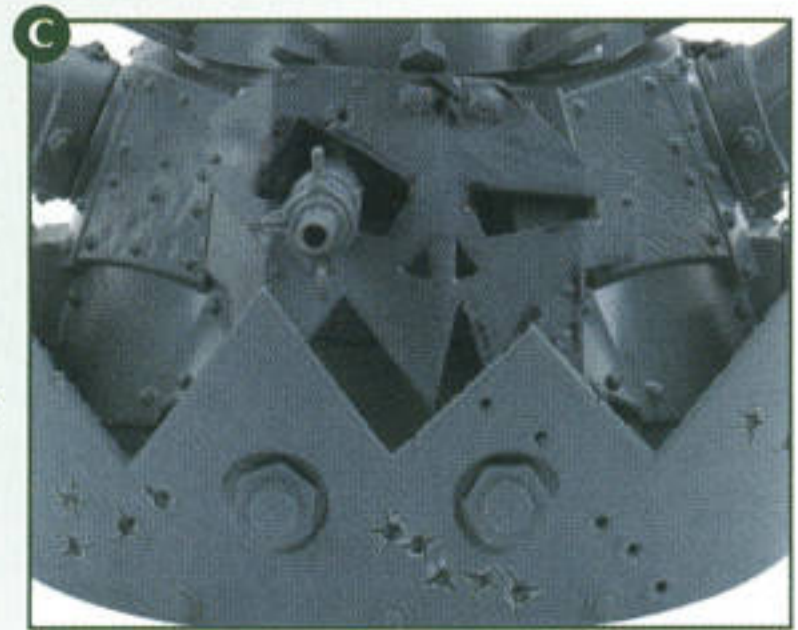


The body of the Kaptin was taken from the Battlewagon frame. The head is from one of the Stompa crew.

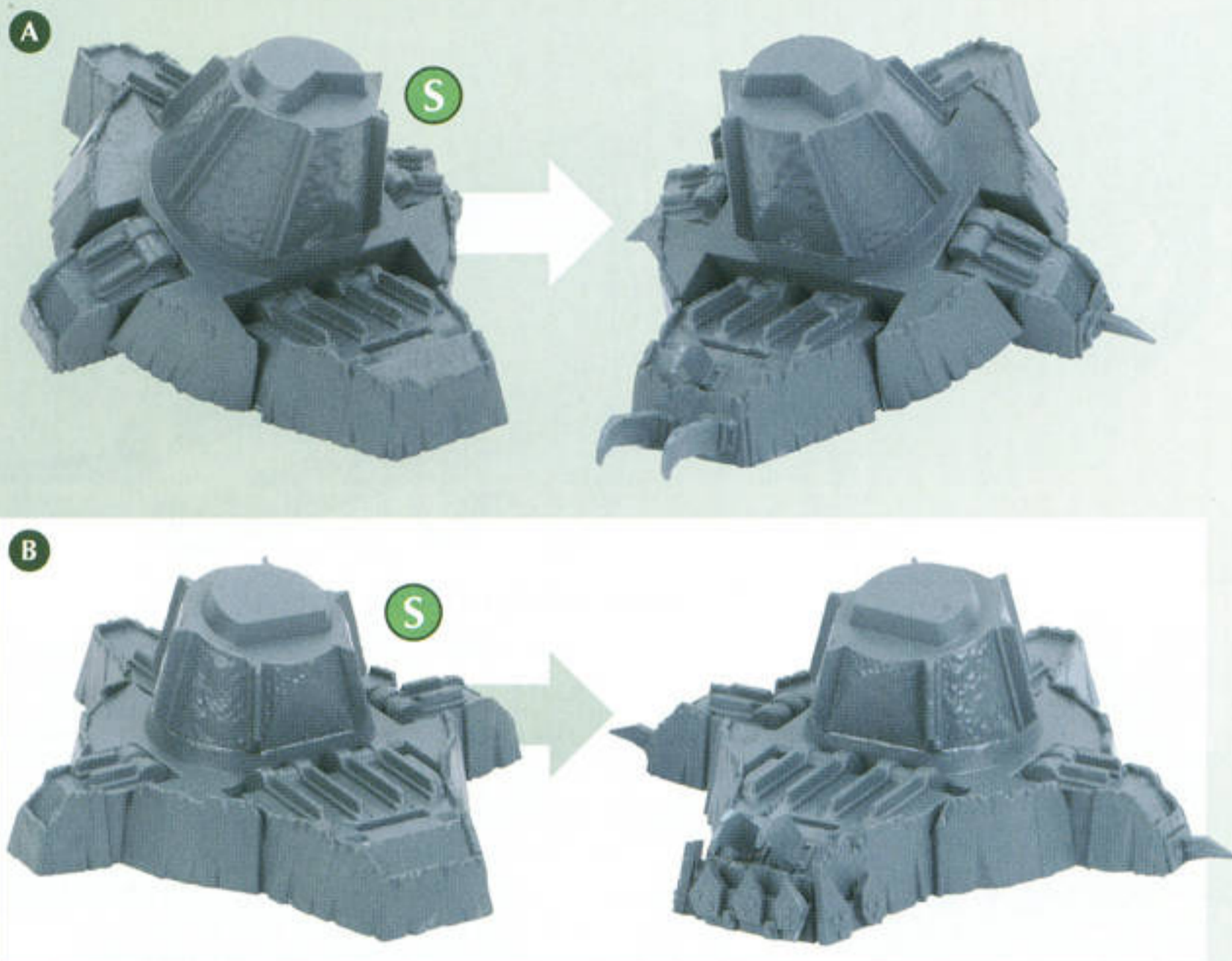
Mark used the Plastic Cutters to create battle damage, in this case taking the top off the left horn.

The cutters were also used to reshape the face plate and enlarge the right eye.

The bullet holes on the jaw plate were created with the Hobby Drill. Mark formed them up in lines so it looked like the Stompa had been strafed by some rapid firing weapon. He then used the sculpting tool to work at the holes and make them more like bullet impacts by widening them and adding extra cracks and lines.



6 Stompy Bitz (wiv extra stabby bitz)



Adding the Spikes

The Stompa feet were built as two separate sub-assemblies, following the normal instructions. Mark added spikes from the kit to the right foot (A). The left foot (B) also had some spikes and blades added; the other addition was the front bumper of the Ork Trukk kit.

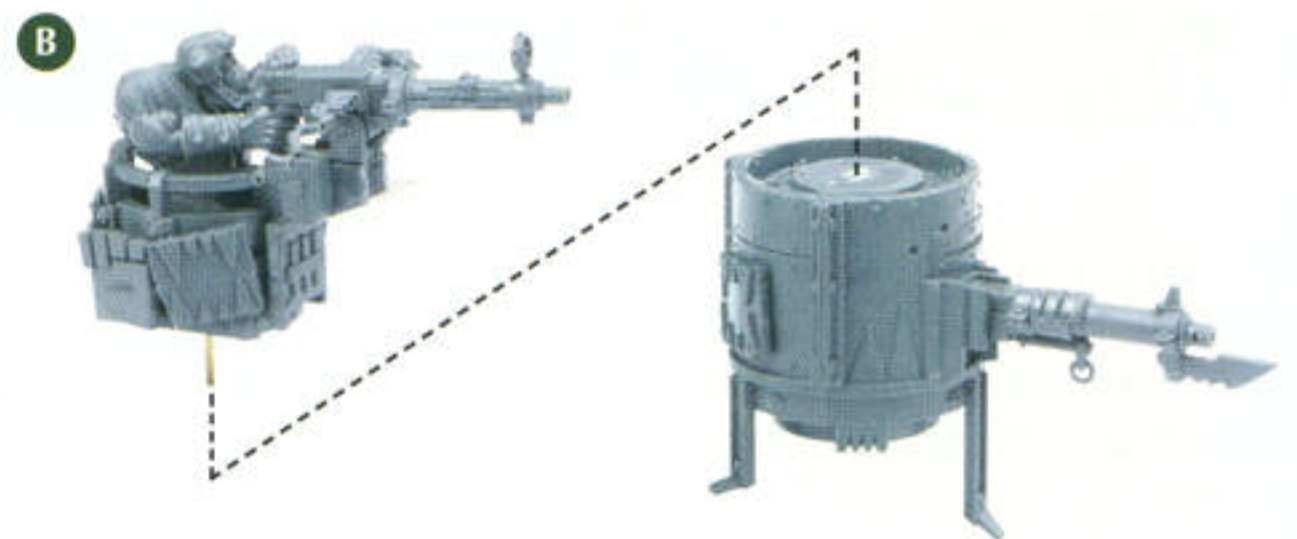


The bumper from the Ork Trukk was cut into three parts and placed around the front 'toe' of the Stompa's left foot.

7 Extra-Shooty Turret

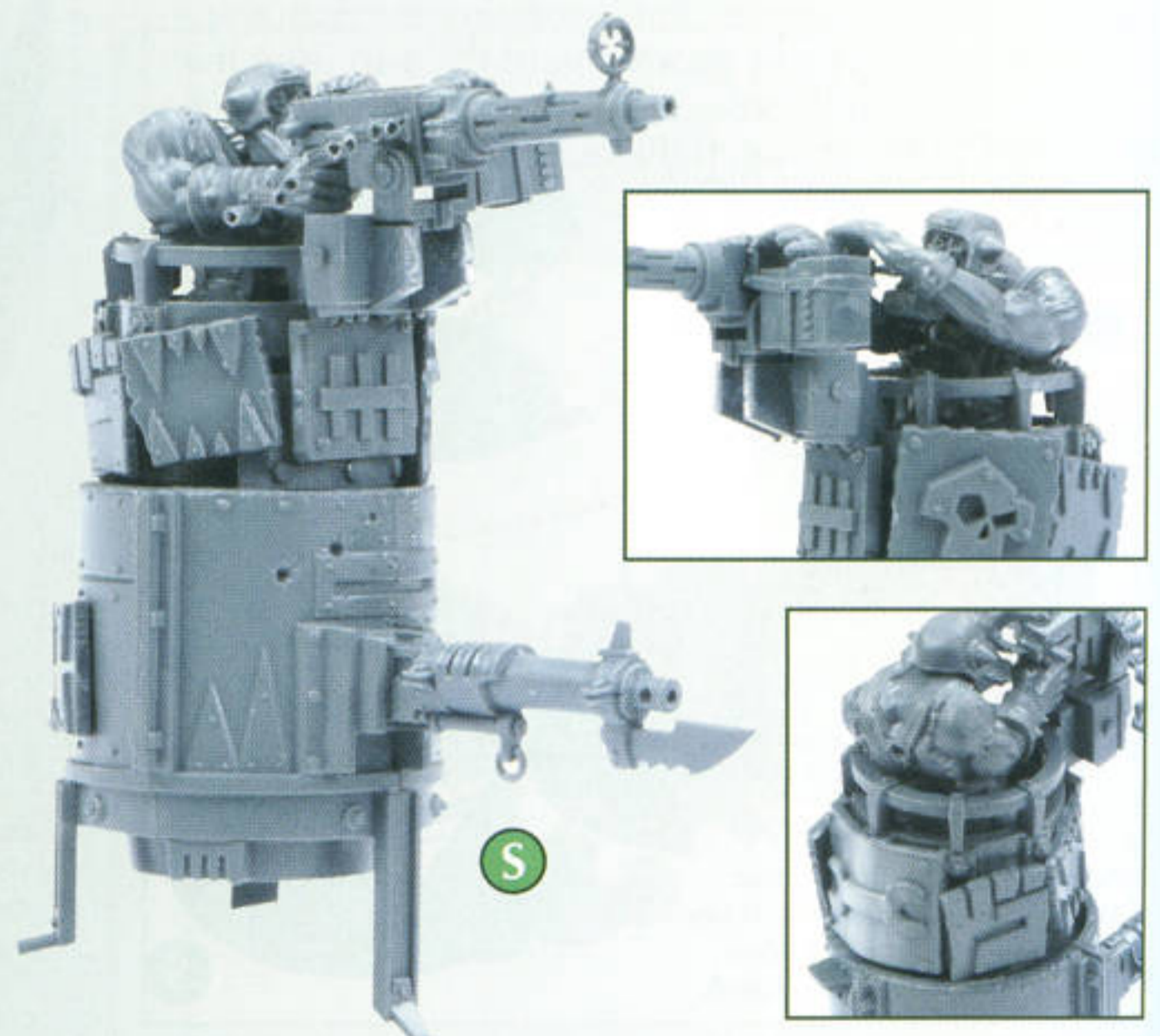


The kan turret was built in the normal fashion – the sides were attached to the rear of the turret to create the main drum and then the hatch was glued down on top to seal it all in place. The gun for the turret was replaced with a spare big shoota.



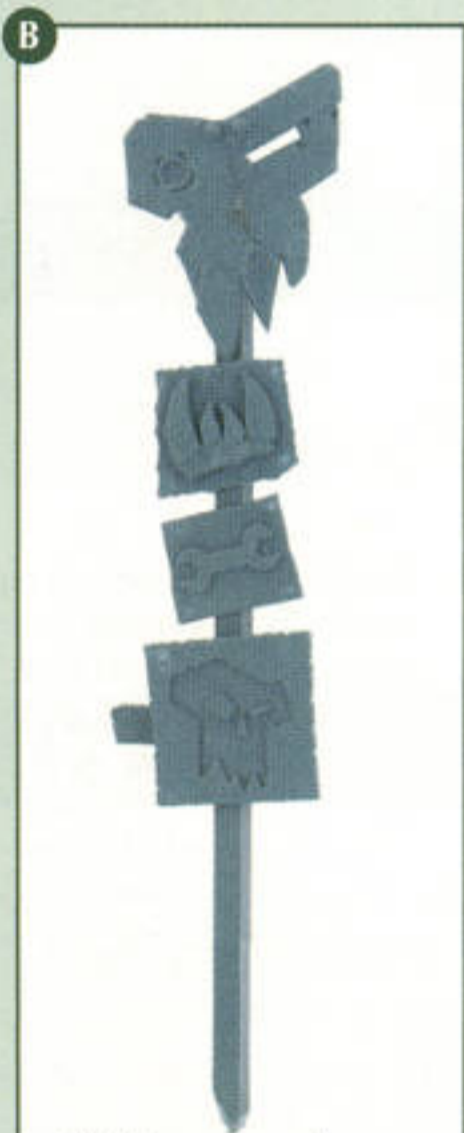
Adding More Dakka

After Mark assembled the kan turret (A) he removed the detail off the top hatch to create a smooth surface and drilled a small hole through the middle so it was ready to accept a pin. He then took the gunner turret from the Ork Trukk (B), and added armour to the sides with glyph plates from the Stompa and Trukk kits. Brass rod was inserted into the bottom of the gunner turret and this was then stuck on to the kan turret to create the completed sub-assembly.



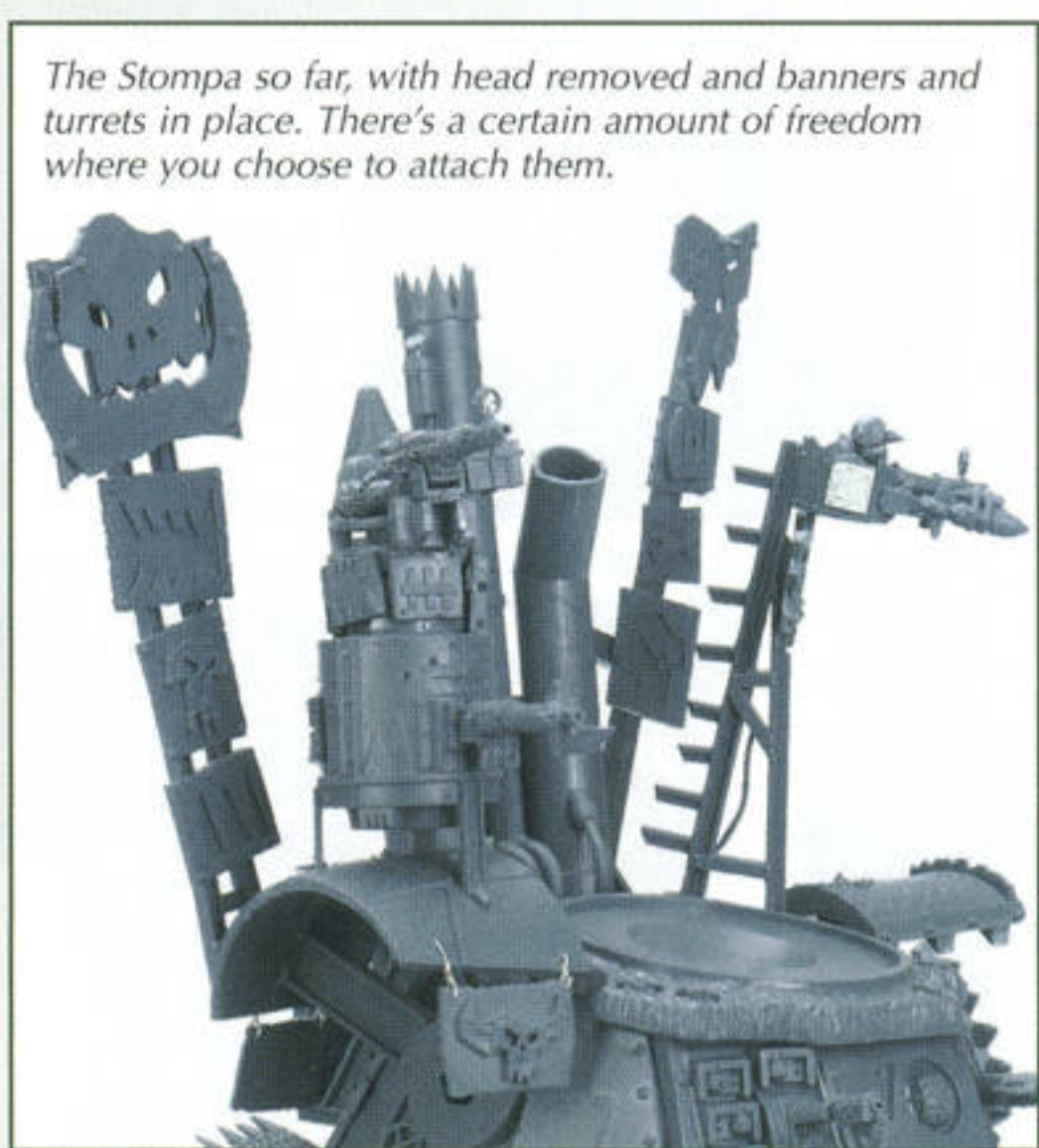


All these components are from the Stompa kit, combined to form an Ork boss pole.

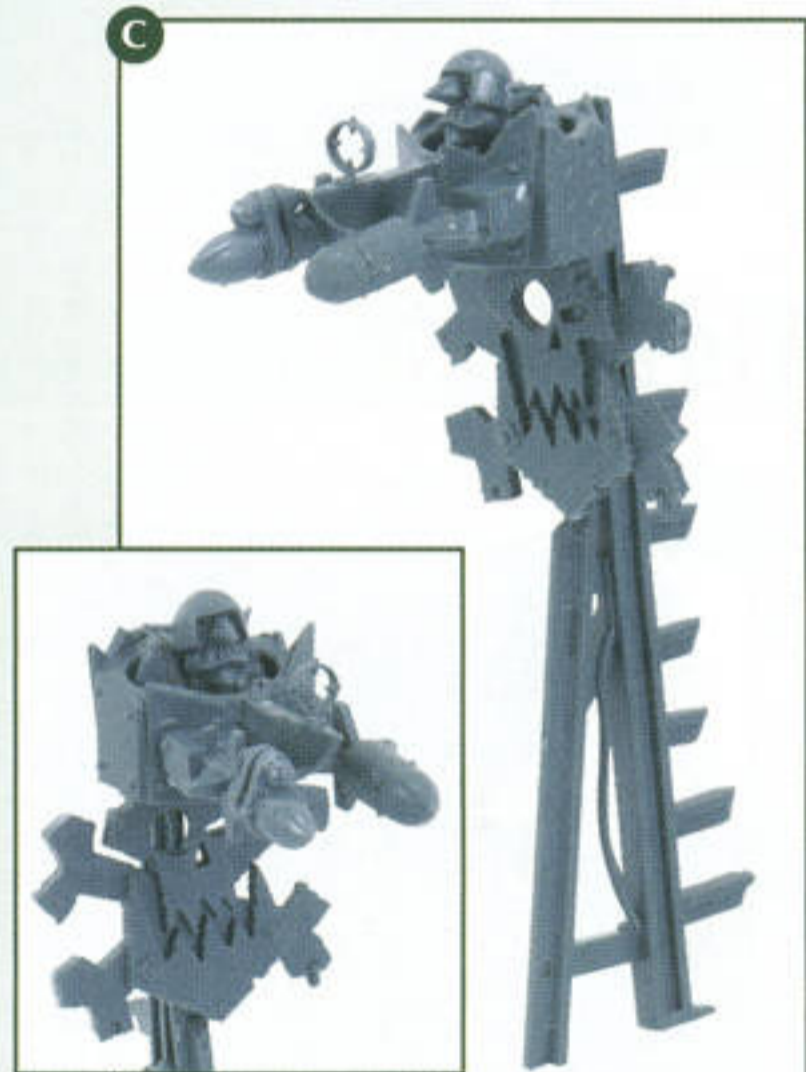


This banner pole was created with a bit of spare frame and the unused face plate stuck on top.

Boss Poles and Crow's Nest
As an Ork vehicle, the Stompa should be covered in glyphs and totems befitting something that is an effigy of the Ork Gods. The Stompa kit provides you with plenty of glyph plates that can be placed just about anywhere. Mark used spare bits of plastic frame – which no hobbyist will be short of – cleaned them up with the Hobby Knife and files and then stuck the glyphs on to create suitably imposing boss poles. Even the spare face plate has found use on the top of one of the poles. With a kit like this nothing need be wasted.



The Stompa so far, with head removed and banners and turrets in place. There's a certain amount of freedom where you choose to attach them.



For the crow's nest Mark added the Grot gunner from the Battlewagon kit. Extra rakkits were stuck on from the Boyz frames. Mark didn't have an exact plan when building up this bit, so he just cobbled it together as he went – that's the beauty of Ork stuff; ramshackle is good!



This Blood Axe symbol was created simply by crossing two power axes together. These choppas were taken from the Ork Nobz kit.



This glyph plate was added to the shoulder for extra armour. It was attached by two pieces of wire which in turn were tied to the shoulder via drilled holes.



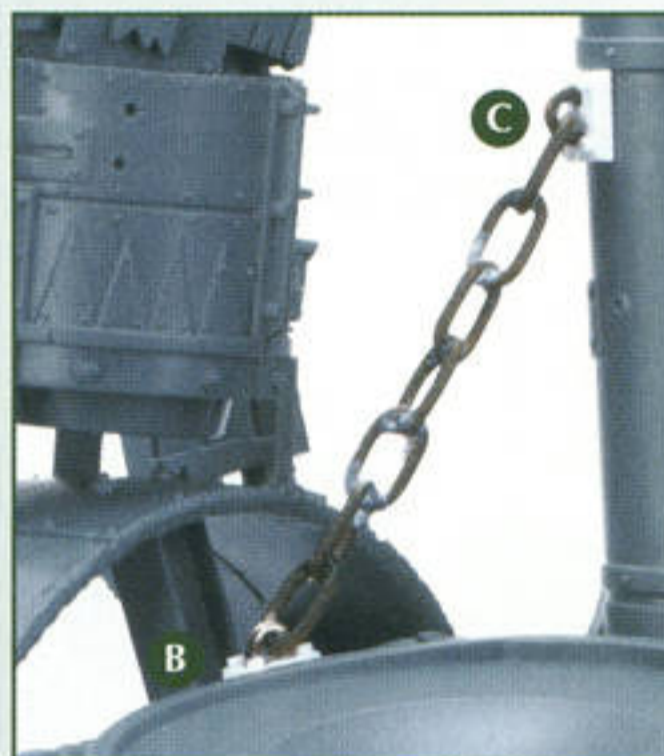
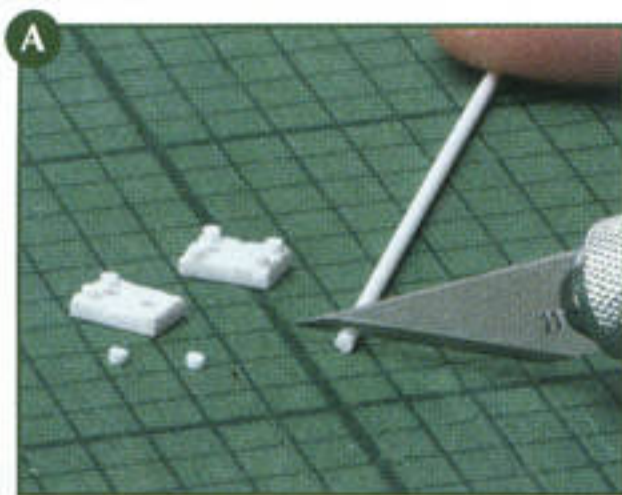
These metal glyph plates are from the Glyph Bitz Pack. Any self respecting Ork and Grot modeller will have some of these close to hand.

Glyph Plates and Clan Symbols

The Ork Glyphs Bitz Pack is great for a project like this, as they can be placed on any Orky structure and not look out of place.

The Blood Axe symbols were created by crossing spare Ork power axes together (from the Ork Nob kit). Mark did this by cutting one of the Axes in two along a diagonal cut and then placing the bits at the side of the intact axe to make an X-shape.

9 Supporty Bitz

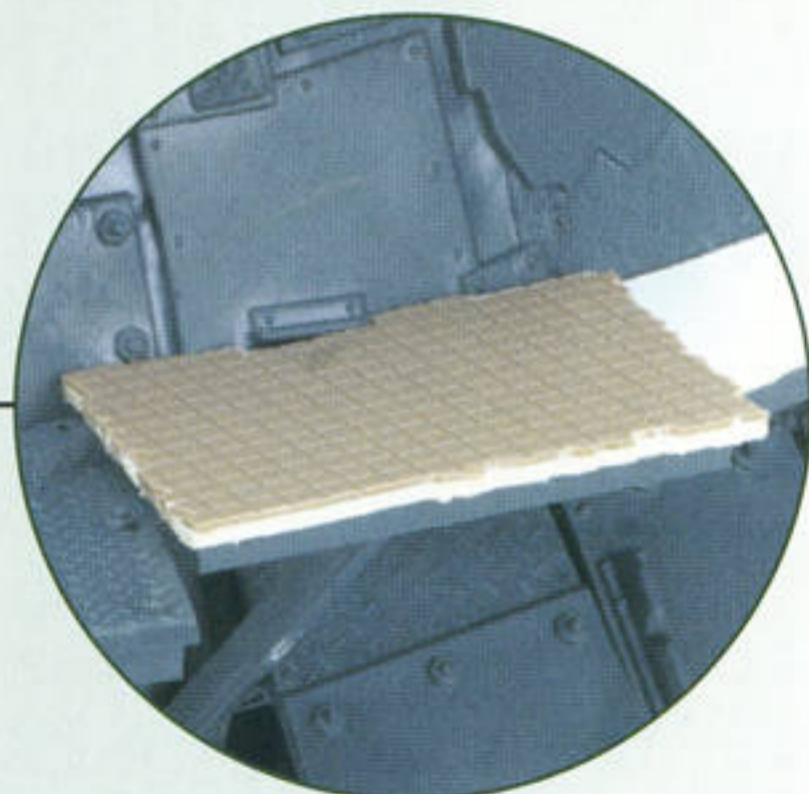
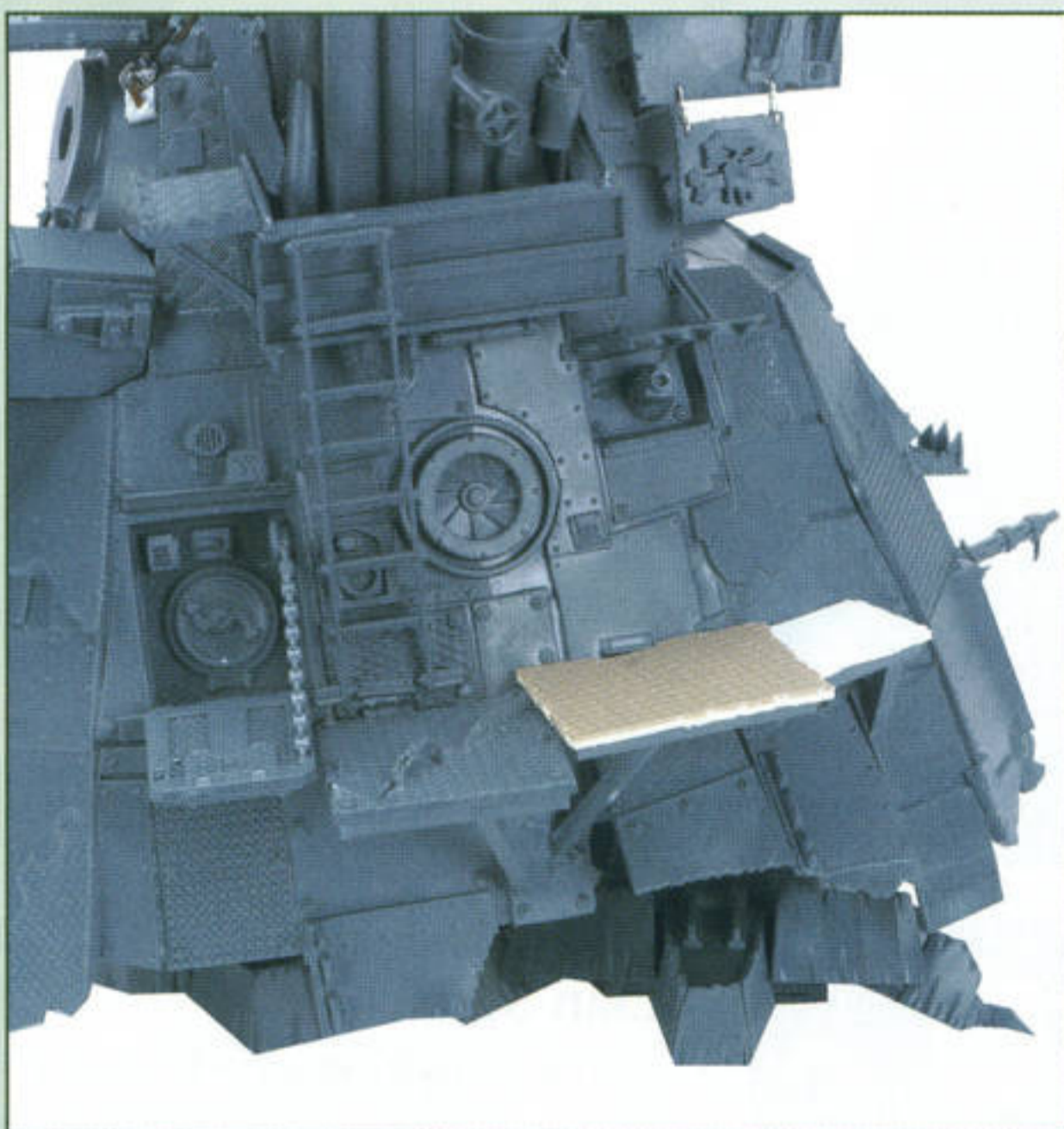


Support Chains

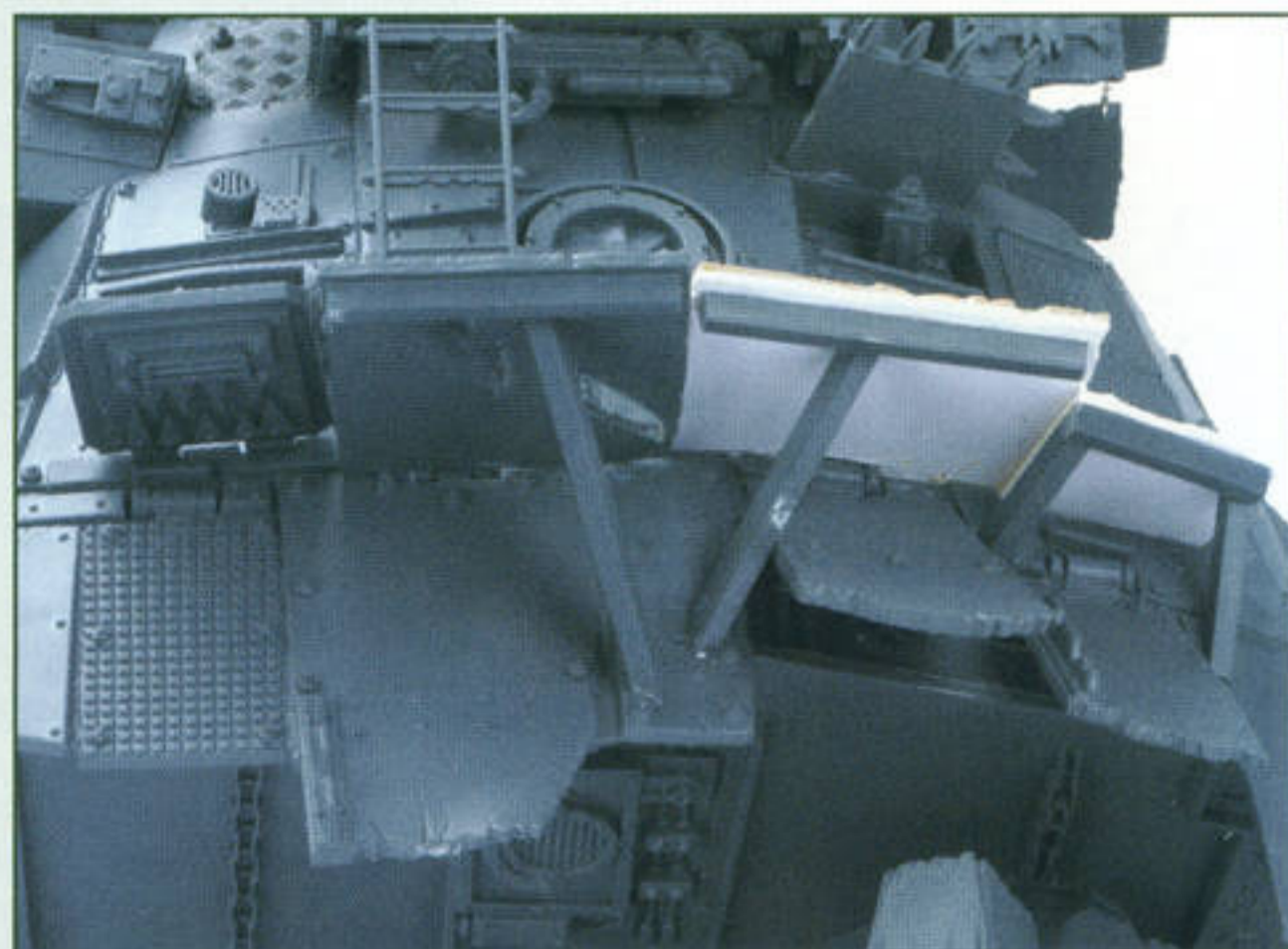
The chain is the same type that a bath plug dangles from, and is available from most DIY stores. Mark cut a length (you'll need to use bolt cutters or a hacksaw, so be careful) and added the two half-links to either end. The anchor points were made from plasticard and thin plastic rod (A).

When attaching the chain to the Stompa, Mark first glued one end to the main hull (B) and waited for this to dry. He then pulled the chain taut and glued the other end (C) to the exhaust as far up as it would go. It's important to keep the chain rigid when doing this so it looks like it is supporting the rickety exhaust stacks.

10 Krew Platform



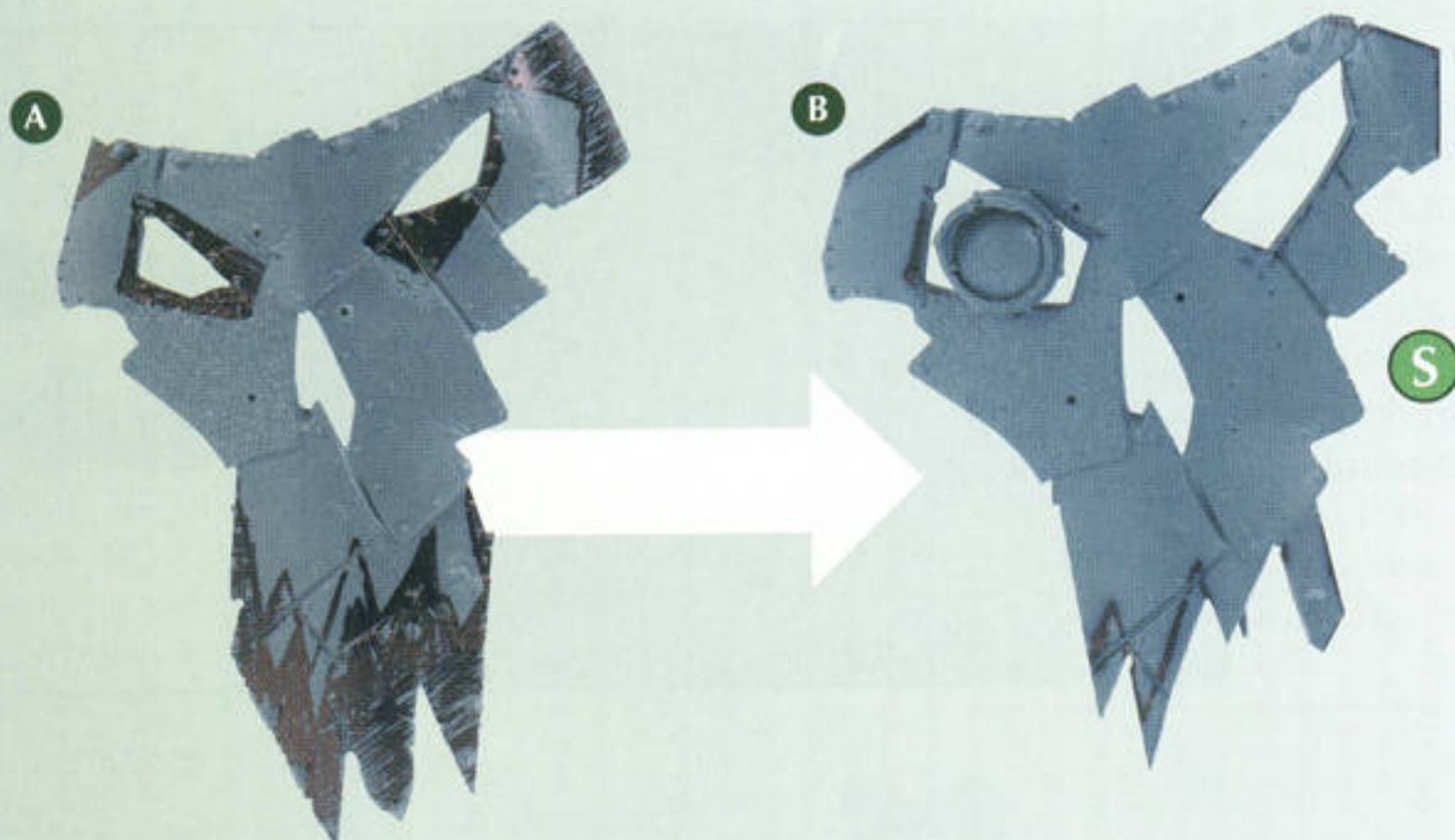
The largest section of the platform was made from textured plasticard that has a small square grid on. This is available from specialist model shops. When painted, it looks like a metal plate.



Adding the Krew Platform

The platform at the rear was created with a spare armour plate from the kit, textured plasticard and a piece of card. These were placed level with the hatch to make an extended platform. The support girders underneath the platform were made from pieces of plastic frame. They were added at ad-hoc angles, as though an Ork Mek had hastily cobbled them together.

11 Boss Plate



Modifying the Boss Plate

Mark wanted a very stark, angular look for the boss plate. He blacked out the areas he wanted to cut away with a marker pen (A) and then set about whittling the plastic down with Plastic Cutters and a Hobby Knife. This is quite a labour-intensive process, so make sure you work carefully and safely, and use a cutting mat so you don't mark the dining room table! Once the right eye was enlarged enough the spotlight was inserted (B). The teeth were formed into a more jagged shape with the Plastic Cutters (C). Finally, Mark filed down all the rough edges (D).

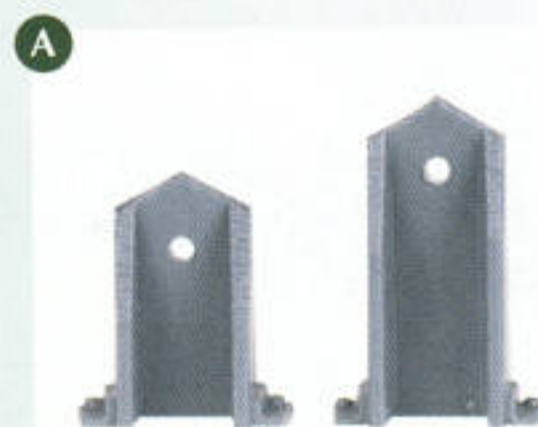
The right eye was enlarged with the aid of the plastic cutters. The Stompa's spotlight was then wedged inside the right eye to give the visage an even fiercer aspect. This mimics the 'evil eye' look that Mark made on the Stompa's face, adding symmetry to the model.



12 Razor Wire

Adding Spikes and Razor Wire

Mark used the hobby drill to make holes at the end of the hull spikes (A) that come with the kit. The ridged spikes were placed around the base of the Stompa at regular intervals (B). Mark then got a pack of razor wire and threaded it through the struts (C) twisting it as he went to create a makeshift barrier that would prevent persistent enemies from clinging onto or climbing the hull.



Each of the spike struts had a sizeable hole drilled through the end so the razor wire could be threaded through.

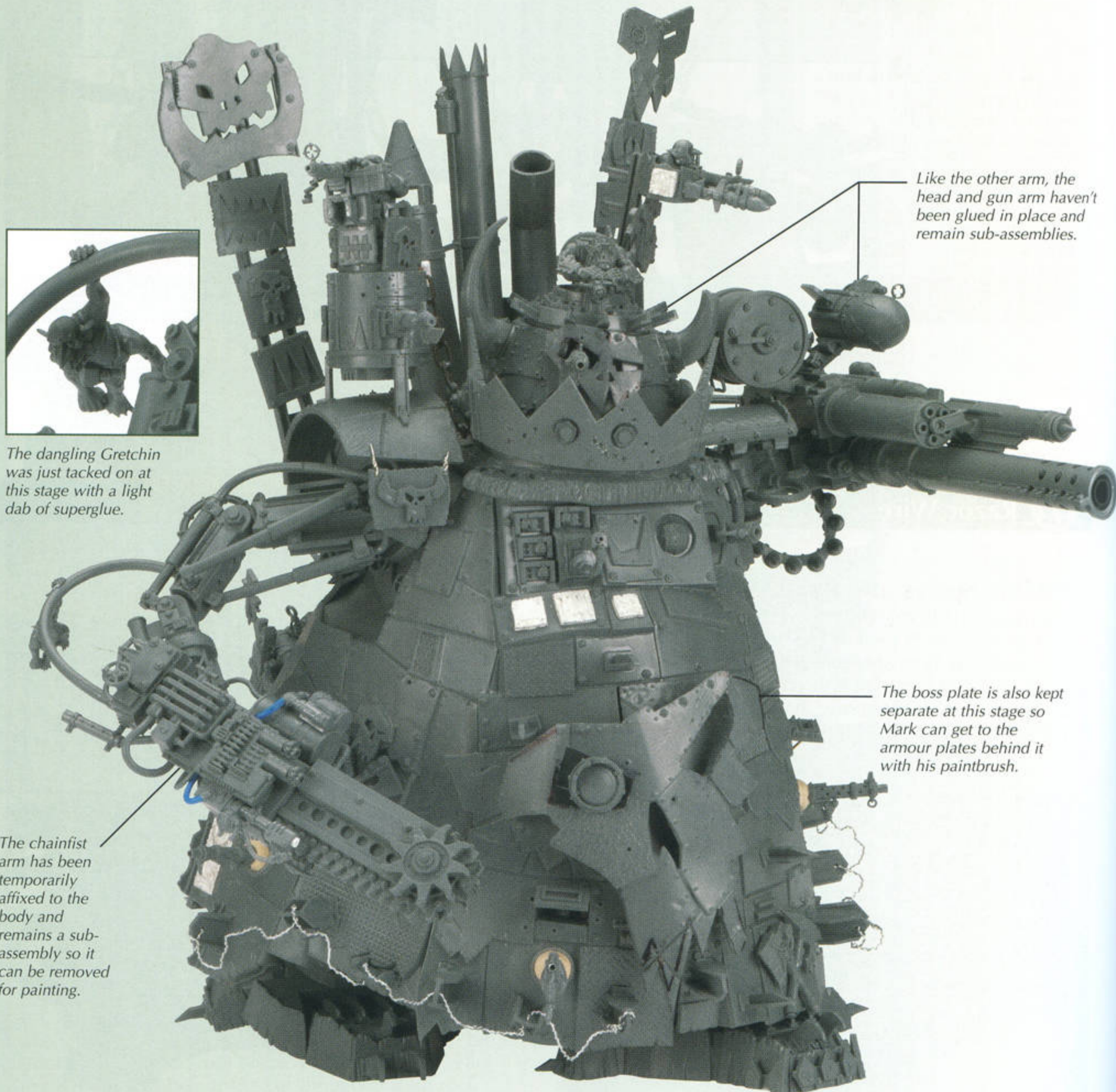
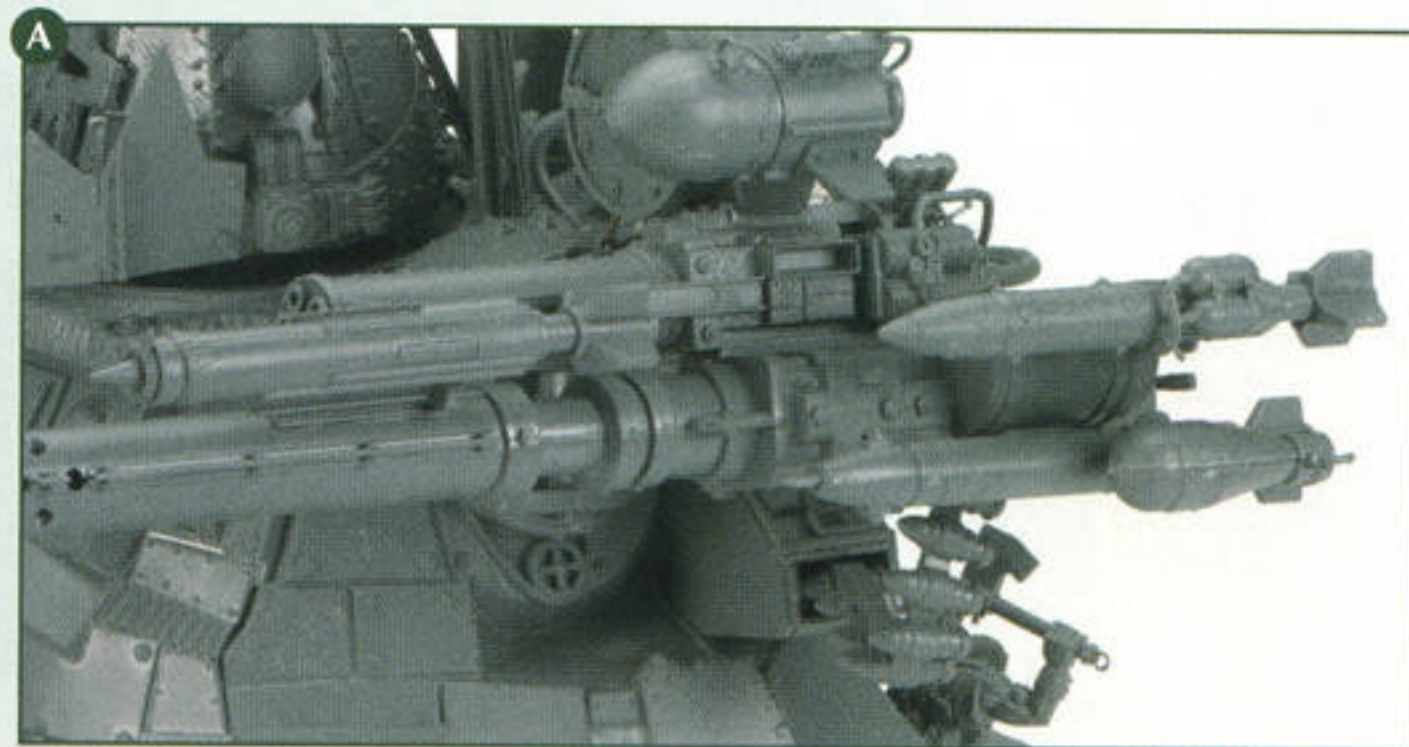


13 Final Details

Adding the Supa-Rokkits and Krew

With Mark adding so many extra details it was actually quite a challenge to find a place for the supa-rokkits. In the end he added them on the gun arm as normal (A).

It was then time to combine the sub-assemblies to create the Stompa. It's very tempting to glue these permanently in place but you must resist this, as you'll need to be able to take the sub-assemblies apart so you can access the entire model when you come to paint it. When it comes to undercoating the model you'll need to make sure the contact points don't get sprayed, as plastic glue won't adhere to the paint. This is easily avoided by masking off these areas with tape.



The dangling Gretchin was just tacked on at this stage with a light dab of superglue.

Like the other arm, the head and gun arm haven't been glued in place and remain sub-assemblies.

The boss plate is also kept separate at this stage so Mark can get to the armour plates behind it with his paintbrush.

The chainfist arm has been temporarily affixed to the body and remains a sub-assembly so it can be removed for painting.

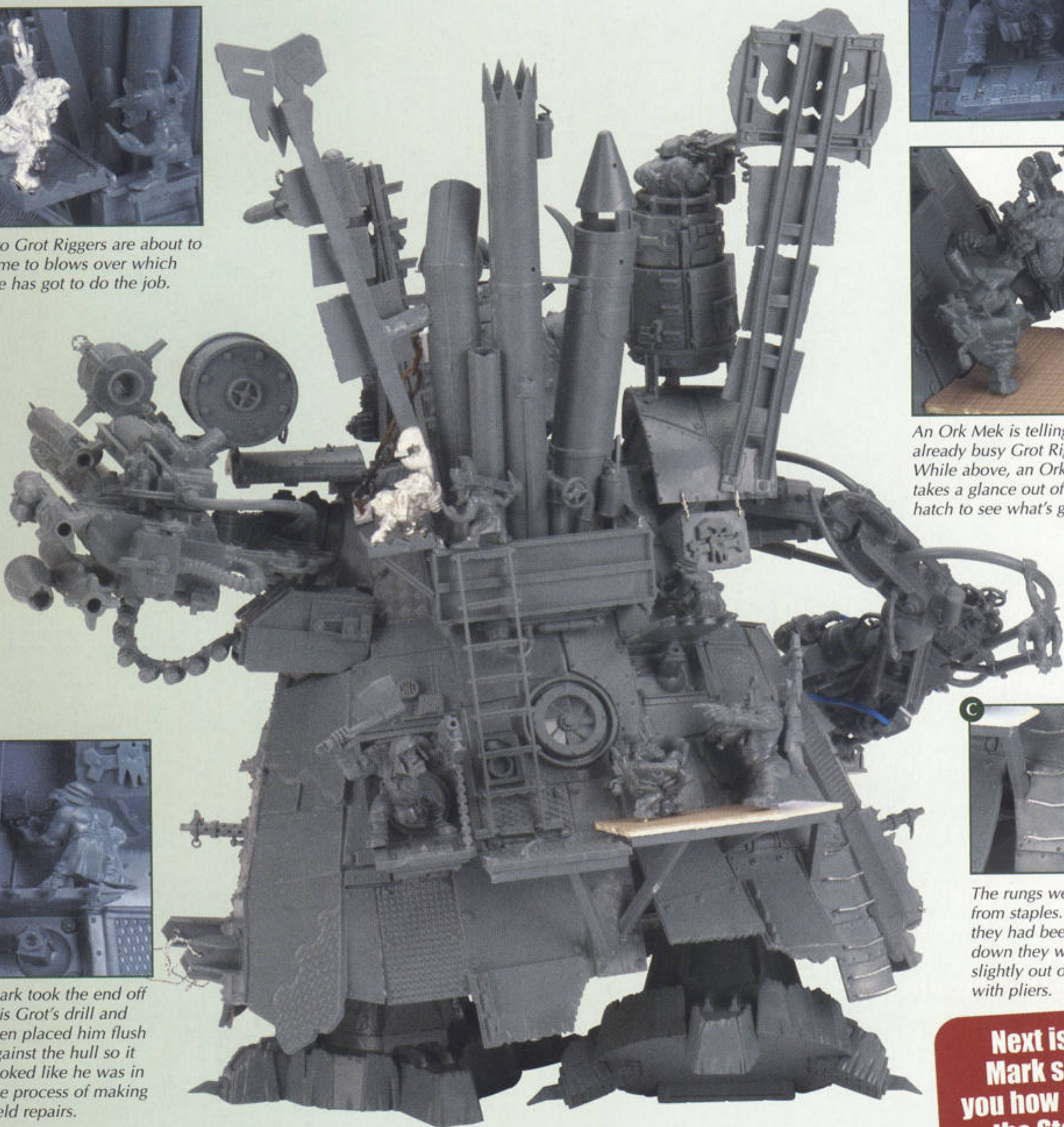
The krew can be placed anywhere you like, but Mark didn't want to just scatter them about. He was keen to create mini-narratives and give solid reasons why each Rigger or Ork was out and about on the Stompa's hull.

The Ork Boy was placed by the hatch to suggest the Stompa's transport compartment was full. The converted Mek was located on the platform, shouting at a Grot, while the Riggers near the exhausts were busy arguing. All crew were pinned through their feet but weren't stuck down, so they could be removed for painting.



Two Grot Riggers are about to come to blows over which one has got to do the job.

An Ork Mek is telling off an already busy Grot Rigger. While above, an Ork Boy takes a glance out of the hatch to see what's going on.



Mark took the end off this Grot's drill and then placed him flush against the hull so it looked like he was in the process of making field repairs.



The rungs were made from staples. When they had been stuck down they were bent slightly out of shape with pliers.

Next issue, Mark shows you how to paint the Stompa

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There is still a competitive element to it when you take part in the different scenarios, but everyone who attends will walk away with a certificate showing who they fought and how they did against the armies they faced.

Additionally, you are not just restricted to a single 1000 or 1500 point army; we encourage the use of much larger armies (the largest being 3000 points). This provides a further challenge by having a master army from which you can draw smaller forces for specific scenarios you will be playing in, all of which must be legal in their own right.

While Grand Tournaments and Doubles Events follow a strict principle that all competing armies must be taken from current codexes or army books still in print, Battlefields is not restricted in the same way; the fact that expansions such as Apocalypse and Forge World's Imperial Armour are permitted means that players can make use of more of their model collection as well as the wider selection of special rules that these expansions provide.

We even try to include, wherever possible, alternate sources such as past Chapter Approved articles and other out of print Games Workshop publications such as Eye of Terror. Providing the rules are compatible with the current 40K rules, we can be more flexible in accommodating players, because the central focus of the event is sociable gaming, not surgically precise rules clarifications. This allows players to play the type of games that they may not be able to under normal circumstances.

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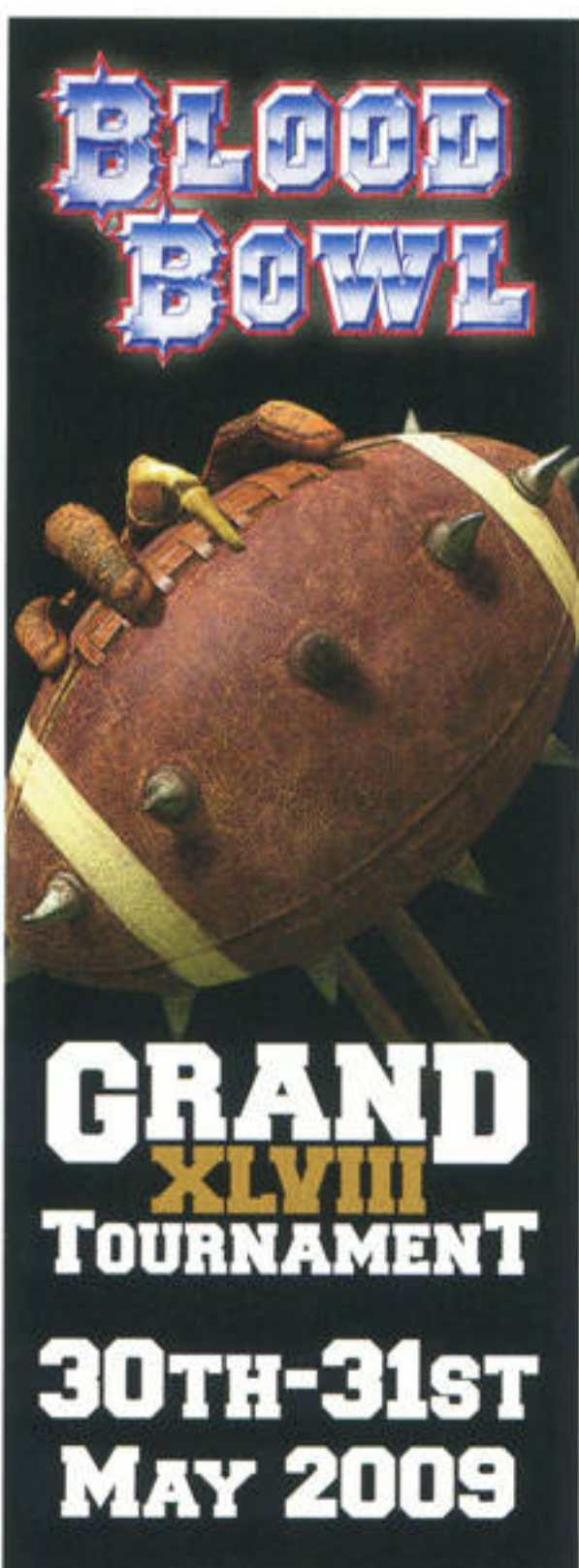
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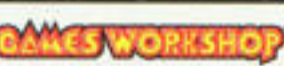
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21st The Great War Against Chaos


Date: 21st–22nd March, 2009 
Venue: Warhammer World, Nottingham
Details: It is the year 2302 and the forces of Chaos are massing under the banner of Asavar Kul. Far to the West the Dark Elves have risen against their brethren in Ulthuan while in Lustria, Skaven and Daemon battle the ancient Lizardmen. Meanwhile, in the Old World, a divided Empire must trust a new leader and rely on old allies or all will be lost and the Realm of Chaos will rule the world!
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Tickets: Tickets cost £50 and include six games over the weekend as well as lunch on both days and an evening meal on the Saturday night.
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April

4th On Wings of Fire

Date: 4th April, 2009 
Venue: Warhammer World Store
Details: Every Saturday throughout March the Warhammer World store will be running games of Warhammer 40,000 Apocalypse at 11am, charting the birth and rise of their own Space Marine Chapter.
These events will culminate on Saturday April 4th with the biggest battle yet as the newly-forged Space Marines of Warhammer World stride into battle against the traitors of Jericho IV. With Titans and shooting aplenty, bring your armies along to join in!
Contact: GW Warhammer World on 0115 916 8410

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Date: 4th April, 2009 
Venue: Ochil Community Centre, Stirling
Details: Stirling Wargamers would like to invite you to compete in its annual Warhammer tournament, held at the club's regular venue in Stirling. To take part you will need a fully painted 2250 point army.
Tickets: Tickets cost £12 and includes three games, a pizza buffet lunch, tea and coffee all day and doughnuts upon arrival.
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May

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Date: 2nd–3rd May, 2009

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Venue: Clarion Liffey Valley Hotel, Dublin

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Tickets: €60/£40

Contact: GW Dublin – 00353 1872 5791

Tournament Pack: www.warhammerworld.org

30th Blood Bowl XLVIII Grand Tournament

Date: 30th–31st May, 2009

WARHAMMER WORLD

Venue: Warhammer World, Nottingham

Age Limit: 16+

Details: Compete to become the winning coach in this prestigious Blood Bowl Grand Tournament. You will need a fully painted Blood Bowl team following all the restrictions detailed in the event pack. You will play six games over the weekend and the top two players in the final round will compete for the Blood Bowl Cup.

Tickets: Tickets cost £55 and include lunch on both days, an evening meal on the Saturday night, tea and coffee at the start of both days and doughnuts to get you started on Saturday morning.

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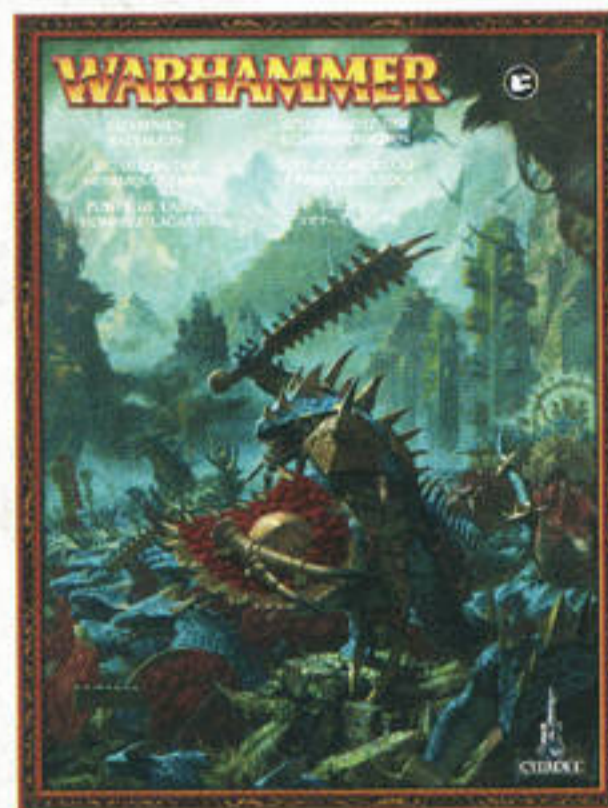
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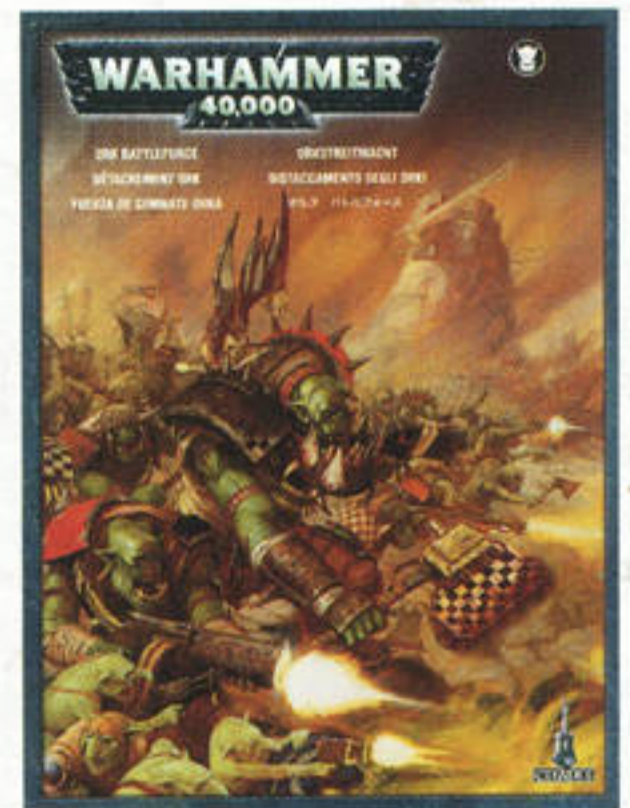
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GCN registered clubs work closely with Games Workshop on events like Games Day, Conflict events and Campaign Weekends, making them an integral part of the Games Workshop hobby. Use the club listing to find a GCN gaming club near you and get involved.

The GCN strives to meet the following objectives:

- Promote good communications between Gaming Clubs and Games Workshop.
- Assist in the running of local gaming events.
- Support other clubs' activities.
- Assist in the running of games at the national level.
- Provide a forum for Gaming Clubs.
- To facilitate club development and growth.
- To create a safe environment for people to play in.

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Please note, if you are want to set up a gaming club in a school we will need to speak to a teacher or member of staff before we can register your club.

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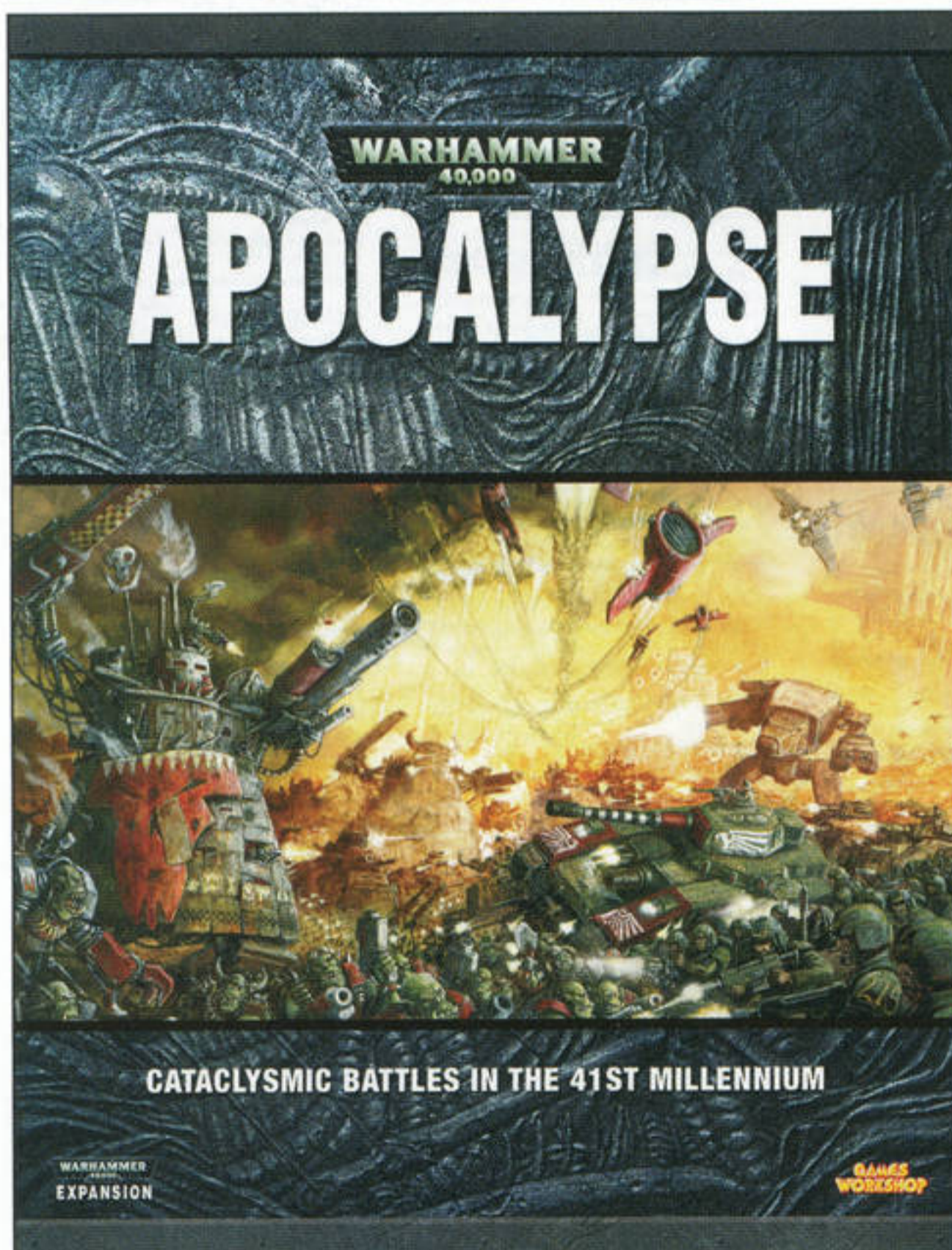
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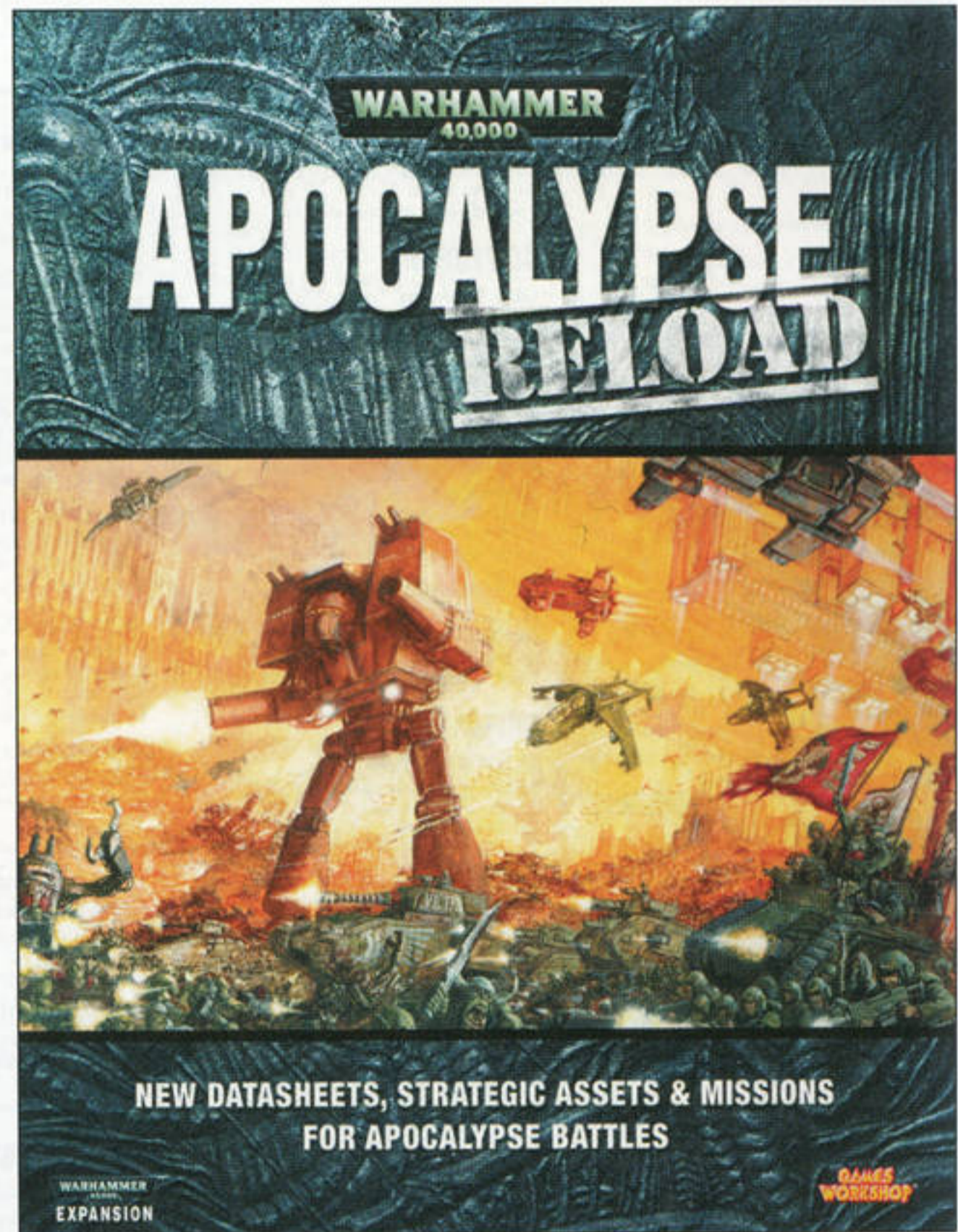
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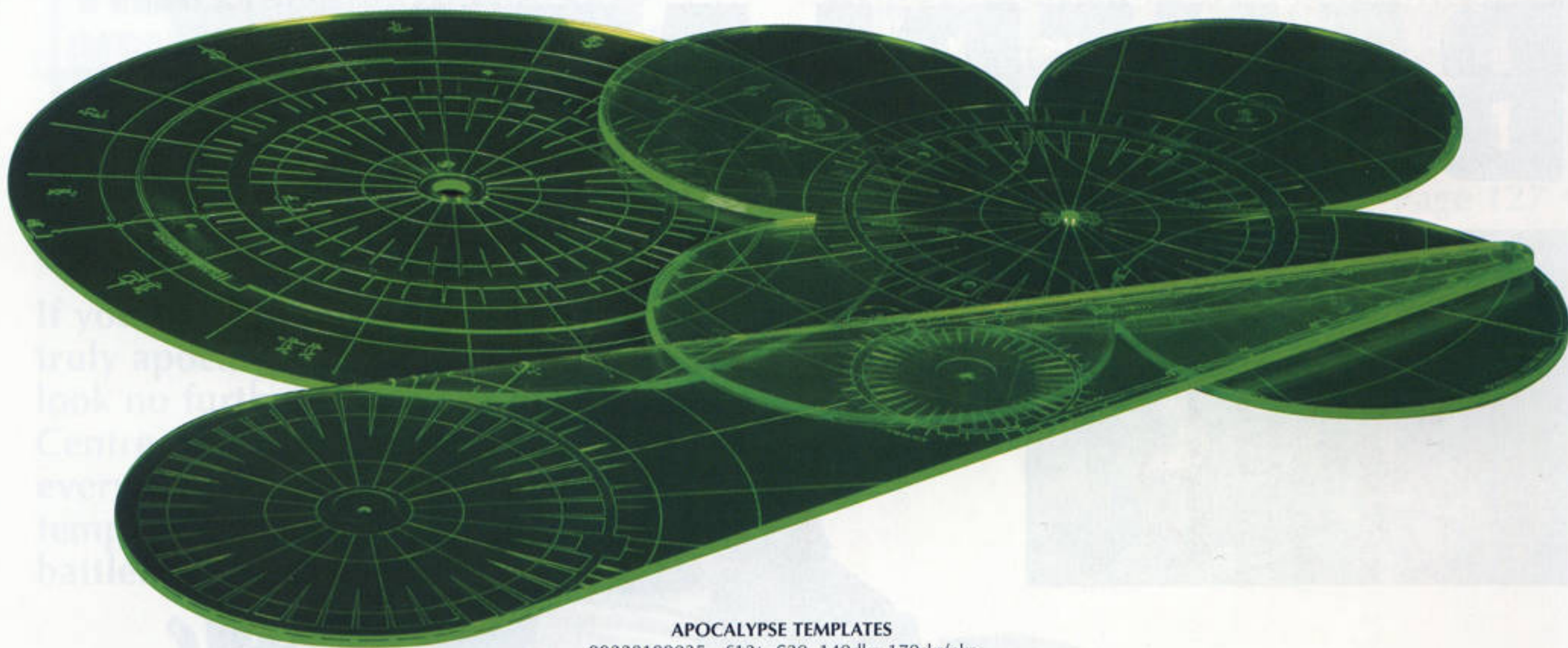
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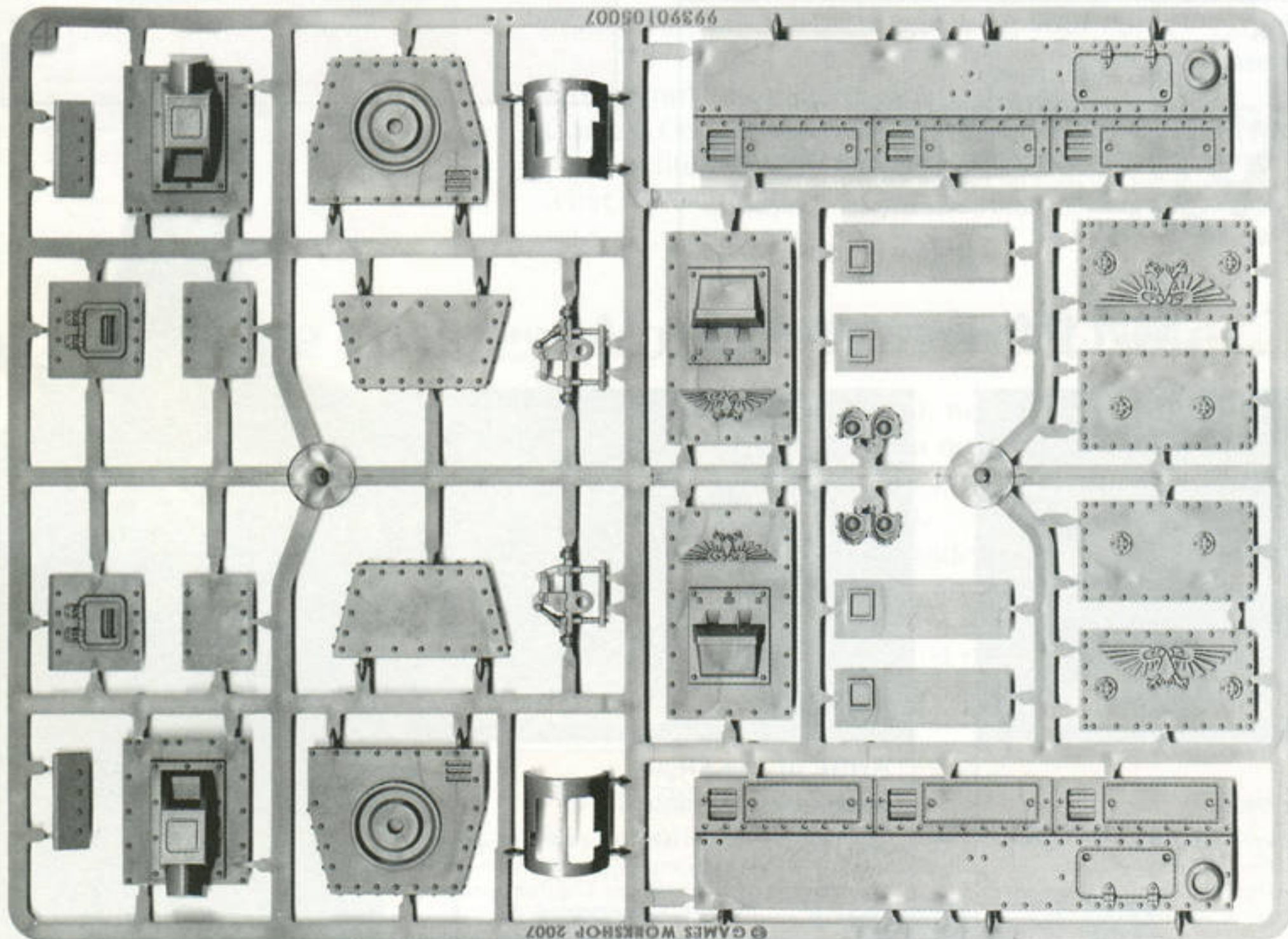
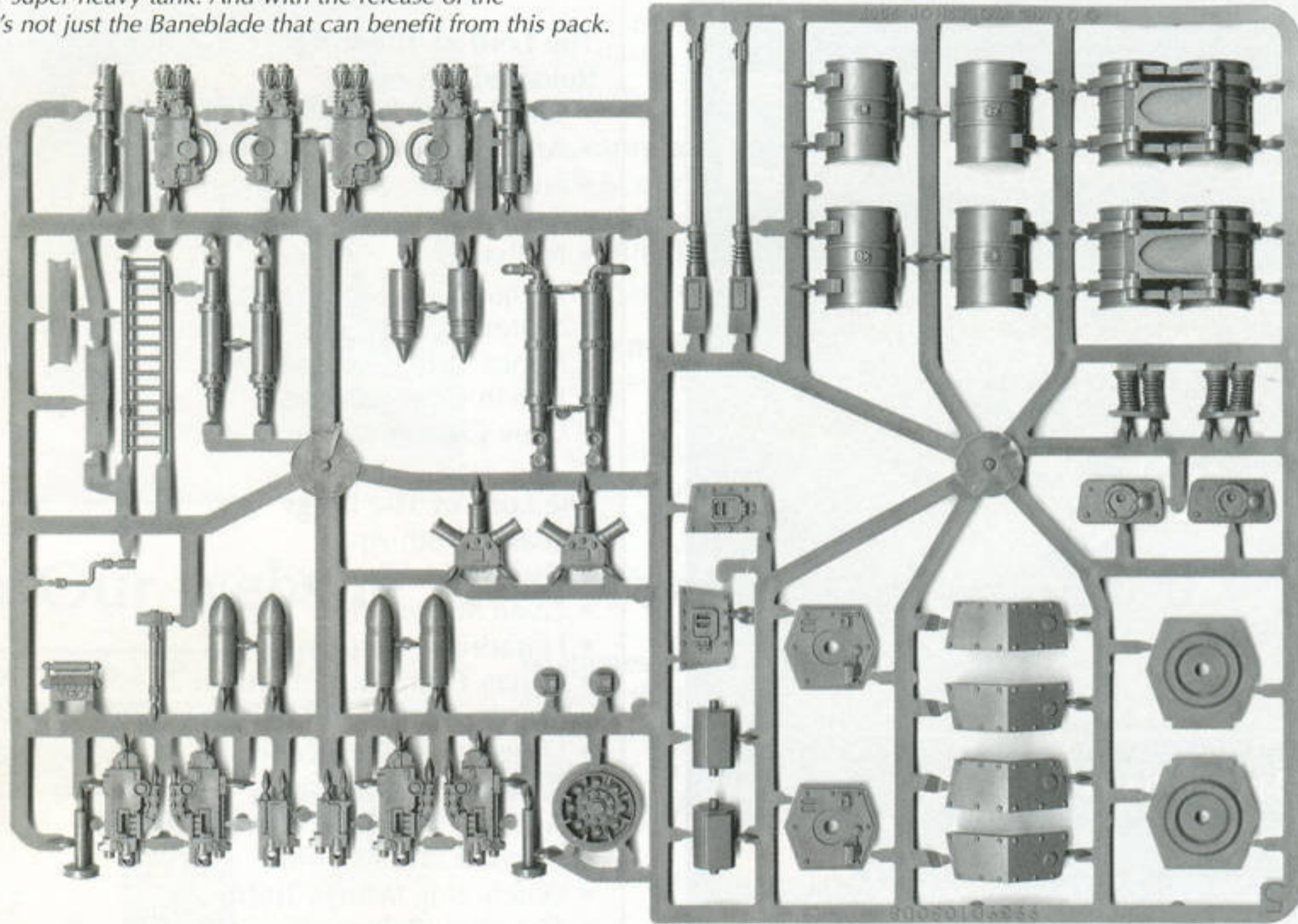
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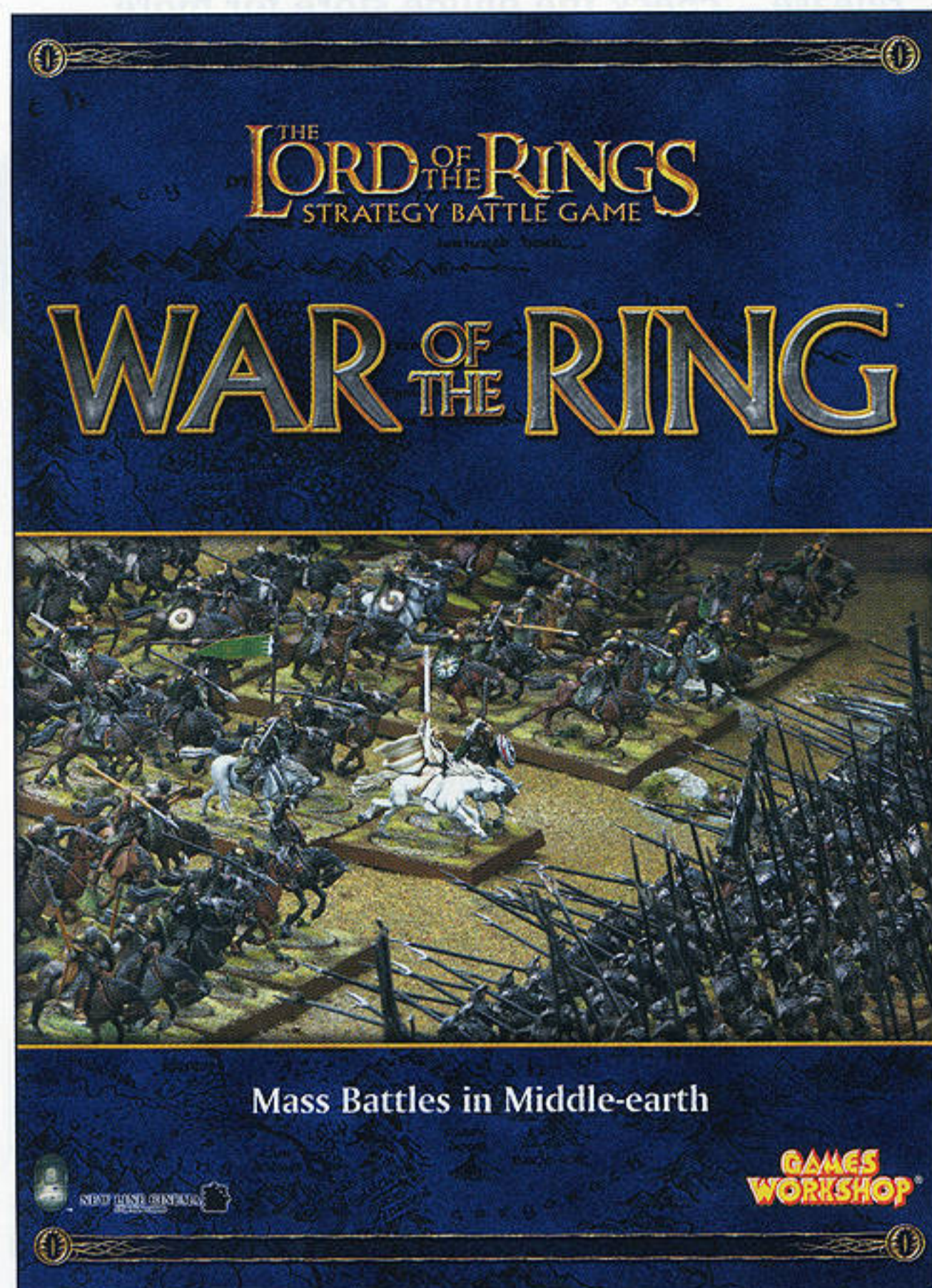
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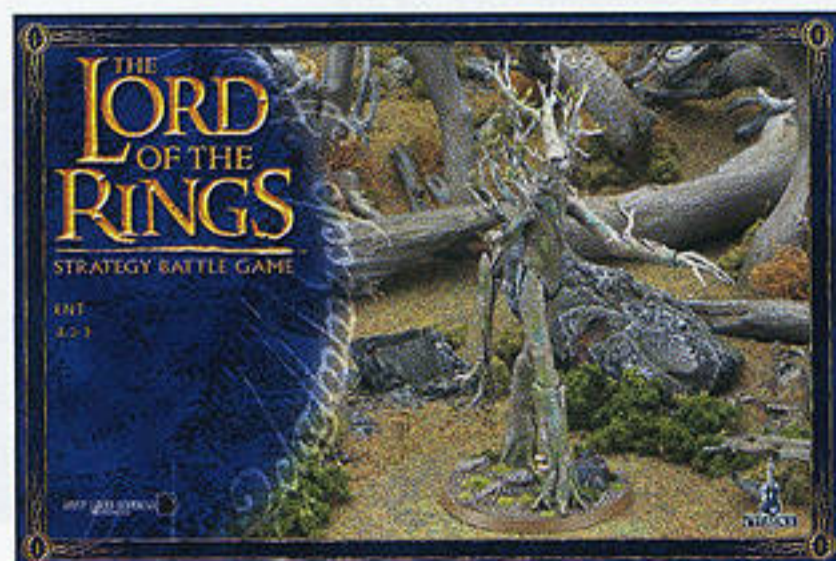
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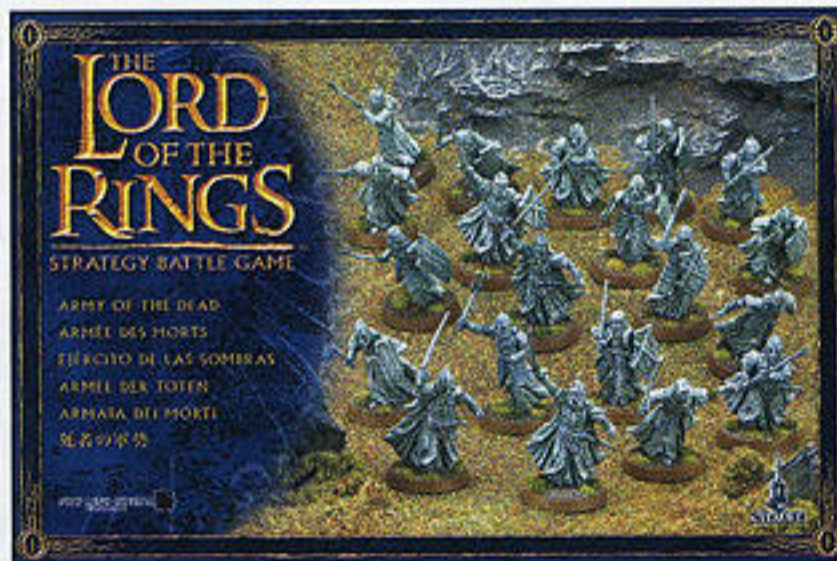
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