

Mission 3029-01: Choices Outskirts of Baktal, Sarna, Sarna Commonality, Capellan Confederation June 6, 3029 Pilot Skill: 3-4

Okay boys, listen up!

Welcome to Sarna! As you may be aware, we're currently here on loan from our Lyran employers to their FedSuns cousins. The Feds are using us as part of an assault on a Capellan regional capital. Fun, right?

Yeah, not so much. Turns out things went south before we even landed on this rock. First, the regular FedSuns troops - the Fifth Syrtis RCT, decided they wanted to show off and raced ahead to land on the planet two days early. That's when we learned that this planet, so far behind the lines that everyone expected it to be safe, is actually defended by the four surviving regiments of McCarron's Armored Cavalry. Without us mercs to back them up, the Fifth were badly outnumbered and got cut to pieces. There are still some survivors who went to ground, but not many.

To make matters worse, apparently, in their desperation, some guys from the Fifth decided to attack the HPG facility in Sarna city. As you might be aware, that's a terrible idea - Comstar is quite defensive of its monopoly on FTL communications. As a result, they've cut off the Feds entirely. Nobody knows how long the interdiction is going to last, but it's likely to be a while.

Why do we care? Well, here's the problem. Technically, our contract with the Lyrans ran out on June 1st, five days ago. Our contract has an exclusive option for the Lyrans to extend it for another six months. They haven't exercised that option, because they can't talk to us to do so. However, because that option exists, the Feds can't legally hire us either. That means that we're currently without contract in the middle of a war zone. Our liaison with the Feds has promised us that we'll get paid even if the Lyrans don't extend the contract, but there's no way to legally bind them to it.

So we've mostly been playing it safe. Our liaison says that they should be able to get a message back via "Pony Express", but that may take some time. In the meanwhile we've been running patrols for them as a show of goodwill, but we have been actively avoiding combat. If we get too beaten up there's no way to guarantee that we get paid - which would make repairs difficult. Why would either anyone hire a beaten up unit? To make matters worse, the Screaming Eagles have subcontracted an independent unit called "Muerte's Merodeadores". They're the remnants of the mercs who were pretending to be pirates that we ran afoul of on Memphis back in '25. Apparently they're sore at us for the drumming we gave them there, and have been itching for a fight ever since. Given that we aren't currently officially working for the Feds, it's only a matter of time before they attack.

Which brings us to the immediate issue. You're currently on patrol here at the Tapi river delta, a few hours south of Baktal. It seems like you've stumbled across the final stages of a fight

between a survivor from the Fifth Syrtis Fusiliers and the local Big Mac defenders. Both sides are requesting your help. If we help the Feds we're playing it safe, and it'll decrease the odds that they'll screw us in contract negotiations. If you help the Cappie, well, we can hopefully get out of the seriously bad position we find ourselves in, outnumbered by some of the Confederation's best troops on their own planet. Technically, since we aren't under contract, we can legally go either way without getting the MRB sore at us.

Oh - and here's where it gets even more complicated. It looks like Muerte's boys are here too, and it looks like they think this is their chance to get revenge for Memphis. Make sure you call them "Morty's Marauders" - they hate that.

Map: Use the Racice River map from the Tukayyid map pack (if available). Otherwise, any heavily rivered map will do nicely.



Recommended Maps: 1: Racice_River_Delta

Setup: Player 'mechs enter on the top side of the map, while Muerte's Merodeadors enter from the bottom on turn 1. The Federated Suns command enters from the middle of the left edge while the Capellan commander enters from the middle of the right side of the map.

Special Rules

I'm not saying I'd like to build a summer home here but some of the trees are really quite lovely: If using the Racice River Delta, several nonstandard terrain types will be present. See Foliage (TO:AR p. 34), Mud (TO:AR p. 48) and Swamp (TO:AR p. 49)

Ancient Enmity: Our heroes stumble across the two remaining warriors in what was a nasty fight between a FedSuns lance and a Capellan Lance. The remaining warriors are listed in each BV Band. The Capellan and the Fed captains are operated by the GM and should charge at each other getting the best shots they can.

Pick a side!: They will not fire at either the player or enemy merc force until the players choose what side they are on. The players choose what side they want to work with by shooting the commander of the opposite faction. Once the first shot is made that is the faction the player will continue this campaign with. The enemy mercs will only shoot the player mechs until the players shoot one faction then the mercs will shoot the other faction.

Pick a side already! (SECRET: Don't tell players!): If the PCs haven't chosen a side by the end of turn 5, the Merodeadores will choose for them by shooting at the more damaged 'mech. (If neither mech is clearly more damaged than the other, then the GM should choose randomly)

After you: For initiative the Davion and Capellian will move and shoot after the player and

mercs. Once the players choose a side, that faction's commander will join the player's initiative order and the other commander will join the merc's initiative order. The player with the lowest by value will control the allied mech.

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Name	#	Variant	Reference	BV	Cost
				(4/5)	
Hunchback	1	HBK-4SP	3039 pg 212	1043	3,446,874
Centurion	1	CN9-AL	3039 pg 204	1057	3,395,874
Panther	1	PNT-9R	3039 pg	769	2,485,710
Thunderbolt	1	TDR-5S	3039 pg	1335	5,413,759
Grasshopper	1	GHR-5N	3050 pg 192	1511	6,160,573
Goliath	1	GOL-1H	3039 pg 498	1449	7,651,199
Marauder II	1	MAD-4A	3039 pg 504	2073	9,356,000
Vindicator	1	VND-1R	3039 pg 199	1024	3,181,083
Kintaro	1	KTO-18	3039 pg 421	1187	4,704,457
Marauder	1	MAD-3L	3039 pg 495	1369	6,467,125
Marauder	1	MAD-3D	3039 pg 494	1470	6,597,500
Highlander	1	HGN-733	3039 pg 433	1801	8,320,860
Atlas	1	AS7-D	3039 pg	1897	9,626,000

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

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5500-6000 (5549 Total)

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6000-6500 (6142 Total)

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6500-7000 (6476 Total)

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Capellan: Vindicator VND-1R (2/3), Fed Suns: Kintaro KTO-18 (2/3)

7000-7500 (6960 Total)

Centurion CN9-AL (4/5), Thunderbolt TDR-5S (3/4), Panther PNT-9R (4/5), Hunchback HBK-4SP (3/4), Grasshopper GHR-5N (3/4) Capellan: Marauder MAD-3L (3/4), Fed Suns: Marauder MAD-3D (3/4)

7500-8000 (7544 Total)

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8000-8500 (7982 Total)

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8500-9000 (8409 Total)

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9000-9500 (8993 Total)

Centurion CN9-AL (3/4), Thunderbolt TDR-5S (3/4), Panther PNT-9R (3/4), Hunchback HBK-4SP (3/4), Grasshopper GHR-5N (3/4), Goliath GOL-1H (4/5) Capellan: Marauder MAD-3L (2/3), Fed Suns: Marauder MAD-3D (2/3)

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10000-10500 (10031 Total)

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10500-11000 (10612 Total)

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11000-11500 (10946 Total)

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Capellan: Highlander HGN-733 (3/4), Fed Suns: Atlas AS7-D (3/4)

11500-12000 (11530 Total)

Centurion CN9-AL (3/4), Thunderbolt TDR-5S (3/4), Hunchback HBK-4SP (3/4), Grasshopper GHR-5N (3/4), Goliath GOL-1H (3/4), Marauder II MAD-4A (4/5), Panther PNT-9R (3/4) Capellan: Highlander HGN-733 (2/3), Fed Suns: Atlas AS7-D (2/3)

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12500-13000 (12568 Total)

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Mission Objectives: Destroy the enemy commander's mech (FedSuns or Capellan, depending on who you side with). If you can keep your ally alive, that's definitely a bonus, since you'll need him to vouch for you in the upcoming contract negotiations.

Award (C-Bills)	Mech Survived	Mech Severely Damaged	Mech Destroyed
Destroy the enemy commander (Mission Successful)	350,000	250,000	100,000
Keep your commander's 'mech intact	+100,000	+100,000	+100,000
Enemy Commander survives (Mission Unsuccessful)	150,000	100,000	50,000
(Secret Objective): Capture the enemy commander alive while keeping your allied commander alive	+100,000	+100,000	+100,000

Award (XP)	Pilot Survived	Pilot Killed
Destroy the enemy commander (Mission Successful)	15	5
Enemy Commander survives (Mission Unsuccessful)	8	3
Opposing 'Mech/Combat Vehicle destroyed by party (each)	+1	+1

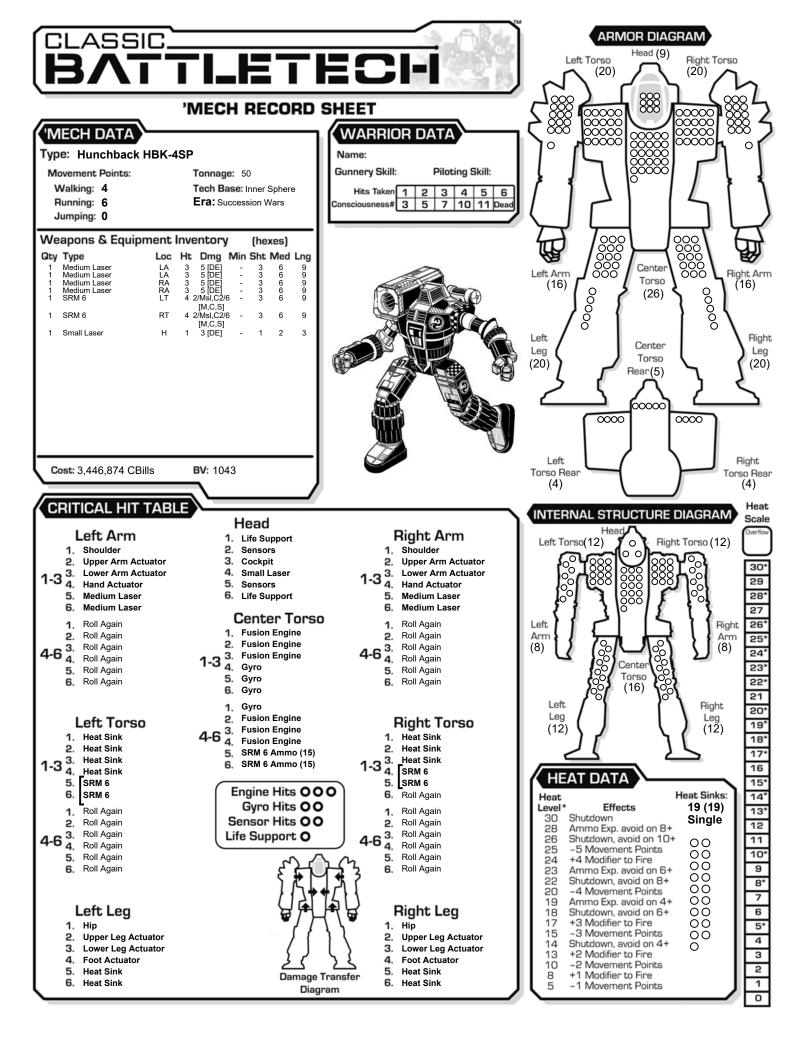
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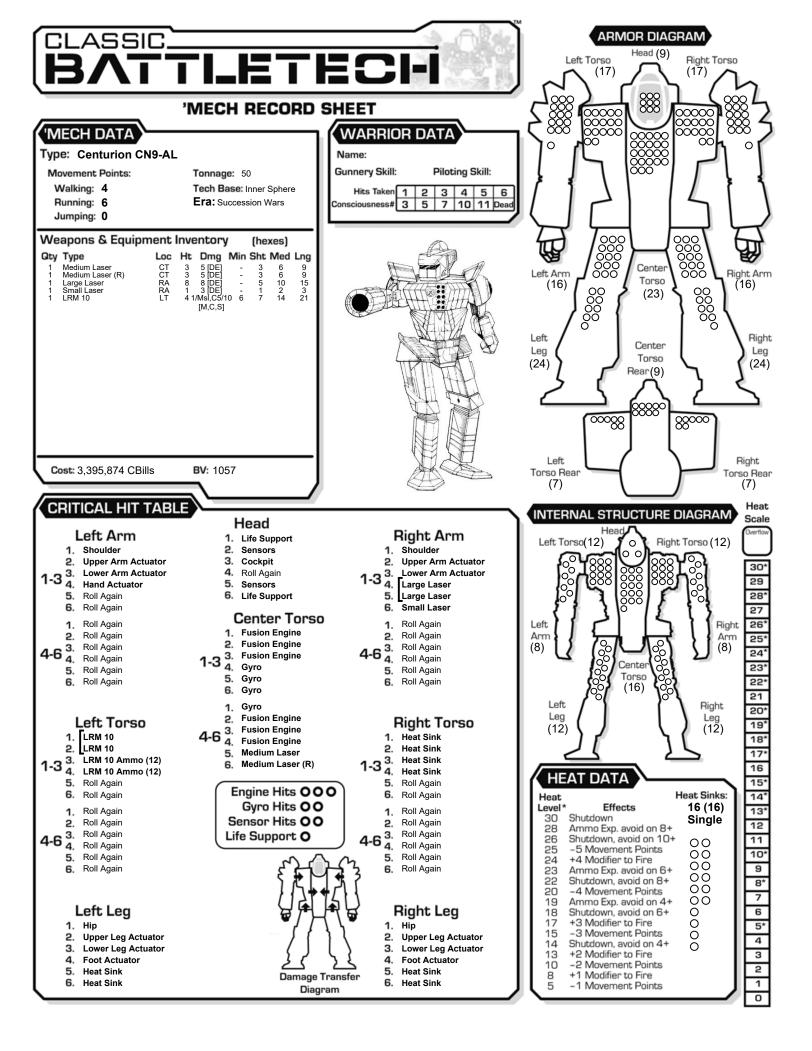
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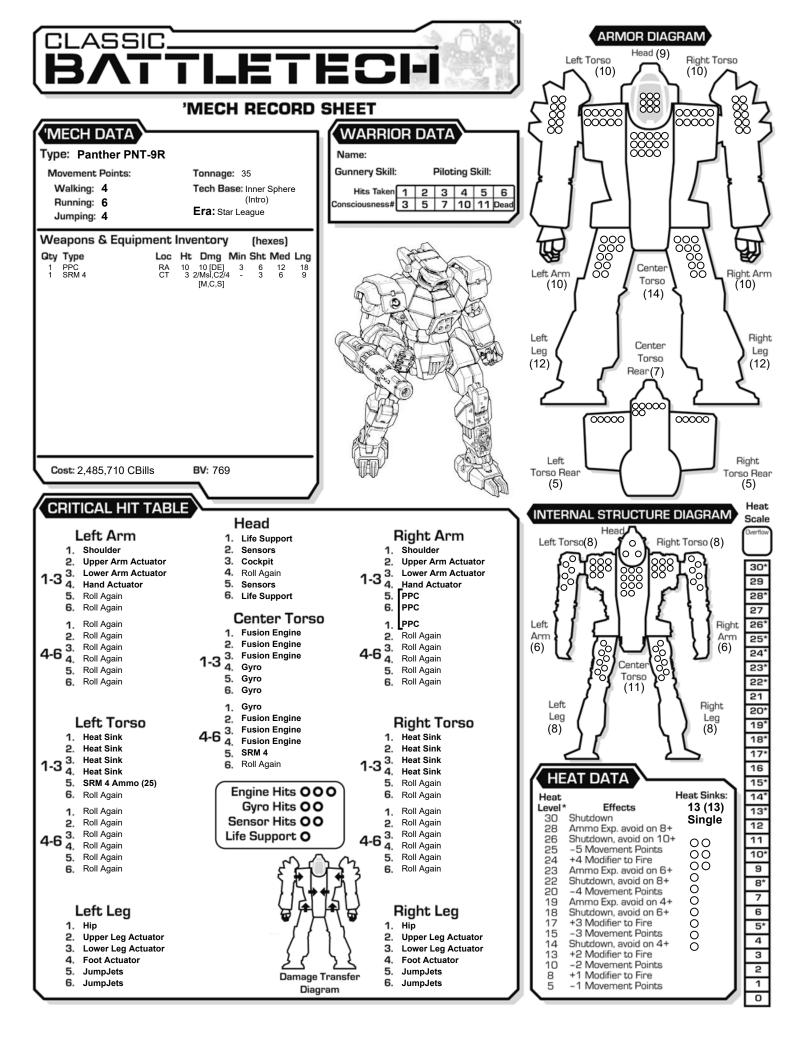
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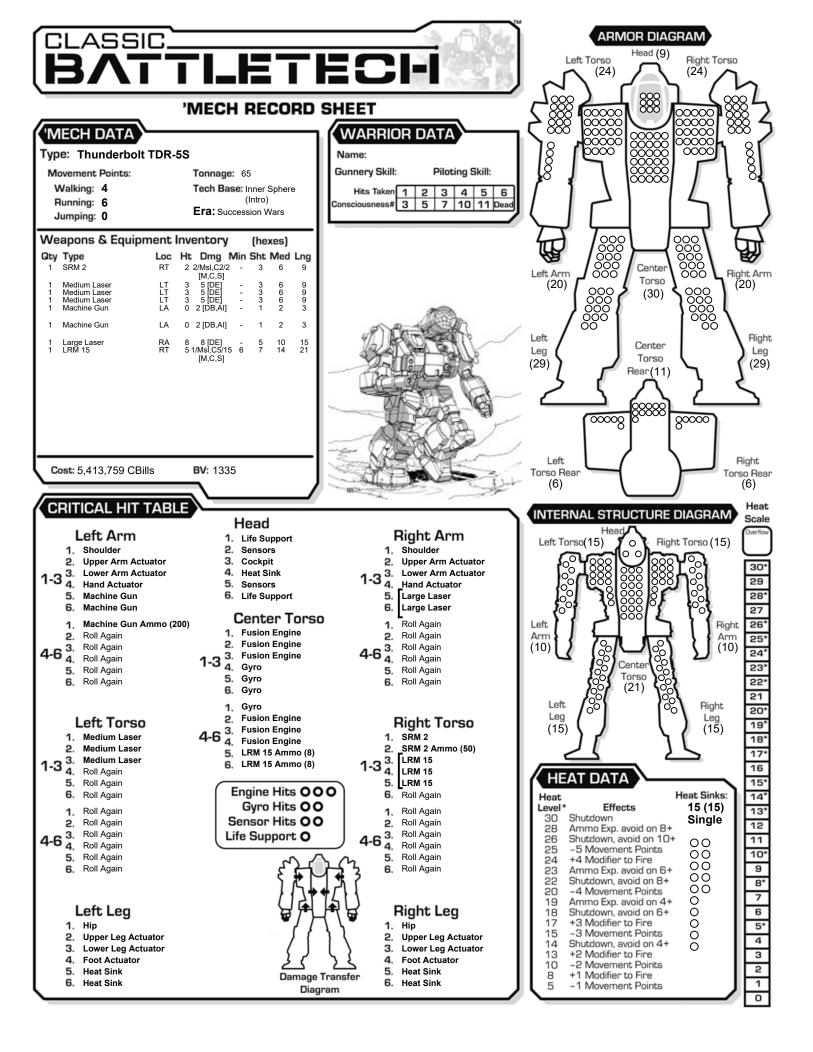
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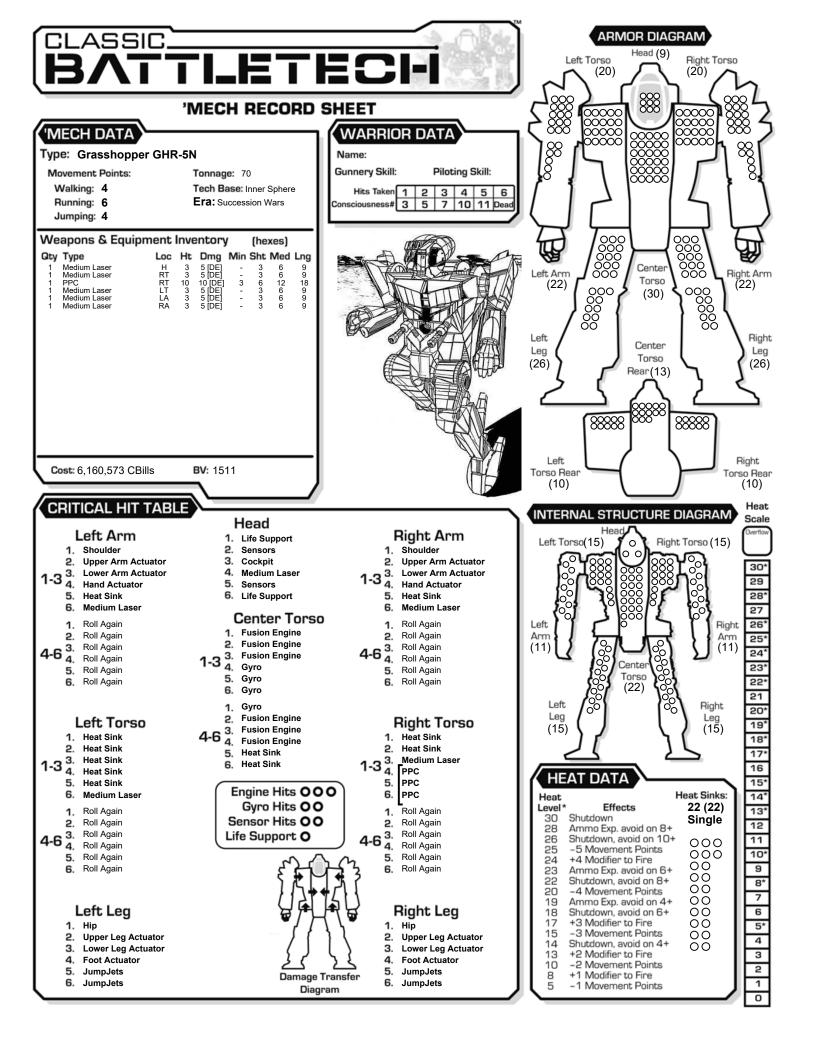
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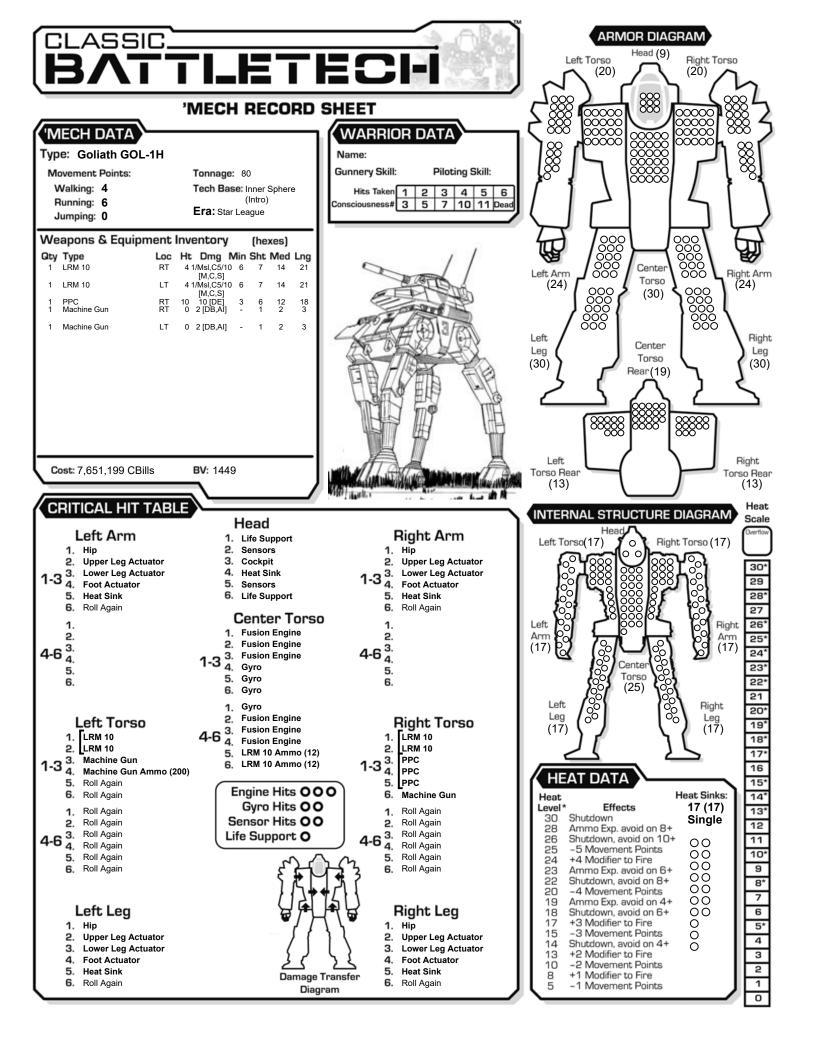


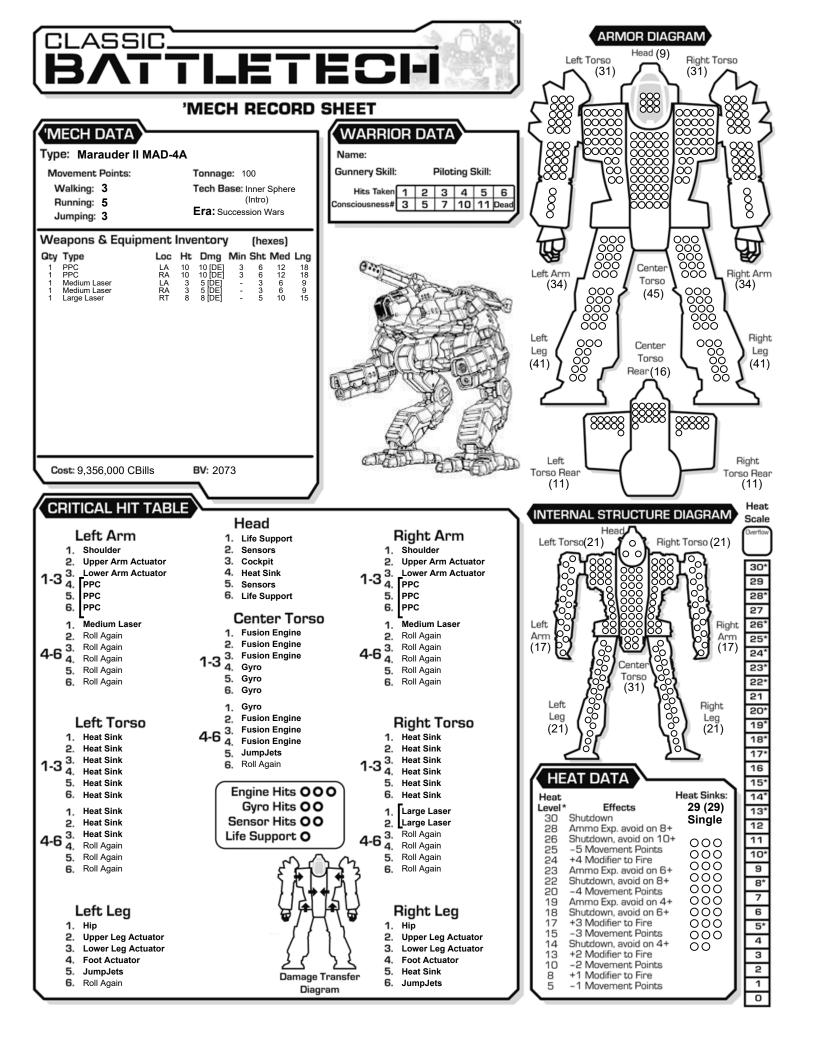


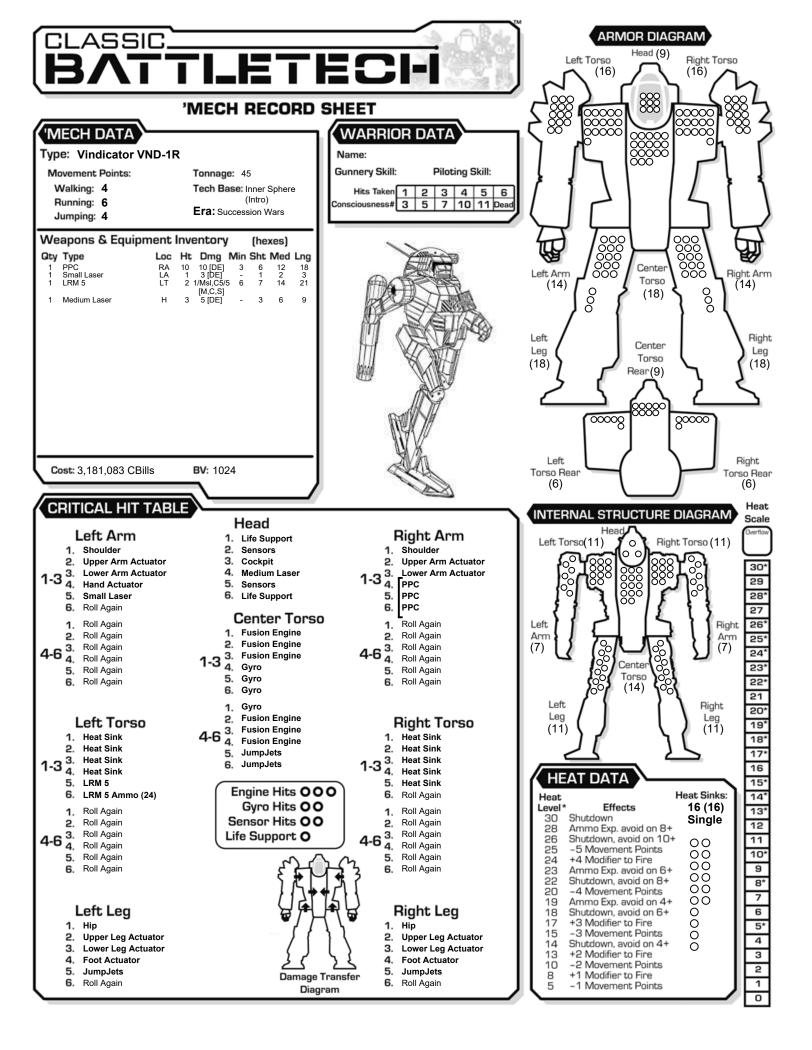


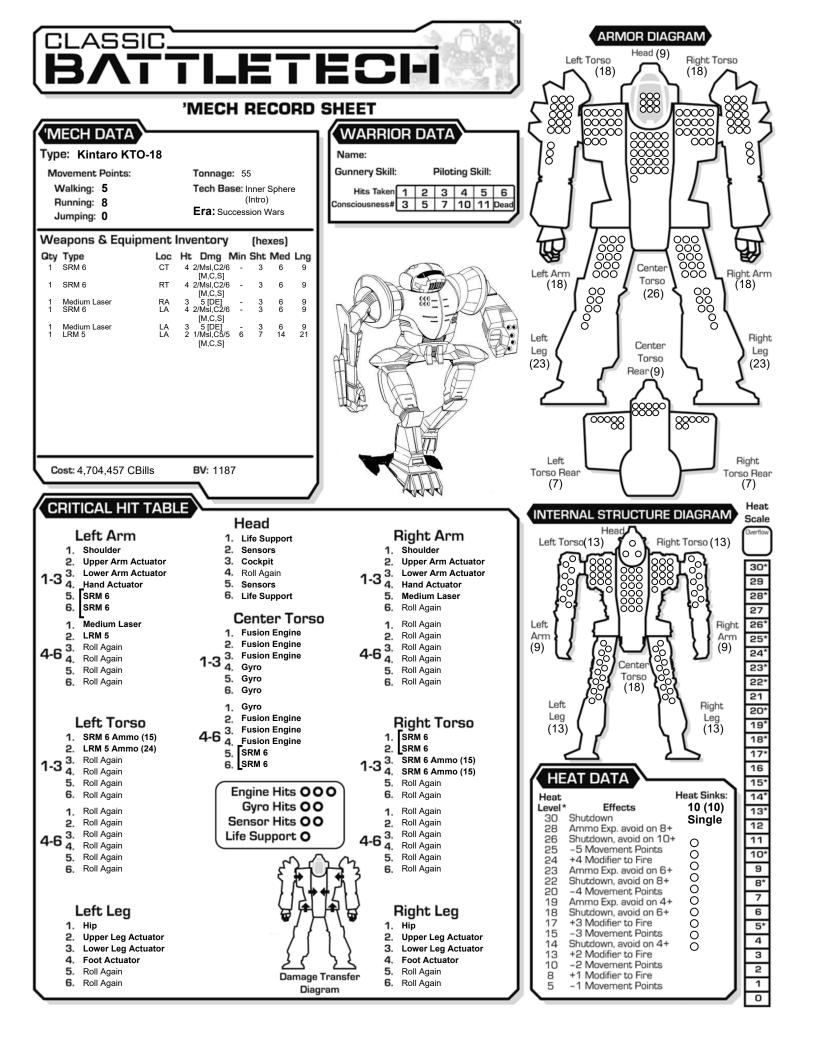


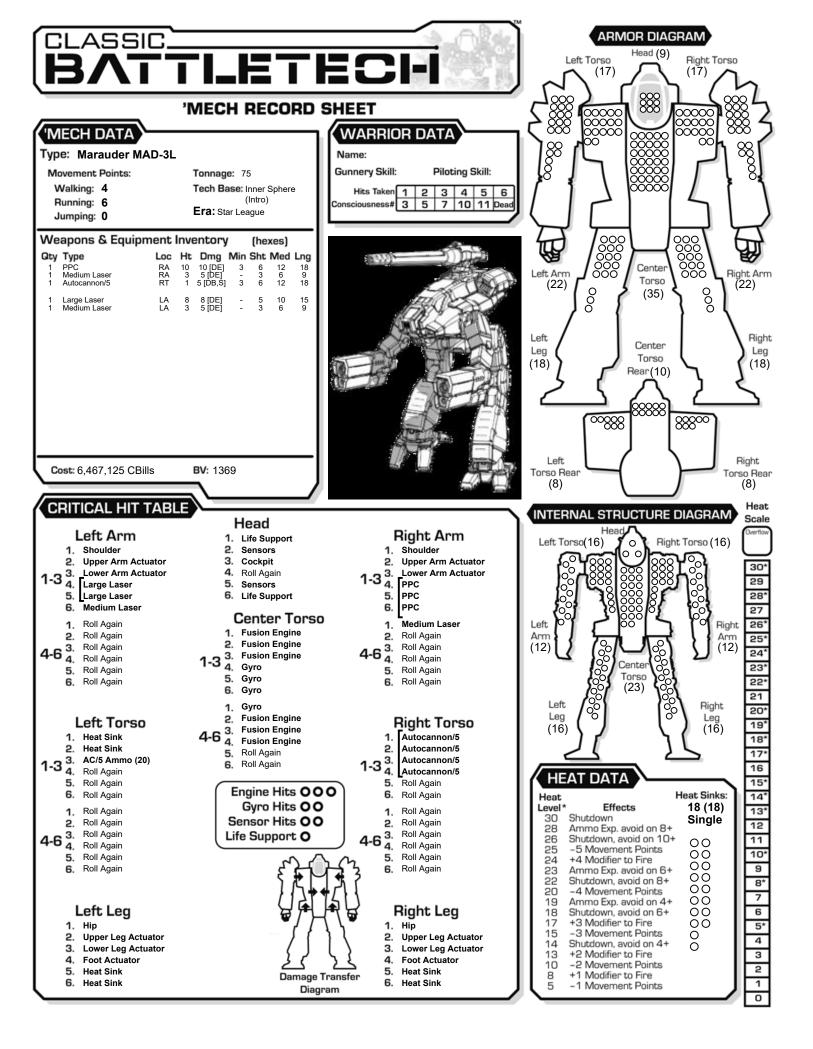


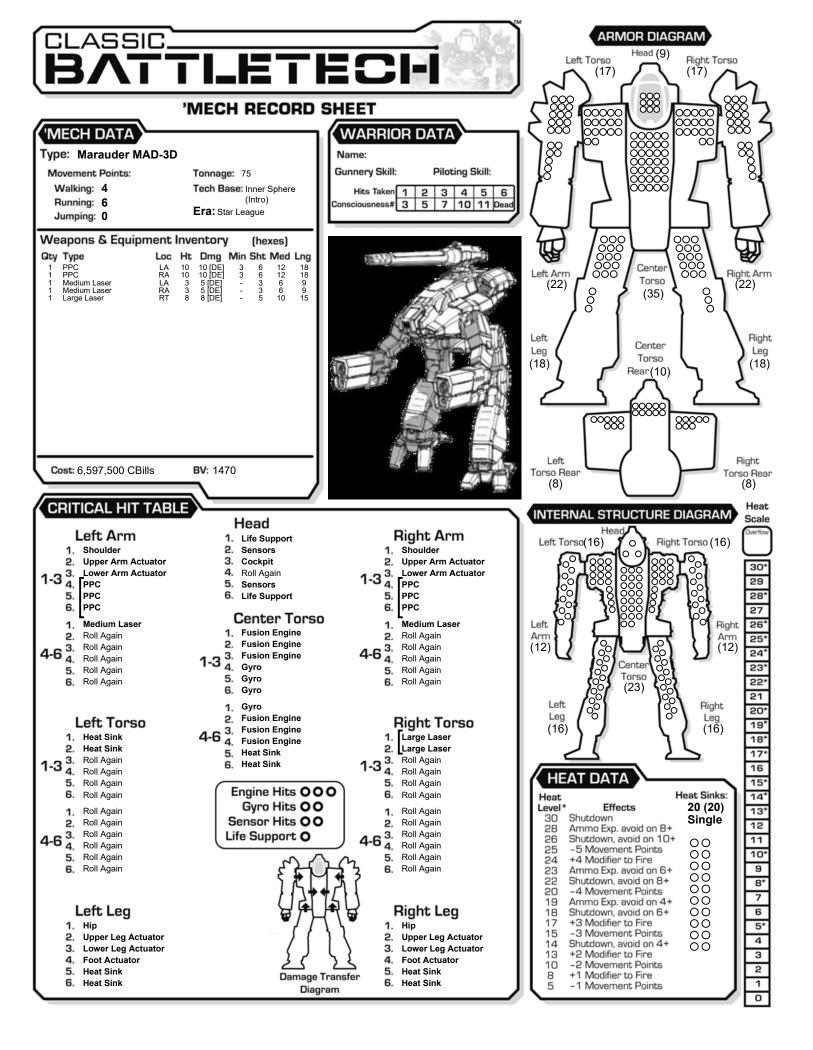


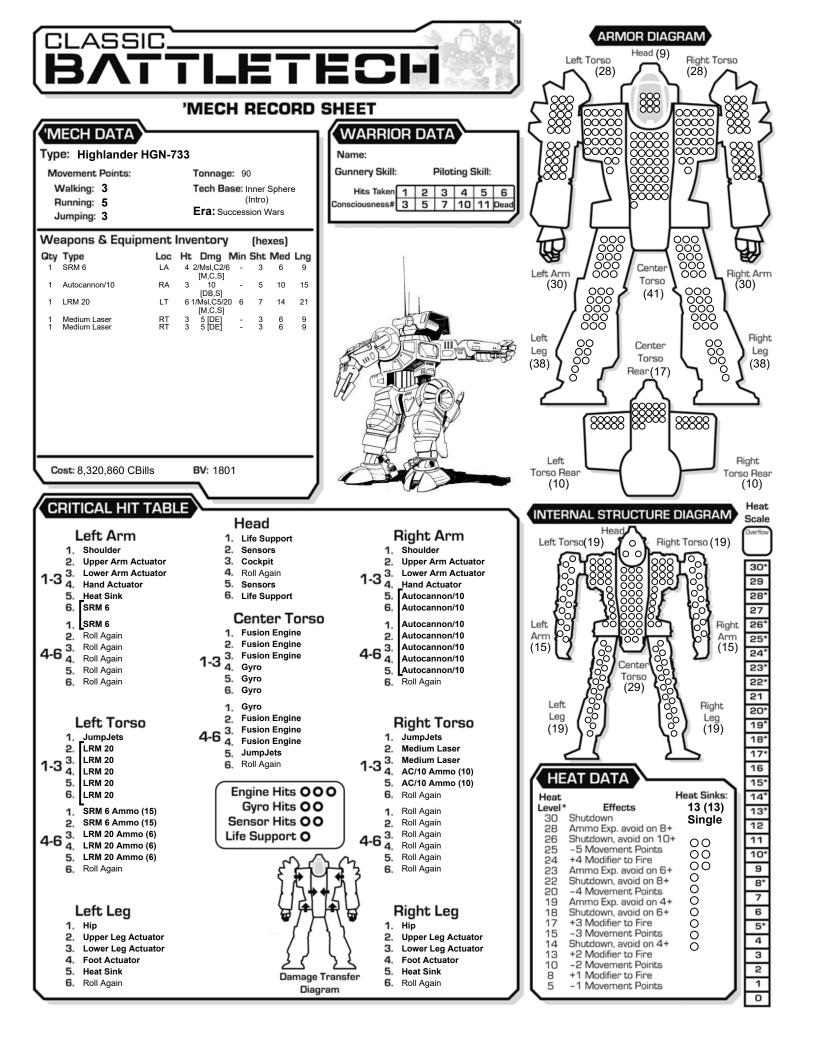


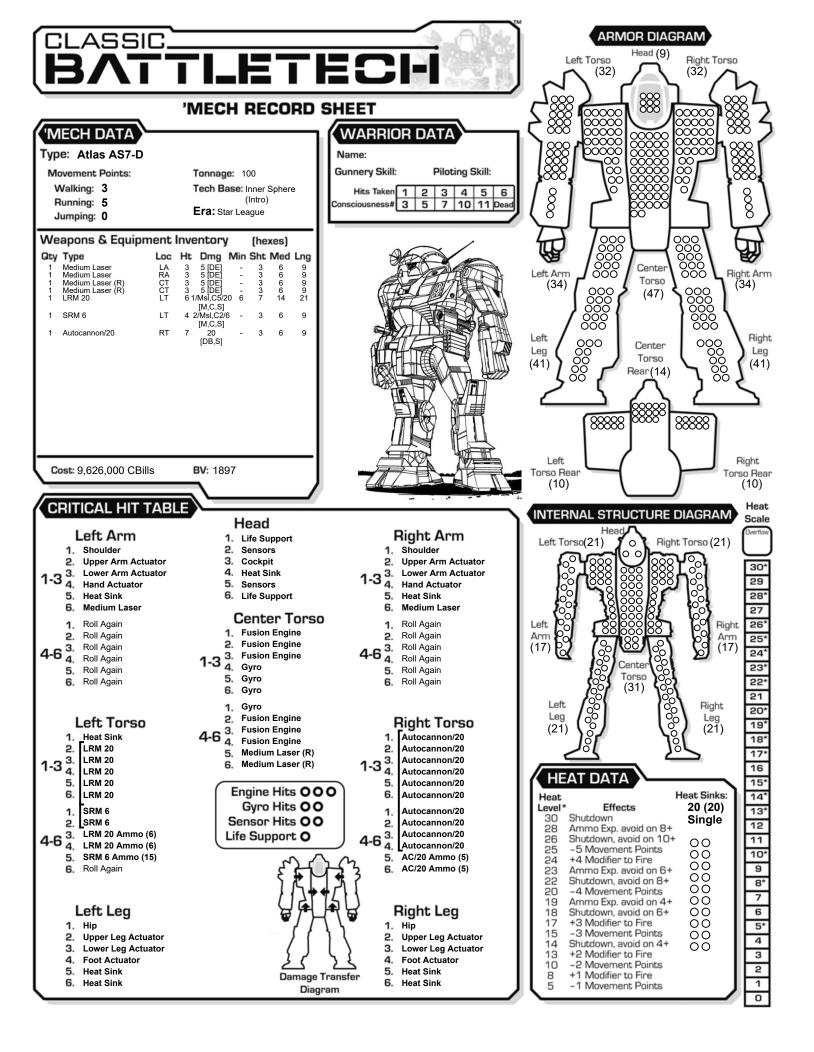














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- Enemy Commander survives (Mission Unsuccessful)
- Opposing 'Mech/Combat Vehicle destroyed by party (+1 XP each) (x)
- (Secret Objective): Capture the enemy commander alive while keeping your allied commander alive (+100,000 C-Bills)

Mech Status

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C-Bill Reward _____ XP Reward _____

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