

USEFUL PHRASES

Listed below is a list of Latin phrases to throw into your *Necropolis 2350* games.

A capite ad calcem: "From head to heel." All the way through. Often used in defensive missions to mean a fight to the bitter end.

Ab irato: "From an angry man." Used by Knights who wish to vocalize an objection to their orders because of the detrimental effect it will have on them.

Absolutum dominium: "Absolute dominion." Applied to orders to mean the total destruction of the enemy, often at any cost.

Ad arbitrium: "At will." Usually given as any order to fire at will.

Ad mortem: "To the death." No quarter is to be given or prisoners taken.

Ad victoriam: "To victory." Generic battle cry.

Ad vitam aeternam: "To eternal life." Farewell given by Knights before embarking on a particularly hazardous operation.

Adsum: "I am here." Response to a role-call. Literally means "Present!"

Ancam: From the Latin *aquila non capit muscas* (an eagle doesn't catch flies). Translated into Knight-speak, it means, "Don't bother me with little details," or, more often, "Deal with it yourself."

Audentes fortuna ivut: "Fortune favors the bold." Most often used sarcastically upon hearing orders that involve being outnumbered.

Audio hostem: "I hear the enemy." Self-explanatory, though it can also be used to comment on orders given by an incompetent officer or one who earned his place through nepotism.

Auribus teneo lupum: "I hold a wolf by the ears." Used to describe a situation that looks bad whatever action is taken to rectify it.

Aut vincere aut mori: "Either to conquer or to die." Unofficial motto of the Penitents.

Ave: "Hail." Typical greeting.

Barba tenus sapientes: "Wise as far as the

beard." An insult, since Knights are forbidden from having facial hair.

Bella gerant alii: "Let others wage war." Final words spoken to a Squire who is ejected from basic training. Can also be used as an insult, implying the audience is incompetent.

Bis in die: "Twice in a day." Used by medics handing out pills, but can also be used to mean, "Not again!"

Cadavera vero innumero: "Truly countless bodies." Heavy casualties.

Caedite eos: "Kill them." A shortened version of kill them all, for God knows his own. Added to a mission briefing to mean total destruction of the enemy is expected.

Canis cadem edit: "Dog eats dog." We're in trouble, it's every man for himself!

Caput mortuum: "Dead head." A freeloader.

Cave: "Beware!" Look out!

Cetera desunt: "The rest are missing." Used when recording troops missing in action, or when bodies cannot be accounted for.

Consummatum est: "It is completed." Mission accomplished. Another version is *datum perficiemus munus*, which means, "Mission given, mission accomplished."

Cum gladiis: "With swords." Order to engage in melee combat.

De omnibus dubitandum: "Be suspicious of everything." Spoken before entering Rephaim territory, or where an ambush is likely.

Deo gratis: "Thanks be to God." A victory chant, but can also be used to mean a close run thing (equivalent to "By the skin of our teeth").

Descensus in cuniculi cavum: "The descent into the cave of the rabbit." From Alice in Wonderland. used to mean things are about to get very weird.

Diem perdidit: "I have lost the day." Usually the last communication given by a military commander in the field to his superiors.

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Dixi: "I have spoken." The matter is closed.

Dominus vobiscum: "The Lord be with you." Good luck!

Dum vita est, spes est: "While there is life, there is hope." Don't give up.

Dum vivimus vivamus: "While we live, we serve." Reply to an order for a suicide mission, such as attempting to breakout from an encircled position, or to fight to the last man.

Esto perpetua: "May it be perpetual." Long may it last.

Et facta est lux: "And light came to be." A reference to the Creation ("and there was light"), but most used to mean "About time!"

Ex malo bonum: "Good out of evil." Bad things must be done to ensure victory. Sometimes given in orders to destroy a person (or group of people) or a facility rather than allow it to fall into Rephaim hands.

Ex tempore: "From time." Right away or immediately. Given as part of an order or a reply to an order.

Ex umbra in solem: "From the shadow into the light." Command to retreat from Rephaim territory, either because of victory or failure. Also spoken to Penitents who redeem themselves.

Extra Ecclesiam nulla salus: "Outside the Church there is no salvation." Common Church saying, but can also be used to mean hunting a target wherever the chase leads.

Fac fortia et patere: "Do brave deeds and endure." Good luck on your mission.

Facta, non verba: "Deeds not words." Stop talking and get on with your mission.

Festina lente: "Hurry slowly." An oxymoron meaning advance quickly but carefully.

Fiat panis: "Let there be bread." Break out the ration packs.

Finis coronat opus: "The end crowns the work." The end justifies the means; do what must be done.

Fortes fortuna adiuvat: "Fortune favors the bold."

Fortis cadere, cedere non potest: "The brave may fall, but cannot yield." Stand and fight!

Gaudeamus hodie: "Let us rejoice today." Victory cry.

Graviora manent: "Heavier things remain." The worst is yet to come.

Hinc et inde: "From both sides." Most often means a position is surrounded by enemy forces.

In manus tuas commendo spiritum meum:

"Into your hands I entrust my spirit." Prayer spoken before entering battle or a dangerous.

In pace requiescat: "In peace may he rest." Rest in peace.

Inter urinas et faeces nascimur: "We are born between urine and feces." Used to mean "We are neck deep in trouble."

Invictus maneo: "I remain unvanquished." Reply given to a request for a status update regarding one's injuries. Essentially, it means the speaker is still capable of fighting.

Ite missa est: "Go, it the dismissal!" The listener is dismissed from the speaker's presence.

Mala tempora current: "Bad times are upon us." Things are going very badly for us (i.e., we're screwed)

Mea Culpa: "My fault." Self-explanatory.

Morior invictus: "Death before defeat." Commonly used by Penitents, though many Knights use it to signify they will sell their lives dearly to complete the objective.

Motu proprio: "On his own initiative." Applied to loose orders, giving the Knights the freedom to act how he wishes to carry out his duties.

Multa paucis: "Say much in few words." Give me just the facts, and be quick about it.

Nec spe, nec metu: "Without hope, without fear." The situation is hopeless, but we'll carry on regardless.

Non possumus: "Not possible." Self-explanatory.

Non sum qualis eram: "I was not such as I was." Spoken by Penitents about to be forgiven of their sins, signifying they have changed their ways.

Obiit: "One died," as in "he or she died." Response to the calling of a casualties name during or after a mission. ("Where's the scout?" "Obiit!")

Omnibus locis fit caedes: "Let their be slaughter everywhere." Open fire, and don't stop until everything stops moving.

Para bellum: "Prepare for war." Order given to alert a Lance alerting it to a new mission. Also shouted by sentries and scouts to alert comrades to an imminent attack.

Perge sequar: "Advance, I follow." Reply given to mark understanding of an order.

Quid agis: "What is going on?" Give me a situation report.

Sic inquit: "So it begins." Self-explanatory.

Veni, vini, vici: "I came, I saw, I conquered." Mission achieved. Also spoken as "three-vee."