



ENLIGHTENED

ORDER OF BATTLE



ARMOURED CLASH



WHAT IS AN ORBAT?

o play a game of Armoured Clash, each General requires the use of their chosen Faction's Order of Battle, or ORBAT. Each ORBAT is a compendium of background information and rules that allows a General to learn about their Faction, assemble their Force, and use their units during play.

ORBATs are living documents and are often updated and revised in light of new releases and balance changes. As such, each ORBAT is marked with a version number and date. The information present in the most recent version always takes precedence over any conflicting information found in previous versions.

Special Rules and Weapon Qualities

To use the units found in this ORBAT, you will also need to download the Glossary of Rules & Qualities, which can be found in the <u>Resources</u> section of the Armoured Clash website. This is a comprehensive listing of all the Special Rules and Weapon Qualities in the game, contained in a single handy document.

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 $^{{\}tt I}\ Each\ Battlegroup\ can\ only\ contain\ a\ single\ unit\ with\ the\ Commander\ trait.$

² The Horsell Super-Heavy Extractor and Wells Super-Heavy Surveyor always count as Full-Strength units.



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BATTLEGROUPS

Battlegroups are the building blocks of a General's Force. They organise **Units** into fighting divisions, each led by a unit with the **Commander** trait, and ensure that each Force has a reasonable balance of different **Unit Types**.

Battlegroups typically have **minimum** and **maximum** numbers for each Unit Type, meaning that they can vary in size and composition while maintaining a sense of structure. A unit can only ever belong to a single Battlegroup. All Battlegroups have a Name, a Units List, a Notes section - which details any extra information that affects how players can build the Battlegroup - and a section that describes any **Commander Bonuses** that it provides.

BATTLEGROUP LISTINGS

A Battlegroup Listing (see page 15) shows a Battlegroup's Name, its Type (Faction, Auxiliary or Legendary) and a list that shows the Elements that the Battlegroup is made up of.

When assembling a Force, a General must allocate each unit they choose to an available Element in one of their Battlegroups. Each Element can have a single unit allocated to it; this unit must meet any requirements for that Element, as shown in the listing.

Within a Battlegroup, all Elements are either **Mandatory** (they **must** have a unit allocated to them) or **Optional** (they **may** have a unit allocated to them).

A Battlegroup can only be included in a Force if **all** of its Mandatory Elements have a unit allocated to them. A unit **cannot** be included in a Force unless it is allocated to a Battlegroup Element.

UNIT LIMITS

A Battlegroup cannot contain more than **one** of any specific unit. However, some Battlegroups will list one or more Mainstay units. Each **Mainstay** unit can be taken **up to twice** per Battlegroup.

For example, a Battlegroup that lists the Citizen Soldier Contingent as Mainstay units could contain up to two Citizen Soldier Contingent units, but only a single unit of Brute Enforcers, Mars War Tripods or Europa Artillery Crawlers.

COMMANDER VARIANTS

Some of the units available to this Faction are **Commander Variants** of existing units. These are upgraded versions of existing units, usually with the addition of the *Commander* trait and a special rule. See the Commander Variant boxout on the unit's page for details of how the variant differs from the standard unit. Ignore Commander Variants for the purposes of Unit Limits.

REINFORCEMENT LEVELS AND POINTS COSTS

Most units in Armoured Clash have three Reinforcement Levels: Basic, Reinforced and Full-Strength. This determines how many models are in the unit when it is deployed, and how many Victory Points the opposing General will score for Annihilating the unit. (The number of models will also influence the Attack Pool for the unit's attacks.)

Each of a unit's Reinforcement Levels has its own Points Value. This is how many Points it costs to include a unit at that Reinforcement Level in a Battlegroup.

The total Points Values of all the units in a Force cannot exceed the Points Limit that was decided during the Establish Parameters step (see page 53 of the Armoured Clash Rulebook).

The Points Values for all units presented in this ORBAT can be found at the front of this document.

REINFORCEMENT LEVEL LIMITS AND BOLSTERING

The Reinforcement Level at which units can be selected is limited by the chosen **Force Scale**.

- In a **Skirmish**, all units must be taken at the **Basic** level.
- In a **Battle**, units can be taken at the **Basic** or **Reinforced** levels.
- In a Cataclysm, units can be taken at the Basic, Reinforced or Full-Strength levels.

However, some Battlegroup Listings will allow certain Elements to be **Bolstered**.



A Bolstered Element can have a unit allocated to it that is one Reinforcement Level higher than normal for the chosen Force Scale.

For example, in a Battle, a Bolstered Element could have a Full-Strength unit allocated to it.



TYPES OF BATTLEGROUP

Battlegroups are split into three main categories:

- Faction Battlegroups. These represent the core units mustered by a Faction when it readies itself for war.
- Auxiliary Battlegroups. These represent thematic collections of units that reflect some sort of specialised formation.
- Legendary Battlegroups. These represent iconic vehicles, legendary companies and dramatis personae.

A Force may contain any combination of Battlegroups, with the following restrictions:

BATTLEGROUPS	RESTRICTIONS
Faction Battlegroups	A Force must contain at least one Faction Battlegroup.
Auxiliary Battlegroups	A Force can include a maximum of one Auxiliary Battlegroup for each Faction Battlegroup it has.
Legendary Battlegroups	A Force can only contain one of each type of Legendary Battlegroup.

COMMANDER BONUSES

Some Battlegroups provide a Commander Bonus when they are included in a Force. This might be a Special Command that the General can issue, a Special Rule which applies during deployment, or something else. If a Battlegroup's Commander unit is Annihilated, that Battlegroup immediately loses its Commander Bonus. In addition, a Special Command that is provided as a Commander Bonus cannot be issued if the Battlegroup's Commander Unit is not on the Battlefield (for example, if it is in Reserve).



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BATTLEGROUP LISTINGS





ENLIGHTENED FACTION BATTLEGROUP

When the Symposia of the Enlightened decide that their interests would be best secured through the careful application of more terminal forms of negotiation, the **Enlightened Scientific Custodial Force** (**ESCF**) are quickly dispatched to enforce the will of the Covenant. Highly modular in their composition, the basic Battlegroups of the Enlightened can easily be tailored to suit the requirements of a specific operation or to cater to the peculiar tastes of even the most eccentric of Peers.

1 Enlightened Commander





One Mandatory Element. It can be Bolstered.

The Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* and *Commander* traits.

1-6 Enlightened Infantry





One **Mandatory** and five **Optional Elements**. One of these Elements can be **Bolstered**.

Each Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* and *Infantry* traits.

1-3 Enlightened Armour



One **Mandatory** and two **Optional Elements**.

Each Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* and *Armour* traits.

o-3 Enlightened Cavalry



Three Optional Elements.

Each Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* and *Cavalry* traits.

o-2 Enlightened Artillery



Two Optional Elements.

Each Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* and *Artillery* traits.

o-1 Enlightened Rotorcraft





One ${\bf Optional}$ ${\bf Element}.$ The Element can be ${\it Bolstered}.$

The Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* and *Rotorcraft* traits.

o-1 Enlightened Aircraft





One Optional Element. It can be Bolstered.

The Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* and *Aircraft* traits.

Mainstay Units

- Citizen-Soldier Contingent (Enlightened Infantry)
- Mars Battle Tripods (Enlightened Armour)

Commander Bonus: Uncanny Reconstruction (Special Command)

This Battlegroup's General can issue this **Special Command** to an *Enlightened* unit at the end of its Activation, so long as it is within X^{11} of another *Enlightened* unit in this Force that has the *Peer Review* (X) Special Rule.

If the Command is successfully issued, this unit Recovers 1 Damage.



ENLIGHTENED C.R.A.B. AUXILIARY BATTLEGROUP

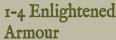
Wired into the sensitive but robust response terminals of their towering war engines, the Consortium-Steersmen of the tripod corps soon become one with their exotic craft, the completeness of the intricate networks of copper sensor-matrices ensuring that their stilted charges can scuttle across the battlefield as easily as a crustacean along the seafloor. When grouped together into Consortia Rapid Assault Battlegroups (C.R.A.B.s), the most reckless of these pilots sometimes surrender their control to the strange and bloodthirsty intelligence that inhabits their fighting vehicles. Such actions have made the C.R.A.B Battlegroups the toast of numerous Peers, although the most pedantic are quick to point out that the extra designation of "Battlegroup" is really quite redundant.

1 Enl	ightened
Com	mander



One Mandatory Element. It can be Bolstered.

The Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* and Commander traits.





One Mandatory and three Optional Elements. One of these Elements can be Bolstered.

Each Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* and Armour traits.

1-2 Enlightened Artillery



One **Mandatory** and one **Optional Element**. One of these Elements can be Bolstered.

Each Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* and **Artillery** traits.

0-2 Enlightened Infantry/Cavalry



Two Optional Elements.

Each Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* trait, and either the *Infantry* or the *Cavalry* trait.

o-1 Enlightened Aircraft



One Optional Element.

The Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* and Aircraft traits

Mainstay Units

- Deimos Guardian Tripods (Enlightened Armour)
- Mars Battle Tripods (Enlightened Armour)
- Phobos Assault Tripods (Enlightened Armour)

Commander Bonus: Let Slip the Leash (Special Command)

This Battlegroup's General can issue this **Special Command** to an *Enlightened Armour* unit at the end of its Activation. It cannot be issued to a unit that has the *Commander* trait or the **Suppressed** status.

If the Command is successfully issued, the unit makes either an Advance manoeuvre and then a Ranged Attack, or a Charge manoeuvre and then a Close Quarters Attack.

During either manoeuvre, models in the unit cannot move further than 3", and during the Attack, the unit has an additional Combat Rating Penalty.

Then, the active unit immediately gains the Suppressed status.



ENLIGHTENED S.U.R.G. AUXILIARY BATTLEGROUP

Amongst the myriad genera of dedicated task forces and personal projects nestled within the byzantine structures of the **ESCF**, the **Special Urban Reconnaissance Group** has perhaps shown the greatest promise. Whilst the prototype S.U.R.G. battlegroups failed miserably at their original role, failing to overcome the challenges posed by urban combat, they soon demonstrated their skills at encircling and overwhelming foolhardy enemies through a doctrine of fully harmonised manoeuvres. Debate continues to rage amongst the **Peers** regarding the correct pronunciation of the acronym.

1 Enlightened Commander





One Mandatory Element. It can be Bolstered.

The Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* and *Commander* traits.

2-6 Enlightened Infantry/Cavalry



Two **Mandatory** and four **Optional Elements**. Two of these Elements can be **Bolstered**.

Each Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* trait, and either the *Infantry* or *Cavalry* traits.

o-2 Enlightened
Armour/Artillery



Two Optional Elements.

Each Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* trait, and either the *Armour* or *Artillery* traits.

o-1 Enlightened Rotorcraft





One **Optional Element**. The Element can be **Bolstered**.

The Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* and *Rotorcraft* traits.

o-1 Enlightened
Aircraft



One **Optional Element**.

The Element requires a unit with the *Enlightened* and *Aircraft* traits.

Mainstay Units

- Hellion Cohort (Enlightened Infantry)
- Mono CAV (Enlightened Cavalry)
- Strider CAV (Enlightened Cavalry)

Commander Bonus: Synchronised Assault Protocols

Once per Round, when the General of this Battlegroup issues a Flank Attack Special Command, they can declare that they are enacting Synchronised Assault Protocols. They must do so before their opponent decides whether they will Interfere.

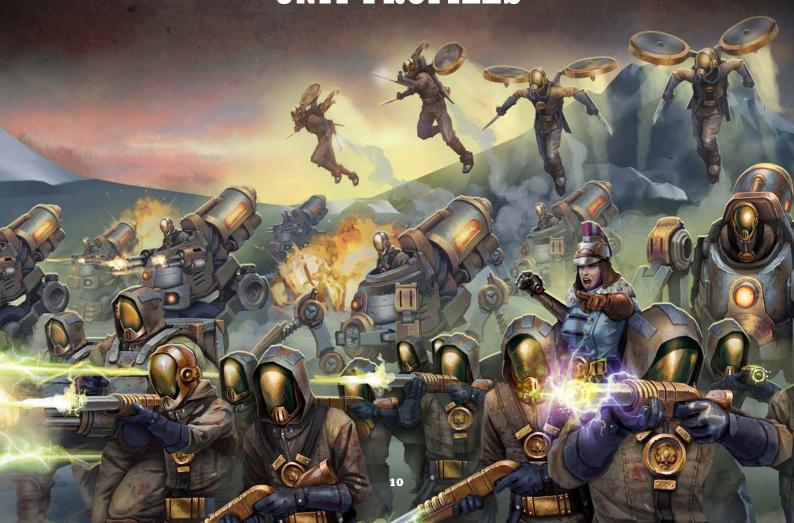
If they do so, the **Card Value** of the card that is used to issue this Command is treated as being 2 higher for the purposes of determining whether Interference is successful.



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UNIT PROFILES





COMMAND

HORSELL SUPER-HEAVY EXTRACTOR





MODELS

VPR

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Enlightened, Armour, Heavy, Behemoth, Commander

All-Out Attack (2), Hunter, Large, Peer Review (6), Shockwave, Shrouded, Spectacular Demise (12), Stilted (2), Stoic Defence, Throw (12)

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1	ATTRIBUTES		87	ARMAMENTS 🦎	RANGE	16-17	7-15	1-6	QUALITIES
	SPEED	7"		RANGED (LIGHT)	6"/12"	3 (2)	5 (12)	7 (14)	Point Blank
	DEFENCE	3	3-7	MELEE		8	12	16	Penetrating, Suppressive
	DAMAGE LIMIT	18			7				19 1
	DISCIPLINE	8							
	BREAK LIMIT								

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HORSELL SUPER-HEAVY EXTRACTOR

uilt at the La Forge Promethean Complex in Madagascar, the Horsell Super-Heavy Extractor may seem to some as a lesser marvel compared to other Super-Heavy machines such as the Wells-class. They could not be more wrong. The Horsell Super-Heavy Extractor is the perfect machine for a well-heeled Peer to gather mineral resources, perform experiments and travel the world at the same time. With its self-contained life support systems, the Horsell can perform its duties in the harshest and most inhospitable of environments - even at the crushing depths of the deep ocean. Gathering specimens and refuelling are one and the same, with numerous automata and citizen-soldier crew sifting through the rubble to find anything of value. At the same time, waste products are fed to the transmutational matrix and from there, the molecular furnace housed within its abdomen. This thermonuclear inferno is capable of breaking down matter into its constituent elements, the more common compounds being converted into fuel. Rarer finds are catalogued and stored for future analysis.

The **Enlightened Scientific Custodial Force** places great store by their Super-Heavy Extractors. Limited in number as a critical component is of extraterrestrial origin, technology was acquired from the Moretus crater during an unreplicable Void Engine accident at *La Forge* in 1868. These are the aforementioned transmutational matrices; thirteen fist-sized devices recovered can transform

combinations of matter they are exposed to into Element 270 - sturginium. As the only known method of creating sturginium as yet discovered by the Enlightened, these devices are of extraordinary value. Originally intended to be sequestered away in a laboratory and tested, it is their erratic and unpredictable nature that necessitated installing one inside each Super-Heavy Extractor. The combination of matter required to produce Element 270 changes depending on the time of day, geographic position, lunar cycle, temperature, pressure and a host of other variables. The amount of matter required to produce even a tiny sample of sturginium is staggering, with entire battlefields of detritus being consumed for only a few kilograms of Element 270. The secrets locked within the artefacts at the heart of each Horsell-class have yet to be reproduced, despite a small army of scientists and engineers working day and night since their discovery. Fortunately, the destruction of any Super-Heavy Extractor causes the transmutational matrix within it to spontaneously rematerialise in La Forge at the event horizon of that extraordinary Void Engine misfire. The Promethean Complex has several Horsell-class machines ready to deploy once a transmutational matrix is available to be installed within it. So, while the Covenant are limited to only thirteen Horsell-class machines, it is rare that any less than that number is fully operational at any time, with lost machines being almost immediately replaced.



COMMAND

WELLS SUPER-HEAVY SURVEYOR





MODELS

VPR

10

TRAITS

Enlightened, Armour, Heavy, Behemoth, Commander

SPECIAL RULES

All-Out Attack (3), Large, Peer Review (6), Shockwave, Shrouded, Spectacular Demise (12), Stilted (2)

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j	ATTRIBUTES		\bar{s}_{i}
	SPEED	7"	
t	DEFENCE	3	3-7
9	DAMAGE LIMIT	18	
	DISCIPLINE	8	
	BREAK LIMIT		

		DAMAGE			
ARMAMENTS	RANGE	16-17	7-15	1-6	QUALITIES
RANGED (LIGHT / HEAVY)	2211/2211	б	8	12	Coruscating, Overcharge, Slow to Fire
RANGED (HEAVY)	7"/24"	3 (6)	s (10)	7 (14)	Overcharge, Point Blank, Turret
RANGED (AERIAL)	611/1211	3 (6)	s (10)	7 (14)	Overcharge, Point Blank, Turret
MELEE	-	4	8	12	-

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WELLS SUPER-HEAVY SURVEYOR

arely do the conflicts of the Covenant of the Enlightened resemble those pursued by the other Great Powers. The diplomatic implications of an outright declaration of war are too taxing a complication for those who see the ebb and flow of national borders as trivial. For The Enlightened, military actions are often ad-hoc affairs: the chance discovery of otherwise unknown resources might necessitate an urgent land grab; a Promethean Complex, finally outstaying its welcome, might require defensive support; a host territory's more forward-thinking citizens may seek assistance in liberating themselves from their reactionary government. It was for events such as these that the Covenant saw collaboration between many of their leading intellects (a surprisingly rare occurrence) to design these huge mechanical conveyances. Each Super-Heavy Surveyor is a magnificent combination of mobile laboratory, battle platform, and command centre, capable of holding its own in combat while the ensconced Lords and Ladies continue to dabble in vital scientific research.

The Wells Super-Heavy Surveyor houses multiple weapon systems, including point-defence cannons and tentacle-mounted particle beamers. Its primary armament is the barely understood aetheric destabiliser, a marvel of exotic engineering sourced from **Wells Chasm**, the site of which gives the Super-Heavy Surveyor its name. The aetheric destabilisers use vast amounts of energy to disrupt the molecular bonds in matter, the result of which is less of an explosion and more of an utter disintegration. These mighty machines can be moved around the globe thanks

to a complex web of deals, contracts and accords within the Covenant. The **Enlightened Scientific Custodial Force** maintains a record of the location of each and every Super-Heavy Surveyor, and they understand the delicate politicking needed to maintain the use of such machines across the myriad of Covenant expeditions. The Great Powers are brought closer to bending the knee in supplication with the construction of each, a cause for grand celebration. The ESCF know how valuable the Wells-class are. Each represents a significant investment of resources, and each loss is keenly felt.

Whilst the energy contained within a Super-Heavy Surveyor has caused more than its fair share of fatal mishaps, the sheer devastation they can unleash far outweighs such trifling costs. The power core's enormous output, stolen from the stars themselves, initially seemed impossible to harness. Dogged perseverance resulted in the Wells' electromagnetic focusing mandibles, a development derived from within the Vault capable of guiding such phenomenal power. The energy blast from the aetheric destabiliser is so strong that even at noon, it is easily the brightest thing visible out to the horizon. If aligned correctly, it can annihilate entire squadrons of tanks, and field testing often ends due to a dearth of targets rather than any failure to destroy them. A true superweapon, the Wells is often a victim of its own success, with enemies who understand its power, making it the primary target of their attacks. Indeed, the resultant detonations are often immortalised in the maddening, garbled tales told by charmed survivors to any that care to listen, no matter how sceptical they may be.



INFANTRY







VPR

2/3/4

Enlightened, Infantry, Light

SPECIAL RULES

Berserk, Bulky, Construct

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3	ATTRIBUTES	
	SPEED	4"
t	DEFENCE	2
	DAMAGE LIMIT	2
	DISCIPLINE	5
	BREAK LIMIT	I

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ARMAMENTS 🦎	RANGE	1-4	5-8	9-12	QUALITIES	
RANGED (LIGHT)	4"/16"	4	8	12	Devastating, Suppressive	
MELEE	-	3	6	9		
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BRUTE ENFORCER COHORT

reations can be devised in multiple different ways, almost as a form of convergent evolution. The RJ-1027 provided by Burson Carpathian's Warcradle complex allows artificial parts to become more easily fused with organic material, while the galvanic processes of Countess Augusta Byron allow recently deceased flesh to be reanimated. Regardless of method, the results are strikingly similar, with larger "components" preferred for their comparatively larger melding connections and their resultant durability.

Brute Enforcers were first trialled in areas where Enlightened forces saw the greatest need for them, from areas abundant in resources to land suited to the current objectives of the Peers, such as warehouses and factories. The Custodian dogmatics of the Covenant frequently find themselves at odds with those who foolishly rebuke their rule. They look to their Enforcers as a useful tool for ensuring compliance, utilising them first as a threat and eventually as a consequence.

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Enforcers are armed with ranged weapons that need little in the way of skill or marksmanship. Flame projectors and multi-barreled gatling weapons are the most common as they can be pointed in the general direction of an enemy and let loose.

Usually, these armaments replace a hand or an entire arm, as such, dexterous digits are superfluous on a machine of meat whose sole purpose is destruction.





INFANTRY



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BRUTE WARDEN COHORT

As the first fire stolen from the gods inevitably led to the age of steam, so the augmentation and transplants that began with constructs has led to creations. "Construct" is a derogative term for a person surgically altered in some way, often with results that are considered less than aesthetically pleasing. Exposed metal, coiling tubes and artificial replacements are the norm for someone given this demeaning title. Infusions of RJ-1027 allow these grafts to be successful. While this has been known to cause a reduction in mental faculties, this has led to the term being used to denote a person operating seemingly without independence.

A "creation", however, is something else entirely. Experiments with RJ-1027, **sturginium** and other equally exotic substances have allowed detached physiological structures to restore function. Further research into galvanism has led to combining otherwise dead, separate body parts to create an entirely new product. Something more than the sum of its parts, as far from human as it could be, and a tool that the Covenant has designed for a specific task. A canny use of otherwise wasted resources.

The most ubiquitous creations with a military or industrial application are known as "Brutes" for reasons obvious to anyone who has to deal with them. Seldom known for their intellect, Brute Wardens are armed with simple yet effective melee weapons. They often carry shields manufactured with miniaturised versions of the shield generators found on

naval vessels and elsewhere by the Great Powers. The Egalitarian Laud Bagayogo has contracted out the services of hundreds of Brute Warden cohorts, finding their particular combination of unwavering loyalty and focused brutality perfect for the needs of his clients. It is said that Bagayogo's Promethean Complex in Nigeria, *The Spoil*, has an entire wing dedicated to the creation, housing, training and further development of these durable bodyguards. Wardens are best when given the most unambiguous of orders: "protect this unit"; "guard this building"; "kill those soldiers". This is all they need to understand; they are a blunt instrument, and sometimes, this is precisely what is needed to complement





NFANTRY



Enlightened, Infantry, Light

VPR I/2/3 AC has Specification

A Citizen-Soldier Command Contingent has +1 VPR, and the additional Traits and Special Rules listed below.

SPECIAL RULES Construct

Peer Review (6"), Command Signals

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3	ATTRIBUTES	
	SPEED	4"
4	DEFENCE	2
	DAMAGE LIMIT	I
	DISCIPLINE	6
	BREAK LIMIT	3

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	ARMAMENTS	RANGE	1-8	9-16	17-24	QUALITIES
	RANGED (LIGHT)	5"/18"	3 (7)	8 (14)	11 (20)	Point Blank
	RANGED (HEAVY)	311/1011	2 (5)	4(9)	8 (13)	Overcharge, Point Blank
	MELEE		3	6	9	L
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CITIZEN-SOLDIER CONTINGENT

Rach Great Power has its own approach when it comes to the recruitment and maintenance of their infantry forces. Depending on the location, the call for volunteers, the drafting of populations or the careful application of propaganda may be appropriate. For the Covenant of the Enlightened, all are possible as, much to Warmaster Schneider's chagrin, the Covenant as a whole has no single way of recruiting its Citizen-Solders. Each Peer is responsible for marshalling their own forces and this can vary wildly based on their own eccentricities. Most have some sort of recruitment stations that feed volunteers towards their specific Promethean Complex but this is where the similarities end.

The two main philosophical camps of the Enlightened have their own ideological tendencies. The Custodians generally aim to gain consent via transparency, preferring full and open contracts with witnesses and refusal time written in. A poster campaign may be implemented and representatives allocated to give full and detailed explanations if necessary. While augmentations might be irreversible, there may be a chance to see and speak with those who have undergone such procedures to fully understand the impact on one's life before signing anything. The Custodians show that they wish to be a part of the civilisation they will inevitably rule, their New World Order being one of cooperation and unity. The choice made by the Citizen-Soldiers

is a valued one, and although they may not have the minds to fully comprehend the grand plans of the **Peers**, it is upon their backs that the future will be built.

Conversely, the **Egalitarians** seek to share the wonders of the Covenant with the outside world to further their agendas. A process of unnatural selection where power flows to those with the vision to wield the miracles of Enlightened science. Bringing the world kicking and screaming into the light of a new age. The architects of this orchestrated conflict and evolution necessitate the use of press gangs, hospice raids and worse, as innocent lives are the necessary raw materials of progress. Industrial accidents, often enormous in scale, happen with seemingly fortuitous timing and regularity, with whole shifts of workers becoming wounded in a single moment.

To these unfortunate souls, the only chance of improving their families' lives is to sign away their minds and bodies to join the citizenry of the Covenant. After the required corrective surgeries and mental conditioning, many are desensitised sufficiently to find a new purpose in the ranks of the Enlightened Citizen-Soldiery. Regardless of the circumstances surrounding their creation, the various Peers and the **Enlightened Scientific Custodial Force readily** welcome all contingents of Citizen-Soldiers into their ranks. Each Peer has responsibility for their own military resources, and it is said that the road to progress is paved with wise intentions.



INFANTRY



MODELS 4/8/12

3/4/5 VPR

Enlightened, Infantry, Light

Bulky, Berserk, Construct, Durable, Irregular, Overrun SPECIAL RULES

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ATTRIBUTES		(8)	ARMAMENTS 📉	RANGE	1-4	5-8	9-12	QUALITIES
SPEED	را د		RANGED (LIGHT)	4"/16"	3	5	7	Devastating, Suppressive
DEFENCE	2		MELEE	-	6	12	18	Devastating, Suppressive
DAMAGE LIMIT	2			7				1 1
DISCIPLINE	5							145
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HEAVY CONSTRUCT DEVASTATOR COHORT

The Parlour of Countess Augusta Byron is home to more varying Creations than the entirety of the other Promethean Complexes. Some have been experimental cul-de-sacs, eccentricities at best, while others have gained notoriety and seen replication across Covenant forces. One such example is the creature codenamed Creation VII.

The creation in question was the outcome of a visit by the Countess to Nova Atlantis. After an evening of parlour games, absinthe, and phrenology, another visitor, Lady Fairuza Moreaux, challenged Byron to create something with twice the ability of any one of her own creations. Taking her rival's call to arms literally, Creation VII resulted from an ingenious fusion of two of the most brutish and towering specimens available.

None could dispute that the result was impressive, even compared to other such marvels of galvanic application. After being lauded by the Enlightened of Nova Atlantis, the Countess departed with her new creation. Moreaux wished her well, after all, the vivisectionist was confident she could replicate what she had seen of the Countess' work.

Since then, the Heavy Construct Devastators have been seen in many of the Enlightened Scientific Custodial Force battlegroups. Based on the original design, none of them match the sheer power of Creation VII, but they are at least less temperamental and self-argumentative, having only a single head. Specific mechanisms and processes may not have been followed, but the basic form of these four-armed monstrosities has proven effective in executing all kinds of scientific warfare.





INFANTRY



HELLION COHORT

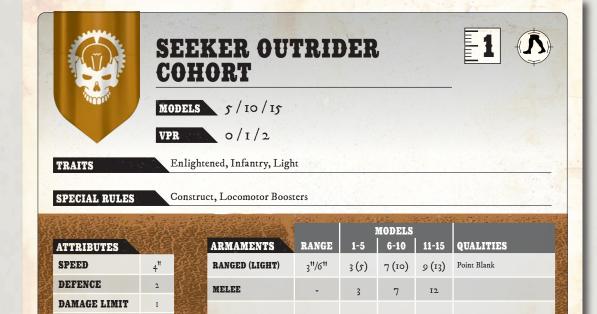
Tothing if not resourceful, the Covenant of the Enlightened are not averse to redesigning, reiterating, and reinterpreting an otherwise flawed idea multiple times before it achieves common usage. Such is the case with the Hellion program. The Peer Roman Ursul was a preeminent authority in single-person flight. By grafting large mechanical pinions to the shoulders of particularly violent constructs, he allowed them to subvert the gravity of the earth and attack from the skies. This first gained him notoriety, then outright ostracism after the attempted assassination of his mentor, Burson Carpathian.

Since then, Ursul's winged constructs have been reverse-engineered and improved multiple times, finally becoming troops worthy of inclusion by Enlightened Scientific Custodial Forces. Gone are the unwieldy wings of the original designs, replaced with rotor blades capable of hovering and more controlled and manoeuvrable flight. The violent tendencies that Ursul craved in his "recruits" have been tempered, and subjects are assigned based on intelligence and cunning. This regime makes the current crop of Hellions more akin to surgical strike teams than the terror weapons their creator envisioned.





NFANTRY



SEEKER OUTRIDER COHORT

DISCIPLINE BREAK LIMIT

n the wilds of the **Union** Badlands of **Arizona**, Montana and beyond, these twisted creatures are known simply as abominations. However, amongst the Enlightened Scientific Custodial **Force**, Seekers are usually drawn from those poor Citizen-Soldiers who have been so badly wounded that both legs have been amputated. While Gustav Eiffel has a preference for replacing the lower shank of these citizens with spider-like limbs to create his **Widowers**, a more common augmentation for such stricken individuals is for the grafting of a motorised mono-wheel. These citizens, now part of the Outrider cohorts, have received a wired connection to the inner ear, allowing the subject to maintain near-perfect stabilisation of their new, wheeled limb. Lightning-fast over flat ground, their upgraded bodies make them perfect for scouting and reconnaissance.

Seeker Outriders are valued for their perception and intellect, especially compared to those "drafted" into the CAV machines. This distinction makes them perfect for the reconnoitring role they perform. Indeed, a surprising number of Cohorts gain notoriety as risk-takers and hotheads, engaging with an enemy despite orders to observe only. In truth, the psychology of someone suffering such trauma is still little understood in the nineteenth century; most Peers are simply glad to have assets that bravely put themselves in harm's way.

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Armed with bladed batons and particle pistols, Seeker Outriders relish the intimacy of short-ranged firefights and frantic melees, where they can attack with speed but also retreat when necessary. Their disturbing appearance only aids in this task, as most foes prefer to keep their distance lest they share the same grizzly fate. To most enemies of the Enlightened, these constructs seem to confirm the lingering fear that even the most loyal soldier can be twisted to the Covenant's service.

This is, of course, probably untrue.



CAVALRY



K9 GUN DOG PACK

Since ancient times, guard dogs have been used for protection by cultures all across the world. Consequently, it was only a matter of time before the Covenant of the Enlightened automated the process. There are more variants of K9 automata than perhaps any other, and, thanks to their comparatively simple programming cards, they can be easily produced, even by smaller manufacturing concerns.

A plethora of modular designs means that the Ko series of automata appeal equally to military contractors, private security details, and even well-heeled individuals, with a sliding budget scale for each. Broadly, they are split into two types, simply known as attack dogs and gun dogs. Attack dogs are just that, basic caninesized automata that can be "armed" and wait, ready to chase away anyone without authority. These are now seen across the world, tirelessly protecting warehouses, prisons and even personal smallholdings. Some

in Nuremberg, have even made small, non-aggressive versions of the automata to serve as pet substitutes.

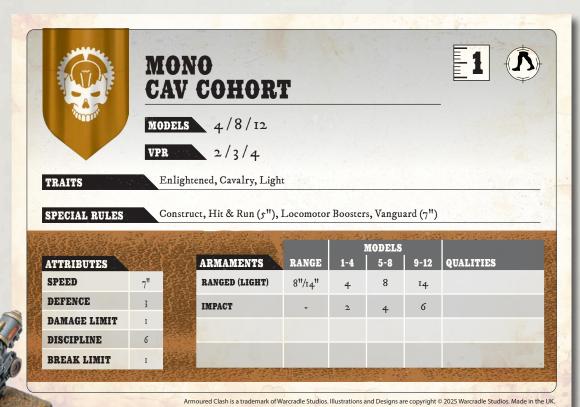
The K9 Gun Dog is a different beast, so to speak. While there are similar alterations in design, and they are no less ubiquitous, this is a most assuredly military application of the design. Rivalling a pony in size, they are dogs in name only, being more akin to a huge hog or small bear than even the largest of Great Danes. This extra strength allows them to be equipped with some of the heavier and more destructive portable weapon systems on the open market. Flamethrowers, rocket launchers and gatling guns are popular choices. None of these armaments require precision to be effective, and their usual disadvantages (that they can be more dangerous to their wielder than their target in the wrong situation) are circumvented by the K9's mechanical nature.

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Although the wider world utilises Gun Dogs sparingly to add firepower to specific units where needed, the Covenant are fond of gathering together whole packs of these dependable machines. Often given simple fire and forget instructions, they lope across the battlefield, closing with targets and firing until their ammunition is exhausted or the target is eliminated, whichever comes first.



CAVALRY



MONO CAV COHORT

he Monowheeled Close Assault Vehicle makes use of a startling advance in gyroscopic engineering. One result of the Covenant's continuous experimentation with Element 270, more commonly known as sturginium, has been an infused bearing, suspended in a cradle, to reliably maintain its relative position according to the gravity of the earth. The upshot of this is that it may be used as an almost perfect stabiliser. A fortuitous side effect of this occurs when such bearings are created in groups. Then, they are capable of measuring and maintaining distance while within a definable range of each other.

This combination of properties, when correctly housed within the Mono CAV, allows them to remain stable on their singular wheel and, by shared information, maintain close formation. On the battlefield, this results in units of these unusual vehicles elegantly gliding along in perfect synchronicity, like flocks of murderous starlings murmurating their way to roost. Large tyres and advanced suspension systems keep the top halves in perfectly maintained lines as they search for appropriate targets.

Unlike the stiff-limbed machines so often used by the Covenant, Mono CAVs are almost hypnotic in their movements, especially in large numbers. High-velocity machine guns mounted alongside the pilot's housing allow them to make light work of infantry and unarmoured vehicles and, should a sturdier enemy present itself, they are perfectly capable of retreating, as a shoal of fish might avoid a predator.





CAVALRY



STRIDER CAV COHORT

he Strider Close Assault Vehicle has been used on various battlefields thanks to its ability to cross almost any terrain, its excellence as a terror weapon, and its marked superiority over automata of a similar size. An ingenious melding of meat and machine, the Strider CAV pushes the limits of what can be achieved with Enlightened science. To realise the end goal of creating a fully compliant, taskfocused tool for the service of the Covenant, the flesh of the donor body is riven with life support systems, biological inhibitors and bionic relays. The resulting mind - if it can indeed still be called such a thing - is dulled with sedatives until needed. In truth, even without such measures, its capability for rational thought is minimal.

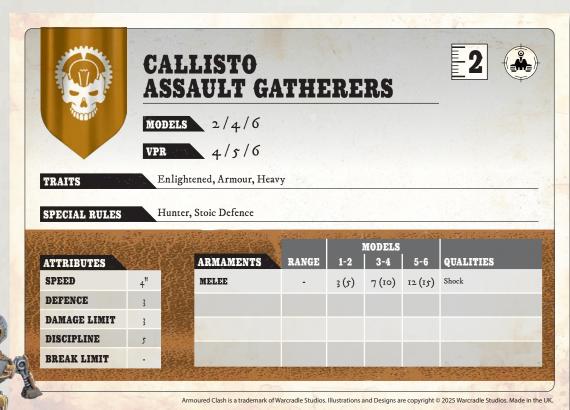
Armchair philosophers are keen to debate notions of agency and personhood, although a Strider certainly does not fall within those parameters. The "public image concerns" around the CAV systems has been mitigated somewhat by various contracts, notices and concessions stating that someone interred into a Close Assault Vehicle is considered dead by any measure of the term and that they willingly signed their remains away before such an operation was performed. In this

age of science, it is still surprising to see how many said contracts are signed. Financial recompense to surviving family members surely has a great deal to do with it.

Fortunately for anyone working in the community outreach offices of a Promethean Complex, Strider CAV and their ilk are usually sent far away from any local populations, either due to the various conflicts that the Enlightened must deal with or to manage more hazardous industrial concerns. The Strider CAV is a weapon ideally suited for close-quarters combat; its armoured form protected from all but the heaviest man-portable weapons. A net launcher mounted beneath the pilot can deal with any rambunctious enemies without immediately harming them. In contrast, its powerful foreclaws can deal devastating blows to steel and flesh alike.



ARMOUR



CALLISTO ASSAULT GATHERERS

he Covenant of the Enlightened rarely involve themselves in conflicts for the same reason as the other Great Powers. Territory means little to them unless a Promethean Complex itself is under attack, tithes and contracts simply being redrawn if a nation changes rulership, as a Peer is more valuable as an ally than an enemy. Notions of loyalty to a state are largely moot to a member of the Covenant and petty motivations, such as enduring hate, are typically seen as beneath them. The most common reason for Enlightened forces to give battle is one of simple resources. Mineral-rich tracts of land, industrial sectors, even verdant areas of unusual wildlife; all might be seen as within the purview of a particular Peer. Generally, this does not even lead to battle. Unless the area is actively guarded, an Enlightened force could arrive, strip it bare and leave within the day, thanks in no small part to the Callisto Assault Gatherer.

Created in huge numbers at the direction of **Laud Bagayogo** for *The Spoil*, the original Gatherer was simply a portable, tracked vehicle that could use its levered arm to excavate earth and lift objects into an open container at its rear.

Over many iterations, and thanks to later developments from Wells Chasm and the *Tower of Scales*, it seems to have conformed to the natural laws of carcinisation. The current model of Gatherer utilised across the Covenant resembles nothing more than a crab, its squat, multiple-legged body and extending clawed arms give it the appearance of something alive.

This is partly thanks to the co-pilot's responsive apparatus, which allows their hand movements to be replicated by the vehicle's claws, a feedback system that gives these mechanical limbs an organic and flowing movement. It is capable of even grabbing moving targets out of the air and can tear through armour as easily as it does flesh. Be it rare and fascinating rocks, the steel plating of tanks or recently dead persons, nothing is safe from the iris opening of a Callisto's storage unit!











MODELS

2/4/6

VPR

4/5/6

TRAITS

Enlightened, Armour, Heavy

SPECIAL RULES

Sponsons (3), Stalker, Stilted (1)

ATTRIBUTES	
SPEED	611
DEFENCE	3
DAMAGE LIMIT	3
DISCIPLINE	6
BREAK LIMIT	

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ARMAMENTS 🦎	RANGE	1-2	1-2 3-4		QUALITIES
RANGED (LIGHT)	311/611	3 (6)	7 (12)	12 (18)	Point Blank
RANGED (AERIAL)	611/1211	4(6)	8 (12)	12 (18)	Lock On, Point Blank
IMPACT	7 -	3	5	7	The state of the s
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DEIMOS GUARDIAN TRIPODS

turgeon's expedition to Wells Chasm changed the world in countless ways. The discovery of the source of Element 270, which he named sturginium, advanced engineering immeasurably. From alloying and electroplating to molecular infusion and aetheric bonding, sturginium has allowed for lighter and stronger construction. At the same time, the ability to alter a substance's conductivity has improved research into voltaic forces. In short, Element 270 helped usher in what the detractors of the Enlightened term the "Dystopian Age".

As Sturgeon's Dystopian Age presses ever forward, mastery of the skies has become vital to the war efforts of the Great Powers; in response, the Covenant of the Enlightened has created the Deimos Guardian Tripod. This stoic and alien contraption marries the adaptability and accessibility of the other Tripod forms with a dual-barreled charge emitter capable of filling the skies with explosive blasts of energy at a rate of 260 bursts per minute. With the shockwave generated by this potent weapon damaging aircraft in a manner comparable to a traditional anti-air gun, the instantly recognisable, white bursts can temporarily blind anyone foolish enough to look directly at them, something that has caused careless pilots to crash far more than the opponents of the Enlightened would care to admit.

The steersmen of all classes of tripods benefit from a more refined class of augmentation, allowing them to communicate with their machines in ways more subtle than the direct input of the pilot or gunners. Nerve endings and musculature are often fused with wire and cable to create response boosters and feedback amplifiers that make the tripod more of an extension of the steersman rather than a clumsily driven vehicle. Deimos controllers in particular, have a tendency to show off. They often display this unparalleled control of their machines through their suite of targeting sensors, range finders and inertial prediction engines that feed through its Nousphere. These are far beyond anything the other Great Powers can produce, largely thanks to the findings in the **Vault**.

A Deimos can acquire a bead on a flying target, even while manoeuvring at maximum speed itself. This has led to the steersmen of Deimos using a particularly unpleasant sobriquet for their airborne quarry: slugheads.





MARS BATTLE TRIPODS

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VPR 4/5/6

Enlightened, Armour, Heavy

MODELS

SPECIAL RULES Sponsons (3), Stilted (1)

ATTRIBUTES		
SPEED	611	人类
DEFENCE	3	3
DAMAGE LIMIT	3	
DISCIPLINE	6	
BREAK LIMIT		Sea of the

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	ARMAMENTS	RANGE	1-2	3-4	5-6	QUALITIES
	RANGED (LIGHT)	311/611	3 (6)	7 (12)	12 (18)	Point Blank
٦	RANGED (HEAVY)	711/2011	4 (8)	8 (14)	13 (18)	Overcharge, Point Blank, Turret
	IMPACT	/ -	3	5	7	
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MARS BATTLE TRIPODS

he Mars Battle Tripod was named for the planet Mars, and like that celestial body, it also shares its name with the Roman god of war. Like an imposing three-legged monument to war, the machine towers over the battlefield, its elegant stride belying its swiftness. The Mars-class Tripod is a respected tool for the Enlightened Scientific Custodial Forces, and rightly so. Its particle beam weapons exemplify destruction on a scale that almost appears otherworldly. Should the enemies of the Covenant provide a tougher nut to crack, the steersmen mounted in the head of this loping machine direct their weapons to burn ever brighter. Systems may occasionally be overloaded, but the inevitable repairs are a small price to pay to dominate their foes and prove themselves masters of the battlefield.

The Vault at the heart of Wells Chasm contains a metaphorical orchard of the biblical Tree of Knowledge. The advances in science and engineering are vast and without precedent at any point prior in human history. Lord Barnabus Sturgeon and his Custodian faction knew that such extra-terrestrial knowledge came without the cultural, historical and ethical baggage that all other advances have been shackled to. To that end, it was right that such paradigm-shifting evidence be guarded from outside interference. Sturgeon understood weaponised breakthroughs might be indiscriminately unleashed upon anyone and trigger a world war of apocalyptic proportions. Nowhere is this secretive custodianship more vital than in relation to one of the most significant discoveries from the Vault: that it is a tomb of non-organic intelligence.

The machines employed by the Enlightened often rely on a unique blend of systems and technologies. These intricate mechanisms are closely guarded secrets, known only to their creators and barely understood by the wider Covenant. This knowledge gap resulted in a critical operational challenge, necessitating an unworkable number of specialists to manage each piece of scientific weaponry. This obstacle was overcome by a discovery in Chamber 212, located deep within the Vault. Leonidas Vasiliou discovered hundreds of transparent geodesic polyhedrons containing swirling green smoke that glowed with an inner luminescence. Vasiliou named these orbs the Prasinos Nouspheres and, over the following weeks, determined their basic function, making copious notes on the shifting light patterns being linked to communication. Finally, the lure of making more extraordinary discoveries became too much, and Vasiliou gave over their study to his friend Sturgeon while he ventured further into the Vault, ultimately never to return.

Nouspheres proved to be potent computational devices that surpass even the Covenant's expert mathematicians. They are essential for the Enlightened to manage their advanced technology, but the average Covenant citizen cannot handle such complex tasks. Vasiliou's legacy to the Covenant, these devices, especially the Prasinos Nousphere, have revolutionised the Covenant's technology and are now crucial for operating sophisticated machinery like warships and walkers, replacing entire technician teams.







MODELS 2/4/6

VPR 3/4/5

Enlightened, Armour, Heavy

Special Rules Sponsons (3), Stilted (1), Throw (6)

ATTRIBUTES	
SPEED	7"
DEFENCE	3
DAMAGE LIMIT	3
DISCIPLINE	6
BREAK LIMIT	

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	ARMAMENTS	RANGE	1-2	3-4	5-6	QUALITIES
	RANGED (LIGHT)	311/611	3 (6)	7 (12)	12 (18)	Point Blank
٦	MELEE	-	3 (2)	5 (7)	7 (12)	Penetrating, Wreckers
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PHOBOS ASSAULT TRIPODS

hile **sturginium** can certainly make otherwise mundane alloys remarkable, that is far from its only use. Sometimes, mere proximity to the element produces a useful effect. Steel which is electrically charged during the hot-rolling process, while simultaneously being passed through an aperture lined with sturginium-alloy, is molecularly aligned so that it becomes incredibly flexible without losing any of its hardness. As such, it is perfect for the creation of adaptable tubing. This was the main discovery that allowed the creation of the Phobos Assault Tripod, a variant of the Mars-class machine.

While Covenant tripods often excelled at long-range combat, their vulnerable legs make them susceptible to close-range attacks. The Phobos, with its devastating assault claw, provides the ideal solution. It can swat aside smaller enemies with a single strike and effortlessly tear through armour, making it a formidable force in close-quarters melee.

The **Prasinos Nousphere** within each tripod assists in coordinating the plethora of disparate systems and mechanisms that make these mechanical marvels possible. **Vasilious'** initial findings were greatly expanded upon by other Peers leading to the creation of the steersman concept.

The steersman in each machine is an individual who has proven adept at interpreting the shifting shapes and lights displayed within each Nousphere. It is a bond or link that takes much of the research into the realm of parapsychology, as it is believed by some that the connection is a form of empathy or even telepathy. This is intrinsically tied to the apparent personality of each Nousphere and by extension, each machine the Nousphere is bound within. Though Enlightend machines still have gunners, engineers, and a pilot or driver, along with other crew, the steersman often carries out the primary actions.

A capable steersman only requires the assistance of the rest of the crew with supporting actions to prevent any given situation from overwhelming the steersman. With the Phobos Assault Tripod, if the battle lasts for an extended period, a pilot might find the controls suddenly wrenched from their hands. The machines seem to make some instinctive actions of their own volition, particle beams firing at targets the gunners cannot see and pincer claws throwing the detritus of combat at their enemies. As the pilot wrestles back the controls, the steersman is left to calm the consciousness of the machine as it recovers from its exertion.

Of particular note, during one Enlightened resourcegathering expedition to **South Africa**, a squadron of Phobos Assault Tripods unexpectedly emerged from a river to surprise and outflank the Monarch Landship, **Radiant Glory**, damaging it beyond repair. Any **Crown** reinforcements attempting to rescue the great machine were sent away with the disrespect of having parts of their own landship used as ammunition against them.



RTILLER

ENCELADUS MORTAR CRAWLERS





MODELS 2/4/6

4/5/6

Enlightened, Artillery, Heavy

SPECIAL RULES

Cumbersome, Hit & Run (3")

ATTRIBUTES	
SPEED	4"
DEFENCE	3
DAMAGE LIMIT	3
DISCIPLINE	5
BREAK LIMIT	-

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ARMAMENTS 🦠	RANGE	1-2	3-4	5-6	QUALITIES
RANGED (LIGHT)	611/2011	б	11	17	Indirect, Siegebreaker
RANGED (HEAVY)	611/2011	3	7	12	Indirect, Suppressive
RANGED (AERIAL)	811/1611	3	7	9	
IMPACT	-	2	4	6	

ENCELADUS MORTAR CRAWLERS

The crablike body of the Enceladus Mortar Crawler includes a task-locked gunner. The gunner is augmented to such a degree that they might be considered less than human by the more callous observer. Hard-wired into the Enceladus itself, this will inevitably be their last assignment, their mind focused solely on acquiring firing solutions for the mortar while their reflexes are attuned to reloading the weapon. To them, this is as natural as blinking; just as a dry eye prompts the eyelids to close, so does an emptied weapon prompt a reload. As far as tests can confirm, there are no emotions from the construct after being joined with the mortar, as most of their higher brain functions are necessarily cauterised away.

While the firing mechanism itself is not unusual - a standard shell fired by exploding propellant - the warhead is no less esoteric than other Enlightened innovations. A condensed methanol compound, distilled through an ionised copper-sturginium alloy mesh, is dispersed and ignited across a large area once the shell explodes. The resultant flame burns incredibly strong but more incredible is the lack of visible flame.

Victims of the awful weapon can be seen scorching, screaming and writhing in pain while their flesh burns away with no apparent cause. A terror weapon in the most literal sense, the first targets of the Enceladus are sometimes the last, as seeing comrades slowly and agonisingly burn away has led to more than one surrender from opposing forces.

From a scientific perspective, there is a fascinating side effect of the compound used in the shells fired by the Enceladus. The cloud of flaming gas continues to burn invisibly for some time. Tests show this can happen for hours in ideal conditions, slowly breaking down the bonds in surrounding water vapour and using the resultant hydrogen and oxygen to continue burning.

As this happens, the cloud is surprisingly stable, maintaining its relative position. One upshot is that a 'skyfire' shell has been developed. This can be fired high in the air, where it explodes, apparently harmlessly, the cloud of unseen flame waiting until an aircraft passes through it. The resultant detonation of the plane is sudden and spectacular. If fired upon a standing structure, all that may be visible is the heat haze and the charring of exposed wood. Theoretically, the heat of such a concealed conflagration prevents anyone from getting too close... Although there are always brave souls, willing to rush in where angels fear to tread.



ARTILLERY



MODELS 2/4/6

VPR 4/5/6

RAITS Enlightened, Artillery, Heavy

SPECIAL RULES Cumbersome, Hit & Run (3")

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ATTRIBUTES		ARMAMENTS N	RANGE	
SPEED	4"	RANGED (LIGHT)	4"/24"	
DEFENCE	3	RANGED (HEAVY)	411/2411	
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DISCIPLINE	5	IMPACT	-	
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QUALITIES

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Indirect

EUROPA ARTILLERY CRAWLERS

he Europa Artillery Crawler marries some of the more boundary-pushing examples of Enlightened engineering with the more conventional weaponcraft used by all the Great Powers. Firing 75mm shells at a range up to a kilometre, they are some of the most refined guns of their kind. Strange in their mundanity when compared to the more esoteric devices utilised by the Covenant, they are expertly produced, reliable and possess the ability to fire both armour-piercing and high-explosive ammunition.

Warmaster Schneider has stipulated that they be available to all Conservators, as he is aware of the individual foibles and eccentricities of the cliquish and stubborn Peers. He hopes that the widespread use of the Europa across Covenant forces will prevent dependence on more unreliable, if effective, inventions.

The base of the Artillery Crawler is an adaptation of the tripod design deciphered during the earliest excavations of **Wells Chasm**. Tripods, while imposing, have a tendency to become unbalanced when firing weapons with a substantial recoil, such as artillery guns.

To this end, four shorter legs were designed, along with a complementary pair of pincers that are capable of digging into the ground and stabilising the weapons platform. This has been so effective that it has now become a standardised blueprint for all other forms of crawler employed by the Covenant, such as the equally squat **Enceladus** and **Callisto**.









MODELS 2/4/6

VPR 3/4/5

RAMS Enlightened, Rotorcraft, Aerial

SPECIAL RULES Construct, Flying, Hit & Run (7"), Vanguard (12")

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ATTRIBUTES		87	ARMAMENTS 📉	RANGE	1-2	3-4	5-6	QUALITIES
SPEED	1011		RANGED (LIGHT)	6"/9"	4	10	15	
DEFENCE	2		RANGED (AERIAL)	611/911	5	II	16	
DAMAGE LIMIT	2							
CIPLINE	6							
BREAK LIMIT								

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SICKLE GYRO CAV COHORT

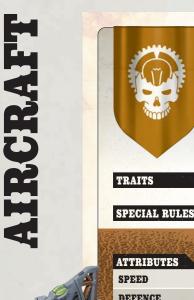
here are always those looking to push boundaries further and be noticed in a world where remarkable contraptions, such as the Mono and Strider CAV, walk the earth. In the case of the Prussian scientist Ludwig Berblinger, it was the notion of "walking the earth" that he sought to challenge. He was declared persona non grata by the Teutonic Knight Luminaries after his demonstration crashed their prototype Jaeger aerial destroyer, so Berblinger joined other ostracised Prussian intellects in turning to the Enlightened. His greatest offering was the Sickle Gyro CAV, a feat that Berblinger was certain would fly into a future where his genius eclipsed all others.

The Sickle's surgically-modified pilot is divested of any unnecessary surplus weight, the better to avoid upsetting the craft's delicate balance, before being permanently installed into its dorsal socket. After several spectacular failures, the final design was adopted across the Enlightened's holdings, where it found use in squadrons as reconnaissance craft and mobile weapons platforms. The Sickle's gyro-stabilised engines, refined from the drives used in the larger **Scythe** drone fighter, allow the nimble craft to speed through the air as easily as it can hover in place.









SCYTHE DRONE SQUADRON

MODELS I/2/3

VPR 2/3/4

Enlightened, Aircraft, Aerial

Brake Turn, Fiery Demise (5), Flying, Rapid Response

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ATTRIBUTES		87	ARMAMENTS	RANGE	1	2	3	QUALITIES
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DAMAGE LIMIT	3							
DISCIPLINE	5							- Las
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SCYTHE DRONE SQUADRON

The Enlightened are known the world over for their visually striking, bleeding edge designs, frequently blurring the line between machine and crew. Like so many innovations of the **Covenant**, the Scythe Drone began as a disparate collection of blueprints, abandoned experiments and mechanisms, all brought together by a singular vision.

The Sickle Gyro CAV was one of the first flying machines in the world not held aloft by dirigible or aerofoil engineering, spinning rotors allowing it to hover in place or fly in any direction with equal ease. Of course, as the skies became more and more crowded, the Peers of the Enlighted understood that the venerable Sickle was in danger of becoming obsolete. A more advanced form of aircraft was needed. Repulsor generators, combined with advanced forms of materials science pioneered in the Katorga, provided the breakthrough needed to make theory a reality.

The square-cube law has proved troublesome to engineers wishing to create repulsor generators. The larger a thing is, the more powerful the engine required to lift it. The only objects able to benefit from such generators have therefore been the very large or the very small. This is where the innovation of the Scythe Drone comes in. Every goal of the design was to maximise power and minimise weight. By a process known as "persistent gravi-magnetic repolarisation," sturginium-infused electromagnets increase the magnetic influence of iron while simultaneously decoupling its

relationship with gravity. This has the result of making the resultant steel incredibly light, yet also superconductive.

In test flights, these repulsor generators showed marked improvement. The downside, however, was that pilots were often rendered unconscious by their own generators' powerful magnetic fields. The use of augmented pilots was the obvious solution, their desensitised minds and vestibular system insulating them against external imbalances. In fact, the less of the original cerebral cortex that remained, the more reliable the results. This has led to "Scythe Drone pilot" being a productive use of otherwise mortal head wounds for the **Citizen-Soldiers** of the Enlightened.

While extremely lightweight, the Scythe Drone still requires an outrageous amount of energy for its size, a problem exacerbated still further by the power-hungry particle beamer mounted in its nose. A formidable weapon capable of instantly sublimating matter into gas, the Scythe's particle beamer explosively breaks open molecular bonds, reducing biological targets and armour alike into a grey, paste-like, monomolecular slurry. The Scythe's energy needs are met by a stripped-back version of the atomic generators seen on naval vessels. Efforts to minimise its size have led to a system with little redundancy and minimal radiation shielding. Lead-lined hangars mitigate against the more harmful effects while on the ground, but Scythes have a tendency to explode spectacularly when shot from the sky.



ARMOURED CLASH



BOONS

Boons are a collection of abilities, upgrades and Special Commands that can be purchased as part of a General's Force. These are designed to provide Generals with more tactical options and help them to reach their Points Limit. Each Boon can only be taken once per Force.

FORLORN HOPE (15 POINTS)

A single unit in the General's Force that has been deployed at the start of the Clash gains the *Vanguard* (X") special rule, with an (X) value 2" higher than its Speed. (For example, a unit with Speed 6" would gain the *Vanguard* (8") special rule.

If the chosen unit already has the Vanguard(X) special rule it uses the highest (X) value of the two available.

READY FOR ANYTHING (20 POINTS)

A single unit in the General's Force that has been deployed at the start of the Clash begins the Clash with the **On Lookout** status.

COUNTERCHARGE (30 POINTS)

Once per Round, the General can issue this **Special Command** to one of their units that has the **On Lookout** status, in place of declaring **Opportunity Fire**.

If the Command is successfully issued, the unit immediately makes a **Charge** manoeuvre, ending in contact with the active enemy unit. Then, this unit immediately makes a **Close Quarters Attack**. (The active enemy unit can **Retaliate** as normal, if it has a Melee attack.) After doing so, this unit loses its **On Lookout** status.

This effectively counts as declaring Opportunity Fire, meaning that a General cannot use this Special Command and Opportunity Fire in the same turn. Note that if the unit is not able to end its Charge manoeuvre in contact with the active enemy unit, this Special Command cannot be issued.

ENTROPIC SHIELDING (40 POINTS)

This is a **Special Command** that can be issued to a unit of *Enlightened Armour* or *Artillery* that is the target of a **Ranged Attack**, before any dice have been rolled. It can only be issued once per Round.

If the Command is successfully issued, this unit gains the *Durable* special rule for the duration of the **Ranged Attack**.

HEADSTRONG COMMANDER (45 POINTS)

During the **Draw Cards** step of each **Ready Phase**, after drawing cards from their **Command & Conquest** deck, the General can choose to draw one additional card and add it to their Hand. If they do, they must then discard one card from their Hand.

WEAPONISED HUBRIS (70 POINTS)

This is a **Special Command** that can be issued to an *Enlightened* unit with the *Spectacular Demise (X)* special rule when it is **Annihilated**, but before the opposing General has rolled the **Attack Die** to see what happens.

If the Command is successfully issued, rather than an attack die being rolled, the unit immediately suffers the effects of a **Cataclysmic Detonation**. Instead of affecting each unit within 8", it affects each unit within a number of inches equal to the **Card Value** of the card that was used to issue this Command.

Once this Command has been successfully issued, it cannot be issued again for the rest of the Clash.







hey are the architects of The Dystopian Age. And they would be its rulers too. It began in the Lost World. Here, in the verdant jungle hidden deep within the snowy wastes of Antarctica, the explorer Lord Barnabas Sturgeon discovered secrets buried beneath the earth. Untold wonders.

Otherworldly technologies. The key to humanity's future.

Disappearing for almost a year, Sturgeon wouldn't be seen again until 1851, at London's **Great Exhibition**. Presenting his findings to enraptured crowds - from megafauna to strange creatures resembling those of Prehistory - at its end he gave his final demonstration. A man constructed of metal. An "automaton." And there on stage, it performed the unimaginable.

It poured a cup of tea.

Met with thunderous applause, **Sturgeon** had accomplished two things. Announcing the coming of a "Utopian Age," he had showcased the potential of humanity's mastery over technology. But moreover, he had lit a beacon for his contemporaries to follow. And follow, they did...

Drawing like-minded innovators, the founding of the Covenant of the Enlightened came with its first **Symposium** - a collection of "Peers," all of whom would have equal status. Further Symposia were to come as the Covenant's research and influence grew, most commonly in the form of **Promethean Complexes**: places of learning and industry.

An independent technocracy, their movements were not met with hostility by the Great Powers, at least not openly. Indeed, many were keen to be party to the immense strides being made by these brilliant minds. Equally and with no preferential treatment, the Covenant shared designs and even the miraculous super conducting crystal **Element 270** between these Powers. All was well. Nothing could stop the coming of **Sturgeon's** Utopian Age. Or so he thought.

Their betrayal at the hands of **Helsinki Markov** was as sudden as it was devastating. Fleeing Antarctica with research and resources, the secrets of the Enlightened were no longer theirs and theirs alone. And from here, this schism began to splinter out into an unseen civil war, as two sides were formed: the **Egalitarians** and **Custodians**.

The former believe it is their duty to usher the world into a new age. The latter? That their research should remain locked away, hidden from humanity until they are ready. And as Lord Sturgeon remains secluded in **Wells Chasm** (whether out of secrecy or shame), the Custodians seek to undo the damage of Markov's deception, and that of their Egalitarian Peers.

But it is in the Union of Federated States that the Egalitarians have found a new foothold. Under the exacting guidance of Burson Carpathian and his innovative development of RJ-1027, from The Warcradle he oversees the greatest advance in technology since the Industrial Revolution. And as his influence continues to grow, outstripping even the ambitions of his fellow Enlightened, the fate of the Union may well hang in the balance...

To many in the Enlightened, the skirmishes and onslaughts

waged by the Great Powers, they are not conflicts. They

are instead an opportunity to examine and perfect. When they march, it is behind untold legions of automata and constructs, warped facsimiles of humans stitched together from living flesh. It is under giant crab-like walkers casting great shadows upon the earth, tearing up rock and soil with each serrated step. And it is from above, as Scythe class fighters screech down from above, pilots wired to their cockpits in an unnerving blend of flesh and metal.

The Enlightened have no nation. Such thinking is too small for those who

nation. Such thinking is too small for those who shape the future of this world. Humanity will be reborn, ascended upon the shoulders of those who dared to walk the dangerous and hidden paths. As for these Great Powers that would stand in the way of progress? Nothing more than a failed experiment.





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decoded from a letter sent by agent Thaddeus Grange.

Finally, I have the time to write this report.

Firstly, let me apologize for its tardiness. While my visit to The Warcradle was some weeks ago, I have never been positive that I wasn't being spied on until now. Dr Burson Carpathian keeps his secrets well, and though my investigation wasn't found out (otherwise I'd likely be dead or worse), I have seen far too many familiar faces on street corners and at adjacent dining tables these past few days for it to be a coincidence. I can assure you that I have done my best, not only in my capacity as a prosthetic engineer, but also as a Secret Service agent.

The first of these missions has yielded similar results to prior investigations of the Covenant Of The Enlightened; by which I mean few and far between. I am ensuring that any advancement in the field of mechanized limbs and other human compatible engineering is shared with Union producers but the Enlightened don't make it easy. The techniques and materials used in The Warcradle utilize an entirely bespoke operation in its manufacturing to all of the other from thean Complexes I've visited, including Tesla's own Union-sponsored facilities along the eastern seaboard.

Truly, the chief intellects behind each (known as "feers" amongst their contemporaries), see the Complex they run as their personal domain, and whichever branch of study they are fixated on at any given time becomes the sole way in which the entire base operates.



In my last report I mentioned that The Parlor, run by Countess Augusta Byron, focuses on the study of "creations," using removed human parts to replace those unfortunately lost either by accident or in conflict. I have even seen whole new beings created from a collection of those recently passed. While many would see this as gruesome, I can certainly understand the reasoning behind it. No matter how well an artificial arm may perform, whether created from steel, glass or vulcanized rubber, one made of flesh surpasses it. Of course, these raw materials seem to be in regrettable abundance these days, with the various tensions that are ever mounting across the Union and beyond. If the Ore War has taught us anything, it's the value of base resources.

In contrast, The Warcradle is primarily organized around the creation and use of RJ-1027, the superfuel of which I have a full report recorded in the archives. This was the primary goal of my mission, as even our brightest minds seem incapable of replicating it. In fact, to date, no-one outside Carpathian's purview has been up to the task.

My cover was that of an engineer attempting to create a standard with which the Union and Enlightened Peers might be able to work from, making artificial limbs and organs easier to obtain for the common man. If only we could have a universally fitting servo-actuator, then parts for (as an example) a prosthetic limb might be available in the average general store; this could drive the cost and repair times down drastically for the everyday customer.

(Despite this being an obfuscation of my true investigation, this research is something I am truly passionate about, and ask again for an increase in funding, that I might employ civilians to help with this work.)

Sadly, each feer seems frustratingly individualistic and unwilling to share information except at their Symposia, sporadic meetings of minds where they gather and discuss both



theoretical and practical advancements they have made. A good deal of this is a thin veneer to cover their jockeying for status in a gross display of one-upmanship. Secretive discussions take place in side rooms for those who wish to share things of a more esoteric nature. The boundaries of the natural world are being pushed to their limit in the name of advancement. I was fortunate enough to be the plus-one of a nurse in the employ of Dr. Carpathian for one Symposium. Unfortunately, due to circumstances beyond my control, I doubt I shall be invited back. The events of which are in my full report and archived in the Secret Service library.

In summary, there are two main schools of thought within the Covenant of the Enlightened; the Egalitarians and the Custodians.

The Egalitarians claim to be progressing knowledge for the benefit of all. They see a world where everyone has an automaton in their home to help with the chores, and where free energy is available to even the poorest households. To them, anyone should be able to study and create marvels of their own, provided they have the intellect to do so.

While this sounds like a noble goal, you can imagine where this untethered freedom of engineering might lead. We in the Secret Service understand the danger of uncontrolled power in the wrong hands, something that you yourself can attest to given your investigations in Dunsmouth and Myskham. A free reign of RJ powered weapons and creations, for example, would be disastrous.

On the other hand we have the Custodians. They believe that their accumulated wealth of knowledge, and the technological advances thereof, fall under their jurisdiction and theirs alone. Tight control, governed only by them, is what they seek. And while they could sell their devices to the highest bidder, the blueprints to their creations remain under lock and key. To them the everyday folk of the world are simply another asset to



be assigned a purpose. After all, how can a normal mind understand the import of what is laid before them? Anyone who doesn't see their point of view is a dullard and lacks vision.

While they sound poles apart from one another, they share more than they would perhaps admit: both camps want rid of the nations of the world. The Egalitarians envision a libertarian paradise where anything goes, especially for their research. Governments disbanded in a state of meritocratic anarchy. The Custodians simply believe it is They who should take the place of kings, queens and empires, ruling the world from their castle-complexes. After all, theirs are the only minds who might bear the heavy weight of rule.

In short, all feers of the Covenant of the Enlightened are egotists of the highest order. If they have some semblance of understanding of the natural sciences, then it follows that they must understand all the truths of the world, and therefore it is their right that they should control it. This is only efacerbated by the back-slapping of the Symposiums and the iron fists (pun intended) with which they rule their fromethean Complexes. Besides, automata don't argue back.

Please forgive my digression. While intended as a report of The Warcradle, I simply want to make it abundantly clear what types of people we deal with.

While going through the meetings, lectures and discussions regarding any advancement in the field of artificial limbs I was struck by the amount of bureaucracy there was in Dr. Carpathian's complex. Any blueprints had been heavily edited and journal entries were censored, the secrecy surrounding the Warcradle proving to be far higher than the other fromethean Complexes I have visited.



The layout of the place was labyrinthine, with corridors seemingly leading to nowhere; pipes and tubes covering every wall, many without any discernible purpose. Perhaps this is just to keep visitors out, as the quarters assigned for guests had a more comfortable, luxurious feel. They were more reminiscent of a statesman's suite, set aside for entertaining. From discussions with my contact, it would seem the doctor is already taking important quests to improve his standing in the Union. Clearly he is a shrewd man who understands politics as much as he does the sciences.

I used all my powers of persuasion in an attempt to organize a meeting with the man himself, but he was constantly occupied, busy dealing with matters of RJ production. Only at one point were myself and the other visitors spoken to by Dr. Carpathian, and even this was via some sort of advanced "megaphone" stemming from another part of the Warcradle. This did nothing to quantify his current state. Rumors circulate that he has undergone some sort of horrific procedure that has left him more machine than man, and while I saw no evidence of it, I am not left reassured.

While not confined to the visitors quarters, there were eyes on us at all times, either in the form of chaperones, or the many automata or constructs present. I pity those poor souls who now go by the term "construct" or "menial." They truly are more and less than they once were. Glassy eyed and apparently devoid of thought; either by accident or by design they have been effectively lobotomised. The nurse I mentioned earlier showed me records of contracts willingly signed by debtors and the like. One (who shall remain nameless) was a farmer fallen on hard times since a life-changing accident. Signing himself over as a test subject, his family were paid an exorbitant sum of money so that they might keep the farm and make a future without him. This is only one such instance of innocents vaiving their souls for the profit of others.

Victims of happenstance and veterans of war alike.



Still, by observing their patterns I managed to get some time alone and slipped out of my room, aided by lock picks concealed in my artificial arm for just such an occasion. After a short while I managed to access a restricted area, about the size of a church hall. As far as I could tell this was some sort of distillation and treatment plant for RJ-1027. But it was strange - I could find no evidence of any work having been done in this room. No residue of any kind. No evidence of the red tarnish usually seen from extended contact with the substance. Barrels of oil and chemicals (all of which I will detail in the second part of this report) were scattered around, but clearly had never seen use in the machinery. It looked as if raw materials were being brought in and simply left.

I am sorry to say that this creates more questions about how lf is made than it answers.

As a said earlier, I don't believe they found out about my 'sleepwalking' otherwise I'd be dead, or worse, a construct. That being said, I don't think it will be safe for me to return to The Warcradle any time soon. I shall stay in Arizona territory, to perform a week or two of "duties," before I head back to Washington for a full debrief.

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ENLIGHTENED

CITIZEN SOLDIERS

Their Lives ravaged by disease, injury and violence, the common-folk who toil the fields and work the factories for the Great Powers lead hard existences. Abandoned by ungrateful governments, many are doomed to a pariah existence begging for scraps, driven to crime, or the humiliation of seeing their loved ones suffer to support them.

It is to these men and women, those desperate souls who have been failed by the world, that the Covenant of the Enlightened offer salvation.

Every city and major town in the world seems to have one of their Enlightenment Centres. Covenant Clinics, Churches of Compassion, Salvation Hospitals; whatever their regional name, these buildings are well served by helpful and caring staff who offer the gift of a new and meaningful life to any who are in such need.

To those who accept the invitation to enter these sanctuaries, they find an honest invitation to give service to more grateful masters. The chance to see their families lifted of the burden of supporting them. To those unfortunates stricken with injury, the Enlightened offer augmentation to restore some semblance of their former selves. The misery of their past lives can be cast off and a future awaits them as a Citizen, a valued contributor to the worthy purpose of the Covenant of the Enlightened.

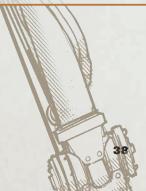
When an individual becomes a Citizen of the Covenant, it means they must first leave their families. This parting is made the easier with a small technical marvel that is gifted to their loved ones: an act of gratitude to the contribution they make to the advancement of humanity. The nature of these gifts varies by need and region. Often a labour saving device that compensates for the contribution the Citizen might have otherwise made, it might instead be a defensive object to protect the family on the frontier or even something that might be bartered for hard currency. Whatever the gift, it is to better secure the family's future, just as they have secured mankind's.

With their old life at an end, the Citizen is brought to one of the Enlightened's vast Promethean Complexes to undertake an apprenticeship in some aspect of the work of the Covenant that is assessed to suit their aptitude. The labour of roughly three million Citizens of the Enlightened across the world are applied to bring the multitudinous plans, experiments and projects of almost three hundred Enlightened Peers to fruition.

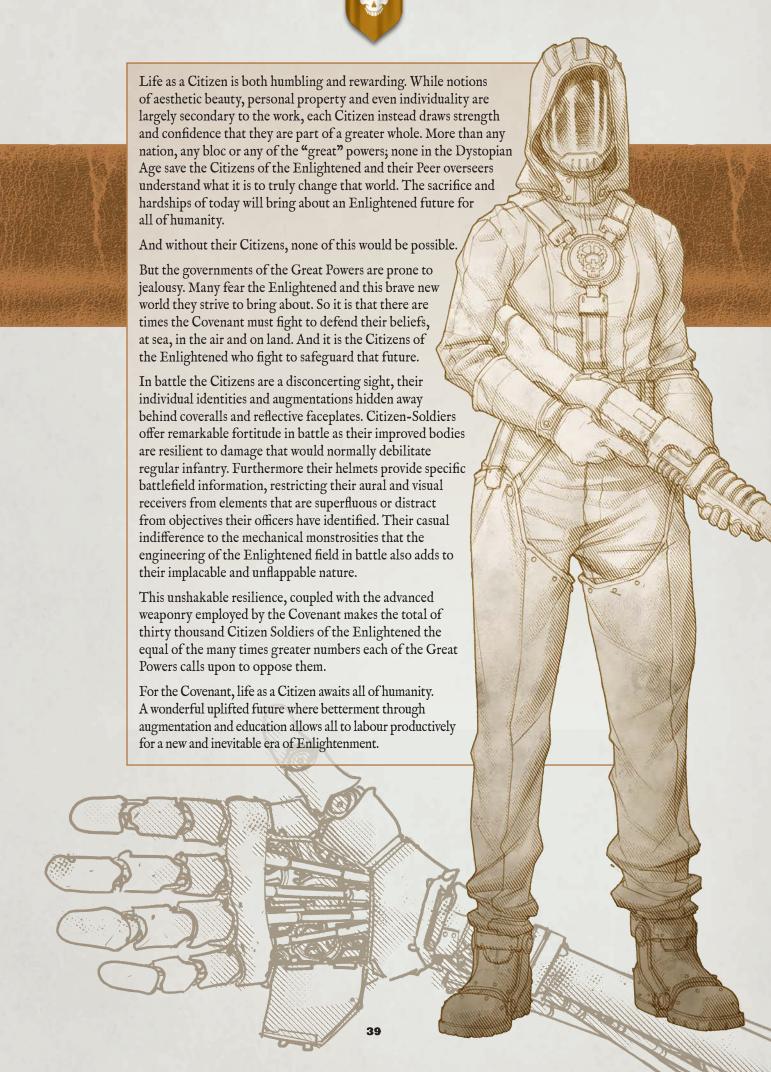


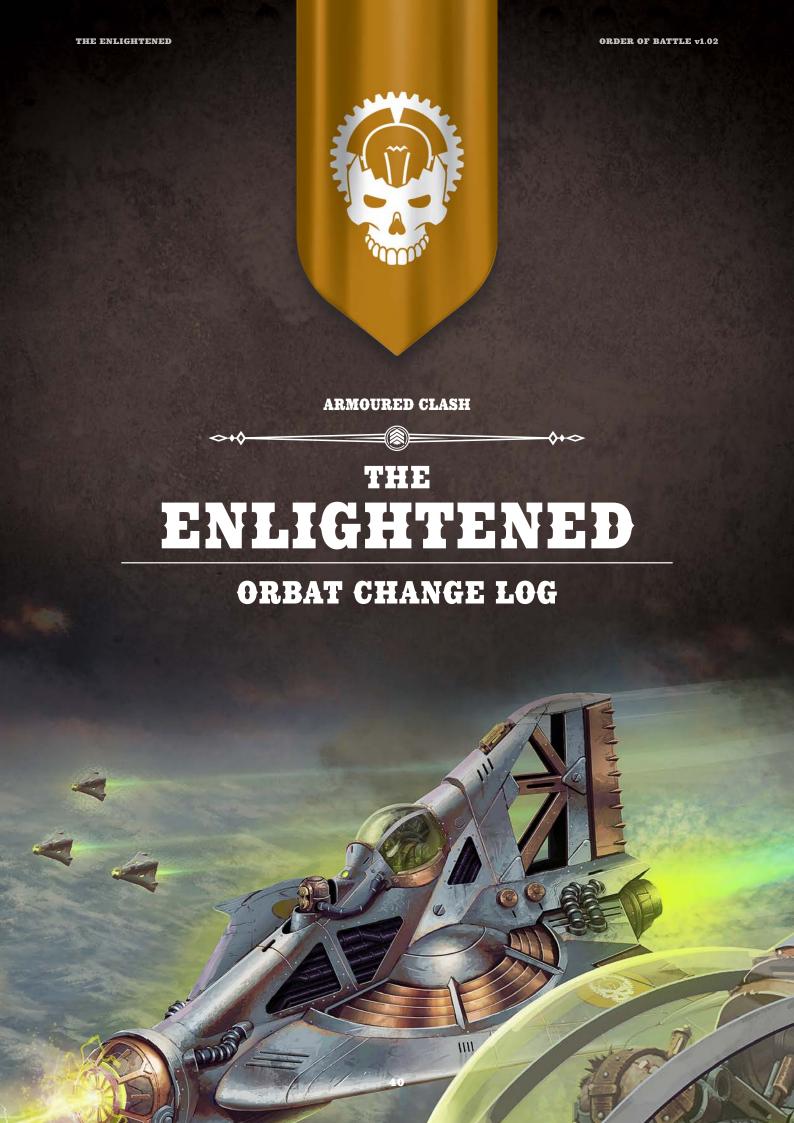
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CHANGE LOG

This section provides a summary of changes from vi.oi to vi.o2. Small changes which do not affect gameplay, such as spelling and grammar corrections, have been omitted.

ENLIGHTENED UNITS

Some of the units in this ORBAT have been updated:

CITIZEN-SOLDIER COMMAND CONTINGENT

- This is now listed as a Commander Variant to the Citizen-Soldier Contingent.
- Points Cost changed from 80/135/210 to 65/90/120.

HORSELL SUPER-HEAVY EXTRACTOR

- VPR has changed to 10.
- Points Cost changed from 430 to 410.
- Defence has changed to 3.
- Damage Limit has changed to 18.
- Damage headers on Armaments Grid are now 16-17/7-15/1-6

WELLS SUPER-HEAVY SURVEYOR

- VPR has changed to 10.
- Points Cost changed from 455 to 425.
- Defence has changed to 3.
- Damage Limit has changed to 18.
- Damage headers on Armaments Grid are now 16-17/7-15/1-6.
- All-Out Attack (2) special rule is now All-Out Attack (3)
- Ranged (Light/Heavy) attack now has a Short Range of 22" instead of -", and its Attack Dice have changed from 4/6/8 to 6/8/12.

CITIZEN-SOLDIER CONTINGENT

• Reformatted to include a Commander Variant.

SCYTHE DRONE SQUADRON

- Points Cost changed from 90/155/235 to 60/95/130
- · Gained the Rapid Response special rule.

OTHER CHANGES

The following additional changes have been made:

BOONS

- Instead of granting *Vanguard* (10"), Forlorn Hope now grants *Vanguard* (X"), with X equal to the unit's Speed +2".
- Tactical Brilliance has been replaced with Headstrong Commander, which lets the General optionally draw an extra card in the Draw Cards step, then discard one.

