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River Elb Tokasha Hell's Horses' Enclave 4 November 2921

Gunner Tikki peered through her viewfinder, searching the smoke for movement. An Arrow IV landed downrange, throwing up more dust and flushing something out of cover. Tikki tracked her Kolibri Deltas over the target, spraying laser bolts through the smoke before losing visual contact.

"Stravag!" Tikki swore as a shell smashed into the berm protecting her Kokou. Dirt sprayed against her viewfinder. She swore again.

The Kokou rocked as it launched a salvo of missiles at the attacker.

"Thresher, ten degrees left," announced Commander Anouk calmly, voice muffled by her respirator.

Already spinning the turret, Tikki almost snapped back. Instead she focused on her target. The 'Mech jinked forward and back, making it hard to track. Autocannon fire from Alonso's Ishtar tore up the ground in front of the enemy 'Mech. The *Thresher* pulled up short.

Thank you very much. Tikki opened fire. Multiple bolts lit up the *Thresher*. The MechWarrior couldn't compensate from the abrupt stop and the barrage of laser fire. It toppled onto its back. The rest of the Star joined in and the *Thresher* was buried under an avalanche of fire.

"Cease fire," said Anouk.

Tikki decreased the magnification on her viewfinder to scan for new targets. The Bears had retreated back into the thick undergrowth of the swamp.

"I claim that *Thresher*," Tikki stated clearly.

"Yes, Tikki," Anouk answered wearily.

Chuckles emerged from the back of the tank. Tikki turned and stared, daring anyone to say something.



Finding no answer to her challenge, she returned her gaze to the battlefield. Infantry squads checked wrecks for survivors. The cleared river valley stretched from the rocky ridge where her Trinary was perched down to the swamp below. Impassable jungle provided a backstop. It was a perfect killing ground.

Anouk stopped speaking into her headset and addressed the crew.

"A Ghost Bear force is massing on the other side of the swamp. Fire support will flush them toward us."

That will annoy the MechWarriors, thought Tikki. Artillery was not honorable but not much was when you served in a tank. Long ago, maybe. The Clan still gave lip service to men over machines, but Tikki knew you had to be a 'MechWarrior to get respect. Even thickheaded Elementals got more respect than tankers.

"Tikki. Focus."

Tikki glanced at Anouk and then scanned the horizon. Smoke was rising from the swamp and she could feel the crump as Arrow IVs landed. She watched the tree line intently, waiting for the first Bear to appear. From the corner of her eye, she saw Anouk sit bolt upright and press her headset with both hands. The commander turned and stared to the right as if she could see through the turret.

"Tahlia, pull back to position two," she snapped.

Tikki rocked forward as the big fusion engine brought the tank up to speed.

Anouk shouted, "Fire Moth to the right!"

Tikki swung the turret, unable to track the fast moving 'Mech. It passed by, raking them with missile fire. The *Fire Moth* turned back to the jungle lining the river, giving Tikki a shot. She missed as the enemy 'Mech accelerated back into cover. To her horror a wave of Ghost Bear 'Mechs emerged between the retreating Star of *Fire Moths*. Something thumped into the turret roof. Elementals. Alarms sounded as the Elementals began peeling armor from the top of the tank. The Kokou rocked from side to side as Tahlia tried to shake the armored warriors off.

"Brace!" shouted Anouk.

From the edge of her viewfinder, Tikki saw the gaping barrels of Alonso's Ishtar swivel toward them.

"Kerensky help us."

Metal hail slammed into the side of the tank. They were still moving. Tikki couldn't believe their tracks were intact. And the Elementals were gone from the turret. Tikki saw them regrouping. She lashed them with her lasers. She smiled as they collapsed.

The tank stopped. They had reached position two.

"Tikki, targets forward. Fire at will."

A line of heavy 'Mechs had emerged from the swamp and were halfway across the clearing.

"What about the flankers?"

"Ignore them. Alpha and Beta are engaging."

The Kokou rocked under fire from the right. Tikki gritted her teeth and ignored it. Holding the triggers down she lashed lasers into the approaching 'Mechs. To the right, beyond her line of sight, explosions and weapons fire drew near. Tikki wondered if the MechWarriors would be in time.

Then the Bears broke. The big 'Mechs in the valley started retreating while the fighting to the right faded. "Cease fire," said Anouk.

Tikki composed herself. They were alive. The line had held, and the Bears were beaten again. There was only one thing to do.

"I claim the *Minsk*, the *Black Knight*, and the *King Crab.*" "Yes, Tikki."

TURNING POINTS TOKASHA

elcome to the next in the series of *Turning Points* campaign books, designed to give players the opportunity to fight in some of the landmark conflicts of *BattleTech*'s tumultuous history using the *Total Warfare* and *Alpha Strike* ruleset.

The general information contained in the *Atlas* and *Combatants* sections gives players the tools needed to fight an infinite number of engagements on Tokasha, while the *Tracks* detail some of the more pivotal battles between Clan Ghost Bear and Clan Hell's Horses. The Tracks section can also be used with stand-alone games set in the Golden Century time frame.

The *Atlas* section presents a global overview and some quick facts about Tokasha. Included in this section are terrain tables broken into various categories. These tables can be used as a random means to determine the maps used in the tracks or simply as a guide to the types of terrain found on the world. This section also contains a list of various additional terrain types, environments, and other rules that can be used to enhance the gameplay experience. All players should agree whether to use any or all of these features before play begins.

The **Combatants** section details the units that participated in the conflict and can be used by players who wish to add authenticity to their games. However, these forces are provided only as a guideline, and players are encouraged to use other forces at their option to attempt to rewrite history. This allows the players to pursue the tracks with different forces as they desire. Players should feel free to balance the forces in each track as they see fit, whether by battle value, tonnage, total number of units, or whatever else suits them.

The **Tracks** section presents eight *Turning Point* tracks set during the events listed. Players wishing to incorporate these tracks into their *Chaos Campaign* campaigns should use the Warchest Points (WP) listed in the brackets. Optional points are awarded only if the group achieves at least one Objective while using the listed option. Objective points are cumulative as they are achieved, unless otherwise noted.

The **Annex** section contains TO&Es for both the Hell's Horses and Ghost Bear commands present in the battles on Tokasha. There is also new creature data for two native species of Tokasha.

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TOKASHA

ATLAS

Tokasha was first colonized by Clan Mongoose in 2840. Attracted by the presence of a breathable atmosphere (at high altitude) as much as the potential of mineral wealth, the Mongooses established themselves on the northern side of the Bearded Mountains. Attempts to exploit the Feuchtwald foundered on disease and hostile wildlife. In any case the colonists were claimed and evacuated entirely in 2844 by Clan Star Adder following the Marshall Massacre. Attempts to restart the colony were hindered by Clan Mongoose's ongoing rivalries with Clans Smoke Jaguar and Star Adder. Thus the resources could not be exploited. The arrival of new Clans forced the retreat of Clan Mongoose into the Cashell Peninsula, from which they were finally evicted by Clan Jade Falcon in 2851.

Over the following decades, Clans Ghost Bear, Goliath Scorpion, Hell's Horses, and Jade Falcon all established enclaves on Tokasha. While the Falcons dominated Manaudou and the islands, the Bears and Scorpions fought over Lazuk, leaving the Horses restricted to the Trojan Peninsula.

The defining feature of Tokasha is its high oxygen level. This makes the world inhospitable to humans except at high altitudes where the lower atmospheric pressure reduces the oxygen content below toxic levels. As a result, the major cities are all in the mountain ranges that ring Tokasha's continents. Unfortunately, the main mineral deposits, and thus mines and their attendant industrial complexes, are in the lowlands. As it is impractical to provide atmospheric processing equipment, all but the biggest mining operations require workers to use respirators.

The lowlands are dominated by hectares of primordial forest and jungle. Hot and humid swamps at the equator become foreboding mazes of bogs closer to the poles. Transport is typically by DropShip and airship; maintaining continent-spanning roads or railways is impractical since the forests rapidly reclaim any open space. The wildlife in the forests of Tokasha is described as universally hostile. A wide range of reptiles and avian species hunt each other across Tokasha's landmasses. Ranging from the size of mice to small horses, most attack interlopers on sight. Interestingly there are no insects. Instead, arthropods, including some flying species, are ubiquitous; aquatic species can measure meters in length.

The highlands' poor soils and lower oxygen levels result in more open forests. With less pressure, introduced animals have had more success here. Indeed, one of the Mongoose's lasting successes has been the introduction of sheep, on sub-arctic ranches on Cashell peninsula safely behind the Bearded Mountains. Others have been less successful. It is believed that the Tokasha Stone Lion evolved from large, genetically-modified cats introduced by Clan Hell's Horses to control the arthropod population around their worksites. Prides of these lions are now endemic to the northern mountains of Lazuk. They will attack anything in their territory, including humans.

Microbial lifeforms are even more insidious than higher native animals. The disease known as Laen's Regret is a classic example. Symptoms range from mild fever and rash, to delirium and nausea. Death results if left untreated. The disease can recur later in life without proper treatment.

The main source of Tokasha's wealth is an almost inexhaustible supply of

fossil fuels and their resulting byproducts. This led to the establishment of a series of secondary industries, the most notable being Clan Hell's Horses' massive OmniMech factory, Tokasha Mechworks Alpha in the Weißenborn Morass. Pollution is rampant around these facilities, beneficially hindering the encroaching plant life.

The people of Tokasha are hardy, though there is a divide between those who live in the cities and those who live permanently in the lowlands. True locals can be identified by the implants that enable them to breathe in the lowlands. Once modified, life in the highlands becomes impractical, so such implantation is mostly limited to the laborer caste. City folk are typically transient, flying in and out of the industriplexes or being moved off world at the whim of their Clan. Tokasha is not a choice posting, but the extensive industries mean that it is seen as a place to gain valuable experience and show off skills for those looking to proceed to higher ranks in their caste.

Mapsheets

The following tables represent the categories of terrain that can be found on the battlefields of Tokasha. While *Alpha Strike* encourages players to utilize terrain tables rather than mapsheets, many players prefer to use pre-printed mapsheets. Players using mapsheets may either select a map from the appropriate table or randomly determine which map to use, unless otherwise specified. Note also that the various MapPacks may be used to alter the terrain of individual mapsheets as players deem appropriate. MS = *Map Set*, MSC = *Map Set Compilation*. Players using terrain should use the Terrain Table as a guideline for setting up terrain appropriate for their battle. Note: in *Alpha Strike*, measurements are given in inches. Convert to centimeters by multiplying the number of inches by 2.5 (see p. 7, *AS*).

TOKASHA MAPSHEETS TABLE

	2D6 Result	Мар
	2	River Valley (MS2, MSC1)
	3	River Delta/Drainage Basin #1 (MS4, MSC1)
	4	Woodland (MS6, MSC2)
	5	Rolling Hills #1 (MS3, MSC1)
JUNGLE	6	Heavy Forest #1 (MS4, MSC1)
N N	7	Scattered Woods (MS2, MSC2)
	8	Heavy Forest #2 (MS4, MSC1)
	9	Rolling Hills #2 (MS3, MSC1)
	10	Woodland (MS6, MSC2)
	11	River Delta/Drainage Basin #2 (MS4, MSC1)
	12	City Ruins (MS2, MSC1)

	2D6 Result	Мар
	2	Mountain Lake (MS2, MSC1)
	3	Large Mountain #1 (MS5, MSC2)
	4	Desert Mountain #1 (MS3, MSC1)
	5	Deep Canyon #1 (MS5, MSC2)
MOUNTAIN	6	Rolling Hills #1 (MS3, MSC1)
R	7	Woodland (MS6, MSC2)
ž	8	Rolling Hills #2 (MS3, MSC1)
	9	Deep Canyon #2 (MS5, MSC2)
	10	Desert Mountain #2 (MS3, MSC1)
	11	Large Mountain #1 (MS5, MSC2)
	12	River Valley (MS2, MSC1)

	2D6 Result	Мар
	2	Seaport (MS7)
	3	Military Base #1 (MS7)
	4	Rolling Hills #1 (MS3, MSC1)
2	5	Heavy Forest #1 (MS4, MSC1)
FACTORY	6	DropPort #1 (MS7)
F	7	City, Skyscraper (MS6, MSC2)
	8	DropPort #2 (MS7)
	9	Heavy Forest #2 (MS4, MSC1)
	10	Rolling Hills #2 (MS3, MSC1)
	11	Military Base #2 (MS7)
	12	Woodland (MS6, MSC2)

Optional Rules

If all players agree, the following particular effects may be used to add specific aspects to the battles played out on Tokasha.

Base Terrain Types

Heavy Industrial Zone (see p. 31, *TO*) Jungle (see p. 31, *TO*)

Terrain Modifications

Bug Storms* (see p. 40, *TO*) Hazardous Liquid Pools (see p. 49, *TO*) Swamp (see p. 51, *TO*)

Terrain Conditions

Atmospheric Pressure (High) (see p. 54, *TO*) Poisonous Toxic Atmosphere (Lowlands only) (see p. 56, *TO*)

* Note: Bug Storms are always Hostile.

RANDOM ASSIGNMENT TABLES

Random Assignment Tables are meant to be used by players wishing to determine their forces randomly, or help them determine the likely equipment used by each side during the struggle for Tokasha. Players are not required to use these tables, especially when using player-group units. To assign random pilot quality, see the appropriate tables in Total Warfare (see p. 273, TW).

To use these RATs, first determine the appropriate unit type and weight class for the force being generated from its description in the Combatants section. Determine weight class by rolling on the Random Weight Table, modifying the roll according to the Weight Modifiers Table for the appropriate command (see below). Then roll 2D6 on the unit type/weight class table to obtain a random unit.

Note: 'Mechs marked with an asterisk (*) indicate a quad design. Unless a configuration is specified, players may choose any OmniMech or omnivehicle configuration available in 2921. Consult the Master Unit List (www.masterunitlist.info) for availability.

RANDOM ASSIGNMENT TABLES: TOKASHA, 2921

	2d6 Result	GHOST BEAR FRONT LINE	GHOST BEAR SECOND LINE	HELL'S HORSES	ß	Unit Type	Weight Class Modifier
	2	Horned Owl [35]	FFL-3SLE Firefly [30]	Mandrill [30]	WEIGHT MODIFIERS	Cavalry	-2
	3	THE-Nb Thorn [20]	HSR-200Db Hussar [30]	Kit Fox [30]	Idon	Striker	-1
5	4	Fire Moth [20]	FFL-3SLE Firefly [30]	MCY-91 Mercury [20]	H V	CHH Assault	+0
ECH	5	Horned Owl [35]	MCY-99 Mercury [20]	Howler [20]	EIGI	Battle/PGC	+1
LIGHT 'MECHS	6	Mongoose C [25]†	Horned Owl [35]	Locust IIC [25]	×	CGB Assault	+2
GHT	7	Horned Owl [35]	THE-Nb Thorn [20]	Locust IIC [25]			
	8	Fire Moth [20]	HER-1Sb Hermes [30]	Kit Fox [30]		2d6 Result	Weight Class
	9	Horned Owl [35]	Horned Owl [35]	Howler [20]		2	Light
	10	Fire Moth [20]	Mongoose C [25]†	Horned Owl [35]		3	Light
	11	THE-Nb Thorn [20]	THE-Nb Thorn [20]	Mandrill [30]	TABI	4	Light
	12	HSR-200Db Hussar [30]	HER-1Sb Hermes [30]	HER-1Sb Hermes [30]		5	Medium
	2d6 Result	GHOST BEAR FRONT LINE	GHOST BEAR SECOND LINE	HELL'S HORSES	RANDOM WEIGHT TABLE	6	Medium
	2	Coyotl [40]†	Clint IIC [40]	Omni Corvis [50]†	Ň	7	Medium
	3	Griffin IIC [40]	Great Wyrm [45]	Corvis [40]	NDO	8	Heavy
	4	Great Wyrm [45]	CRB-27sl Crab [50]	Conjurer [50]	RAI	9	Heavy
CHS	5	Shadow Hawk IIC 2 [45]	Hunchback IIC [50]	Nova [50]		10	Heavy
λMΕ	6	Hunchback IIC [50]	STN-3Lb Sentinel [40]	Shadow Hawk IIC [45]		11	Assault
MEDIUM 'MECHS	7	Shadow Hawk IIC 2 [45]	Shadow Hawk IIC 2 [45]	Shadow Hawk IIC [45]		12	Assault
MED	8	Shadow Hawk IIC 2 [45]	STN-3Lb Sentinel [40]	Griffin IIC [40]		XX	24
	9	Wyvern IIC [45]	KTO-19b Kintaro [55]	Wyvern IIC [45]			
	10	KTO-19b Kintaro [55]	Wyvern IIC [45]	Vapor Eagle [55]		J.	L
	11	Fox [50]†	Hunchback IIC [50]	Nova [50]			AR
	12	Griffin IIC [40]	Clint IIC [40]	Coyotl [40]†		S A C	
	2d6 Result	GHOST BEAR FRONT LINE	GHOST BEAR SECOND LINE	HELL'S HORSES	2	\mathcal{S}	
	2	Lupus [60]†	BL-6b-KNT Black Knight [75]	Champion C [60]			BAM)
	3	Summoner [70]	EXT-4C Exterminator [65]†	Lupus [60]†		VASE	
	4	Champion C [60]	Glass Spider [60]	Guillotine IIC [70]			
ł	5	Glass Spider [60]	Minsk [70]†	Thresher [60]			
AECI	6	Minsk [70]†	Champion C [60]	Glass Spider [60]			
N, M	7	Guillotine IIC [70]	BL-6b-KNT Black Knight [75]	Rifleman IIC [65]		53	
НЕАVY / МЕС	8	Thresher [60]	Champion C [60]	Guillotine IIC [70]	-		
	9	Lancelot C [60]†	BL-6b-KNT Black Knight [75]	Rifleman IIC [65]			
	10	Glass Spider [60]	Thresher [60]	Thresher [60]			
	11	Minsk [70]†	Lancelot C [60]†	Summoner [70]			
	12	Summoner [70]	BMB-12D Bombardier [65]	Lancelot C 2 [60]†			
			Sine 125 Sembarater [05]	201001012 [00]1			

RANDOM ASSIGNMENT TABLES: TOKASHA, 2921 (CONTINUED)

	2d6 Result	GHOST BEAR FRONT LIN	GHOST BEAR	SECOND LINE	HELL'S HORSES
	2	KGC-000b King Crab [100] THG-11Eb	Thug [80]	Thunder Stallion 2* [85]
	3	Highlander IIC [90]	THG-11Eb	Thug [80]	Supernova [90]
	4	Kingfisher [90]	KGC-000b Ki	ng Crab [100]	Highlander IIC [90]
CHS	5	Supernova [90]	Imp C	[100]	Warhammer IIC [80]
W.	6	Annihilator C [100]	THG-11Eb	Thug [80]	Warhammer IIC [80]
NLT	7	Supernova [90]	KGC-000b Ki	ng Crab [100]	Marauder IIC [85]
ASSAULT 'MECHS	8	Imp C [100]	Annihilat	Bane [100]	
1	9	Supernova [90]	Supern	Stone Rhino [100]	
	10	Annihilator C 2 [100]	CRK-5003-1b	Crockett [85]	CRK-5003-1b Crockett [85]
	11	Highlander IIC [90]	Highland	er IIC [90]	Thunder Stallion* [85]
	12	KGC-000b King Crab [100] Supern	ova [90]	Highlander IIC [90]
#	1d6 Result	GHOST BEAR LIGHT	GHOST BE	AR MEDIUM	GHOST BEAR HEAVY
TERS	1	Chaeronea [25]	CSR-V12b	Corsair [50]	AHB-443b Ahab [90]
GHT	2	Issedone [30]†	CSR-V12b	Corsair [50]	HMR-HDb Hammerhead [75]
E FI	3	Issus [40]	GTHA-500b	o Gotha [60]	Hydaspes [95]
SPAG	4	RGU-133Eb Rogue [40]	HCT-213C H	lellcat II [50]	Kirghiz [100]
AEROSPACE FIGHTERS [‡]	5	Swift C [25]	IRN-SD1b Ir	onsides [65]	RPR-100b Rapier [85]
AB	6	ZRO-116b Zero [35]	Ogota	Xerxes [85]	
#	1d6 Result	HELL'S HORSES LIGHT	HELL'S HOR	SES MEDIUM	HELL'S HORSES HEAVY
AEROSPACE FIGHTERS [‡]	1	Chaeronea [25]	CSR-V12b	Corsair [50]	AHB-443b Ahab [90]
GHT	2	Issus [40]	Goth [60]†		HMR-HDb Hammerhead [75]
CE FI	3	RGU-133Eb Rogue [40]	GTHA-500b Gotha [60]		Hydaspes [95]
SPA	4	SB-27b Sabre [25]	HCT-213C Hellcat II [50]		RPR-100b Rapier [85]
ERO:	5	Swift C [25]	IRN-SD1b Ir	onsides [65]	Xerxes [85]
AI	6	ZRO-116b Zero [35]	Ogota	i [45]†	Xerxes [85]
		1d6 Result	LIGHT	MEDIUM	
		1	Anhur [30]	Epona [50]	
		÷ 2	Badger C [30]	Ares [40]	
			Mithras [25]	Bandit [50]]
		H 4	Odin [20]	Hachiman [5	0]
		5	Svantovit [35]	Ku [50]	
		6	Zorya [35]	Zephyr (Royal)	[40]
		1d6 Result	HEAVY	ASSAULT	
		1	Demon (Royal) [60]	Fury (Royal) [80]
		÷ 2	Burke (Royal) [75]	Huitzilopochtli	[85]
		2 3 4	lshtar [65]	Mars [100]	
		H 4	lshtar [65]	Mars [100]	
		5	Kokou (XL) [70]†	Mars [100]	
		6	Oro [60]	Puma PAT-005b	
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†See Technical Readout: Golden Century. For convenience, Alpha Strike cards can be found starting on page 22. ‡Two units per Point.

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HERE LIES OUR FUTURE

Clan Hell's Horses suffered due to lack of resources. However, they performed well during the Golden Century and managed both to acquire OmniMech technology and to play a key role in the development of battle armor. This bore fruit when the Horses constructed the massive Mechworks Alpha on Tokasha. Flush with modern hardware, Clan Hell's Horses began to change. The Clan was now able to deploy more 'Mechs than ever before. The Horses began to win more battles while the MechWarrior caste began to exert ever more political influence. This was put at risk when Clan Ghost Bear chose to Trial for the factory.

It is not clear why the resource-rich Clan chose to target Mechworks Alpha. Exploiting those resources or jumpstarting the Ghost Bear OmniMech program have been suggested, despite there being reasons against both. Whatever the reason, in November of 2921, Clan Ghost Bear launched a Trial of Possession.

Khan Aaron Cobb was not about to lose the factory. He had a long personal connection to the site and considered it vital to the future of Clan Hell's Horses. As such he bid the entirety of Beta Galaxy, with his own Alpha Keshik in command, and started to establish fortifications around Mechworks Alpha. This was something of a shock, as bids this size were virtually unheard of. Having only brought the Ghost Bear's Alpha Galaxy, Khan Kilbourne Jorgensson found himself at a large numerical disadvantage. Rather than face the dishonor of retreat, he added the Bears' local garrison to his forces, matching the hordes of Horse tanks. The battle could now begin.

Terrain dominated the battle. Lush jungles covered the Weißenborn Morass where Mechworks Alpha was sited. Movement was slowed in the thick jungle, and lines of sight were blocked. Reconnaissance was critical but nearly ineffective. In addition, the high oxygen content made ejecting potentially fatal for anyone caught without respiration gear. In this restricted environment, Cobb's plan was simple: Operate from prepared positions, pin the Bears down, and bleed them out using everything from infantry to artillery.

Jorgensson first attempted to force his way up the River Elb,

since it offered an easier path to the factory. This was an obvious point of attack, and Cobb defended it accordingly. Rather than deploy Alpha Galaxy into a sure trap, Jorgensson used Theta Galaxy's raw enthusiasm to make the push. Theta hit dug-in troops and suffered heavy casualties, but the effort revealed a large tank force. With the enemy in clear sight, both sides poured troops into the valley, while Cavalry and Striker Trinaries tried to outflank each other through the jungle.

As the battle of the Elb raged, the Bears attempted probing missions to open up a new angle of approach to the factory. Picking their way through the jungle, lone Trinaries experienced intense, close-range firefights. Often Horse 'Mechs retreated, challenging Bear 'Mechs to follow, leaving their dismounted battle armor behind. This made both 'Mechs and battle armor easy prey to the Horses infantry lurking in the undergrowth. Both sides fought valiantly, but the defenders' concealed positions gave them the advantage in the jungle. A few Bears slipped through to the factory, but most of the probes were blunted. It wasn't glamorous, but Cobb's grinding defense was winning.

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With his troops' morale flagging, Jorgensson spent increasingly more time leading the Ourse Keshik into rescue missions. While rallying a pinned-down Assault Trinary, Jorgensson was hit by an autocannon round, killing him instantly. The death of the beloved Khan caused the Bears to pause as the news rippled out. After hours stalled by the Horses' unconventional tactics, frustration and anger boiled over. The enraged Bears no longer attacked the dug-in Horse positions. They simply stomped over them and kept going.

To Khan Cobb's horror, his tanks and infantry were stuck in the jungle and unable to keep pace with the Ghost Bear tide. Cobb first tried to pull his 'Mechs back to slow the Bears so he might regroup his forces, but the Bears' numbers worked against him. To keep his warriors alive Cobb had to retreat all the way to the Koche Mountain range. The surviving Ghost Bears held Mechworks Alpha and now turned to punish the Horses still stuck in the jungle. Few survived to reach the mountains.

Faced with the loss of his Clan's most prized procession, Khan Cobb stepped down. However, the damage was done. Though the Horses tried to compensate with new OmniMechs like the *Hellbringer*, they were forced to resume reliance on conventional forces. In contrast, the Bears increased 'Mech production to such a degree that they could build what they wanted rather than hoping to capture necessary materiel like other Clans. The feud between the Bears and Horses would continue for another one hundred fifty years.

COMMANDERS

KILBOURNE JORGENSSON

COMMANDERS

Rank: Khan (Clan Ghost Bear) **Born:** 2872 (49 in 2921)

Born into the first generation of Elementals bred by Clan Ghost Bear, Kilbourne was an exceptionally large and strong warrior. Articulate and charismatic, he still faced discrimination as an Elemental. When his attackers refused to face him unaugmented, Kilbourne took to facing them augmented. This led to a brutal engagement between Kilbourne and his Star Colonel which ended with the Elemental dragging the MechWarrior from her shattered cockpit. To the amazement of all, Kilbourne congratulated her for a Trial well-fought before carrying her to medical aid. She would serve as his aide till her death in 2907.

Kilbourne innovated many tactics that became hallmarks of Ghost Bear infantry forces as OmniMechs began to enter the field. But it was off the field of combat that Kilbourne truly shone. He proved that Elementals could be more than thuggish brutes and was elected Khan in 2902. The khan showed a keen strategic eye. He led his Clan and was an able ambassador not only for his Clan, but for all Elementals throughout the Clans.

In his private life, Kilbourne was an exceptional musician known for regaling guests and friends. In his time, Ourse Keshik developed quite the musical talent, if only to silence Kilbourne's never-ending quest for playing companions. Kilbourne also kept a remarkably lifelike statue of a ghost bear outside his headquarters. Kilbourne began carving it after his Clawing, twenty-one years before. He claimed it to be a monument to the great beast he slew during the rite. When asked when it would be finished Kilbourne said, "When I am finished, so will the statue be finished." Since Kilbourne's death others have taken up these pursuits with the tradition evolving into the Great Work.

Skill: Elite (2)

Battle Suit: Elemental (SL)

Alpha Strike Data: Ambusher, BA, Size: 1, MV: 6"j, TMM: 1, S/M/L: 2/1/-, OV0, A/S 2/2, Specials AM, CAR5, MEC, PV 16

Special Pilot Abilities: Combat Intuition, Float Like A Butterfly/1 (see below)

AARON COBB

Rank: Khan (Clan Hell's Horses) **Born:** 2852 (69 in 2921)

Aaron Cobb was born at the height of the Golden Century. Growing up at a time when every Clan announced great strides, seemingly on a daily basis, he could not resist being caught up in the excitement. In 2868, upon hearing that Khan Eric Amirault would again lead a Trial for OmniMech technology from Clan Coyote, MechWarrior Aaron fought his way into the Star and was instrumental in achieving victory.

Aaron would be tied to Omni technology for the rest of his life. When construction of Tokasha Mechworks Alpha was delayed for a year to retool to produce OmniMechs, Aaron pulled strings to ensure that he would be in the cockpit of the plant's first completed OmniMech (the *Nova*). As the first test pilot he was responsible for the earliest experiments in integrating the brand new battle armor with the *Nova*'s innovative connection ports.

For Aaron, fresh 'Mechs from the factory were the future of Clan Hell's Horses. The new factory meant that the Horses could finally compete on a level playing field with the other Clans. Of course the true secret to martial prowess was in the warrior, not the machine, but the results spoke for themselves: the age of tanks was drawing to a close.

Since becoming Khan in 2899, Aaron Cobb sought to accelerate this process. He used his formidable strategic eye to target other Clans for the resources and OmniMech technical specifications necessary to increase production at Tokasha and elsewhere. All agreed that, under Khan Aaron Cobb, Clan Hell's Horses had gone from strength to strength, and that it was only a matter of time before it would be considered amongst the first rank of Clans.

Skill: Elite (2)

BattleMech: Nova Prime

Alpha Strike Data: Skirmisher, BM, Size: 2, MV: 10"j, TMM: 2, S/M/L: 5/5/-, OV4, A/S: 5/3, Specials: ENE, OMNI, PV 41

Special Pilot Abilities: Jumping Jack (see p. 54, *ASC*), Human TRO (see p. 54, *ASC*)

FLOAT LIKE A BUTTERFLY

Unit Type: Any

SP Cost: 1 to 4 points

For every point spent on purchasing this special pilot ability, this unit may force an opponent to reroll an attack with this unit as the target. This unit may force a reroll of the attack roll, or the critical hit effects roll. The second roll result stands, even if it fails or is worse than the first.

This special pilot ability may not be used to change the outcome of other roll types, such as the unit's own attack rolls, hull breach checks, Initiative, or Morale rolls.

Total Warfare: Float Like A Butterfly may be used to force a reroll of a Hit Location roll as well.



COMBATANTS

This section lists the combat units active on Tokasha. The Experience Level indicates which column to roll on when using the *Random Skills Table* (see p. 273, *TW*) for the combatants.

RAT shows which Random Assignment Tables (see Tokasha 2921, p. 6) to roll units from if randomly determining a force. To build a unit (if not using a player-defined unit from a campaign), use the *Unit Generation* rules (see p. 264, *TW*). For the faction tables to roll from, locate the RAT entry for each combatant.

If not using the included Tokasha, 2921 RAT, choose a variant specific to the force involved to give a specific flavor to the forces used.

RAT sources: See p. 6.

Unit Abilities are special game rules that apply to that unit in combat. Keep in mind these rules are optional, and all players should agree to their use before gameplay begins. The *Notes* section gives in-universe details on the unit to help give players a "feel" for the command during the battles on Tokasha.

Alpha Galaxy: The Golden Bears [Clan Ghost Bear]

CO: Khan Kilbourne Jorgensson

RAT: Clan Ghost Bear Frontline

Notes: As is the case in many Clans, Alpha Galaxy is the Ghost Bears' premier frontline unit. Originally commanded by founding Khan Hans Jorgensson, the Golden Bears have traditionally been the Khan's unit, and always fight at the forefront of the Clan's most important battles.

Staffed by the finest warriors in the Clan,

Alpha Galaxy also employs innovative tactics. It is the most tactically-flexible Galaxy in the Clan, where the open command structure established by its founders flourishes.

Experience Level: Elite (2)

Unit Composition: See TO&E, p. 20

Special Rules: The Fiftieth Striker Cluster (Black Bears) may re-roll any Random 'Mech Assignment Table result that is not a jump-capable 'Mech. The second roll result must be used, even if the resulting 'Mech cannot jump.

Special Command Abilities: Strategic Planning (see p. 85, *CM: Kurita*), Family (see p. 22).

Ourse Keshik: Overrun Combat (see p. 46, ASC).

Silveroot Keshik: Forcing the Initiative (see p. 45, *ASC*), Speed Fire (see p. 22).

IlKhan's Shield: Enemy Specialization (Clan) (see p. 48, ASC).

Theta Galaxy [Clan Ghost Bear]

CO: Galaxy Commander Hilda Bekker

RAT: Clan Ghost Bear Second Line **Notes:** Theta Galaxy has garrisoned

Clan Ghost Bear's assets on Tokasha for thirty years. As such it has a good appreciation of the challenges posed by the terrain. After a long history of defending static Installations, Theta has gained skill at such operations at the expense of offensive tactics. The Khans do not see this as a serious weakness, as the purpose of this Galaxy is purely defensive.

Experience Level: Veteran (3) Unit Composition: See TO&E, p. 20



Special Rules: Theta Galaxy suffers a –1 Initiative modifier when fighting as the Attacker. The Third Bear Regulars do not suffer this penalty when fighting as the Attacker.

Special Command Abilities: Tactical Specialization (Defense) (see p. 48, *ASC*), Family (see p. 22), and Environmental Specialization (Jungle) (see p. 47, *ASC*).

Alpha Keshik: Might Before Metal [Clan Hell's Horses]

CO: Khan Aaron Cobb **RAT:** Clan Hell's Horses

Notes: In keeping with the Horses' military doctrine, the ultra-elite Alpha Keshik is a mix of BattleMech, infantry, aerospace, and conventional armor assets. Originally assigned as the first

Cluster of Alpha Galaxy, changes in the Clan's organization at the start of the Golden Century re-formed it as an independent force.

Experience Level: Elite (2)

Unit Composition: See TO&E, p. 21

Special Rules: Might Before Metal may re-roll any 'Mech Random Assignment Table result that is not an OmniMech. The second roll result must be used, even if the result is not an OmniMech.

Special Command Abilities: Forcing the Initiative (see p. 45, *ASC*), Overrun Combat (see p. 46, *ASC*). Combined Arms (see p. 22).

Beta Galaxy: The Apocalypse [Clan Hell's Horses]

CO: Galaxy Commander Philby Lassenerra **RAT:** Clan Hell's Horses

Notes: Among the best trained and equipped of Hell's Horses units, and with a substantial career, Beta was initially planned as an assault force—the anvil to Alpha Galaxy's hammer. However, the relative lack of speed that resulted from its preponderance of heavy machines caused enough concern for Horses commanders to add swifter cavalry Clusters later. Beta Galaxy retains a vestige of its original in-



tent in the higher-than-average weight and firepower of its equipment, but the presence of faster units allows it to menace even those enemies who survive long enough to retreat.

Experience Level: Elite (2)

Unit Composition: See TO&E, p. 21

Special Rules: Beta Galaxy receives a +1 Initiative bonus when acting as the Attacker. (This is in addition to any SCAs.)

The 666th Mechanized Assault adds +2 to all rolls for determining random Star and Binary/Trinary weight class.

The 333rd Mechanized Strike's infantry are extremely adept at evading enemy fire, and impose an additional +1 modifier to their opponents' to-hit rolls against them.

Special Command Abilities: Tactical Specialization (Attack) (see p. 48, *ASC*), Combined Arms (see p. 22).

Seventy-seventh Mechanized Cavalry: Environmental Specialization (Night) (see p. 47, ASC), Environmental Specialization (Storm) (see p. 47, ASC).





opening moves

SITUATION

FRACKS

75,000 meters above Weißenborn Morass Hell's Horses' Enclave Tokasha 4 November 2921

As 'Mechs deployed and milled on the ground below, it was time for the true warriors to come to grips. The Horses' fighters rose up from airfields behind the Koche Mountains while the Bears descended from DropShips in orbit. The fighters' mission? To scout out their enemy then proceed with airstrikes on their rear areas. Their real mission? To find enemy flyers and engage in glorious aerial combat.

GAME SETUP

Recommended Terrain: Space

Select sufficient maps to allow both forces to deploy and engage. Defender chooses a home edge. Attacker's home edge is the opposite edge. If a combatant's altitude drops to low altitude, use Jungle Terrain maps.

Attacker

Recommended Forces: Fiftieth Striker Alpha Fighter Trinary The Attacker's entire force deploys within 8" of Attacker's home edge prior to Turn 1.

Defender

Recommended Forces: 333rd Mechanized Striker Trinary Delta The Defender's entire force deploys within 8" of Defender's home edge prior to Turn 1.

WARCHEST

Track Cost: 500

Optional Bonuses

+100 Smoke Me a Kipper. Give one pilot skill of 0 (TW: 0/1 Gunnery/Piloting). This Ace pilot must volunteer to take the place of a friendly pilot being challenged to a duel, if that pilot's craft is already damaged and the Ace is not already engaged.

OBJECTIVES

1. First Contact. Destroy or force to retreat one-third of enemy aerospace fighters. [Gain +1 to all Initiative rolls until Chop and Change] [200]

2. A Hotly Disputed Matter. Destroy or force to retreat two-

thirds of enemy aerospace fighters. [Gain +1 to all Initiative rolls as well as 2 Airstrikes until *Chop and Change*. This is cumulative with First Contact to a maximum of +2 Initiative and 2 Airstrikes. Once used, an Airstrike may not be used again.] [200]

3. A Turkey Shoot. Destroy or force to retreat all enemy aerospace fighters. [Gain +1 to all initiative rolls as well as 2 Airstrikes until Chop and Change. This is cumulative with First Contact and A Hotly Disputed Matter to a maximum of +3 Initiative and 4 Airstrikes. Once used, an Airstrike may not be used again.] [200]

SPECIAL RULES

The following rules are in effect for this track:

Zellbrigen

Zellbrigen is in effect (see p. 133, AS). Clan Ghost Bear will apply a Strict interpretation while Clan Hell's Horses will apply an Opportunistic interpretation. Both sides operate at Honor Level 2.

Forced Withdrawal

Both sides are operating under Forced Withdrawal rules (see p. 27, AS). Roll 1D6 for each Warrior falling under Forced Withdrawal conditions. On a result of 1-3, the Warrior refuses to retreat for the remainder of the battle.

AFTERMATH

Contact was made with the enemy. Unfortunately, both sides cared more to fight each other than to perform their scouting role. With neither side dominating the other the airspace above the Weißenborn Morass remained contested, though losses meant that both sides were exposed to air attacks.

A TRIP UP THE ELB

SITUATION

FRACKS

River Elb Weißenborn Morass Hell's Horses' Enclave Tokasha 4 November 2921

With Tokasha Mechworks Alpha surrounded by heavy jungle, Khan Jorgensson hoped to make use of a rocky pass to push through to the factory. The River Elb regularly flooded the pass, keeping the foliage to a more manageable level. This obvious approach would surely be defended heavily by the Horses. Keeping Alpha in reserve, the Khan directed the heavy elements of the Third Bear Regulars to force the pass.

GAME SETUP

Recommended Terrain: Jungle

Arrange the playing surface to represent jungle terrain, with a river flowing down the full length of the playing surface. Defender chooses a home edge at one end of the river. Attacker's home edge is the opposite edge.

Attacker

Recommended Forces: Third Bear Regulars, 215th Assault Supernova

Attacker's units deploy within 2" of Attacker's home edge prior to Turn 1. Sweep forward, eliminate the Horses and exit off the Defender's home edge.

Defender

Recommended Forces: 333rd Mechanized Strike, Trinary Alpha Defender's units may deploy anywhere on Defender's half of the map prior to Turn 1. The Defender is there to goad the Third further up the river and may retreat at any time.

WARCHEST

Track Cost: 500

Optional Bonuses

+200 Snakes in the Grass. The Defender's battle armor may deploy as Hidden Units (see p. 102, AS).

+200 The Chosen Ones. Chosen by their Khan to lead the assault, all of the Attacker's 'Mechs may act as if they have MASC (see p. 94, ASC; in TW, ignore any penalties), and all of the Attacker's battle armor may act as if they have Jump Boosters (add 2" to Jump).

OBJECTIVES

1. Retreat in Good Order. (Defender only) Retreat with 75% of Alpha Trinary operational. [600]

2. Only Second Line (Attacker only) Destroy at least 25% of Defender's units. [200]

3. More Than Second Line (Attacker only) Destroy at least 50% of Defender's units. **[400]**

SPECIAL RULES

The following rules are in effect for this track:

Zellbrigen

Zellbrigen is in effect (see p. 133, *AS*). Clan Ghost Bear will apply a Strict interpretation while Clan Hell's Horses will apply an Opportunistic interpretation. Both sides operate at Honor Level 2.

Forced Withdrawal

The Defender is operating under Forced Withdrawal rules (see p. 27, *AS*). Roll 1D6 for each Warrior falling under Forced Withdrawal conditions. On a result of 1-3, the Warrior refuses to retreat for the remainder of the battle.

Air Power

Any Initiative bonuses or Airstrikes gained in *Opening Moves* may be used here. An Airstrike is an Altitude-Bombing run (see p. 55, *AS*) completed with 2 bombs from an altitude of 5 with a Skill of 1 (TW: Gunnery 1).

Track Ammo

The Attacker records all damage taken and ammunition expended for units employed in *Hitting the Wall*.

AFTERMATH

An overwhelming juggernaut, the 215th swept up the Elb and drove the apparently cowardly Horses into retreat. After a brief pause to regroup, the 215th pushed further up the pass, confident in running the Horses down.

HITTING THE WALL

SITUATION

River Elb Weißenborn Morass Hell's Horses' Enclave Tokasha 4 November 2921

Ignoring their commander's orders, the 215th pushed up the pass. One kilometer in, the Elb spread out into a marshy swamp which slowed the 215th to a crawl. It was a trap and everyone knew it. But retreat was not an option. The Horses allowed the Bears to penetrate through to the clear space on the other side of the swamp before the first Arrow IV landed. A line of tanks opened fire from long range. The Horses would not allow even a chance for honorable combat. This was to be a massacre.

GAME SETUP

Recommended Terrain: Jungle

Arrange the playing surface to represent jungle terrain, with a river flowing down the full length of the playing surface. Defender chooses a home edge at one end of the river. Attacker's home edge is the opposite edge. Swamplands or marshlands should occupy the center of the playing surface, while higher terrain should dominate the edges parallel to the river.

Attacker

Recommended Forces: Third Bear Regulars, 215th Assault Supernova

Attacker's units deploy within 2" of Attacker's home edge prior to Turn 1. Sweep forward, eliminate the Horses and exit off the Defender's home edge. If *A Trip Up the Elb* was not played, reduce armor on all Attacker's units by one-fourth (*TW*: reduce armor in all locations except head by one-fourth) (round up).

Defender

Recommended Forces: 333rd Mechanized Strike, Trinary Epsilon Defender's units may deploy anywhere on Defender's half of the map prior to Turn 1. All of the Defender's units may deploy as Hidden Units (see p. 102, *AS*).

WARCHEST

Track Cost: 500 Optional Bonuses

+100 Be Prepared (Attacker Only). Defender may assign up to 10 fortified hexes (see Trench/Fieldworks Engineers, p. 341, *TO*). These may be used by tanks or infantry.

+50 (per strike) Fire Support (Defender Only). Attacker may call in an artillery strike without pre-sighted target hexes. Each strike includes 2 Arrow IVs from a distance of 150" (*TW*: 5 maps) from home edge using HE ammunition. Artillery units' skill is 4 (*TW*: Gunnery 4).

OBJECTIVES

1. And the River Ran Red. Destroy all of the enemy's units. [600]

Died with Honor (Attacker Only). Do not break Zellbrigen.
[600]

SPECIAL RULES

The following rules are in effect for this track:

Zellbrigen

Zellbrigen is in effect (see p. 133, *AS*). Clan Ghost Bear will apply a Strict interpretation while Clan Hell's Horses will apply an Opportunistic interpretation. Both sides operate at Honor Level 2.

Air Power

Any Initiative bonuses or Airstrikes gained in *Opening Moves* may be used here. An Airstrike is an Altitude-Bombing run (see p. 55, *AS*) completed with 2 bombs from an altitude of 5 with a Skill of 1 (*TW*: Gunnery 1).

XCT Equipment

All Infantry is deemed to be XCT equipped (see p. 351, TO). All vehicle crews are equipped with respirators. This hampers their performance. Add +1 to To-hit Numbers and Skill rolls (TW: Driving Skill rolls).

AFTERMATH

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It had to be said that the 215th died with honor. Though sorely tried by all manner of Horse perfidy, the 215th pushed forward. However, it failed to extract a heavy toll. Trinary Epsilon's victory was glorious, though the battle gave away their position. The Fiftieth Striker Cluster had already flanked them through the jungle. The Ghost Bear commanders rued what could have been had the 215th obeyed orders and the Horses turned to face new threats.

CHOPS AND CHANGE

SITUATION

TRACKS

15,000 meters above the Weißenborn Morass Hell's Horses' Enclave Tokasha 4 November 2921

With losses passing 40 per cent, the air war became increasingly scrappy. Plenty of gaps existed for Theta Fighter Trinary to perform yeoman's work bombing anything that moved. Screaming low over the jungle, they hoped to avoid the few remaining fighter sweeps passing above their heads. Unfortunately, that wasn't going to happen.

GAME SETUP

Recommended Terrain: Jungle

Arrange the playing surface to feature jungle terrain. Defender chooses a home edge. Attacker's home edge is one of the edges adjacent to the Defender's home edge.

Attacker

Recommended Forces: Seventy-seventh Mechanized Cavalry, Trinary Delta

Attacker's entire force deploys along Attacker's home edge within 8" of the edge the Defender deploys on prior to Turn 1.

Defender

Recommended Forces: Seventeenth PGC, Theta Fighter Trinary Defender's entire force deploys within 8" of the edge opposite to Defender's home edge prior to Turn 1.

WARCHEST

Track Cost: 500

Optional Bonuses

+50 (per strike) Wild Weasel. Make a Flak attack using an Arrow IV (see p. 15, ASC) with HE. Artillery units' skill is 4 for both sides and the launcher is stationary.

OBJECTIVES

1. First Contact. Destroy or force to retreat one-third of enemy aerospace fighters. [Gain +1 to all Initiative rolls until Hounded Bear] [200]

2. A Hotly Disputed Matter. Destroy or force to retreat twothirds of enemy aerospace fighters. [Gain +1 to all Initiative rolls as well as 2 Airstrikes until Hounded Bear. This is cumulative with First Contact to a maximum of +2 Initiative and 2 Airstrikes. Once used an Airstrike may not be used again.] [200]

3. A Turkey Shoot. Destroy or force to retreat all enemy aerospace fighters. [Gain +1 to all Initiative rolls as well as 2 Airstrikes until *Hounded Bear*. This is cumulative with First Contact and A Hotly Disputed Matter to a maximum of +3 Initiative and 4 Airstrikes. Once used an Airstrike may not be used again.] [200]

SPECIAL RULES

The following rules are in effect for this track:

Zellbrigen

Zellbrigen is in effect (see p. 133, *AS*). Clan Ghost Bear will apply a Strict interpretation while Clan Hell's Horses will apply an Opportunistic interpretation. Both sides operate at Honor Level 2.

Forced Withdrawal

Both sides are operating under Forced Withdrawal rules (see p. 27, *AS*). Roll 1D6 for each Warrior falling under Forced Withdrawal conditions. On a result of 1-3, the Warrior refuses to retreat for the remainder of the battle.

AFTERMATH

PGC or not, Theta Trinary gave a solid account of itself in the face of the elite Horse fighters. Opening their throttles and pointing their noses up to return to their airfields in the west of Lazuk, pilots who chose to look down saw great burning scars throughout the jungle canopy. Explosions tore through the trees where 'Mechs fought tanks which had already fought battle armor to a standstill. Hours had passed since the first shots were fired, and if anything the fires were getting further from the factory rather than closer.



THE GREEN WHIL

SITUATION

FRACKS

Weißenborn Morass Hell's Horses' Enclave Tokasha 4 November 2921

Khan Cobb kept his defense flexible, employing a wide variety of unit types against the enemy. The Bear MechWarriors, accustomed to engaging other MechWarriors, frequently found themselves overrun by Elementals they had overlooked. Deprived of their usual 'Mech support, Ghost Bear Elementals were routinely isolated and neutralized by their Hell's Horses counterparts.

GAME SETUP

Recommended Terrain: Jungle

Arrange the playing surface as a square jungle environment. Attacker chooses a home edge. Defender's home edge is the opposite edge.

Attacker

Recommended Forces: 888th Mechanized Assault Cluster, Trinary Gamma (Battle Armor only); 888th Mechanized Assault Cluster, Trinary Epsilon (Infantry only)

Attacker's forces deploy along any of the outside edges of the map prior to Turn 1. Attacker's force has twice as many Points as Defender's force.

Defender

Recommended Forces: First Bear Guards, Twenty-third Elemental Support Binary

Defender's forces deploy within 12" of the center of the map and at least 16" from any map edge prior to Turn 1.

WARCHEST

Track Cost: 300

Optional Bonuses

+25 (per Point) Light 'Em Up. One Point of enemy battle armor may mount one round of Inferno Missiles.

+25 (per Point) Surprise! One Point of enemy battle armor may deploy as a Hidden Unit (see p. 102, *AS*).

OBJECTIVES

1. We Happy Few. (Defender Only) Survive until the Attacker retreats. [400]

2. Mop Up. (Attacker Only) Eliminate the Defenders. [400]

SPECIAL RULES

The following rules are in effect for this track:

Zellbrigen

Zellbrigen is in effect (see p. 133, AS). Clan Ghost Bear will apply a Strict interpretation while Clan Hell's Horses will apply an Opportunistic interpretation. Both sides operate at Honor Level 2.

Forced Withdrawal

The Attacker is operating under Forced Withdrawal rules (see p. 27, AS). Roll 1D6 for each Warrior/Point falling under Forced With-

drawal conditions. On a result of 1-3, the Warrior/Point refuses to retreat for the remainder of the battle.

Air Power

Any initiative bonuses or Airstrikes gained in *Chop and Change* may be used here. An Airstrike is an Altitude-Bombing run (see p. 55, *AS*) completed with 2 bombs from an altitude of 5 with a Skill of 1 (*TW*: Gunnery 1).

XCT Equipment

All Infantry is deemed to be XCT equipped (see p. 351, TO). All vehicle crews are equipped with respirators. This hampers their performance. Add +1 to To-Hit Numbers and Skill rolls (TW: Driving Skill rolls).

Infantry Rules

Digging In, Hitting the Deck, Using Non-Infantry as Cover (see p. 26, ASC), and Battle Armor Criticals (see p. 108, TO) are all to be used.

Wildlife

The jungles of Tokasha are filled with hostile wildlife. At the end of every Movement Phase each player rolls 1D6. On a result of 1 an animal attacks the opposing force. The player then rolls 1D6 to see what kind of animal:1-2: Tokasha Cassowary (see p. 22), 3-4: Hansen's Gecko (see p. 22), 5-6: Tokasha Stone Lion (see p. 128, *AToWC*). The player must place the attacking animal in base contact with an opposing unit (*TW*: place in the unit's hex). The targeted unit may not fire its weapons that turn; otherwise, the Weapons Phase is resolved as normal, during which the animal(s) attack the intended unit(s). After the Weapons Phase, the animal(s) run into the jungle to hide (removed from the map after the attack).

AFTERMATH

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The thick undergrowth of the Weißenborn Morass hid the combatants from friend and foe alike. Tiny Star-sized battles were fought as groups tripped over each other in the murk. Signals security meant that commanders easily lost track of their troops and only regained contact when firefights began.

For the ejected and wounded, things were worse. Alone and essentially unarmed, many were picked off by Tokasha's wildlife or were simply lost in the jungle.

BROMKTHROUGHS?

SITUATION

Tokasha Mechworks Alpha Weißenborn Morass Hell's Horses' Enclave Tokasha 4 November 2921

It was easy to get lost in the jungle. With lines of sight nonexistent, aerial reconnaissance reduced to nothing, and radio security enforced, commanders lost track of entire units for hours at a time. Thus it was a shock when the 312th Assault Trinary walked undetected into the clearing around Mechworks Alpha. The 666th was rushed to the scene before the Bears could begin wreaking havoc in the Horses' supply lines.

GAME SETUP

Recommended Terrain: Factory, Clear, Jungle

Arrange the playing surface to represent the edge of the jungle on one edge, clear terrain in the middle, and the edge of the factory on the other edge. Place 10+2D6 buildings of various size/ type/CF along the factory portion of the map. Defender chooses one end of the open corridor as home edge. Attacker's home edge is the opposite edge.

Attacker

Recommended Forces: First Bear Guards, 312th Assault Trinary Attacker's units enter the map via Attacker's home edge on Turn 1.

Defender

Recommended Forces: 666th Mechanized Assault, Trinary Alpha Defender's units enter the map via Defender's home edge on Turn 1.



WARCHEST

Track Cost: 500 **Optional Bonuses**

+100 Eats, Shoots, and Leaves. (Defender Only) Emerging from the jungle, the Attacker's units are covered with mud and branches making a distracting sight. Add +1 to Attacker's Initiative roll for Turns 1-3.

+100 Hurry Home. (Attacker Only) The desperate Defender's 'Mechs may use Sprinting movement (see p. 63, AS).

OBJECTIVES

1. Secure the Site. Either destroy or force all of the enemy units to retreat. [600]

SPECIAL RULES

The following rules are in effect for this track:

Zellbrigen

Zellbrigen is in effect (see p. 133, AS). Clan Ghost Bear will apply a Strict interpretation while Clan Hell's Horses will apply an Opportunistic interpretation. Both sides operate at Honor Level 2.

Forced Withdrawal

The Attacker is operating under Forced Withdrawal rules (see p. 27, AS). Roll 1D6 for each Warrior/Point falling under Forced Withdrawal conditions. On a result of 1-3, the Warrior/Point refuses to retreat for the remainder of the battle.

Air Power

Any Initiative bonuses or Airstrikes gained in Chop and Change may be used here. An Airstrike is an Altitude-Bombing run (see p. 55, AS) completed with 2 bombs from an altitude of 5 with a Skill of 1 (TW: Gunnery 1).

AFTERMATH

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The 312th was as amazed to reach the Mechworks as anybody and remained at a loss what to do with their breakthrough. With no way of holding the factory and more Horse units arriving, the 312th beat a hasty retreat back into the jungle after a brief skirmish with the 666th Assault's Trinary Alpha.

HONUDOD BOUK

SITUATION

FRACKS

Weißenborn Morass Hell's Horses' Enclave Tokasha 4 November 2921

With the Bears cracking across the entire front, the Ourse Keshik raced from firefight to firefight, stiffening the faltering Warriors as the Horses pressed closer. Time and again, Khan Kilbourne Jorgensson stood clearly in his battle armor inspiring his troops to move forward. It was only a matter of time until the inevitable happened.

GAME SETUP

Recommended Terrain: Jungle

Arrange the playing surface to represent jungle terrain with a clear, elevated, rocky area in the center. Attacker chooses one edge as home edge; Defender's home edge is the opposite edge.

Attacker

Recommended Forces: Ninety-ninth Mechanized Cavalry, Trinary Alpha

Attacker's units deploy within 2" of any edge except Defender's home edge prior to Turn 1. Attacker assigns one unit as the Trinary commander.

Defender

Recommended Forces: Thirtieth PGC, Eighty-seventh Assault Trinary; Ourse Keshik

The Eighty-seventh Assault Trinary deploys to the cleared central area prior to Turn 1. The Ourse Keshik enters via Defender's home edge on turn 10. If the Eighty-seventh is destroyed before then, the scenario is over. Assign one Elemental Point as Khan Jorgensson's; Defender's player secretly assigns one of the Elementals of that Point to be the khan.

WARCHEST

Track Cost: 500

Optional Bonuses

+200 Shoot Straight, Ya... Any enemy unit that expends 0 MP applies a –1 to that unit's To-Hit number(s) for that turn.

+200 Like the Wind. Enemy units reduce MP penalties by -2 (to a minimum of 0) when moving through wooded terrain.

OBJECTIVES

1. We Happy Few. (Defender Only) Survive until the Ourse Keshik arrives. [500]

2. Mop Up. (Attacker Only) Eliminate the Defenders. [500]

3. Lop the Head. Kill the enemy Commander. [500]

SPECIAL RULES

The following rules are in effect for this track:

Zellbrigen

Zellbrigen is in effect (see p. 133, AS). Clan Ghost Bear will apply a Strict interpretation while Clan Hell's Horses will apply an Opportunistic interpretation. Both sides operate at Honor Level 2.

Forced Withdrawal

The Attacker is operating under Forced Withdrawal rules (see p. 27, AS). Roll 1D6 for each Warrior/Point falling under Forced Withdrawal conditions. On a result of 1-3, the Warrior/Point refuses to retreat for the remainder of the battle.

Air Power

Any Initiative bonuses or Airstrikes gained in *Chop and Change* may be used here. An Airstrike is an Altitude-Bombing run (see p. 55, *AS*) completed with 2 bombs from an altitude of 5 with a Skill of 1 (*TW*: Gunnery 1).

Wildlife

See The Green Wall for the wildlife rules to employ.

In the Presence of the Great Man

When Khan Kilbourne Jorgensson is present add +5 to the Defender's Initiative. If Khan Kilbourne Jorgensson is killed the Defender is not allowed to move or fire for the following turn.

AFTERMATH

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A moment of silence fell on both sides of the battlefield as the shock of what had just happened sank in. Khan Kilbourne Jorgensson was dead. Word spread from Warrior to Warrior across the battlefield. Devastated, Ghost Bear warriors froze in shock. Their Khan was dead. Their Horse enemies continued to fight around them. Would this be the moment the Bears finally broke off their losing assault on the Mechworks? The Horses expected exactly that. They would be sorely disappointed.

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SITUATION

FRACKS

Tokasha Mechworks Alpha Weißenborn Morass Hell's Horses' Enclave Tokasha 4 November 2921

Clan Hell's Horses believed in the superiority of the Warrior over the machine, but Khan Aaron Cobb had never seen it like this. He had heard tales of crazed warriors, berserkers, and wendigoes of cultures past, but now he believed. All around him, Ghost Bear 'Mechs were pushing forward through the factory complex. Nothing seemed to stop them. It was as if willpower alone was enough to defeat PPC blasts and autocannon shells. Radio reports revealed that the Horses' line across the whole front was disintegrating and there was nothing Cobb could do. This battle was lost. His warriors were dying. It was time to save what he could.

GAME SETUP

Recommended Terrain: Factory, Jungle, Mountain, Clear

Arrange the playing surface to have factory terrain on one edge, adjacent to a cleared area. Next to the cleared area is a portion of jungle terrain, followed by a region of mountainous terrain on the edge opposite the factory edge. Place 2D6 buildings of various type/size/CF in the Factory portion of the playing surface. Defender's home edge is the mountainous terrain edge; Attacker's home edge is the factory edge.

Attacker

Recommended Forces: Clan Ghost Bear

Roll a Ghost Bear Star of random weight using either the Frontline or Second Line RATs (see pp. 6-7), or randomly select a Star that was already created to represent the Ghost Bear forces on Tokasha. This Star enters via home edge on Turn 2. Roll or select another Star. This Star enters via home edge on Turn 4. Continue rolling (or reusing) and deploying Stars every other turn until Defender retreats or is destroyed. If creating new Stars, reduce armor on all Attacker's units by half (*TW*: reduce armor in all locations except head by half) (round down); otherwise units should be in the same condition they ended their prior combat. Units that were destroyed are obviously not available, limiting the ultimate size of Attacker's force for this track.

Defender

Recommended Forces: Alpha Keshik, Trinary Alpha Assign one 'Mech as Khan Cobb's *Nova*. Defender enters the map via Attacker's home edge on Turn 1.

WARCHEST

Track Cost: 500

Optional Bonuses

+25 (per Point) Light 'Em Up. One enemy 'Mech (or Point of battle armor) may mount one ton (or round) of Inferno Missiles.

+25 (per ton) Swarm. Replace 1 ton of LRM ammo with Swarm LRM Ammo (see p. 82, AS).

OBJECTIVES

1. Horses Away (Defender Only). Defender Points exit via Home Edge. [10 per Point]

2. Horses Down (Attacker Only). Defender Points destroyed. [10 per Point]

SPECIAL RULES

The following rules are in effect for this track:

Zellbrigen

Zellbrigen is in effect (see p. 133, AS). Clan Ghost Bear will apply a Strict interpretation while Clan Hell's Horses will apply an Opportunistic interpretation. Clan Hell's Horses operates at Honor Level 2 and Clan Ghost Bear operates at Honor Level 4.

Air Power

Any initiative bonuses or Airstrikes gained in *Chop and Change* may be used here. An Airstrike is an Altitude-Bombing run (see p. 55, *AS*) completed with 2 bombs from an altitude of 5 with a Skill of 1 (*TW*: Gunnery 1).

Raging Bear

Attacker's units may use Sprinting movement (see p. 63, AS). All attacking units apply a +2 modifier to all long range attacks; apply a -2 modifier to all short range or melee attacks. Attacking units take double damage from Defender's attacks.

AFTERMATH

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Enraged by the death of their Khan, there was no restraining the Bears. They tore through the Hell's Horses, pushing them back through Mechworks Alpha and into the foothills of the Koche Mountains. In the face of this unbridled ferocity, it was all Khan Cobb could do to hold his troops together and prevent a complete rout. As it was, most of the armored vehicles were abandoned due to their inability to retreat rapidly through the jungle. When the dust settled, Tokasha Mechworks Alpha belonged to the Bears.

CLAN GHOST BEAR TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT TOKASHA 2921

ANNEX

GHOST BEAR ALPHA GALAXY

K	NAME	COMPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE	FOCUS	Š	NAME	COMPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE	FOCUS
SE KESHIK	Alpha Command Star	1 'Mech	Elite	Star	Battle	GUARDS	Trinary Command Star	3 'Mech	Elite	Trinary	Battle
	Bravo Command Star	1 'Mech	Elite	Star	Battle		219th Assault Trinary	3 'Mech/1 BA	Elite	Trinary+1	Assault
OURSE	Alpha Fighter Star	1 Aero	Elite	Star	Battle	3rd BEAR	12th Battle Trinary	3 'Mech/1 BA	Elite	Supernova	Battle
6	Alpha Battle Nova	1 'Mech/1 Art/1 BA	Elite	Nova	Battle	e B	45th Elemental Support Binary	2 BA	Elite	Binary	—
						3r	34th Fighter Binary	2 Aero	Elite	Binary	Battle
-	NAME	COMPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE	FOCUS		NAME	COMPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE	FOCUS
SILVERROOT KESHIK	Alpha Nova Command	1 'Mech/1 BA	Elite	Nova	Battle	E	Trinary Command	3 'Mech	Elite	Trinary	Battle
LVERROC	Bravo Nova Command	1 'Mech/1 BA	Elite	Nova	Battle	50th STRIKER	43rd Striker Trinary	3 'Mech	Elite	Trinary	Striker
KE	Charlie Command Star	1 Aero	Elite	Star	Battle	h ST	212th Striker Trinary	3 'Mech	Elite	Trinary	Striker
S	Tango Artillery Command Star	1 'Mech	Elite	Star	Battle	50t	32nd Supernova Striker Trinary	3 'Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Striker
							Alpha Fighter Trinary	3 Aero	Elite	Trinary	Striker
S	NAME	COMPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE	FOCUS		NAME	COMPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE	FOCUS
GUARDS	Supernova Command	3 'Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Battle	KER	Trinary Command	3 'Mech	Elite	Trinary	Battle
	310th Assault Trinary	2 'Mech/1 BA	Elite	Trinary	Assault	TR	33rd Striker Trinary	3 'Mech	Elite	Trinary	Striker
EAR	312th Assault Trinary	3 'Mech	Elite	Trinary	Assault	th S'	214th Striker Trinary	3 'Mech	Elite	Trinary	Striker
st Bl	23rd Elemental Support Binary	2 BA	Elite	Binary	—	139th STRIKER	45th Supernova Striker Trinary	3 'Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Striker
1 s	16th Fighter Binary	2 Aero	Elite	Binary	Battle		Alpha Fighter Trinary	3 Aero	Elite	Trinary	Striker

GHOST BEAR THETA GALAXY

		NAME	COMPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE	FOCUS
~ ~	Theta Command Nova	3 'Mech/3 BA	Veteran	Supernova	Battle	
EAF	ULARS	215th Assault Supernova	3 'Mech	Veteran	Trinary	Assault
Ē	EGU	96th Assault Trinary	3 'Mech	Veteran	Trinary	Assault
m	3rd REGI	113th Elemental Support Binary	2 BA	Veteran	Binary	—
	62nd Fighter Binary	2 Aero	Veteran	Binary	Battle	

	2	NAME	COMPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE	FOCUS	AL ER	NAME	COMPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE	FOCUS
ONA	UST	17th PGC Command Supernova	3 'Mech/2 BA	Veteran	Supernova	Battle	UST	30th PGC Command Supernova	3 'Mech/2 BA	Regular	Supernova	Battle
ROVISI	E	413th Assault Trinary	3 'Mech	Veteran	Trinary	Assault		87th Assault Trinary	3 'Mech	Regular	Trinary	Assault
02	SON	43rd Striker Trinary	3 'Mech	Veteran	Trinary	Striker	SON	431st Striker Trinary	3 'Mech	Regular	Trinary	Striker
÷	R	87th Elemental Support Binary	2 BA	Veteran	Binary	_	RRI RRI	82nd Elemental Support Binary	2 BA	Regular	Binary	—
1	GA	Theta Fighter Trinary	2 Aero	Veteran	Trinary	Battle	30 GA	92nd Fighter Binary	2 Aero	Regular	Binary	Battle

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NAME

CLAN HELL'S HORSES TABLE OF ORGANIZATION AND EQUIPMENT TOKASHA 2921

HELL'S HORSES COMMAND KESHIK

	NAME	COMPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE	FOCUS
НК	Trinary Alpha	3 'Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Cavalry
AL P KESI	Trinary Beta	3 Aero	Elite	Trinary	Cavalry
	Trinary Gamma	3 Tank/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Cavalry

HELL'S HORSES BETA GALAXY

	.		NAME	C01	MPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE	FOCUS			
	NIZE	Trin	ary Alpha	3 'l	Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Assault			
	MECHAN	Trin	ary Beta	3 '1	Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Assault			
		Trina	ry Gamma	3 ′l	Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Assault			
	666th A	Trin	ary Delta		3 Aero	Elite	Trinary	Assault			
	99	Trina	ry Epsilon	3 Tar	ık/3 Infantry	Elite	Supernova	Assault			
	COMPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE	FOCUS			NAME	CO	MPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE
oha	3 'Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Cavalry	NIZE T	Trin	ary Alpha	3′	Mech/3 BA	Elite	Superno

FOCUS

l IZE	Trinary Alpha	3 'Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Cavalry		Trinary Alpha	3 'Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Assault
MECHANIZE CAVALRY	Trinary Beta	3 'Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Cavalry	MECHANIZE ASSAULT	Trinary Beta	3 'Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Assault
MECH/ CAVAL	Trinary Gamma	3 'Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Cavalry	ME \SS	Trinary Gamma	3 'Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	Assault
77th I 0	Trinary Delta	3 Aero	Elite	Trinary	Cavalry	888th A	Trinary Delta	3 Aero	Elite	Trinary	Assault
17	Trinary Epsilon	3 Tank/3 Infantry	Elite	Supernova	Cavalry	88	Trinary Epsilon	3 Tank/3 Infantry	Elite	Supernova	Assault
	NAME	COMPOSITION	ALLAL ITV	CITE			NAME	COMPOSITION	QUALITY	CIZE	FOCUL
	INAIVIE	COMPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE	FOCUS	9	NAME	COMPOSITION	QUALITY	SIZE	FOCUS
NIZE	Trinary Alpha	3 'Mech/2 BA	Elite	Supernova	Strike	IZE	Trinary Alpha	3 'Mech/3 BA	Elite	SIZE Supernova	Cavalry
CHANIZED IKE						IANIZE LRY					Cavalry
MECHANIZED STRIKE	Trinary Alpha	3 'Mech/2 BA	Elite	Supernova	Strike	IANIZE LRY	Trinary Alpha	3 'Mech/3 BA	Elite	Supernova	
333rd MECHANIZEI STRIKE	Trinary Alpha Trinary Beta	3 'Mech/2 BA 3 'Mech/2 BA	Elite Elite	Supernova Supernova	Strike Strike	IZE	Trinary Alpha Trinary Beta	3 'Mech/3 BA 3 'Mech/3 BA	Elite Elite	Supernova Supernova	Cavalry Cavalry

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TOKASHA CASSOWARY Home World: Tokasha

Preferred Environment: Jungle

Some say the first you know of a Tokasha Cassowary is the sound of its horny crest punching though the undergrowth. Others say it is the Cassowary's talons opening your abdomen. Either way it is a notable hazard for the unwary. Despite having a bright blue head and standing as tall as a human, the Cassowary is remarkably hard to spot due to its otherwise dull plumage. The grumpy and territorial omnivore patrols the jungle, eating anything it can catch. Though theoretically not a threat to humans, when disturbed the Cassowary lashes out with its powerful legs or charges. After downing the threat, it kicks and tears until the threat is eliminated. Then it feeds.

BOD 4			

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Traits: Aggressive, Blood Rage, Camouflage C1, Good Vision 3, Offensive Adaptation (Talons) 2M/2, AniMelee 5, Ram Attack, Perception 6

NEW ALPHA STRIKE SPECIAL ABILITIES

Family: Exclusive to Clan Ghost Bear. A unit in the Ghost Bear force with this SCA receives a –1 to-hit modifier against any target that is within 6 hexes of a Ghost Bear unit that has any location with no armor remaining. (For *Alpha Strike*, it's within short range and with less than half its armor remaining).

Combined Arms: A unit with this SCA receives a +1 Initiative modifier when a different unit type is present. When no different unit types are present a -1 Initiative modifier is applied.

Tactical Specialization (Combined Arms): If the Force contains at least one of each ground Unit type ('Mech, vehicle, and infantry), the

HANSEN'S GECKO

Home World: Tokasha Preferred Environment: Jungle

Hansen's Gecko is an ambush hunter endemic to the jungles of Tokasha. The size of a small dog, it uses basic color changing and clings to trees waiting for prey. Like a tree dwelling crocodile, it launches itself onto anything within reach, clamps on with its jaws, and thrashes about until a great chunk of flesh is removed. Sepsis and blood loss are the immediate threats to a human unless medical aid is immediately available. After an attack, a Hansen's Gecko stealthily follows its wounded prey for days until the prey succumbs to its injuries.

STR	BOD	DEX		INT	WIL	EDG
2	3	2		2	6	3
Armor +2		2/2/1/1				

Traits: Aggressive, Blood Rage, Cold Blooded, Camouflage C2, Offensive Adaptation (Fangs and Claws) 2M/2, AniMelee 3, Bite Grip, Perception 2

force has a –1 to-hit modifier to Initiative. This SCA can be taken a second time to grant the qualifying force the effects of the Tactical Experts (Attack or Defense, choose one) SCA.

Speed Fire: When using their full Move in a direct line away from their starting location, units receive a –1 to-hit modifier. (*Total Warfare*: A unit receives a –1 to-hit modifier when using running or jumping movement.)

Strategic Planning: This force receives a +2 bonus to Initiative. This SCA is only available to Forces with an average Experience Rating of Veteran, Elite, Heroic, or Legendary.

ALPHA STRIKE CARDS

Prime COYOTL	ĈOYOTL
TP: BM SZ: 2 TMM: 3 MV: 14" ROLE: Striker SKILL: S (+0) M (+2) L (+4) 4 4 3 OV: 0 HEAT SCALE 1 2 3 5	TP: BM SZ: 2 TMM: 3 MV: 14"j ROLE: Striker SKILL:
A: 00000 S: 00 SPECIAL: CASE, OMNI, IF1 SPECIAL: CASE, OMNI, IF1 CRITICAL HITS ENGINE O+1 Heat/Firing Weapons PIRE control, 000+2 To-Hit Each MP 00001/2 MV Each WEAPONS 0000-1 Damage Each	A: OOOOO S: OO SPECIAL: CASE, OMNI SPECIAL: CASE, OMNI CRITICAL HITS ENGINE 0+1 Heat/Fining Weapons FIRE CONTROL OO 0+2 To-Hit Each MP OO 00'/2 MV Each WEAPONS 00 0-1 Damage Each




















































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