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INTRODUCTION

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SAFACTOR,

Words which once seemed impossible now seem inevitable: the ilClan is nigh.

The turbulence of the last two decades has brought several of our fellow Clans to Terra's doorstep, to say nothing of the Inner Sphere powers which gaze upon humanity's birthplace with hungry eyes. But we know our people, we know their aggression. One of them will move to take Terra first and claim the mantle of ilClan, however briefly. If they intend to hold it, however, they will need new hardware—and, as ever, we stand ready to deliver. For a price.

Contained within these volumes is that hardware. It is an intriguing combination of all-new BattleMech designs and retrofits of existing Inner Sphere and Clan designs with weapons and equipment suitable for modern combat. All are in our inventories or otherwise obtainable, and I have instructed all Merchant Caste personnel under my command above the rank of Point Merchant to familiarize themselves with the contents of these reports and be ready to negotiate terms for any merchandise herein. I hope you will assist me, "old friend," with their distribution across all Khanates.

The wheel of power is poised to spin once more, but we must be the axle on which it revolves. Who winds up atop that wheel, and who is crushed beneath it, matters little as long as we profit from each turn.

-Merchant Colonel Reece, aboard CSF Atlantean, Skate Khanate, 14 November 3150

Welcome to *Recognition Guide: ilClan*, a supplement offering players exciting new 'Mech variants rooted in the closing days of the Dark Age era and the transition to the ilClan era. Inside, you'll discover a mix of all-new 'Mechs only recently seen on battlefields of the Inner Sphere, alongside modern refits of long-existing and much-loved units.

Each volume of *Recognition Guide: ilClan* includes full, *Technical Readout*-style entries on new 'Mechs or significant rebuilds of existing designs; a selection of brief writeups on existing variants; notable pilots for each 'Mech, and record sheets for immediate game use.

Special attention has been given to 'Mechs which were redesigned as part of the *BattleTech: Clan Invasion* Kickstarter, to ensure that these brand-new miniatures have a place in games set in the Dark Age. Many of these units have torn apart battlefields of the Inner Sphere for hundreds of years. With these guides, they will continue to do so for hundreds more.

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GRIFFIN



Debuting in its most primitive form just twenty-five years after the *Mackie* altered the face of warfare forever, the *Griffin* is one of the oldest BattleMechs still in service. Through the Age of War and the Succession Wars, to the horrors of the Jihad and the bitter battles of today, wherever there is conflict, one finds the *Griffin*.

As 'Mechs proliferated across the armies of the Great Houses, the *Griffin* maintained its relevance, settling comfortably into the role of mediumclass fire support. Built by the tens of thousands by the Star League, factions as divergent as the Word of Blake and the Clans found a spot for this venerable 'Mech in their rosters over the centuries. Constantly updated to keep abreast of changing technologies, the *Griffin* seems certain to serve for centuries yet to come.

CAPABILITIES

Even the earliest *Griffin* variant continued to be built in limited numbers some six hundred years after it first thundered off the assembly line, a tribute to its sturdiness. This model served as the template for what a *Griffin* should be: a powerful PPC matched with an equally long-range missile launcher. As with many of the most legendary BattleMechs, one variant or another occasionally breaks the mold, but the most popular *Griffin* models today follow the classic loadout pattern.

The -3N, built in the Free Worlds League, takes the classic *Griffin* and improves upon it in nearly every fashion: more armor, protection against ammunition explosions, a more accurate missile launcher, and a longer-range PPC. By avoiding the temptation to upgrade the engine, the chassis' core sturdiness remains uncompromised. Often, a -3N must be torn to pieces before its advance is halted.

The model most commonly fielded by the Wolf Empire, simply known as the *Griffin C*, is unusual in being a refit of a refit. Built upon a common refit of older *Griffins*, the *C* places the venerable chassis in the forefront of 31st-century warfare. Boosting the 'Mech's ground speed, almost doubling the standard *Griffin* jump range, and replacing the weapons loadout with Clan-spec gear means the *C* is not as sturdy most of its Inner Sphere cousins, but it regularly startles its enemies with the speed of a lighter 'Mech. It has become popular enough to enter full production, and despite its Clan origins has spread across the Inner Sphere, thanks to our traders.

BATTLE HISTORY

In the dying days of the Succession Wars, a lance of the dreaded Blades of Death pirate band found itself watching with a mixture of fury and helplessness as their DropShip boosted into orbit without them, leaving them stranded on the Marik world of Hazeldean. Rather than surrender, the Blades—three rickety *Griffins* and an elderly *Spider*—slaughtered their way through town after town. Using the mobility provided by their jump jets, the band constantly evaded the local nobility's patrols, and was only run to ground after smashing a hole in a major hydroelectric dam and flooding hundreds of kilometers of villages and farmland.

The Second Legion of Vega landed on Orestes in the early days of the Second Combine-Dominion War, seeking to level the Odin Manufacturing Works there. In the siege that followed, the Legion's numerous *Griffins* shined. Over six days of brutal struggle, they complemented the Second's artillery bombardment, helped crush Dominion sallies from within the factory grounds, and even formed the core of a Vegan forlorn hope that tried to brawl its way into the complex. Ripping gun barrels from nearby batteries with their impressive battlefists and kicking their way through a section of wall savaged by artillery, only massed Dominion fire at point-blank range hurled the *Griffins* back.

VARIANTS

Mainstays of the wars of the mid- to late-31st century, -3M and -1DS *Griffins* were manufactured in great numbers and can still occasionally be found today. The -3M used the weight saved by an XL engine to double the size of its LRM launcher and upgrade to an ER PPC, and was a common sight in Free Worlds League Military units as well as mercenary groups, the Capellan Confederation, and the Federated Commonwealth. The -1DS was widely deployed across the Commonwealth, but also saw a great deal of action in the ranks of the Draconis Combine. Similar to the -3M, it favored a large pulse laser rather than the Marik unit's ER PPC. Large numbers of both variants would eventually be converted by Clan forces to their *Griffin C* standard.

Introduced in the closing years of the Star League, the GRF-2N was a "Royal" 'Mech, available only to the League's most elite units. Between Kerensky's Exodus and the collapse of the League, the -2N rapidly disappeared from Inner Sphere battlefields, only to be reborn in the Jihad era thanks to the recovery of the New Dallas Memory Core. The -2N upgraded its primary weapon to an ER PPC but otherwise lessened its long-range punch by switching out the standard LRM launcher for a pair of SRM launchers; the addition of an ECM suite made it a top-notch electronic warfare unit. A few of the originals still exist in Clan second-line forces.

GRIFFIN

GRF-3N GRIFFIN Mass: 55 tons Chassis: Earthwerks GRF Endo Steel Power Plant: CoreTek 275 Cruising Speed: 54 kph Maximum Speed: 86 kph Jump Jets: Rawlings 55 Jump Capacity: 150 meters Armor: Valiant Chainmail Ferro-Fibrous with CASE II Armament: 1 Fusigon Longtooth Extended-Range PPC 1 Delta Dart II Enhanced LRM 10 Launcher Manufacturer: Earthwerks-FWL, Inc. Primary Factory: Tiber Communications System: Neil 6000 Targeting and Tracking System: Octagon Tartrac System C with Artemis IV FCS	Equipment Internal Structure: Engine: Walking MP: Running MP: Jumping MP: Heat Sinks: Gyro: Cockpit: Armor Factor (Ferro): Head Center Torso Center Torso Center Torso (rear) R/L Torso R/L Torso (rear) R/L Arm R/L Leg	Endo Steel 275 5 8 5 11 [22] 179 Internal Structure 3 18 13 9 13	Mass 3 15.5 1 3 3 10 Armor Value 9 27 7 20 6 18 24
Role: Sniper Battle Value: 1,560			

	Location	Critical	Tonnage
ER PPC	RA	3	7
Enhanced LRM 10	RT	4	6
Artemis IV FCS	RT	1	1
Ammo (NLRM) 24	LT	2	2
CASE II	LT	1	1
2 Jump Jets	RT	2	1
Jump Jet	СТ	1	.5
2 Jump Jets	LT	2	1

Notes: Features the following Design Quirks: Battlefists, Jettison-Capable Weapon (PPC), Rugged (1), Ubiquitous.

GRIFFIN C Mass: 55 tons Chassis: Earthwerks GRF Endo Steel Power Plant: VOX 330 XL Cruising Speed: 64 kph Maximum Speed: 97 kph Jump Jets: Rawlings 65+ Jump Capacity: 270 meters Armor: Starshield A with CASE	Equipment Internal Structure: Engine: Walking MP: Running MP: Jumping MP: Heat Sinks: Gyro: Cockpit:	Endo Steel 330 XL 6 9 9 11 [22]	Mass 3 12.5 1 4 3	Weapons and Ammo ER PPC (C) Streak LRM 10 (C) Ammo (Streak) 12 (C) CASE (C) Improved Jump Jet 3 Improved Jump Jets Improved Jump Jet 3 Improved Jump Jet	Location RA RT RT RT RL RT CT LT	Critical 3 2 1 0 2 6 2 6 2 6	Tonnage 6 5 1 0 1 3 1 3
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NOTABLE 'MECHS AND MECHWARRIORS



"Kommandant-General" Tristan Ximander: Leader of the Blades of Death lance that caused so much horror on Hazeldean, the self-styled Kommandant-General's ancient *Griffin* was an Age of War leftover passed down from generation to generation. The 'Mech was fully loaded with incendiary ammunition, which Ximander used to horrific effect in his campaign of terror. Found guilty of the murder of over 6,000 people, the nobility of Hazeldean had Ximander torn apart by savage beasts in a live broadcast, a spectacle which only ensured his legend's endurance.



Michael Hiner: Though Hiner maintained and operated a *Griffin*, his specialty was engineering. After graduating from Sanglamore, Hiner did his customary stint in the Skye Rangers before hiring out as a freelancer to various planetary governments seeking to improve their static defenses. Study of the ruined Castles Brian on several former Hegemony worlds allowed Hiner to become an expert on BattleMech-scale fortifications, knowledge that he brought to dozens of Federated Commonwealth planets. His services came into great demand along the entire Clan front in the 3050s, when, for the first time, he entered the Draconis Combine not at the controls of his *Griffin*. He was last seen on Orestes, helping the Com Guards construct Fort Miraborg.

Hauptmann Heinrich von Questenberg: A gregarious man well-liked by his peers, Heinrich commanded an independent recon company attached to the Lyran Guards. His *Griffin* became such a familiar annoyance to Jade Falcon and Steel

Viper units throughout their shared OZ that they learned to expect a massive raid if his unit was spotted. According to AFFC records, his company was spotted on only a sixth of their missions, making Heinrich's company responsible for the intel which led to dozens of successful raids during the 3050s. Off the field, he was known for an endless supply of long-winded war stories, called "groaners" by his troops.



Captain Daniel Daley: Captain Daley was an "old guard" MechWarrior in a time when the title had all but lost its mystique. In the 3060s, he still piloted a family machine with the Federated Suns Armored Cavalry, an ancient *Griffin* inherited from his grandfather. Though often teased for his low-tech, quirky ride, Daley proved that it is skill that makes a warrior by piloting that old *Griffin* to victory after victory. After the Civil War and Jihad, a war-weary Captain Daley retired and took his 'Mech home with him, resisting the FedSuns' version of Devlin Stone's buyback program. The whereabouts of the Daley *Griffin* are currently unknown.

Leutnant Yoshi "Daedalus" Ems: The FedCom Civil War tried the souls of many of its citizens. Though his Third Lyran Guards nominally supported Katherine, Daedalus Ems tried his best to keep the peace both within his unit and between other commands. When Adam Steiner tapped the Third for Operation Audacity, Ems was relieved to take his GRF-1DS against an enemy he didn't call brother. On Graus, he twice protected his lancemates by drawing incoming Falcon fire, earning citations of merit. Such protective behavior toward younger warriors was not uncommon for Daedalus, perhaps a result of losing his only child some years before.



MechWarrior Alishay Glass: A Lyran enigma, MechWarrior Glass seems to have switched both units and 'Mechs more often than usual for one soldier's career, bringing much about her into question. During the dark years of the Jihad, she piloted a *Griffin* with the Skye Guards against Jeremy Brett's FWLM counterattack, then disappeared until the invasion of Terra, where she once again joined Robert Kelswa-Steiner's personal unit. Most of the right side of her body had been replaced with cybernetics in the interim, suggesting that she was not idle, but any record of deployment was lost to the Jihad. She is listed as having survived the liberation, but permanently vanished from LAAF rolls afterward, her fate unknown.

MechWarrior Jan (Muller): Formerly of the Anywhere Militia, Jan was made bondsman to Star Commander Denise of the Eighth Falcon Regulars early in the Clan Invasion. Denise noted his incredible skills as a technician and fiery temper towards anyone who mispronounced his name (correctly, Yawn), and kept him close. After serving for years as a tech, Jan earned enough respect to be allowed to test into the warrior caste. As a freeborn, he would never pilot an OmniMech, but Jan was granted a Star League-vintage GRF-2N *Griffin* to replace the older machine he lost on Anywhere. Jan served Clan Jade Falcon through the Jihad before testing down to the technician caste once more to help design a new generation of Falcon BattleMechs.

GRIFFIN



MechWarrior Nathaniel Carlson: Carlson represents the foibles of love in the Inner Sphere and of marrying into a noble family. Having no pedigree and no academy training made him less than acceptable in the eyes of his wife's family on Emris IV, and they had no problem showing it. In an effort to prove his worth, Nathaniel turned to the mercenary life in a salvaged *Griffin*. A man of deep moral values, Carlson often clashed with less scrupulous commanders, leading to his blacklisting among the mercenary community. He eventually settled with the First Marik Protectors, who welcomed him for his values. Though he saw little of his wife until retiring in the 3120s, he did eventually earn the respect he sought from her family, and his descendants now hold title on Emris IV.

MechWarrior Elofson: An aging Wolf Empire MechWarrior, Elofson faced the nightmare of every Clan warrior-demotion to solahma status. Vowing to avoid such a shameful end no matter the cost, Elofson secured his wish when the Republic dropped the Fortress Wall and made its first incursions into Clan space. On Castor, the 328th Wolf Assault Cluster staggered under the unexpected blows of the Fifteenth Hastati, and one of the 328th's Trinaries stayed behind to buy time for the rest of the Wolves to escape with word of the Republic's attack. Elofson, his Griffin nearing destruction, hurled himself forward in a full-speed charge at the Hastati commander, using the Clantech Griffin's formidable speed to its best effect. Disarming his jump jet safeties and firing them at full throttle at the moment of collision, Elofson and his opponent hurtled into a nearby hillside, where a devastating series of ammunition explosions signaled the end of both combatants.



DOMINATOR



Mass: 65 tons Chassis: Type W4 Endo Steel Power Plant: Starfire 325 XL Cruising Speed: 54 kph Maximum Speed: 86 kph, 108 kph w/ Supercharger Jump Jets: BMP Series XV Jump Capacity: 150 meters Armor: Forging FF01 Ferro-Fibrous Armament: 1 Type 22 extended Range PPC 1 Series 7K Extended-Range Large Laser 1 Series 3K Extended-Range Small Laser

1 Smartshot Mark VI Streak SRM 6 **Manufacturer:** W-12 Facilities **Primary Factory:** Zosma **Communications System:** WC-020 **Targeting and Tracking System:** WC-TT-008B with Targeting Computer

Alaric Ward himself dictated the parameters of the *Dominator*: "Build me a 'Mech to make the Republic tremble behind their Wall, to chase the Falcons from the skies, and to dominate the Inner Sphere under our will." The new 'Mech was to be mobile, heavily armored, and powerful enough to dissuade faster units from pursuing it. And it had to be a brawler, capable of holding its own in the increasingly common arena of BattleMech physical combat. After at least one suicide and one execution for insubordination, a haggard team of scientists delivered the first *Dominator* ahead of schedule and under budget.

CAPABILITIES

The Dominator handily meets all of Khan Ward's gualifications. Though it is undergunned compared to other Clan heavy 'Mechs, the tradeoff was necessary in order to gain the mobility that allows a Dominator pilot to dictate the terms of battle. Khan Ward was said to be in an ill mood when the final product was presented to him, but upon watching the majestic BattleMech stride from its gantry, the Khan smiled and commented that if the team had done as good a job on performance as they did on presentation, then he would be happy indeed. Test pilot Racine proceeded to ace the live-fire exercises, scoring a higher than average number of hits with the Dominator's targeting computer and SRMs, and ending the course by taking a knee before her nowimpressed Khan.

BATTLE HISTORY

Despite the Dominator's promise, it has seen little deployment. Several exist in Gamma and Zeta Galaxies, but most seem to be held in reserve. In one notable exception, the assault on Skye let some Dominators cut their teeth against the Jade Falcons. Star Captain Coriolanus Vickers of the Ninth Wolf Guard found himself facing a Jade Falcon Summoner and Hierofalcon on the streets of New London. His supercharger blew out early in the fight, leaving Vickers with a damaged engine, but he refused to retreat as the Falcons blasted through tenement buildings to destroy him. Luring the Falcons away from civilians, Vickers disabled the Hierofalcon with precision fire from his PPC, then faced down the Summoner in an industrial park. The two exchanged salvos until a leg hit forced Vickers' Dominator to its knees. Perhaps suspecting a ruse, the Summoner pilot rocketed over his fallen opponent to deliver the death blow from behind. The humble small laser mounted in the back of the *Dominator*'s head saved Coriolanus Vickers' life, coring through damaged armor to ignite the Summoner's missile ammo. Vickers took the badly injured MechWarrior as his bondsman, and reported the Dominator's success to his superiors.

The conquest of Alula Australis was one of the bloodiest yet on Clan Wolf's march to Terra. Several Stars of *Dominators* belonging to the Ninth Wolf

Guard Striker Cluster engaged the Eleventh Triarii after the Eleventh failed to kill Khan Ward in an artillery ambush. Frenzied Republic MechWarriors, seeking to protect their world and punish the invaders, rushed into physical combat, unaware that Wolf scientists had reinforced the Dominator's arms and legs against such actions. Unlike battles against honorable opponents, the outraged Wolves had no compunction about engaging in what descended into 'Mech-scale barroom brawling. They met the Triarii head on, and for a time the streak of missiles and boom of autocannons was replaced by the clang of metal on metal. Though the Republic Axmans took their toll, the Dominators gave back pain in spades, crushing enemy 'Mechs with punches and Death From Above attacks. During the clash, it was discovered that the Dominator's large laser tended to snap when struck from a certain angle. When the Triarii tried to exploit this flaw, the *Dominators* simply used their superior mobility to retreat. In the end, the Republic MechWarriors found that the best way to bring down a Dominator was to be lucky. Those who survived joined the ranks of Clan Wolf, one step closer to Terra.

VARIANTS

One popular variant originated as a field refit. The PPC is swapped for a second large laser, the supercharger is removed, and an Artemis V-enhanced LRM 20 replaces the SRM. This customization was such a successful sniper that it was adopted as a new factory model.

NOTABLE 'MECHS AND MECHWARRIORS

Star Captain Racine: At forty-two, Racine is considered past her prime, but that has not slowed her down. She accepted a reduced combat role in favor of working with the scientist caste to produce better BattleMechs, including major input on the *Thresher II* refits. Her experience kept the *Dominator* from becoming a debacle, as rushed projects often do. She claimed one of the first 'Mechs off the line as her own, though it is expected that she will soon test down and join the scientist caste, lending her design expertise to the Clan for years to come.

DOMINATOR

Streak SRM 6

Ammo (Streak) 15

Type: **Dominator** Technology Base: Clan Tonnage: 65 Role: Skirmisher Battle Value: 3,018

Equipment Internal Structure: Engine: Walking MP: Running MP: Jumping MP:	Endo Ste 325 XL 5 8 (10) 5		Mass 3.5 12
Heat Sinks:	18 [36]]	8
Gyro: Cockpit:			4 3
Armor Factor (Ferro):	201		10.5
Head Center Torso Center Torso (rear)	Interna Structur 3 21		
R/L Torso R/L Torso (rear)	15	23 7	
R/L Arm R/L Leg	10 15	, 20/1 28	5
Weapons and Ammo	Location	Critical	Tonnage
ER PPC	RA	2	6
ER Large Laser	RT	1	4
Targeting Computer	RT	3	3
ER Small Laser	H (R)	1	.5
Supercharger	CT	1	1.5

2 Jump Jets RT 2 2 Jump Jet СТ 1 1 2 Jump Jets LT 2 2 **Notes:** Features the following Design Quirks: Battlefists, Reinforced Legs, Exposed Weapon Linkage

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(ER Large Laser).



GOLIATH C



Mass: 80 tons Chassis: Corean IX Power Plant: Pitban 240 Cruising Speed: 32 kph Maximum Speed: 54 kph Jump Jets: None Jump Capacity: None Armor: Starshield with CASE II Armament: 1 Series II Gauss Rifle (Clan) 1 Series 7K Extended-Range Large Laser (Clan) 1 Series 2b Extended-Range Medium Laser (Clan) 1 Raid Micro Pulse Laser (Clan) 1 Type 9 Series Advanced Tactical Missile System (Clan) 4 Delta X B-Pods Manufacturer: Corean Enterprises - MacAdams-Suharno **Primary Factory:** Stewart Communications System: Corean TransBand-J9 Targeting and Tracking System: Corean B-Tech with Targeting Computer

Clan Wolf's migration to the core of the Inner Sphere brought them into possession of many worlds rich in resources, industry, and the population to exploit them. The world of Stewart has always drawn a sense of pride from Dr. David Harrison's great beast, the *Goliath*, but Clan Wolf sees the lumbering 'Mech as a propaganda opportunity. Upgrading the Corean factory to Clan standards showed respect to the population of Stewart, and brought an economic boom during a difficult time.

CAPABILITIES

Though integrating Clan and Spheroid tech can be challenging, the GOL-6M proved to be a prime platform for upgrades. Corean designers at first clashed with Clan technicians, but those techs also came bearing tools and plans for building Clan-grade Gauss rifles, information long coveted by the Inner Sphere. Within weeks, the *Goliath* line had been retooled to mount not only the new Gauss rifle, but a full suite of Clan weapons. The new variant, slated for both Wolf garrison units and export to the Clan's allies, lined many pockets at Corean Enterprises, now full supporters of the Wolf Empire.

BATTLE HISTORY

For decades, an unusual band of pirates plaqued the space around the world of Loyalty. Known as Lincoln's Rotting Corpse, their only communications came via messages displaying a grotesque, propped-up mummy while a voice-modulated individual made threats. In 3147, they struck the world of Laureles, seeking vengeance for something they claimed happened there thirty years prior. Avoiding the defenders of the 21st Wolf Garrison Cluster, the pirates burned and plundered a number of small villages, taking slaves and loot back to their DropShip. Star Captain Seth scored the only kill against the elusive pirates, disabling a fleeing Griffin at extreme range with aid from his Goliath's targeting computer. The captured pirate, thinking he would be made a bondsman to his new Clan, willingly gave away the location of the Corpse's base as the long-dead world of Thirty Weight. After Thirty Weight's location was determined using old Star League charts, he was executed. Star Captain Seth bid for the right to exterminate the pirates, choosing a force of adopted Free Worlds citizens and traditional Marik 'Mechs, and set out for Thirty Weight. Seth's force returned three months later with all the slaves the pirates had ever taken, several salvaged 'Mechs and the pirates' JumpShip. Seth reported that his Star of *Goliath Cs* was instrumental in destroying the pirate base.

Quad BattleMechs carry even more stigma among Clan warriors than in the Inner Sphere, giving the *Goliath C* value as a trade good for our merchants. When the assorted mercenaries of Fortune Charlie turned on Julian Davion in the depths of the New Syrtis Cave complex, not all switched sides. A company known as The Barricade believed that stabbing an employer in the back would look bad on their resume, so Captain Randi Jacobs ordered her company to attack the traitors instead. Though reduced to six 'Mechs by previous fighting, The Barricade was an assault unit fashioned on Lyran "Wall of Steel" tactics. Jacobs ordered her people to hold a critical juncture, positioning her two Goliath Cs in the intersection so their turrets could swivel to cover any flankers coming from the side tunnels. The Barricade held out for over an hour of sustained combat against their former allies and the Fourth McCarron's Armored Cavalry. By the time the Fifth Crucis Lancers broke through the traitors' lines, only a single *Goliath C* remained of the valiant Barricade, its ammo exhausted, its turret locked, but still blasting away with its head-mounted laser. After the battle, the surviving warriors of The Barricade were cleared of any wrongdoing, given citations of merit by Julian Davion, and absorbed into the Lancers.

NOTABLE 'MECHS AND MECHWARRIORS

MechWarrior Boris: Much of the funding for Clan Wolf's domestic programs comes from our loans, repaid partly by a shipment of new *Goliath* Cs. Boris, a warrior of Spina Khanate, claimed one out of curiosity. He believes that piloting a quad requires that one be in touch with their animal nature, and has taken his own advice to heart. Since taking possession of the 'Mech, he has grown more aggressive, fighting more Trials of Grievance and angling for heavier combat assignments. He believes his new confidence will lead to a Bloodname sponsorship, but so far it has only cost him allies both within and outside his Aimag. Time will tell if his new doctrine leads to glory or the grave.

Star Captain Seth: Once a member of Anson Marik's military, Seth at first resisted his bondcord and anything to do with Clan Wolf. His opinions slowly changed upon realizing that the people of conquered Marik planets thrived more under their new Clan than they ever did under Anson Marik. Seth tested into the warrior caste, and treats his *Goliath C* as a symbol of the unity between his former people and his Clan, including trialing for the right to paint it in Marik Militia colors. After his defeat of Lincoln's Rotting Corpse, he has become something of a celebrity in both the Wolf Empire and the Free Worlds League.

GOLIATH C

Type: **Goliath C** Technology Base: Mixed Inner Sphere (Advanced) Tonnage: 80 Role: Sniper Battle Value: 2,227

Equipment		Mass
Internal Structure:		8
Engine:	240	11.5
Walking MP:	3	
Running MP:	5	
Jumping MP:	0	
Heat Sinks:	11 [22]	1
Gyro (Compact):		4.5
Cockpit:		3
Armor Factor:	232	14.5
	Internal	Armor
	Structure	Value
Head	3	9
Center Torso	25	30
Center Torso (rear)		19
R/L Torso	17	20
R/L Torso (rear)		13
FR/L Leg	17	24
RR/L Leg	17	30

Weapons and Ammo	Location	Critical	Tonnage
B-Pod	FRL	1	1
B-Pod	RRL	1	1
ATM 9 (C)	RT	4	5
Ammo (ATM) 7 (C)	RT	1	1
CASE II (C)	RT	1	.5
ER Medium Laser (C)	Н	1	1
Targeting Computer (C)	CT	4	4
Ammo (ATM) 7 (C)	LT	1	1
Gauss Rifle (C)*	LT	6	12
Ammo (Gauss) 8 (C)	LT	1	1
CASE II (C)	LT	1	.5
ER Large Laser (C)*	LT	1	4
Micro Pulse Laser (C)*	LT	1	.5
Quad Turret	LT	1	2
B-Pod	FLL	1	1
B-Pod	RLL	1	1
Ammo (Gauss) 8 (C)	RLL	1	1

Notes: *This weapon is mounted in a quad BattleMech Turret. Features the following Design Quirks: Multi-Trac.



HELLBRINGER (LOKI)



Mass: 65 tons Speed: 54 kph cruising, 85 kph max Jump Capacity: None Payload: 28.5 tons of pod space Manufacturer: Olivetti Weaponry (Sudeten) Featured in TRO: 3050 Upgrade / Clan Invasion

The ancient *Hellbringer*, now known interchangeably as the *Loki* even among some Clans, retains a place on the modern battlefield. Disgraced warriors, *solahma*, or those who simply wish to cause as much pain as possible before dying seek out Loki the Hellbringer as their chariot.

CAPABILITIES

Simple and cheap to build, the *Hellbringer* remains in production alongside its upgraded cousin, the *Hel.* It is often deployed in a cavalry role, where it can rush in, deliver its blistering firepower, and advance to the next hot spot. Though the *Hellbringer's* armor remains inadequate, the march of time and technology offered many new standard weapon configurations to keep it viable on the fields of war.

DEPLOYMENT

The battle for Thorin in 3149 pitted Clan Jade Falcon against a staunch Republic defense. After

orbital bombardment destroyed the only entrance to Fortress Laiacona, a lance of Eleventh Hastati Sentinels anchored by an Ares found themselves cut off and outnumbered. Placing their backs to a cliff face, the Republic troops held off all comers until a solahma warrior called Jerrick rushed their formation in his Hellbringer. Ignoring crippling damage to his machine, the Falcon MechWarrior crashed through their defenses and rammed into the Ares' center leg. This alone left the massive 'Mech unfazed, but Jerrick then let his damaged reactor go critical, severing the leg and bringing down the colossus. The demoralized Hastati were quickly dispatched, and the Falcons claimed the relatively intact Ares. As no giftake could be retrieved from their companion, the Falcons named the captured colossus Jerrick's Prize.

Our Clan provides the Hellbringer to all buyers, leading to its appearance across the Inner Sphere. During the thrust to reclaim Beenleigh from the Capellans, a mercenary company called Lost Blood cornered a lance of Harloc Raiders in a canyon. The company of mercs, piloting primarily older machines, thought they would have an easy kill, but the Raiders' quartermaster had a trade relationship with our merchants. Led by a pair of Hellbringers, the Raiders systematically picked apart the mercenaries' Griffins and Crusaders, leaving only five 'Mechs to retreat from the field. Though the Harloc Raiders eventually abandoned Beenleigh, the damage they dealt caused the Lost Blood to disband, its survivors absorbed into other units. The Hellbringers undoubtedly carried the day, proving that though it may be an old design, it is far from obsolete.

NOTABLE UNITS

Nova Commander Straken: One of the rare warriors who has survived the debilitating effects of his Enhanced Imaging implants, Straken fought on Hesperus II as part of the Hell's Horses' Forty-second BattleMech Cluster. Clan Wolf poured their anger onto his unit, wiping out most of his Nova and filling him with an unquenchable hate. He has been reassigned to training duties on Csesztreg, but trialed for the right to retain his *Hellbringer* and return to active duty once his charges graduate.

Weapons and Ammo	Location	Critical	Tonnage
Weapons Configuration T		-	
ER PPC	RA	2	6
ATM 6	RT	3	3.5
Ammo (ATM) 20	RT	2	2
2 AP Gauss Rifles	RT	2	1
Ammo (AP Gauss) 40	RT	1	1
Ammo (AMS) 24	RT	1	1
CASE II	RT	1	.5
Double Heat Sink	RL	2	1
Anti-Missile System	Н	1	.5
Double Heat Sink	CT	2	1
Double Heat Sink	LL	2	1
3 ER Medium Lasers	LT	6	3
Double Heat Sink	LT	2	1
ER PPC	LA	2	6
Battle Value: 2,444 Rol	le: Sniper		
Alternate Configuration E			
Alternate Configuration F LB 10-X AC	RA	5	10
Ammo (LB-X) 10	RA	1	10
ER Medium Laser	RA	1	1
SRM 6	RT	1	1.5
	RT	1	1.5
Ammo (SRM) 15	RT	1	1
ER Medium Laser		1	1
ER Medium Laser	LT	-	-
LB 10-X AC	LA	5	10
Ammo (LB-X) 10	LA	1	1
ER Medium Laser Battle Value: 1,839 Rol	LA le: Striker	1	1
Alternate Configuration G—			
3 ER Small Lasers	RA	3	1.5
Imp. Heavy Gauss Rifle (IS)	RT/CT	10/1	20
Ammo (iHeavy Gauss) 4	CT	1	1
Ammo (iHeavy Gauss) 8	LT	2	2
Improved Heavy Large Lase	er LA	3	4
Battle Value: 1,943 Rol	le: Striker		
Alternate Configuration J			
Ultra AC/5	RA	3	7
Ammo (Ultra) 20	RA	1	1
Streak SRM 4	RT	1	2
Ammo (Streak) 25	RT	1	2
2 ER Medium Lasers	RT	2	2
Anti-Missile System	H	1	.5
Ammo (AMS) 24	CT	1	1
2 ER Medium Lasers	LT	2	2
Active Probe	LT	1	1
ER PPC	LA	2	6
2 Jump Jets	RT	2	2
Jump Jet	СТ	1	1
2 Jump Jets	LT	2	2
Battle Value: 2,415 Rol	le: Scout		



PACK HUNTER

GRASSHOPPER



Mass: 25 tons Manufacturer: Coventry Metal Works (Coventry) Featured in TRO: 3039 and 3050 Upgrade / Succession Wars

The COM-9S represents something of a paradigm shift for the venerable *Commando*, turning this historically short-ranged striker into a long-ranged harasser. Building upon the speedy COM-8S model, the COM-9S replaces the entire weapons loadout. Twin chest-mounted MML 3s perform the role of the SRM 6 of older models, with the added capability of long range fire, while the usual arm-mounted medium laser is replaced by a light PPC. The only nod to the *Commando*'s former short-ranged strength lies in the twin SRM 2 one-shot launchers, providing a nasty close-in surprise.

MechWarrior Sven "Manne" Mansberg: Hailing from a Nordic community on the Lyran world of Viborg, Mansberg put the *Commando's* newfound flexibility to the test as a new recruit during the Florida Timbuktu Theatre Militia's 3147 fight for Ayacucho, homeworld of the self-proclaimed "Warlord" Diego Widmer of the rogue Buena Collective. MechWarrior Mansberg and his colleagues punched well above their battalion's own weight against the two defending battalions of the Second Guards. Although unable to fully rout the Guards, the TMM settled for pinning them on world, and dug in awaiting reinforcements.

During the months of impasse, the TMM and Guards continued to probe each other, with neither side willing to fully commit. At the fore of these probes for the TTM, Mansberg used his COM-9S's speed and new long-ranged armaments to maximum effect, assessing enemy troop positions and inflicting damage whenever possible. Task Force Kingbreaker's landing in January 3148 broke the stalemate; despite the intervention of Collective mercenaries, the LCAF troops were able to swiftly force half the Second Guards off world and capture the rest.



Mass: 30 tons Manufacturer: Technicron Manufacturing/IBMU (Tongatapu) Featured in TRO: 3060

Instead of simply upgrading the Hermes -4K line on Tongatapu, the Wolf Empire used the chassis to reintroduce the *Pack Hunter*. This was done not as a snub to Clan Wolf-in-

Exile, but rather as an enticement for their warriors to join the Empire following the fall of Arc-Royal. Analysts are uncertain how the Empire acquired the plans, but are unable to rule out inter-Clan contacts. Regardless, the new *Pack Hunter* is now a fusion of Inner Sphere and Clan technologies, creating a 'Mech that is faster and better protected than the original.

Star Captain Finn: A member of the Exiles' Third Wolf Guards Cluster, Star Captain Finn and his unit were powerless to help when the Falcons assaulted Arc-Royal. He somehow made his way to the Wolf Empire and took up Khan Alaric Ward's offer of amnesty. A deadly marksman, Finn's skills ensured he quickly tested back into active duty, and he was assigned to Beta Galaxy in the cockpit of a new *Pack Hunter*.

The Star Captain would gain a measure of vengeance as part of the Ninth Wolf Guard Strikers during the Wolves' attack on Skye in 3150. Using his *Pack Hunter*'s increased mobility to dictate the terms of the engagement, he picked his targets apart with accurate PPC fire, often ravaging their weaker rear armor. He personally accounted for three kills from the Turkina Keshik and was observed executing at least another three downed pilots with point-blank PPC shots to their cockpits. His new masters have so far turned a blind eye to these excesses.



Mass: 70 tons Manufacturer: LexaTech Industries (Hun Ho) Featured in TRO: 3039 and 3050 Upgrade / Succession Wars

In what some consider to be a backward step, the *Grasshopper* GHR-8K represents a return the 'Mech's roots. Combining the light PPCs of the GHR-7K with the weapon layout of the original GHR-5H resulted in a 'Mech with a much better long-range damage profile, though lacking the advanced electronics of the later models. Given the 'Mech's primary role as a raider or skirmisher, the electronics suite was deemed secondary to the weaponry. The return of the LRM 5 remains controversial, although the wide availability of different munitions helps to quiet critics, as does the inclusion of CASE II.

Tai-i Brian "Storm Rider" Dean: The GHR-8K has seen substantial action on the Davion front across the last several decades. *Tai-i* Brian Dean's skills and perseverance allowed him to escape a stint in the Legions of Vega, and he has since put the 'Mech to good use in the no-man's land of the Draconis Reach with the Ryuken-go. During the many years of inconclusive fighting his *Grasshopper* lived up to its reputation, inflicting damage and then fading away.

A jujitsu master outside the cockpit, Dean fights with a dexterity that most MechWarriors can only dream of. He often uses Thunder munitions to corner his opponents before jumping in close to finish them off—despite being under his light PPC's minimum ranges—believing he shows them respect by fighting at a disadvantage. During the battle for Robinson in 3144 he personally disabled two 'Mechs of the Second Robinson Rangers in close combat. Fortunately for the *tai-i*, his concept of honor has yet to interfere with the completion of his duty.





























