

Mission 3025-06: Payback Shelby City, Memphis, Crucis March, Federated Suns July 9, 3025 Pilot Skill: 4-5

Okay boys, listen up! So if there's one thing I really can't stand, it's getting doublecrossed by my employer. What we know so far is that the Duke hired us to come here, ostensibly to help him with a pirate problem that the First Prince apparently wasn't interested in solving. After fighting off the pirates we followed them to their hideout, where we were able to put together that they weren't actually pirates, but instead another mercenary company hired by the duke to raid his own planet!

From what we can tell, it seems that the Duke is making some sort of power play. It's a bit of an open secret that the more remote provinces of the Federated Suns have long held to the notion that they're not held in particularly high regard by New Avalon. Our guess is that Duke Stephenson is hoping to put together a coalition of other disgruntled backwater worlds. His first step is to make the First Prince look ineffectual at defending them while making his (and presumably neighboring) worlds look endangered. Then he makes it look like he's got what he needs to defend them. Only problem is that he hired the wrong Mercs...

Speaking of which - Because he tried to kill us last night, we're no longer bound by our contract. Also, because he tried to kill us last night, we've got a score to settle. I want you guys to go get him to prove that double crossing us is a bad idea. The duke is in Shelby City, roughly here at grid point Beta. Go get him! We're fairly confident that if you can bring him in alive there will be a big reward from the First Prince - he's not known for being terribly friendly towards traitors.

Map: This mission takes place in a city. If possible, use the four "City" maps to the left, but any City will do.



Recommended Maps:

- 1: City Downtown
- 2: City Skyscraper
- 3: City Suburbs
- 4: City Residential

Setup: The Duke and his bodyguards are in the city, waiting for our heroes to arrive. The Duke and his bodyguards set up anywhere on the "Skyscraper" map. The Players' "Home Edge" is the bottom side of the "Suburbs" map (Bottom Left). Player units enter on their "Home Edge" on turn 1.

Special Rules

GMs Note: Unlike most scenarios, the players are not made aware of the scenario rules at the beginning.

Get Him!: The Duke is piloting the Warhammer. If the Duke's mech is destroyed or surrenders, then the Duke's companions will all surrender. The Duke is fundamentally a coward, and will surrender if his 'mech has lost a leg or both arms.

Taking the Hit: Each non-Warhammer 'mech among the Duke's forces has the ability to force a single enemy 'mech to shoot at them instead of the Duke's 'mech. This ability can only be used if the companion 'mech is a valid target (with a To-Hit number of 12 or less) and is at least as close to the shooter as the Duke's 'mech. Each non-warhammer unit may only use this ability once during the scenario.

Shhhh!: All infantry bases use Hidden Initial Placement rules. The players should not be aware of them until they reveal themselves.

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Name	Variant	Reference	BV (4/5)	Cost	
Warhammer	WHM-6D	3039 pg 490	1471	5,945,183	
Enforcer	ENF-4R	3039 pg 206	1032	3,536,874	
Blackjack	BJ-1	3039 pg 193	949	3,147,225	
Valkyrie	VLK-QA	3039 pg 453	723	2,205,320	
Hornet	HNT-152	3039 pg 407	475	1,281,100	
Wasp	WSP-1D	3039 pg 449	403	1,638,240	
Ballistic Rifle Infantry		3085TCE pg 331	81	N/A	

BVs are for regular (4/5) Pilots. Force bands BVs are adjusted for pilot skill

2000-2500 (2153 Total)

Warhammer WHM-6D (4/5), Hornet HNT-152 (4/5), Ballistic Rifle Infantry (4/8) (x3)

2500-3000 (2735 Total)

Warhammer WHM-6D (4/5), Ballistic Rifle Infantry (4/8) (x2), Valkyrie VLK-QA (4/5), Wasp WSP-1D (4/5)

3000-3500 (3350 Total)

Warhammer WHM-6D (4/5), Ballistic Rifle Infantry (4/8) (x3), Valkyrie VLK-QA (4/5), Blackjack BJ-1 (4/5)

3500-4000 (3753 Total)

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4000-4500 (4297 Total)

Warhammer WHM-6D (4/5), Ballistic Rifle Infantry (4/8) (x4), Valkyrie VLK-QA (4/5), Wasp WSP-1D (4/5), Hornet HNT-152 (4/5), Blackjack BJ-1 (4/5)

4500-5000 (4730 Total)

Warhammer WHM-6D (4/5), Ballistic Rifle Infantry (4/8) (x4), Valkyrie VLK-QA (4/5), Wasp WSP-1D (3/4), Hornet HNT-152 (4/5), Blackjack BJ-1 (3/4)

5000-5500 (5377 Total)

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Mission Objectives: Dead or Alive, you're coming with us: The players really want to bring the Duke in alive so that the First Prince can ask him some very pointed questions. If that's not possible, then killing the duke is acceptable. The Duke is captured if he surrenders or if he survives ejecting from his 'mech. Additionally, if the Duke is unconscious at the end of the scenario then he is considered to have been captured as well. The Duke is considered killed if his cockpit is destroyed or if his center torso is reduced to zero structure.

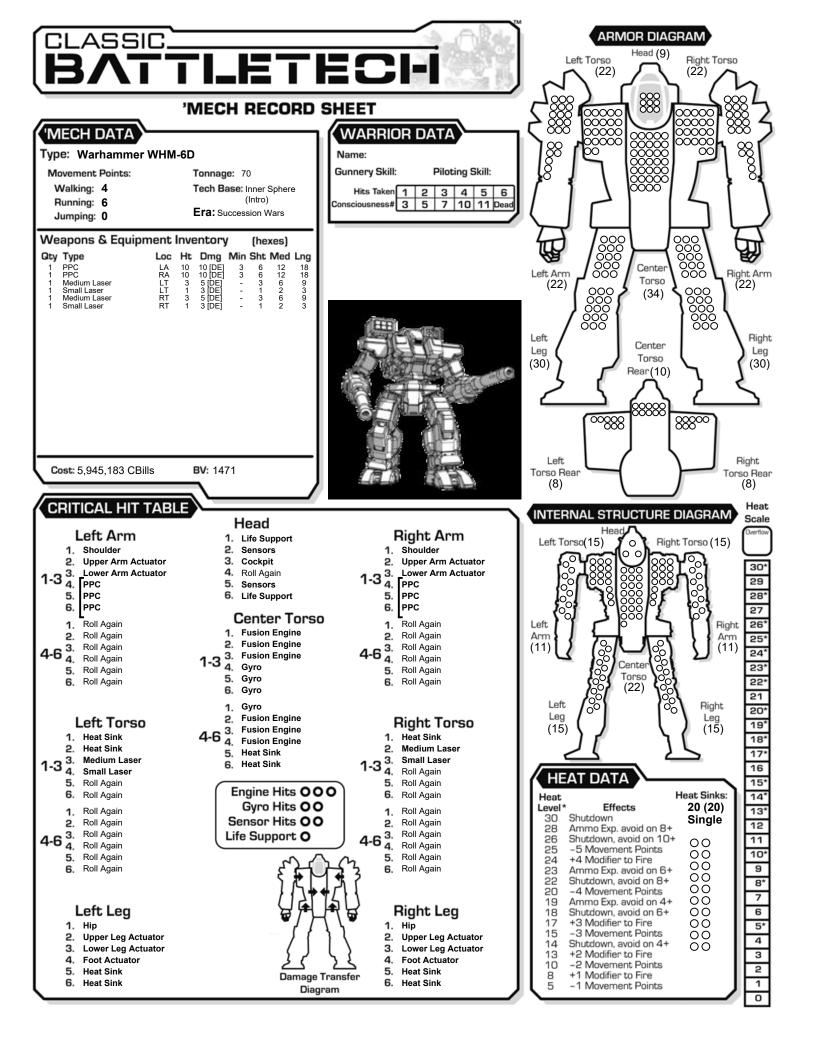
Award (C-Bills)	Mech Survived	Mech Severely Damaged	Mech Destroyed
Defeat the Duke (Players Win)	350,000	250,000	100,000
Capture the Duke Alive (Bonus Condition)	+100,000	+100,000	+100,000
The Duke remains Standing (Players Lose)	150,000	100,000	50,000

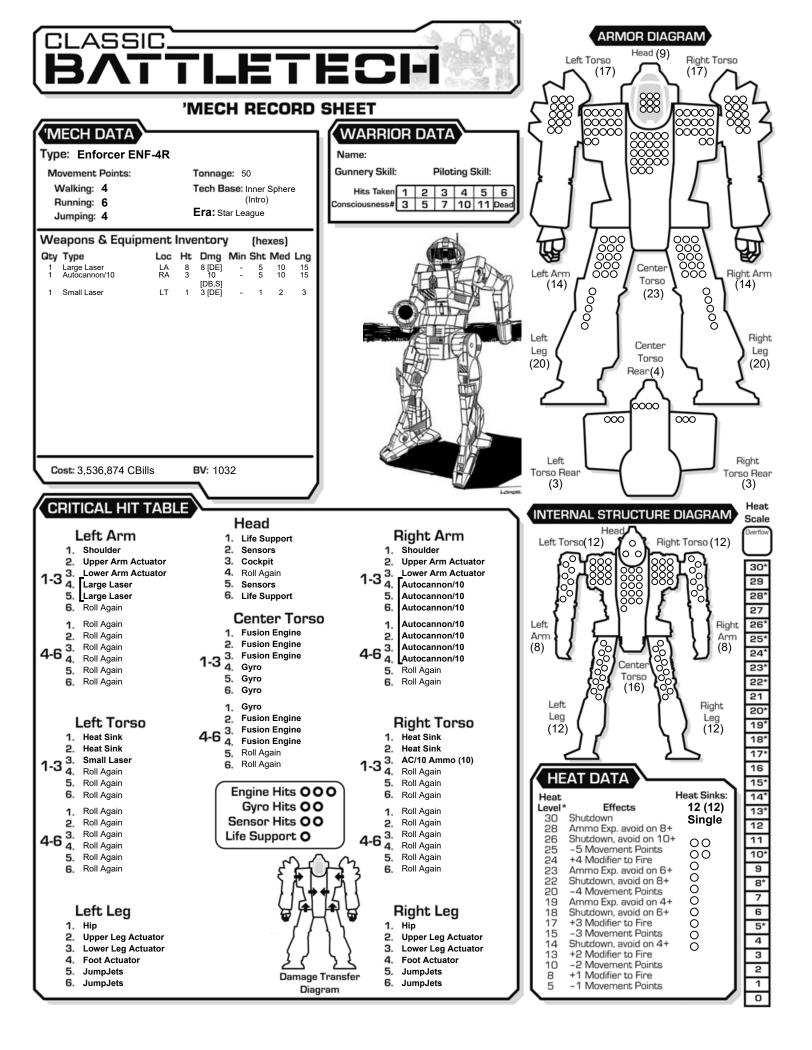
Award (XP)	Pilot Survived	Pilot Killed
Defeat the Duke (Players Win)	15	5
The Duke remains Standing (Players Lose)	8	3
Opposing 'Mech/Combat Vehicle destroyed by party	+1	+1

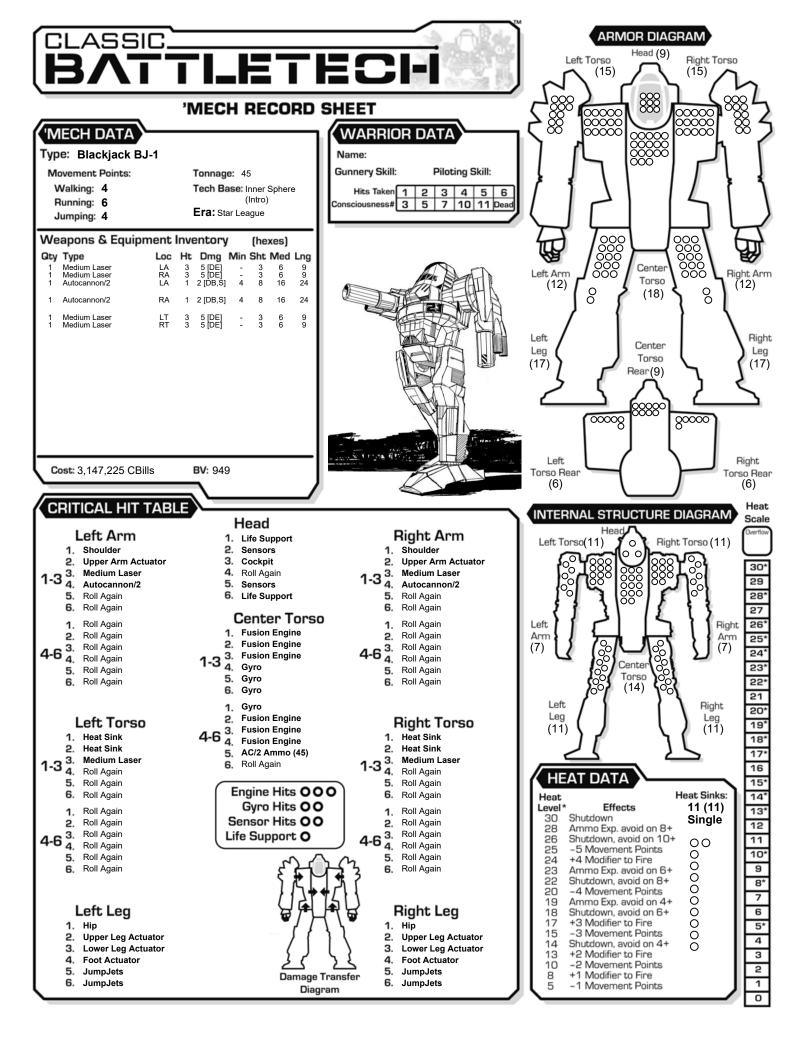
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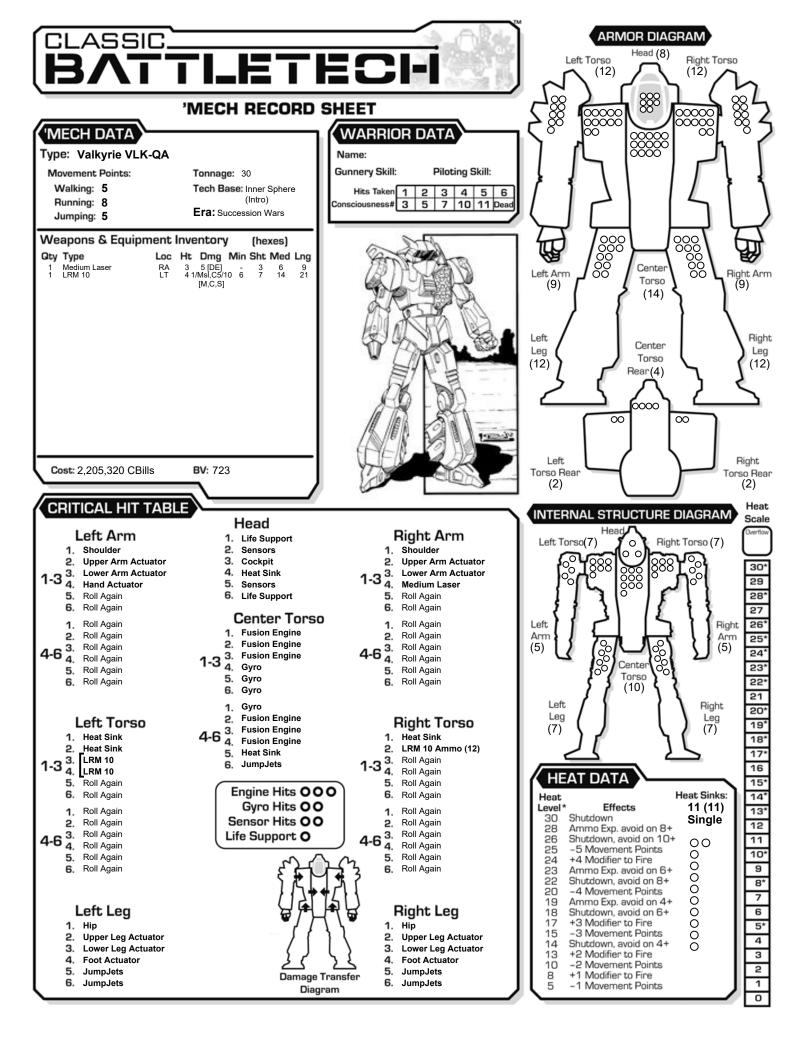
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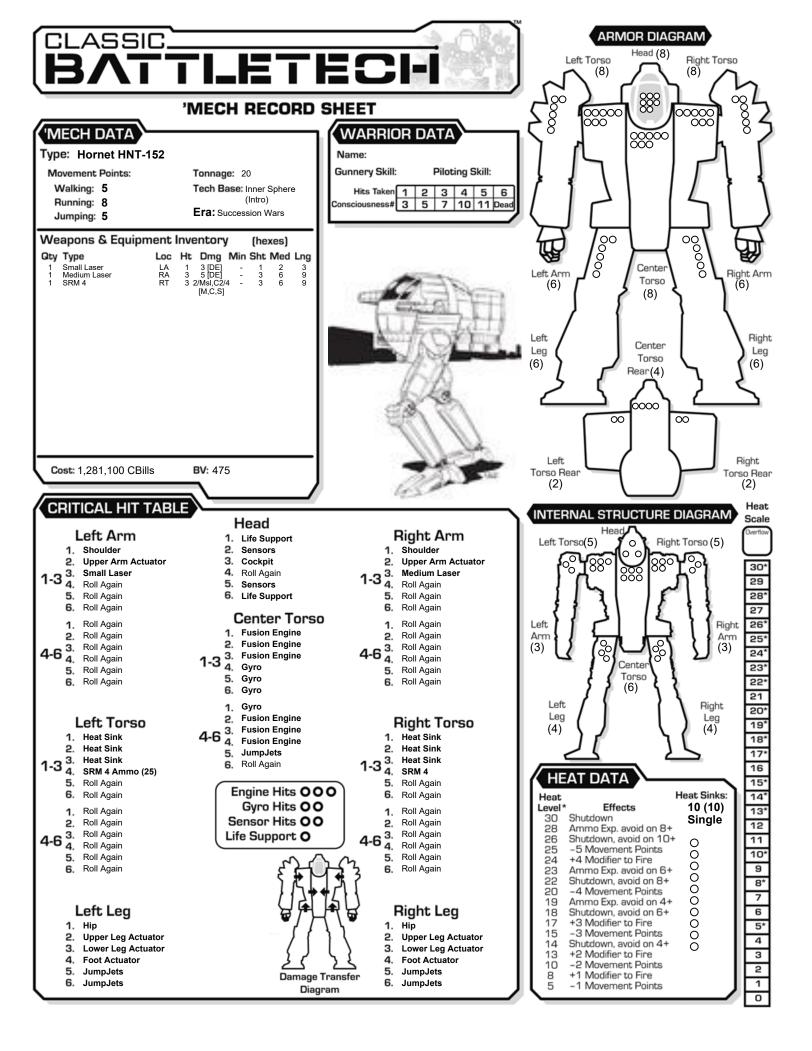
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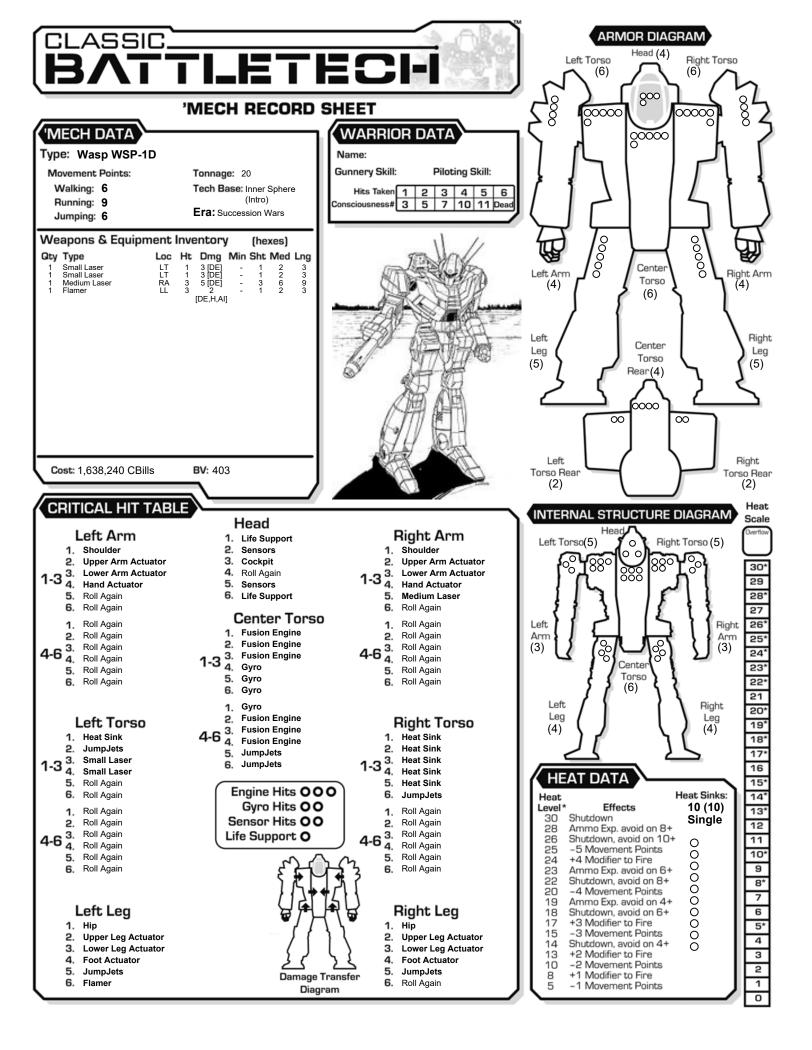


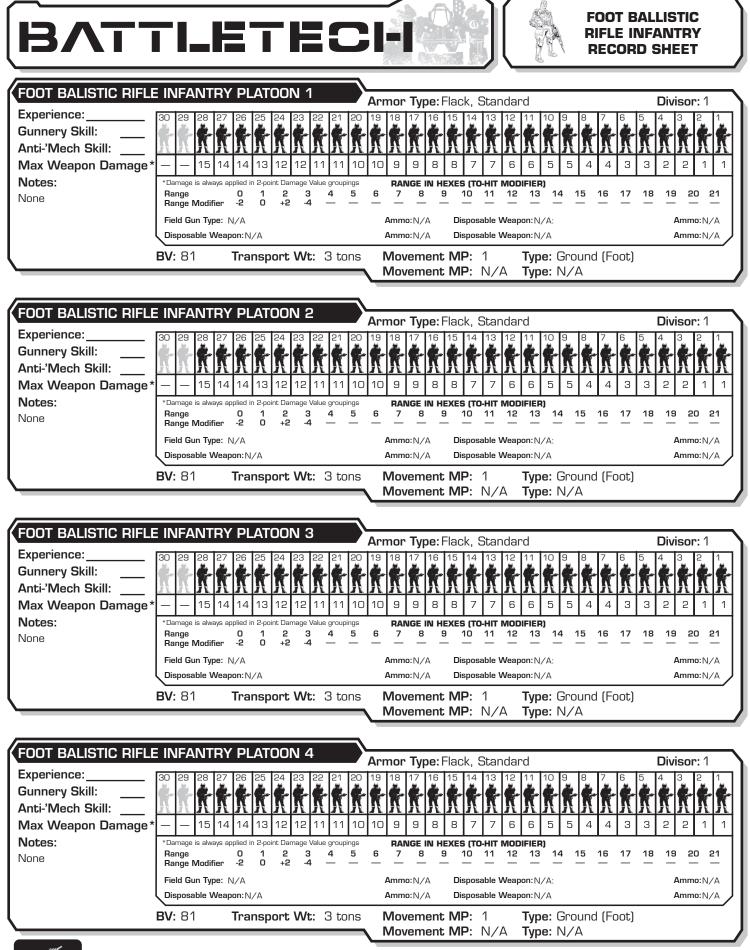














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GM Report Mission 3025-06 - Payback

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