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NO ONE CAN STOP THEM!



White Stars technology in action!

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This impressive picture was taken on the factory-world during the heroic White Stars assault of point Charlie. The morphos had been harassing the steel troopers for several hours, inflicting heavy losses.

Usually the cavalry arrives when it is all over, but this time the Fire Toads from Captain Newtown's platoon were there right on time, scoring a lightning victory against the invader and saving dozens of steel troopers.

Forty three years ago, our technology seemed useless compared to the morphos'. Today, our fusion powered and gyro-stabilized Fire Toads are wiping the morphos forces using their high-tech sensors.

DISCOVER ALL THE SECRETS OF OUR LATEST MILITARY TECHNOLOGIES!

The steel troopers, heralds of the U.N. way of life

When the best technology on Ava serves the best soldiers in the universe. (p. 2)

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Reinforcements are on their way!

The conflict gets tougher! New troops are joining Operation Damocles. (p. 4)

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THE STEEL TROOPERS HERALDS OF THE U.N.A. WAY OF LIFE

The U.N.S.T corps: More than a job, a way to live and vanquish together.

The United Nations Steel Troopers Corps cannot be cut down to its military function. More than a group of soldiers built around the ideals of freedom and success defended by the U.N.A., it is a small ideal society; a foretaste of our glorious future.

“better is better !”

To select these elite men and women, to train these exceptional individuals, the most advanced methods are required.

Only NCO and officers with a minimum of five years experience in a fighting unit can apply. Over six months are required to test the candidates' physical and psychological aptitudes.

The elements selected then join the war academy and participate for a further two years to a training session, which will teach them to master all the weapons in the White Stars arsenal, no matter the situation. Those who remain until the end of this preliminary cycle are incorporated to an active unit and join the steel troopers... as privates. There are several even more demanding sessions for officers. The result? Units bound by

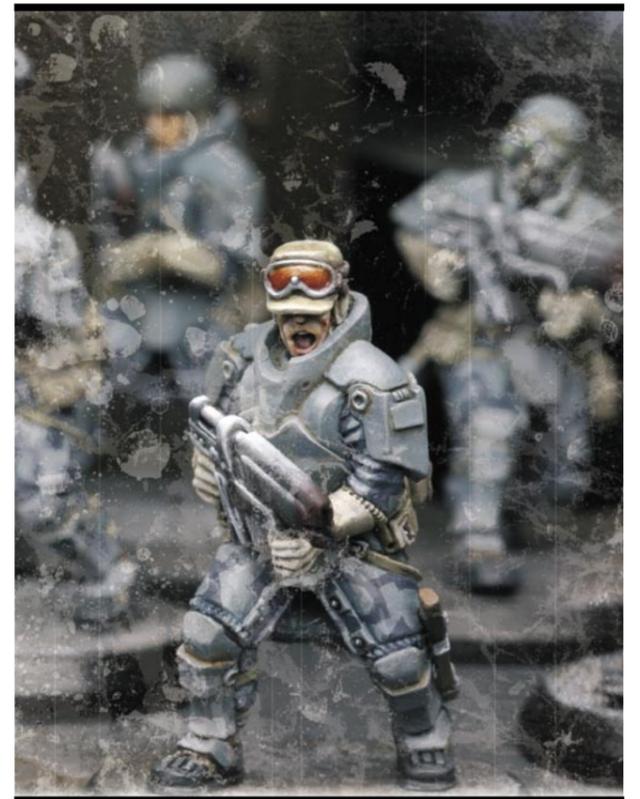
unwavering brotherhood, united in the conviction they can achieve the impossible.

“It is a small ideal society; a foretaste of our glorious future”

If the White Stars are the best, it is first of all thanks to the steel troopers, and then because they have access to unmatched quality equipment. From the union between the most brilliant soldiers in the universe and the most advanced technology is born an unrivalled army corps. They are admired, envied, but never equalled.

The steel troopers are the symbol of our way of life, they embody success and excellence: “better is better!”

J. Casey



SACRED FIRE!
Fire industries has always stood by the troopers side.
To defend all of what we value most, Fire Industries is ever prouder to provide the best equipment possible.

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UNRIVALLED QUALITY
STRAIGHT FROM THE BATTLEFIELD TO YOUR HOME!

Fire Industries supports our troopers

in collaboration with the government of the U.N.A. Fire Industries AT-43, Fire Industries, & M.Ind company

M.Ind: A CLOSER LOOK AT A MILITARY AND INDUSTRIAL SUCCESS

A review of the exceptional achievements of the Military-Industrial Complex over the last few years, which have the enemies of the U.N.A. turn green with envy.

FIRE INDUSTRIES: THE UNBELIEVABLE SUCCESS STORY

“Everything is possible, for a solid and well coordinated team. I’m not speaking of talent, it is obvious talent is the minimum condition required to join our company.”

– Col P. Potente, project leader at Fire Industries

It is impossible not to acknowledge the unbelievable achievements of Fire Industries, one of the main actors of the M.Ind: within a year they have revolutionized military equipment and changed for ever the face of war. The classical armored vehicle patterns were dropped and Ava entered the era of the combat strider. It only took Fire Industries a year to demonstrate what a smart commercial policy and iron cast spirit could accomplish. In the meantime, the legendary Fire Toad’s design was completed; synergies were created, our brilliant engineers finally had somewhere to concentrate their talent. The famous Colonel P.Potente, father of the audacious and efficient design, is only the most famous among them.

Thanks to these visionaries, the M.Ind stepped up into History.



LATCS Fire Toad MkI & MkII

Type Light Antitank Combat Strider.	Main armament 2 x LLC light laser cannon Lightlance (ammunition: ∞).
Origins Fire Industries, New Eden, Ava.	Secondary armament None.
Design Col. P. Potente, Fire Industries.	Thrusters Pulsed air cooled type IV monobloc fusion reactor/1300 hp (MkI). Pulsed air cooled type IV monobloc fusion reactor//1500 hp (MkII).
GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS	Weight to power ratio 59.5 hp/ton (MkI). 71.5 hp/ton (MkII).
Weight 22 tons (MkI). 21 tons (MkII).	Suspension Gyro-stabilised balance system.
Length 2.4 m. Overall length: 3.4 m.	Effective action radius 760 km.
Width 2.8 m.	Speed On road: 81 km/h. Off road: 76 km/h.
Height 3.2 m (multi-band sensors clusters).	
Crew 1 (pilot).	
Armor Multilayer steel + high resilience polymer.	

THE MOBILE COMBAT LASER Industrial stakes and scientific victory:

Laser technology, powerful and versatile, has caught the attention of the M.Ind for many years. Lacking solidity and reliability, the laser had not yet achieved success. It was not until the Fire Toad that any relevant industrial and scientific efforts were made. Thus was born the very first anti tank laser weapon: the LLC Lightlance. This first move opened great fields of application, such as the new born LR39, the steel trooper’s standard weapon. This laser rifle claims out loud the superiority of our technology upon the rest of the Avans, if not upon the Therians themselves!

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THE SCIENCE OF EVIL!

THOSE STRANGE WEAPONS USED BY THE MORPHOS ENEMY

An exclusive article by agent Zero, special correspondent to M.Ind.*

Our brave soldiers are unanimous: the Therians, enemies of mankind, resort to nightmarish weapons to quench their thirst for power. As one needs to know one's enemy to beat him, agent Zero, our special correspondent on the most perilous investigations, has infiltrated the experimentation labs of M.Ind. So here is some worldwide exclusive information about Therian armament.

The glorious battles of Operation Damocles have allowed the scientists of M.Ind to recover some weapons of a new kind, among the smoking debris of our morphos enemy. Brought back on Ava, these instruments of evil have been safely locked up for analysis and advanced testing. Now this sparked your servant's curiosity. The right contacts, a few good bottles and promises of lifetime subscription to the *Ava Daily* granted me entry to one of these bases to get a glimpse at these weapons with my own two eyes.

“The sonic gun disintegrates its target like crystal glass under the strain of a soprano C”

So wearing a blouse and a lab assistant's mask, I discreetly invited myself to the **sonic gun** tests in the shooting range. The multiple barrels of this squat and cylinder shaped weapon send sonic waves over a large variety of frequencies. The racket only lasts a few seconds, but it is enough to mash up anything standing in the weapon's trajectory. The report I managed to lay my hands on described the effect of sonic weapons as the double vibration effect. On the one hand, a first shockwave is emitted at such a high frequency that it constitutes a true wall of sound. Common materials cannot resist and break under the impact. On the other hand,



sonic gun

successive sonic waves are generated replicating the resonant frequency of the item targeted, disintegrating it like crystal glass under the strain of a soprano C. Fortunately sonic weapons are not very effective against the armor plating of our combat striders. Headquarters will make sure this information is properly used.

Deafened by the hellish wailing of this weapon, I saw a scientist comparing these analysis results to those of the frightening claws found on the morphos storm golems, the **reaper blades**. These forty to seventy centimeter long blades are made from a very complex alloy. The Therians seem to engineer their weaponry at an atomic scale: reaper blades show absolutely no defect in design, no structural weakness. They never wear off.

“These are some nasty knives which never need to be sharpened”

What do the claws of death have in common with the sonic gun? Well reaper blades can sustain very powerful sound wave. Therefore the morphos apply their sonic technology to have the reaper blades vibrate at supersonic frequency, making them sharper than ever. Solid materials are disintegrated while the softer ones are impeccably sliced. These are some nasty knives which never need to be sharpened.



reaper blades

The secret of the reaper blades design, I only found out the end of my “visit”, during a shooting test I will never forget. A 2.5m long **nucleus cannon**, taken from a Wraith golgoth, was connected to control instruments and was delivering its sentence on a regular basis on carefully chosen targets.

Nucleus weapons draw power from their own nanoresource reserve (molecular scale engineered machines) to shape intelligent and polymorphic missiles. When it is ejected from the barrel, the ammunition looks like a rocket and is able to correct its trajectory if necessary.

“In fact, the damage caused by a nucleus cannon looks like the job of some hyperactive butcher”

Upon impact, it deploys all sorts of perforating devices to penetrate the target's protection and drill deep into its structure. Once at the core of the target, it generates within a fraction of seconds countless metal spikes, destroying the target from the inside. In fact, the damage caused by a nucleus cannon looks like the job of some hyperactive butcher. Only the morphos could come up with such a twisted design. Our lasers do the same damage and at least the job is done properly!

Today, the most brilliant minds of our planet are investigating Therian weapons to understand the way they work. Tomorrow, they will release equipment that will render these weapons obsolete and bring our enemies to their knees.



nucleus rifle



nucleus gun

* For obvious security reasons, agent zero's identity will remain secret.

MUNCHY'S GUIDE FOR LITTLE TROOPERS

Learn to talk like a real trooper with Munchy!



This week, the difference between a rifle, a gun and a cannon.

Rifle: Rifles (and pistols) are infantry weapons (like the Laser rifle).

Gun: Guns are infantry weapons, but larger than the rifles. These are the special weapons of the soldiers units and the standard weapons of the TacArms (like the Laser gun).

Cannon: Cannons are weapons reserved to armored vehicles (like the Light laser cannon).

Missile launcher: This weapon fires self-propelled missiles that have amazing guiding systems so it is sure to hit each time!

Rocket launcher: This weapon fires self-propelled missiles at incredible speed and their explosive load is awesomely efficient!

Battlesuits: A battlesuit is an armored combat suit powered by servomotors to assist its wearer's movements. When he puts it on, he becomes a mini armored vehicle. The White Stars battlesuits are called TacArms, but every army uses its own kind of battlesuit.

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UNIT BOX: STEEL TROOPERS

Standard Unit

"There are bad soldiers and good soldiers, and then there are the steel troopers."
Training manual, page 2

The steel troopers are the pride of White Stars, the symbol of their strength and efficiency. The steel troopers are exceptional professional soldiers equipped with the best weapons made by mankind, they are military efficiency embodied. Their task: lead the White Stars armies from the frontline and pierce the enemy lines to deal fire and death. Steel trooper units are the base on which the

White Stars army is built. In their standard configuration, the five fighters are equipped with laser rifles, giving them one hell of a range to wipe the enemy before he even gets into shooting position. The dreaded missile launcher works marvels against armored vehicles.

For further tactical possibilities, one of them can become a Sergeant.

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UNIT BOX : STORM GOLEMS

Standard Unit

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The storm golem is a type 2 attack system, supplied with either a sonic gun or a set of reaper blades and a nanoblaster. Although the nanoblaster is a short range weapon, the exceptional accuracy of the storm golem and the nanomunition's capacity to follow the movement of its target, make it a really efficient weapon at medium range. The sonic gun, based on the double vibration effect, disembowels

and shatters its targets with great ease. Thanks to these qualities, the storm golems have imposed themselves as one of the standards among autonomous attack systems. Thanks to the combination of the nanoblasters and the sonic gun, the storm golems prove to be exceptionally versatile units, capable of facing any kind of threat, ranging from light armored vehicles to infantry.

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UNIT BOX : STEEL TACARMS

"You will become better than steel troopers. Those who survive anyway."

Colonel P. Smeyker, welcome speech at boot camp CCWT2, 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.

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. 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.

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UNIT BOX : BANE GOLIATHS

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Bane goliaths are the result of the goliath specialization process. These autonomous combat systems based of 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.

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

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ACCESSORY



Accessory : Expansion Set 1

What would a battlefield look like without fortifications, without walls for shelter, without containers to hide behind, without any nanogenerators to capture? A true battlefield needs objectives, strategic areas and fortifications to spice things up!

The accessories in this box allow to represent a battlefield with its strategic locations, covers and terrain elements. Ideal to stage the futuristic battles of AT-43®, they are suitable for any kind of sci-fi game.

THIS BOX CONTAINS 2 CONTAINERS, 6 LOW WALLS, 2 NANOGENERATORS, A REVERSIBLE POSTER USED TO PLAY AT-43®.



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