

Mission 3027-04: Watch that first step! Final Approach over Gillfillan's Gold, Anti-Spinward Periphery April 25, 3027 Pilot Skill: 3-4

Okay boys, listen up! The time has come to clean up this pirate mess once and for all. The navigational data you recovered on Aberystwyth lead here, to Gillfillan's Gold. Comm traffic on the surface suggests that this is the right place, and that the locals are none too pleased to see us. We were hoping to land and unload before we had to go off pirate hunting, but in view of the local response the higher ups have decided to make a point of seizing the local drop port immediately and basing us there. That makes your first mission securing the port. It would be great if you could capture some of the C&C infrastructure intact too, but job one is securing the landing zone. Any questions?

Mount up, and get ready to drop. I hope none of you is afraid of heights - that first step is a doozy.



Map: This mission takes place at a small drop port. If the 2019 "Desert Aerobase" isn't available, the Fanpro era Dropport map will work, or any mostly flat map.

Recommended Maps:

1: 2019 Desert AeroBase 1 2: 2019 Desert AeroBase 2 3: 2019 Desert Runway 4: 2019 Desert Oasis

Setup: Designate one building of level 2 or 3 as the port control tower, and another as the administrative offices. These buildings should each occupy at least two hexes and be located within 3 hexes of each other on the map. Regardless of what is printed on the map, the control tower counts as a 80CF heavy building with no basement. The administrative offices count as a heavy building with CF 60 and no basement. On the sample map, both of these "buildings" are the large building on the left edge of the top left map. Count the three level 5 hexes with the teal outline as the control tower, and the four "northernmost" hexes of the level 2 section of the building as the Administrative buildings.

Place a platoon of SRM infantry inside the control tower, and a rifle platoon in the administrative building. Distribute the remaining defenders units around the perimeter of the base. Infantry should be inside or adjacent to other buildings, and at least 5 hexes away from the objective buildings. If the defenders have multiple battlemechs, place them at least 15 hexes apart on the board. Place the behemoth and partisan tanks at least 15 hexes away from the objective buildings. The players enter the map by combat drop starting on turn one.

Special Rules

Watch that first step! The players enter the battle via combat drop (See Strategic Operations, pg. 22). The defenders are neither trained nor prepared for a hot combat drop, and have not put up much of a defense before the battle begins. Only partisan tanks present may fire on player 'mechs that are still falling on turn one. Each player may choose to begin the battle at altitude 1 (landing on turn one) or altitude 4 (landing on turn 2). Player battlemechs that scatter off the map are *not* considered destroyed. Instead, resolve the falling damage to the scattered unit, and set it aside. The player must spend one turn off the board recovering from the fall, and may re-enter the battlefield on the next turn through the same hex they left from. (If that hex is impassable, select the closest available alternative).

Watch that first step! (The Simplified version): If Strategic Ops isn't available, or you have less experienced players, use the following system: Players may choose to enter the map on turn 1 or turn 2. When they enter the map (in initiative order), they place their mini on any hex on the board. That first turn they are "Visible" but cannot be shot at nor can they shoot. The following turn they may move up to their walk speed in any direction as if they jumped. They will have a movement modifier as if they had jumped, but will gain no heat for that movement.

I love the smell of Napalm in the morning: If present, half of the Behemoth tank's SRM6 ammunition has been replaced with inferno munitions.

High Water Table: None of the buildings on the base have basements.

GM Notes

To avoid placing the players at a massive initiative disadvantage, pair infantry platoons with armored combat units, and treat each pair as a single "unit" for initiative purposes. (i.e. the infantry platoon and armored unit must move and shoot at the same time.)

Defending battlemechs are subject to "forced withdrawal" for this scenario and may retreat off any map edge. If a vehicle's armor is breached, the crew will attempt to surrender during the next end phase. Infantry will not enter a building if it is occupied by a player battlemech.

None of the defenders will attack the objective buildings.

Make sure to read up on combat in and around buildings, TW pg. 166-179

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Awesome	AWS-8T	3039 pg 241	1593	
Catapult	CPLT-C1	3039 pg 228	1399	
Trebuchet	TBT-5S	3039 pg 215	984	
Hunchback	HBK-4H	3039 pg 208	1067	
Behemoth	Standard	3039 pg 153	1173	N/A
Partisan	Standard	3039 pg 142	673	N/A
Hetzer Wheeled Assault Gun	Standard	3039 pg 91	574	N/A
Bulldog Medium Tank	Standard	3039 pg 115	605	N/A

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Scorpion Light Tank	Standard	3039 pg 61	306	N/A
SRM Foot Infantry		3085 TCE pg 311	68	N/A
Foot Ballistic Rifle		3085 TCE pg 331	81	N/A
Jump Laser Infantry		3085 TCE pg 332	66	N/A

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

3000-3500 (2977 Total)

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4000-4500 (3904 Total)

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5000-5500 (5052 Total)

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7500-8000 (7790 Total)

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Mission Objectives: The players' primary objective is to capture the base control tower. At the end of the game, the players are considered to have captured a building if:

At least $\frac{1}{2}$ of the structure is still standing at the end of the game

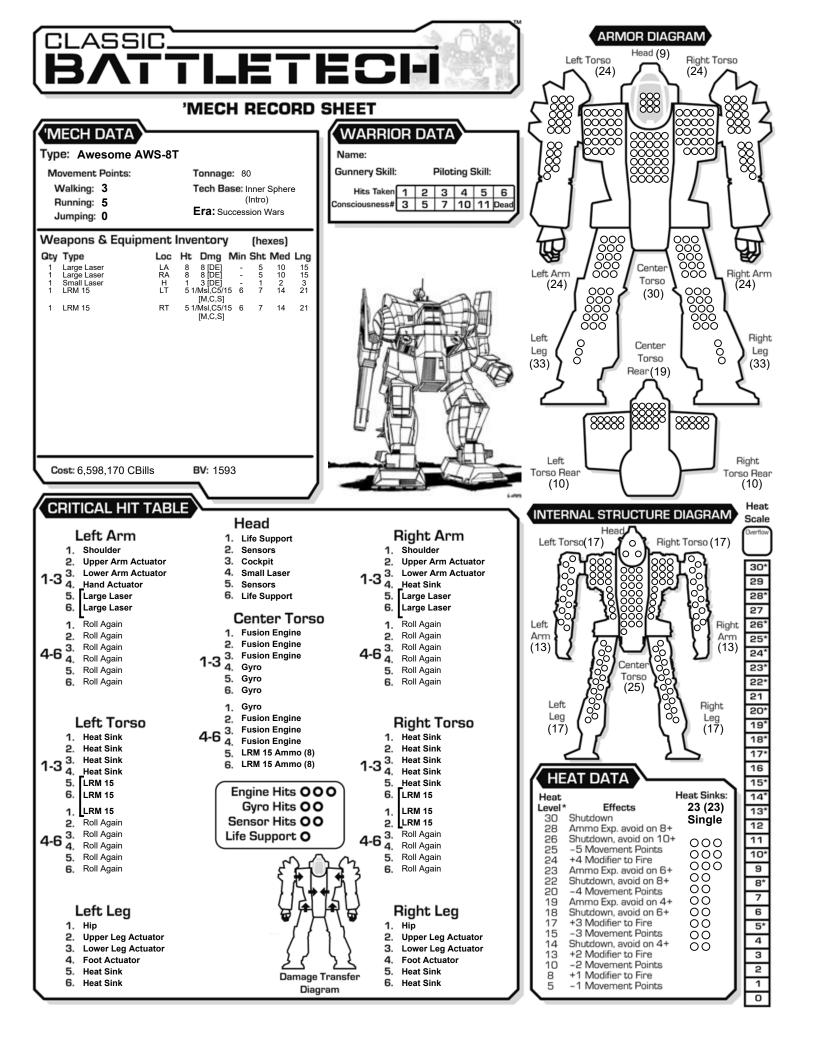
There are no enemy units inside the building or adjacent to the building

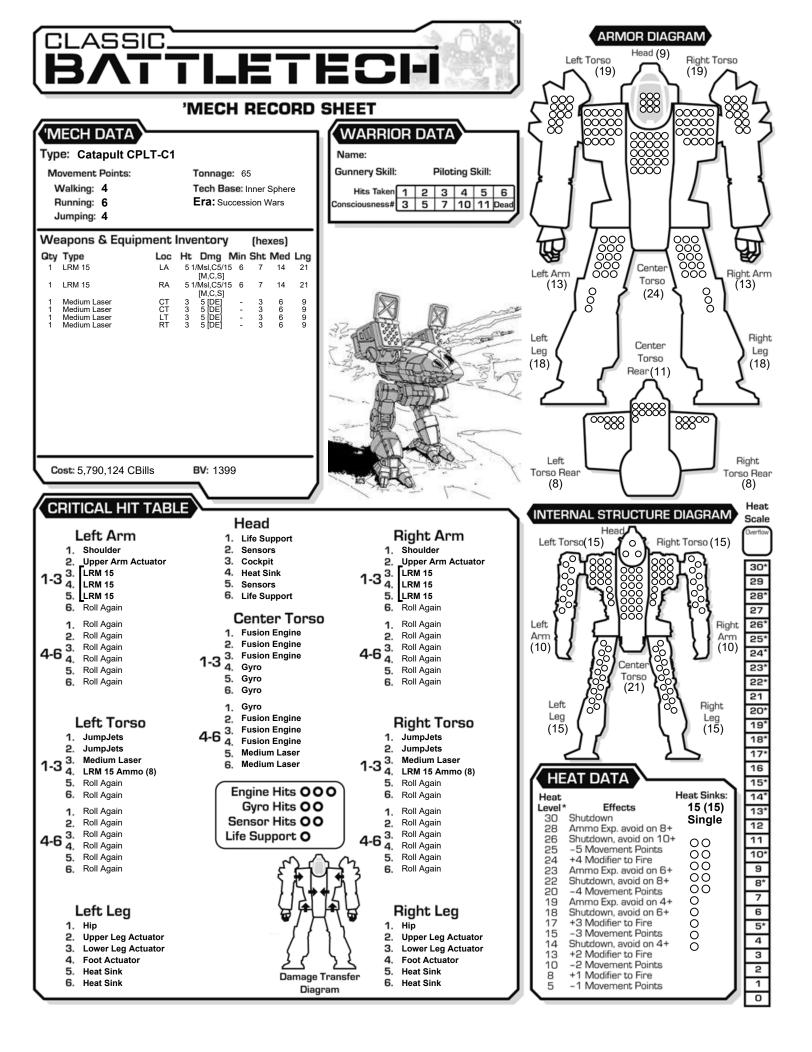
At least one player unit is inside or adjacent to the building

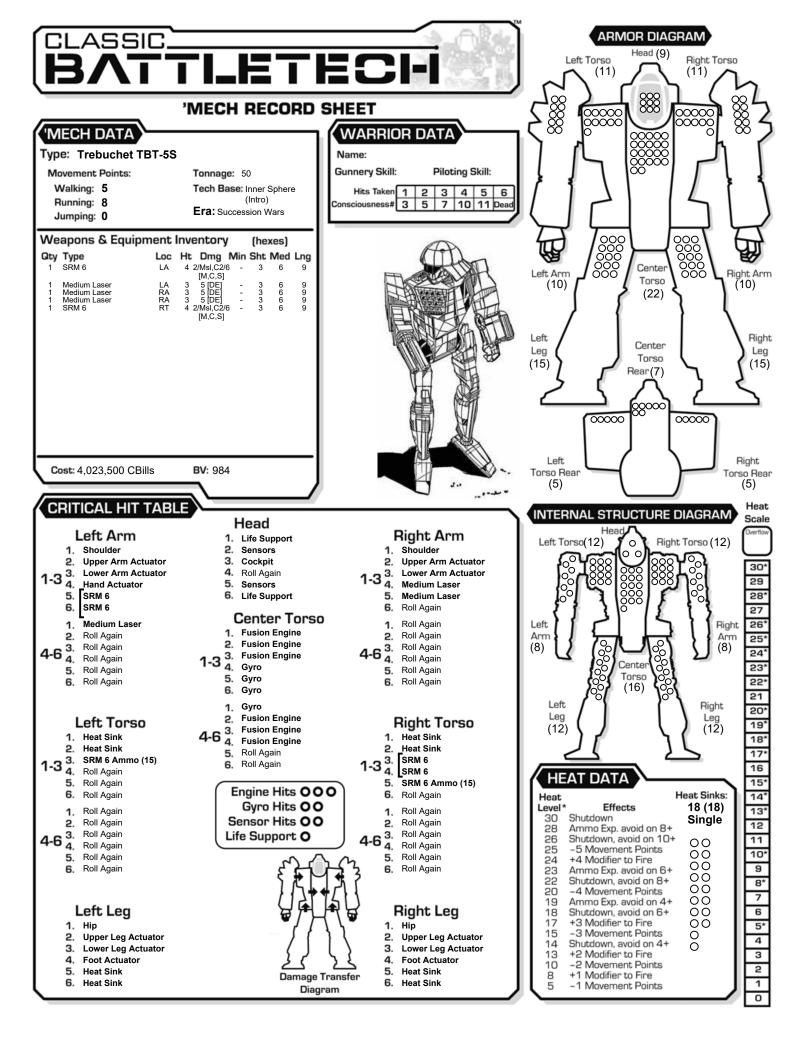
Note that players may have to physically enter the building and mix it up to eliminate all the defenders.

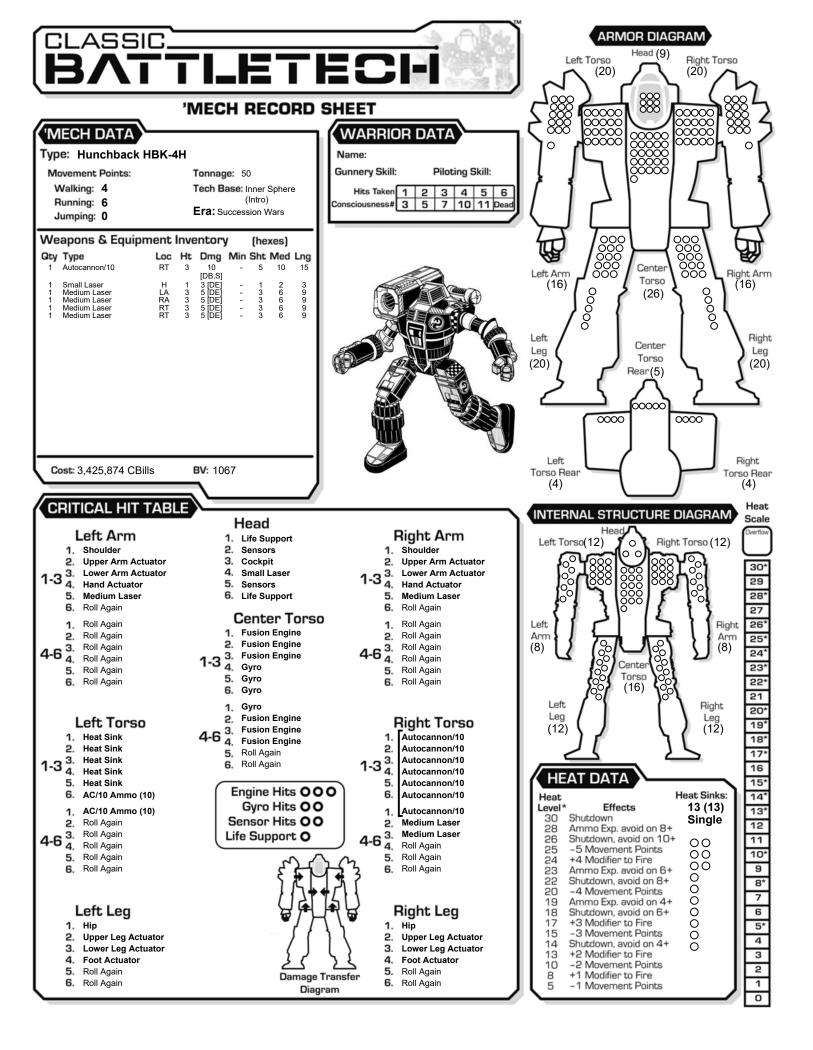
Award (C-Bills)	Mech Survived	Mech Severely Damaged	Mech Destroyed
The heroes Captured the Control tower	350,000	250,000	100,000
The Heroes captured the administrative building	+100,000	+100,000	+100,000
The Heroes were unable to capture the control	150,000	100,000	50,000
tower by the end of the game			

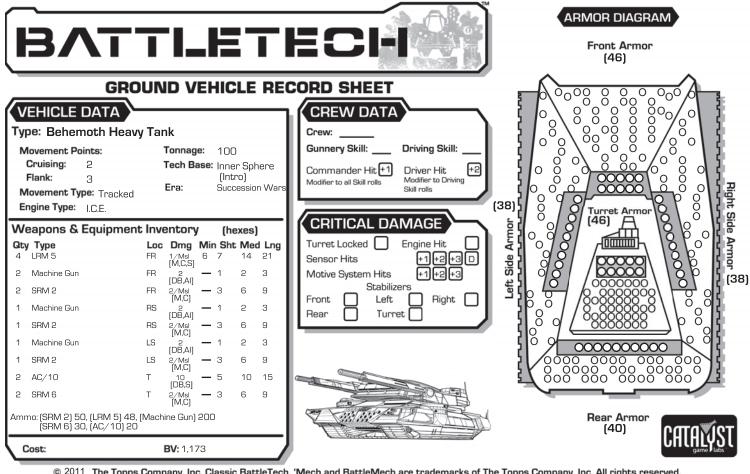
Award (XP)	Pilot Survived	Pilot Killed
The heroes Captured the Control tower	15	5
The Heroes were unable to capture the control tower by the	8	3
end of the game		
Opposing 'Mech/Combat Vehicle destroyed by party	+1	+1











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10–11	Heavy damage;	only half Cruising MP (round f Il Driving Skill Rolls	fractions up),
12+	Major damage; Vehicle is immob	no movement for the rest of t bile.	the game.
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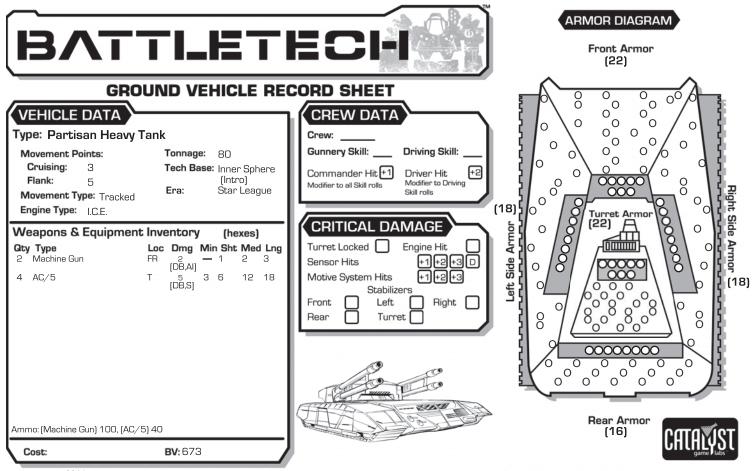
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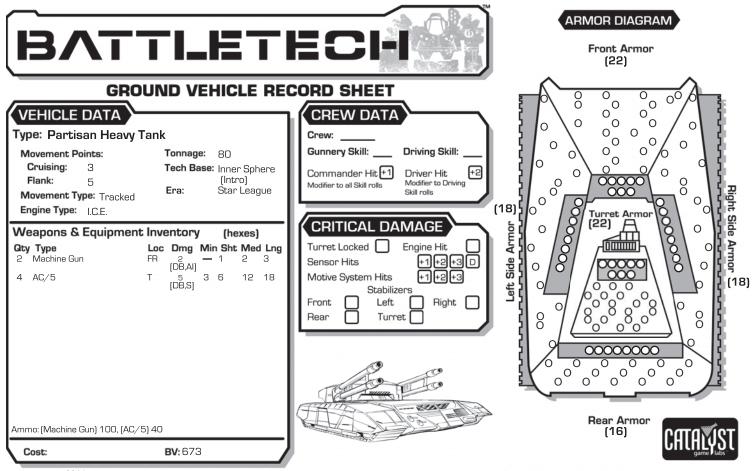
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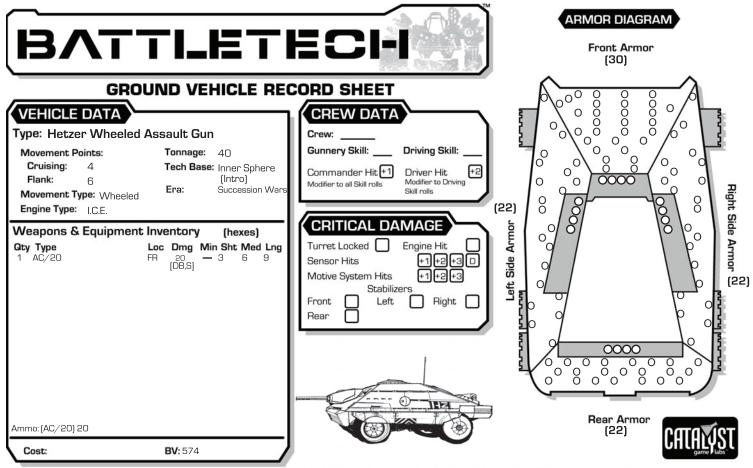
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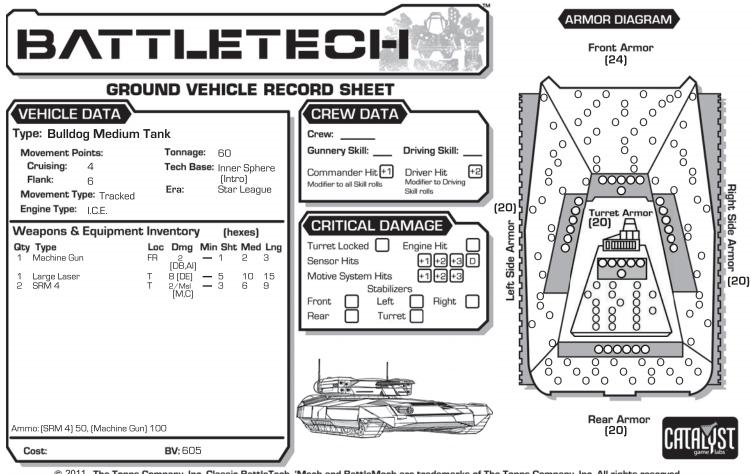
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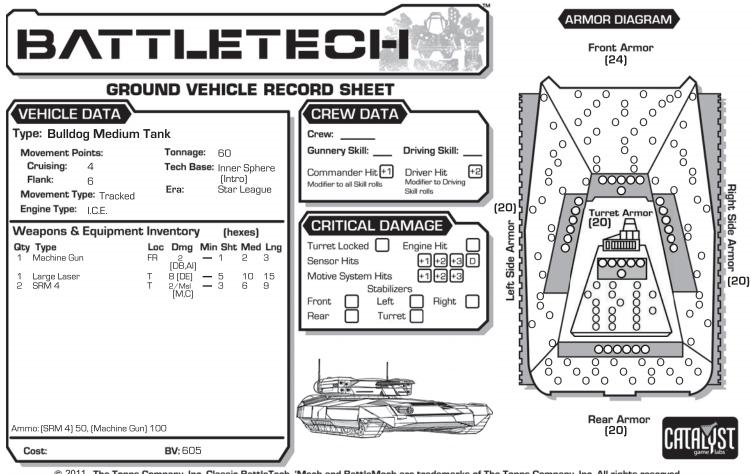
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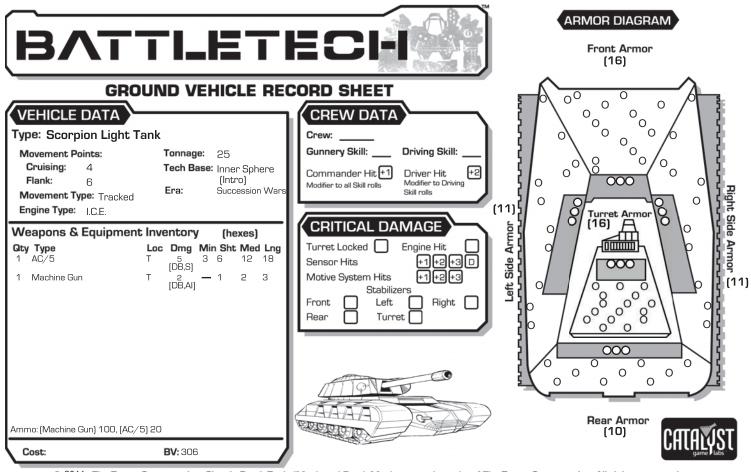
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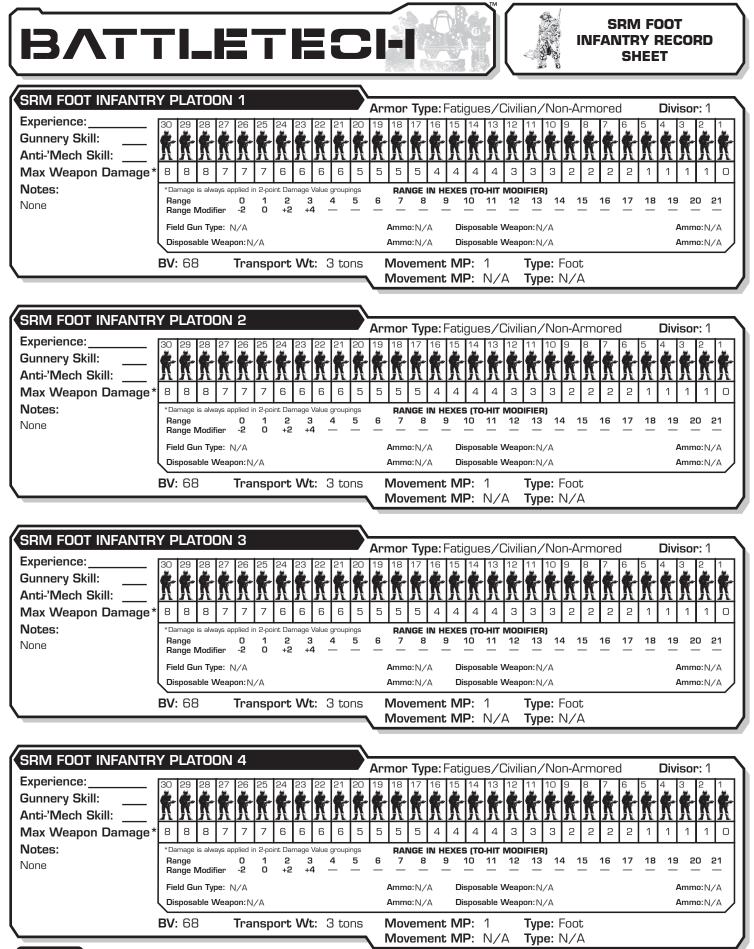
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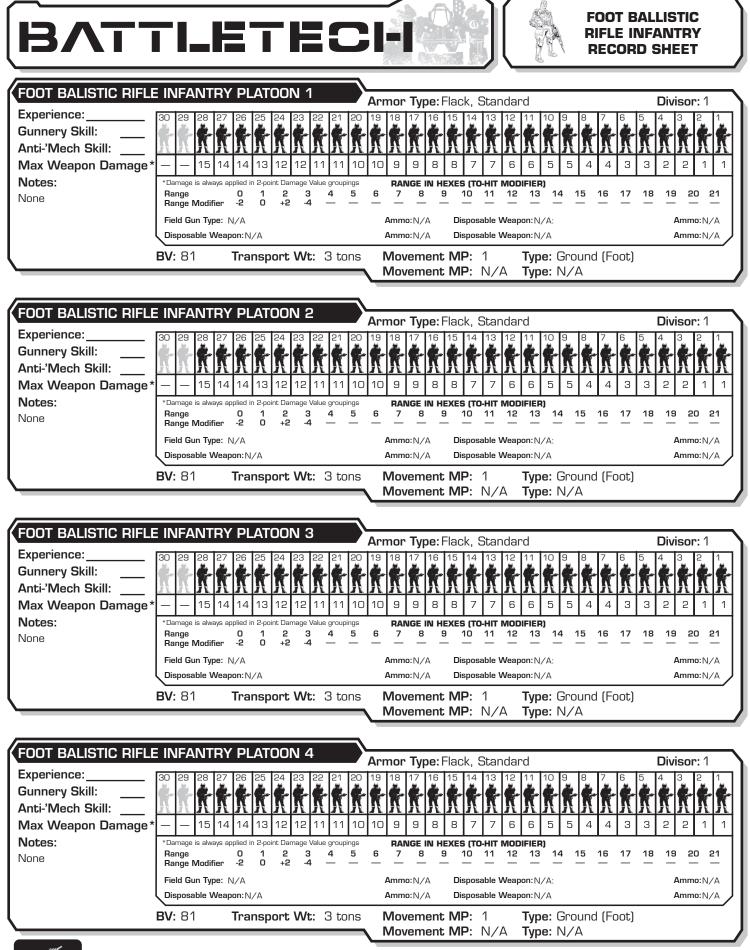
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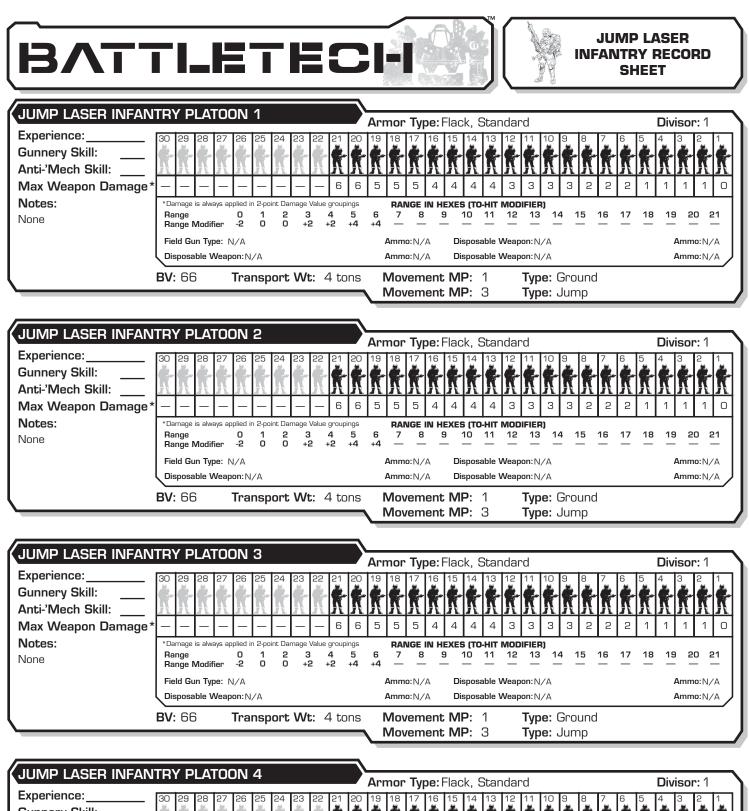
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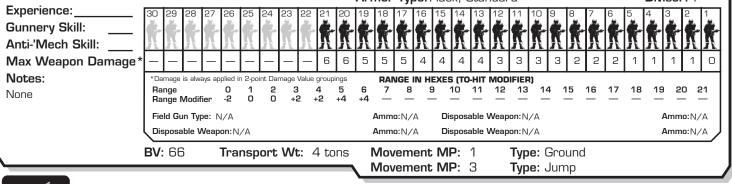
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