



SERGEANT BORZ: YOUR GENUINE WAR HERO



OPERATION DAMOCLES IS PUTTING OUR FORCES TO THE TRIAL. BUT OUR PROUD SOLDIERS WILL KEEP ON FIGHTING AT ALL COST!

On this picture, Sergeant Borz is pulling himself from his flaming Fire Toad. His laser pistol in one hand and his onboard computer in the other, Sergeant Borz ran across half of the battlefield to join the steel troopers and capture the objective in person. *“I’m a soldier first, being a pilot comes second. No matter the weapon, I’ll fight till it’s over. A Fire Toad, a laser pistol, a spanner, anything will do to trounce those damn morphos.”*

LIVING THE WAR FROM THE FRONTLINE!

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THE NEW RULES — OF WAR —

FORTY THREE YEARS AGO, THE THERIAN ENEMY COWARDLY ASSAILED AVA. BUT NOW THE BELLS OF RETALIATION ARE RINGING.

A review of White Stars tactics by Ethan Spade, military specialist of our editorial staff.

Many politicians have recently stood up claiming that we are on the verge of total war. They are wrong. War is already here, but these politicians are way too blind, scared or absorbed by their petty struggles to see the violence unleashed on the morphos termite hole where the heroes of Operation Damocles are fighting.

“Take cover!”, “Kneel down!” or “Overwatch!”

The armies of Ava have changed quite a lot since the devastating events of the Trauma. Military armament budgets have been multiplied and our military awareness has grown from a planetary to a galactic consciousness. To the enemies of the nation, you can now add some of our intersidereal neighbors.

The Antarctica onslaught reminded us of the importance of a well trained and well prepared army. Military manuals now teach our soldiers that tactical flexibility is as vital as a properly greased weapon. We are ready!

Companies are now built to respond to multi task formation schemes. The battle objectives are determined by the high command staff; the colonels choose the suitable scheme and send the formation orders. On the operations field, the men are trained and equipped for every kind of mission: large infantry movements for large scale landing operation, armored vehicle force for Seek and Destroy missions, the use of TacArms for rescue missions, everyone knows their job.

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Military training is centered on the most efficient combat attitudes. Every soldier will instinctively react to orders such as “Take cover!”, “Kneel down!” or “Overwatch!”. Besides our master sergeants entertain steel strong morale among the troops and have absolute trust in their high command. The victory and the survival of mankind depend on it: if we run, there will be nowhere to hide.

The men know this trust is mutual, high command never sends them to battle for nothing and in return, high command can count on its men to control battle objectives. The latest strategies resort to airborne reinforcements, dropped from orbit in advanced landing pods. The officers know that fresh troops entering in the midst of battle, taking the enemy by surprise, can change the final outcome. In the same way, a pod stacked with TacArms sent to an unexpected spot can break enemy strategy and morale.

This is why infantry is essential. The infantry secures landing areas and is in charge of eliminating enemy heavy weapons. Soldiers know their part and they are proud of it.

“if we run, there will be nowhere to hide”

The army is not a monolithic block, stuck in its customs and traditions, divided in specialized army corps. A modern army is flexible and its gears work in synergy. These are the new rules of war!

E. Spade

THE SPECIALISTS: EXCEPTIONAL MEN

An obvious amount of willpower is already required to become a steel trooper. But the courage of our soldiers is boundless. Some of them take altruism and sacrifice even further by becoming specialists. Thanks to the specialists, units are worth more than the sum of their components.

Only slackers believe that war is a succession of violent and barbaric acts. On the contrary, war requires a high degree of refinement and competence, superior than for any other project. To illustrate this military reality, the *Ava Daily* has chosen to shed some light on two strategic careers: the medic and the mechanic.



Steel trooper medic

"The paradox of the steel trooper medic is that you are there to take care of some while you kill the others."

– Cpt. Madox, during a training session

A medic is not one of those white coat doctors in combat pants having past some physical aptitude test to join an elite corp. He is an experienced fighter who chose to add to the twenty kilos of his own gear, the further ten kilos of the steel trooper emergency kit. He knows as many ways to kill the enemy as ways to treat a wounded ally... If a symbol was needed for the steel troopers, the brilliance and heroism of the medic would be just right!

The gears of war

"It's just unbelievable how much damage a Fire Toad can take... If you saw what the pilots put them through and the miracles required from the mechanics... Sometimes I wish there were two or three of me, but tough luck it's war."

– Pvt. C. Kellee

Imagine the daily life of those obscure heroes, who must destroy the morphos at the same time as they repair combat striders... The cool, the talent and the dexterity combined in a mechanic are not given to everyone. The collectivist scum might be amazed by how many of those guys we have, but we are certainly not. This too is part of the U.N. way of life: exalting what is best in us, to build a society of heroes!

A. Baker



THE SPECIAL WEAPONS

Missile launcher, sonic gun, grenade launcher. These weapons are any soldier's dream and nightmare. But what about the soldiers who handle these devastating devices every day?

You only learn it after a battle or two, but light weapons, such as the laser rifle, cannot do it all by themselves. A large part of a unit's fire power is in the hands of the special weapon bearers.

No matter if it is a missile launcher delivered by the M.Ind, a Red Blok grenade launcher or a morphos sonic gun, these weapons and their overwhelming power are the queen bees of infantry combat. For many years now, high command has been building units around these special weapons. They have reached a point where the unit's role, anti-infantry or anti-tank, is determined by the special weapon it cradles. The morphos themselves, so different from us, have adopted the same natural and unavoidable logic. But the instrument often covers the crucial role of the soldier holding it. It requires nerves of steel and exceptional fitness to manipulate these weapons.

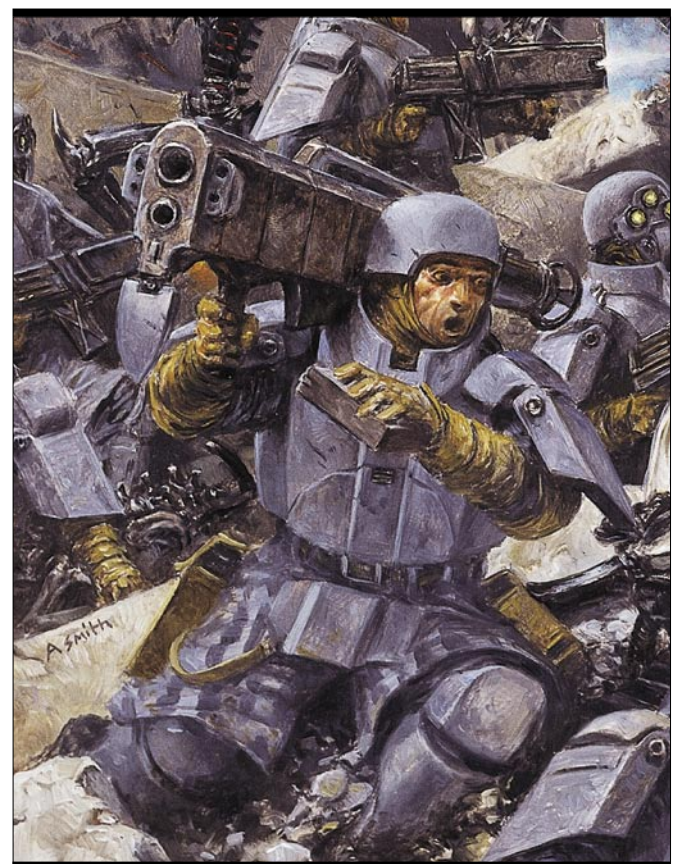
The fate of a battle often lies in the hands of a special weapon bearer, for one missile on target can change the course of combat.

Therefore these unusual individuals go through inhumane trainings, just like their Red Blok counter parts probably do. Confidential reports let us believe that the morphos in charge of these weapons are slightly different from their fellow machines.

Because they concentrate such fire power, the special weapon bearers constitute primary target, and it is for their own security that they are accompanied by other soldiers. It requires courage to pick up this risky mission! The peril is such that the White Stars refuse to put more than two of these fighters in a single unit.

Yet some battles are so violent that the war staffs have no other choice but to send support units entirely composed of special weapons!

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FEBRUARY 2007: EVEN MORE TROOPS!

UNIT BOX: STEEL TACARMS

"You will become better than steel troopers. Those who survive anyway."
— Colonel P. Smeyker, welcome speech at boot camp WSBC2, session B.

Faster, stronger, tougher: steel tactical armor units (steel TacArms) are the quintessence of White Stars infantry. Equipped with the best technology available on Ava, these extraordinary troops have no equal on the battlefield. Particularly resilient, the TacArms are also capable of piercing even the thickest of armor with their great laser guns.

Showing exceptional accuracy and impressive attack rate, these weapons make the steel TacArms one of the most dreadful units in the White Stars army.

This Unit Box contains a unit of three steel TacArms: two standard TacArms and a TacArm leader, each equipped with two laser guns. One of them can be promoted sergeant.

THIS UNIT BOX CONTAINS 3 MINIATURES AND 2 REFERENCE CARDS FOR AT-43®.



UNIT BOX : BANE GOLIATHS

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Bane goliaths are the result of the goliath specialization process. These autonomous combat systems based on type 3 frames are equipped with two nucleus guns each. These weapons give them vicious anti-tank fire at long range, while they remain extremely efficient against infantry.

Equipped with very heavy weaponry, these soldiers offer outrageous fire power, they are capable of wiping any kind of infantry or armored vehicle unit coming their way. The unbelievable accuracy and the devastating penetration of their two nucleus guns will deny the enemy any chance of retaliation.

This Unit Box contains a unit of bane goliaths with a leader.

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UNIT BOX : FIRE TOAD MK. 02

UNIT BOX : FIRE TOAD MK. 03

"Give me two Fire Toad platoons, a squad of steel troopers and I'll have you the Battle for the South Pole re-enacted with the sound and the fireworks, a show you're not about to forget!"

— Captain Newton, maneuver report AT- 40.

The White Stars' Fire Toad, equipped with two light laser cannons, is a dreadful machine which can reap an infantry squad and any armored vehicles alike. There are two types of markings, numbered 02 and 03,

to differentiate your units more easily on the battlefield.

With a wide pool of weapons to choose from, this recon strider can be easily reconfigured to face any kind of threat: discover two alternative Fire Toad thanks to the top secret weapons found in the container, the Lancelot to take care of the artillery and the Iron Rain to fight infantry.

EACH UNIT BOX CONTAINS: A UNIT OF 1 MINIATURE, 1 CONTAINER, 2 WEAPONS AND 4 REFERENCE CARDS FOR AT-43®.



ACCESSORY : AT-43®

Having the right tool at the right moment is essential, here is a box containing: a double sided tape measure to remind you that victory is never out of range, an explosion template since variety in destruction methods is required and six dice to show once and for all who's best.

The accessories in this box (a double sided tape measure, graded in cm, inches and ranges; an explosion template graded from 1 to 10 cm in radius; and six dice) were specially created for AT-43®. But, of course, they can be used for any of miniatures game!

THIS ACCESSORY BOX CONTAINS 8 ACCESSORIES FOR AT-43®.



NO ONE EVADES WAR!

