

To create your trooper, choose rank, name, profile, background, stats, moves, and loadout. Assign bonds (+2, +1, -1) with other PCs and NPCs.

STATS: CHOOSE A SET							
BATTLE+2	BATTLE+2	BATTLE+2	BATTLE+2				
GUTS+1	GUTS=0	GUTS+1	GUTS=0				
LEADERSHIP=0	LEADERSHIP-1	LEADERSHIP+1	LEADERSHIP=0				
LUCKY+1	LUCKY+1	LUCKY-1	LUCKY+1				
TACTICS-1	TACTICS+1	TACTICS=0	TACTICS=0				

Private First Class (Pfc), Technician 5th Grade (T/5), or Corporal (Cpl).

PROFILE BACKGROUND

Methodical, Bold, Cool, Precise, Athlete, Artist, Teacher, Student, Laborer,

SQUAD DESIGNATION

Charming, Sharp, Fragile, Reckless, Craftsman, Doctor, Lawyer, Engineer, Indecisive, Icy, Savage, Absent- Drifter, Musician, Mechanic, Firefighter, Minded, Gung-Ho, Honorable, Reporter, Farmer, Cook, Driver, Clerk,

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Pessimistic, Cheerful, Dominant.	Caretaker, Parent, Criminal.				
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ROVEMENTS	ADVANCED (4+)	MARK XP WHEN:
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Oget +1stat (max+3) Oget +1grit Oget +1stat (max+3) Oget 1-tough

Oget a new move O 2nd character

Oget a new move

FINAL (7+) Oget a new move Ogo home

(from any playbook)

- YOU MISS A ROLL
- A MOVE TELLS YOU
- YOU RESET A BOND
- END OF SESSION CHECKLIST

TROOPER SPECIAL .

You always were an asshole: When you die, use up your remaining gear to make an attack with +1d +area but expose friendlies to 1d incidental fire from that attack.

Or choose cinematic death (EW2) if that option is in play.

TROOPER MOVES Choose two more

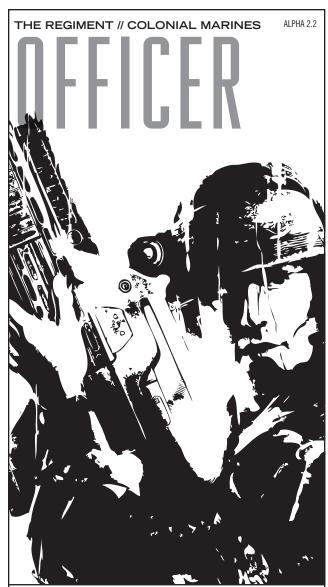
- Marines Go First: When you charge forward and take ground to bring the fight to the enemy, mark xp.
- O Battle tested: You get +1battle (max +3).
- O Comrade in arms: When you help someone who's rolling and get a hit, they take +2 to their roll instead of +1.
- O Eye for Supply: When you scrounge for ammo or weapons, roll+battle instead of roll+lucky.
- O *Heavy weapon:* Spend 1-supply from the unit surplus to equip a heavy weapon for the mission. Incinerator, heavy MG, rocket launcher, mortar, your call.
- O Fight back: When you push vourself, roll+battle instead of roll+guts.
- O Spray & pray: When you assault or provide covering fire, you can spend additional gear 1-for-1 to take +1 to your roll.
- O Stone cold: You get 1-grit.
- O Get Some!: When you attack or assault the enemy against a determined foe that outnumbers or outguns you, gain 1-tough and +1grit.

LOADOUT Choose one

- O Pulse Rifle (3d close/near spray), shotgun (3d tight messy), frag and smoke grenades.
- O Smartgun (3d near/far autofire, IFF, indirect), sidearm (2d tight quick), frag and smoke grenades.

Also: helmet w/camera and light, commlink, motion sensor, combat knife (2d tight), ammo, flares, hydration packs, nutrient packs, barter items worth 3-smokes, 1-personal item (detail).

OTHER EQUIPMENT AND SPOILS OF WAR



To create your officer, choose rank, name, profile, background, stats, moves, and loadout. Assign bonds (+2, +1, -1) with other PCs and NPCs.

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STATS: CHOOSE A SET							
BATTLE+1	BATTLE=0	BATTLE+1	BATTLE+1				
GUTS=0	GUTS+1	GUTS+1	GUTS-1				
LEADERSHIP+1	LEADERSHIP+1	LEADERSHIP=0	LEADERSHIP+1				
LUCKY-1	LUCKY-1	LUCKY-1	LUCKY=0				
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RANK

2nd Lieutenant (2Lt), 1st Lieutenant (1Lt).

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IMPROVEMENTS ADVANCED (4+) MARK XP WHEN:

Oget +1stat (max+3) Oget +1grit Oget +1stat (max+3) Oget 1-tough

Oget a new move O 2nd character

Oget a new move FINAL (7+)

O get a new move O go home (from any playbook)

 YOU RESET A BOND
 END OF SESSION CHECKLIST

YOU MISS A ROLL

A MOVE TELLS YOU

OFFICER SPECIAL •

Final orders: When you die, call in *fire support* as if you had rolled a 10+ and give your final order. When your soldiers follow through on your order, they take +1.

Or choose cinematic death (EW2) if that option is in play.

OFFICER MOVES Choose one more

- Logistics: Between sessions and when there's downtime, roll+tactics. On a 10+, the unit has surplus. On a 7-9, it has surplus and one trouble (GM picks). On a miss, it's all trouble.
- Harsh Lessons: When one (or more) of your soldiers are killed or go critical because of a decision you made, mark xp.
- O **Pull Rank:** Take +1 to *impose your will* if you outrank the target and they're in your chain of command.
- O *Fire Support:* When you call in an air-strike, orbital bombardment, etc. spend 1-supply from the unit surplus and roll+leadership. On a 10+, it comes through. On a 7-9, the GM chooses one:
- The fire comes through on the target but also hits short, near you. Distribute 4d incidental fire among you and your team.
- The fire comes through but is a bit off-target w/ reduced effect.
- The fire will come through on target, but you'll have to wait for it.

On a miss, no fire support is available. Take back your 1-supply.

- O **Tactical support:** You can choose to roll+**tactics** instead of roll+bond when you help someone.
- O *Planning is Everything:* When you make a battle plan, roll+tactics. On a hit, give your subordinates orders. If they follow through, they take +1 forward. On a 10+, also, you take +1 forward to an engagement move or you recover 1-stress.
- O *Master tactician:* You get +1tactics (max+3)

LOADOUT Choose one

- O Pulse Rifle (3d close/near spray), sidearm (2d tight quick), frag and smoke grenades.
- O **SMG** (2d tight/close spray), sidearm (2d tight quick), frag and smoke grenades.

Also: helmet w/camera and light, commlink, motion sensor, combat knife (2d tight), ammo, flares, security codes, datapad, hydration packs, nutrient packs, barter worth 2-smokes, 1-personal item (detail).



To create your medic, choose rank, name, profile, background, stats, moves, and loadout. Assign bonds (+2, +1, -1) with other PCs and NPCs.

STATS: CHOOSE A SET						
BATTLE+1	BATTLE+1	BATTLE=0	BATTLE+1			
GUTS+2	GUTS+2	GUTS+2	GUTS+2			
LEADERSHIP-1	LEADERSHIP-1	LEADERSHIP+1	LEADERSHIP+1			
LUCKY+1	LUCKY=0	LUCKY+1	LUCKY-1			
TACTICS=0	TACTICS+1	TACTICS-1	TACTICS=0			

Private First Class (Pfc), Corporal (Cpl).

BACKGROUND **PROFILE**

Methodical, Bold, Cool, Precise, Athlete, Artist, Teacher, Student, Laborer, Pessimistic, Cheerful, Dominant.

DEPLOYMENT

Charming, Sharp, Fragile, Reckless, Craftsman, Doctor, Lawyer, Engineer, Indecisive, Icy, Savage, Absent- Drifter, Musician, Mechanic, Firefighter, Minded, Gung-Ho, Honorable, Reporter, Farmer, Cook, Driver, Clerk, Psychotic, Hopeful, Shy, Guarded, Barber, Plumber, Service Worker, Writer, Caretaker, Parent, Criminal.

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GUTS LEADERSHIP **TACTICS**

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YOUR SQUAD & BONDS |

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IMPROVEMENTS ADVANCED (4+)

Oget +1grit Oget +1stat (max+3) Oget +1stat (max+3) Oget 1-tough

O 2nd character Oget a new move

Oget a new move FINAL (7+)

Oget a new move Ogo home (from any playbook)

MARK XP WHEN:

- YOU MISS A ROLL
- A MOVE TELLS YOU
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- END OF SESSION CHECKLIST

MEDIC SPECIAL I

Last bastion: When you die, you keep your untreatable mortal injury hidden for now and keep going. When you make the medic move, you automatically get a 10+. When the danger to your team has passed, or the mission is over, you succumb to your injuries and perish.

Or choose cinematic death (EW2) if that option is in play.

MEDIC MOVES Choose two more

- Medic!: When you attend to a casualty (in the heat of battle: mark xp), roll+guts. On a 10+, choose two. On a 7-9, choose one:
 - You stabilize them.
- You get them back in the fight, and take +1d to treat their harm if you choose that option.
- You treat their harm. You do "damage" in reverse. Roll a number of dice equal to your guts and index the VOF table (incidental fire). They recover stress or wounds according to the results. Spend +1 gear to re-roll or improve to direct, or spend +2 gear to improve to concentrated.
- O Battlefield grace: When you're attending to wounded in the heat of battle you and your patient get 1-tough.
- O Inopportune Target: When you are on the battlefield but do not take direct action against the enemy roll +lucky. On a 10+ the enemy are preoccupied with other targets or priorities. On a 7-9, you may still be exposed to enemy fire; but, gain concealment.
- O In Their Time of Need: When you provide comfort to a casualty, they recover 1-stress and increase their bond with you by 1. You may increase or decrease your bond with them by 1.
- O *Nerves of steel:* You get +1guts (max +3)
- O *Infirmary:* When you tend to your soldiers' health between sessions or during downtime away from danger, roll+guts. On a 10+, they can heal 2-stress and 2-wounds. On a 7-9, they can heal 1-stress and 1-wound. On a miss, they can spend 1-gear, yours or theirs, to heal 1-stress and 1-wound.

LOADOUT Choose one

- O Pulse Rifle (3d close/near spray), sidearm (2d tight quick), frag and smoke grenades.
- OSMG (2d tight/close spray), sidearm (2d tight quick), frag + smoke

Also: helmet w/camera and light, commlink, motion sensor, combat knife (2d tight), ammo, flares, medic kit, hydration packs, nutrient packs, barter worth 2-smokes, 1-personal item (detail).



To create your sergeant, choose rank, name, profile, background, stats, moves, and loadout. Assign bonds (+2, +1, -1) with other PCs and NPCs.

	STATS: CHOOSE A SET						
	BATTLE+1	BATTLE+1	BATTLE+1	BATTLE+1			
	GUTS+1	GUTS=0	GUTS+1	GUTS+1			
	LEADERSHIP+2	LEADERSHIP+2	LEADERSHIP+2	LEADERSHIP+2			
	LUCKY=0	LUCKY=0	LUCKY-1	LUCKY+1			
	TACTICS=0	TACTICS+1	TACTICS+1	TACTICS-1			

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Sergeant (Sgt), Staff Sergeant (S/Sgt).

PROFILE BACKGROUND

Methodical, Bold, Cool, Precise, Athlete, Artist, Teacher, Student, Laborer, Pessimistic, Cheerful, Dominant.

Charming, Sharp, Fragile, Reckless, Craftsman, Doctor, Lawyer, Engineer, Indecisive, Icy, Savage, Absent- Drifter, Musician, Mechanic, Firefighter, Minded, Gung-Ho, Honorable, Reporter, Farmer, Cook, Driver, Clerk, Psychotic, Hopeful, Shy, Guarded, Barber, Plumber, Service Worker, Writer, Caretaker, Parent, Criminal.

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DEPLOYMENT					
STATS -					
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YOUR SQUAD & BONDS

SQUAD DESIGNATION

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PROVEMENTS	ADVANCED (4+)	MARK XP WHEN

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A MOVE TELLS YOU

YOU RESET A BOND

END OF SESSION

CHECKLIST

Oget +1stat (max+3) Oget +1grit Oget +1stat (max+3) Oget 1-tough

Oget a new move O 2nd character

Oget a new move FINAL (7+)

Oget a new move Ogo home (from any playbook)

SERGEANT SPECIAL =

Frosty til the end: When you die, you have sudden insight into the battle. Ask the GM the best way for your soldiers to get out of here alive. While trying to get out, everyone gets +1grit and 1-tough.

Or choose cinematic death (EW2) if that option is in play.

SERGEANT MOVES Choose two more

- **Lead the way:** When you're leading a team and you have to push *vourself* or attempt a dangerous *combat action*, roll+**leadership**. The result applies for everyone on the team. If you get your team out of a bad spot, mark xp.
- O Inspiring: You can choose to roll+leadership instead of roll+bond when you help someone.
- O Battlefield awareness: When you assess a situation, roll+battle instead of roll+tactics.
- O Look out!: When a nearby teammate takes damage, you may take up to 2 of the stress or wounds they suffered on yourself instead.
- O Natural leader: You get +1leadership (max +3).
- O Not as had as it looked: After a battle, recover 1-stress or 1-wound.
- O Veteran instincts: When you've assessed a situation and you or a squadmate is acting on the GM's answer, take +1 to rolls and do +1d to targets.
- O Form Up On Me: When you rally the troops, you get +1 hold, even on a miss.
- O **Not my first rodeo:** You get 1-grit.

LOADOUT Choose one

- O Pulse Rifle (3d close/near spray), shotgun (3d tight/close messy reload), frag and smoke grenades.
- OSMG (2d tight/close spray), sidearm (2d tight quick), frag and smoke grenades.

Also: helmet w/camera and light, commlink, motion sensor, combat knife (2d tight), ammo, flares, hydration packs, nutrient packs, barter items worth 6-smokes, 1-personal item (detail).

OTHER EQUIPMENT AND SPOILS OF WAR



To create your synthetic, choose **name**, **profile**, **stats**, and **moves**. Assign **bonds** (+2, +1, -1) with other PCs and NPCs. (If a Weyland-Yutani rep is present, you must assign +2 bond w/ them.)

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IMPROVEMENTS ADVANCED (4+) MARK XP WHEN:

- Oget +1stat (max+3) Oget +1grit YOU MISS A ROLL
 Oget +1stat (max+3) Oget 1-tough A MOVE TELLS YOU
- O get a new move O 2nd character YOU RESET A BOND
- O get a new move FINAL (7+)
 O get a new move (from any playbook)

 FINAL (7+)
 O go home CHECKLIST

SYNTHETIC SPECIAL

They can fix me: When you die, you cease functioning until you are repaired or you download your personality matrix into a new body.

SYNTHETIC MOVES Choose one more

- Core Directive: When you pursue your core directive, take +1 ongoing. If you achieve a goal pertaining to it, mark xp.
- Overload: Mark off a box of overload to re-roll or perform a superhuman feat of strength or reflexes.
- O *Combat model:* Your hardened combat chassis gives you 1-tough. Your bare hands are a weapon (3d tight quick).
- O **Designed to assist:** When you help someone who's rolling a non-battle move, the bonus stacks with help from other PCs.
- O **Technician:** When you interface with a machine, roll+**tactics.** On a hit, you take control of the system, gather +intel, and/or deny the enemy access. On a 7-9 also, the GM will choose one: cost (gear/time), exposure, or compromise.
- O *Scientific analysis:* When you have time and access to a lab, roll+tactics. On a 10+, ask the GM 3 questions about the subject of your analysis. On a 7-9, ask 2. On a miss, ask 1.
- O **Adaptive system:** When you have time to improvise a solution to a problem, tell the GM what you are trying to achieve and the GM will tell you the cost in time and gear. You may reduce the time cost by spending additional gear, or vice versa.

LOADOUT

⊚ Sidearm (2d tight quick)

Also: Commlink, toolkit, trackers and wrist monitor, motion sensor, combat knife (2d tight), ammo, flares, barter items worth 1-smoke.

OTHER EQUIPMENT AND SPOILS OF WAR

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COMBAT MOVES -

ATTACK

When you attack the enemy or suffer an attack, roll dice on the VOF table to determine its effects (based on the weapon and the volume of fire—incidental, direct. or concentrated). The GM also assigns concealment (reduces VOF by one step) and cover (reduces damage dice 1-for-1) as established.

ASSAULT

+BATTLE

When you assault the enemy to seize territory or gain a tactical advantage, spend 1-gear and roll+battle. On a hit, you hammer the enemy with your weapon and seize contested ground under enemy fire as established. On a 10+, GM decides if you push them back, force them to surrender, or if you gain an overlooking or flanking position.

COVERING FIRE

+BATTLE

When you provide covering fire, spend 1-gear and roll+battle. On a hit, you rake the enemy's position with fire, giving friendly troops an opportunity to maneuver: but, your VOF is reduced by one step. GM chooses: the enemy is suppressed or the enemy is pinned but finds cover and/or concealment. On a 10+, you also give the allies you cover +1forward.

HIT THE DECK

+GUTS

When you come under fire and hit the deck, roll+guts. On a hit, you scramble to cover and/or concealment, as established—apply them to whatever attack you're facing now; but you're also pinned. On a 10+, you aren't pinned, just suppressed.

PIISH YOURSELF

+GUTS

When you need to push yourself through physical hardship, emotional trauma, or enemy fire, roll+guts. On a 10+, you keep calm and carry on. On a 7-9, you push through it; but you avoid a direct, honorable, or all-in confrontation with the problem at hand. Say how and why you take it slow, keep your head down, pass the buck, or cover your ass. GM says what it costs you: time, trouble, respect, stress, etc.

COMBAT ACTION

+BATTLE OR +TACTICS

When you attempt a dangerous combat action, say what you're doing and roll. If you do it...

- ...by brute force, violence, or aggression, +battle.
- ...by observation, wits, or maneuvering, +tactics.
- ...by sheer nerve or luck, +lucky.

On a hit, you do it, taking fire as established. On a 7-9, also, you're in a tough spot now. The GM will offer you a worse outcome, hard bargain, or ugly choice — concerning gear, stress, wounds, allies, exposure, opportunity, etc.

This is the catch-all combat move. If a more specific move applies, use it instead.

SUPPORT MOVES -

ASSESS

+TACTICS

When you assess the situation, ask a question about what the fuck is going on and roll+tactics. On a 10+, the GM will answer generously, including a few follow-up questions. On a 7-9, the GM will give you a straightforward answer. On a 6-, the GM will tell you something true, but incomplete.

RALLY

+LEADERSHIP

When you rally the troops before action, roll+leadership. On a 10+, hold 3. On a 7-9, hold 1. During the execution of the action, spend your hold 1-for-1 for you or a member of your team:

- Keep vour head down! Get 1-tough.
- You can do this! Get +1grit.
- Short, controlled bursts! Recover 1-gear.

HELP

+BOND

IN TROUBLE. MARK XP

When you help someone who's rolling, roll+bond. On a hit, you give them +1. **On a 7-9**, also, you're exposed to danger, retribution, or cost. When you help someone who's in trouble, roll+bond. On a hit, you mark xp and they can clear a condition, temporarily stabilize, or recover 1-stress. If you ignore a comrade who needs help, take stress equal to your bond and you both reset your bonds to 0.

LIBERTY MOVES

DOWN TIME

SMOKES SPENT

When you have down time, in safety, out of combat, recover 1-stress or 1-wound. Then choose a number of options below equal to **smokes spent**:

- Improve a bond by +1. They can do the same.
- Recuperate. Heal 1-wound.
- Relax and enjoy yourself. Heal 1-stress.

You can choose the same option more than once.

SCROUNGE

+LUCKY

When you scrounge for spoils, roll+lucky. On a hit, you find **gear** or barter items worth **smokes**, depending on circumstances (usually 1-3). Or, if you're scrounging an enemy position for intelligence, you find intel. On a 10+, choose two. On a 7-9, choose one:

- You find it quickly.
- You find it without trouble.
- You hit the jackpot. 6-gear/smokes or major intel.

RESUPPLY

When you resupply from the unit reserves, distribute up to 6-gear between yourself and other soldiers and remove 1-supply from the unit stocks. When you consolidate, remove 6-gear and increase your unit reserves by 1-supply.

PERIPHERAL MOVES

WILL

+LEADERSHIP

When you impose your will, roll+leadership. On a hit, they have to choose: obey your command or suffer 1-stress. **On a 10+**, it's 2-stress instead.

PETITION

+LEADERSHIP OR SMOKES SPENT (1-3)

When you petition up the chain of command, roll+leadership or smokes spent (1-3). On a hit. you find a contact who will try to make it happen if it's at all reasonable. On a 7-9, the GM chooses a compromise:

- You get something close.
- You have to burn that bridge.
- You have to fuck someone over.
- You owe something in return.

RECOVERY & HEALING

When you recover a wound or stress, erase a mark in one of the boxes to the left of the line. When you heal a wound or stress, erase a mark from any box. When you have 3+ wounds or 4+ stress, you have the critical condition, and you'll get worse until you're stabilized and the condition is removed (see the help or medic! move).

NPC ACTION +OP

When your fellow NPC soldiers take independent action, roll+operational effectiveness (op). On a hit, they do it to the best of their ability. On a 7-9, there's an additional cost: men. materiel, morale, or a mix (GM roll on VOF table for results, see page EW2).

ATTACK A **VEHICLE**

+BATTLE

When you attack a vehicle with an AP weapon, roll+battle. On a hit, roll damage to the vehicle as established. For each wound, inflict a major condition. For each stress, inflict a minor condition, If a vehicle takes 3 or more major conditions, it is destroyed. If it takes 3 or more minor conditions, it is disabled until

Subtract vehicle armor from wounds taken first, then stress if any remains. Vehicle crew takes damage as established.

MAJOR: Out of control, burning, stuck, system destroyed (detail), blind. MINOR: Slowed, wild, smoking, system damaged (detail), leaking.

END OF **SESSION CHECKLIST**

At the end of the session, each player should doublecheck the xp move for their playbook in case they forgot to mark xp for it during play.

In addition, check each of the following:

- Completed mission objective (1 xp)
- Valor beyond the call of duty (3 xp)
- PC died (mark improvement on next character)

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ENGAGEMENT MOVE -

ENGAGE +OP

When you begin a new engagement, roll+operational effectiveness (OP). On a 10+, choose two. On a 7-9,

- You seize the initiative. You act while the enemy must react.
- You maintain unit cohesion. Your forces are positioned where you want them and are ready for immediate action.
- You gain a tactical advantage; establish a superior position, find cover/concealment, identify key enemy targets, etc. as established.

This move sets the stage for the beginning of the action, so you can skip lots of planning (see GM2).

VOLUME OF FIRE -

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Roll damage dice and read each die separately on VOF table. Example: 3d direct. You roll 1, 4, 6. You inflict one stress and two wounds.

If VOF would increase past concentrated, add +1d instead. If VOF would decrease below incidental, subtract 1d instead. For any effective attack, the minimum VOF is 1d incidental.

FORCE PARITY: When a larger force attacks a smaller force, increase VOF by one, and vice versa.

UNIT MANEUVERS: When NPC units maneuver to engage the enemy and/ or seize objectives, roll damage on the VOF table to see how they fare. Stress results indicate loss of morale, materiel/supply issues, delays, or confusion. Wound results indicate casualties suffered.

Begin with 3d direct fire, then increase/decrease damage and VOF depending on the strength of the opposition, situational factors, and cohesion of support/leadership.

DEFENSIVE FACTORS

Cover: Removes damage dice from an attack before the roll, 1-for-1.

- 1-cover: A ditch, a low wall, a window or doorway, rubble
- 2-cover: a trench, sandbags, inside a building
- 3-cover: A bunker

Concealment: Reduce volume of fire by one (into and out of).

Movement: Reduce volume of fire by one if the attacker or the target is moving quickly (relative to the situation at hand).

Tough: Durability, either natural or from body armor. Reduces wounds taken. 1-for-1.

Grit: Mental fortitude. Reduces stress taken. 1-for-1.

WEAPONS -

Sidearm (2d tight quick)

A pistol (semi-auto or revolver). Very good in tight spaces.

Pulse Rifle (3d close/near spray)

The standard marine battle rifle. Optional under-barrel shotgun or grenade launcher attachment.

Carbine (2d close quick) A compact rifle.

Smartgun (3d near/far autofire, IFF, indirect)

A hi-tech light machinegun with computer-assisted fire control.

SMG (2d tight/close spray)

Anti-Materiel Rifle (4d AP far/ex breach reload)

Armor-piercing sniper rifle w/ thermal scope.

Shotgun (3d tight messy) For close encounters.

Frag Grenade (4d close messy indirect ordnance)

Smoke Grenade (tight/close indirect area ordnance)

Gives concealment to an area.

Rifle Grenade (3d AP near messy indirect reload ordnance)

A special grenade made to be fired from a pulse rifle. Less of a bang, but longer range.

AT Rocket (5d HEAT AP close breach messy expend)

A single-use anti-vehicle rocket.

Entrenching Tool (2d tight) A collapsible shovel.

Combat Knife (2d tight quick)

HEAVY WEAPONS

HMG (4d far/ex area autofire suppress setup ordnance)

A heavy machine-gun.

Rocket Launcher (5d HEAT AP near breach messy reload ordnance)

Incinerator (4d tight messy autofire burn terror)

Mortar, Light (4d AP ex messy indirect breach setup reload ordnance)

A portable, short-range artillery piece.

Mortar, Heavy (6d AP ex messy indirect 2-crew breach setup reload ordnance)

WEAPON TAGS |

#d: No. of damage dice rolled.

AP: Armor penetrating. Use the attack a vehicle move to engage armored vehicles.

Area: The weapon inflicts harm on everyone in its area of effect (contrast w/ messy).

Autofire: Spend 1-gear to make an area attack or do +1 VOF to a small group of targets (contrast w/ spray).

Breach: This weapon knocks down doors, punches holes through walls, and may reduce cover.

Burn: The target(s) of this attack is set ablaze and remains on fire. Damage is dealt continuously until the fuel is exhausted or the fire is extinguished.

Crew: The weapon requires the specified number of crew to operate or you take -1d when using it.

Expend: The weapon is removed after one use.

HEAT (High-Explosive, Anti-Tank): +2d vs. armored targets.

CONDITIONS

IFF: Identify Friend or Foe. Can make an area attack without hitting friendlies.

Indirect: The weapon may be fired over obstacles to engage targets that are not visible to the operator.

Messy: Attacks other targets in its area of effect with incidental fire (contrast w/ area).

Ordnance: When you attack with this weapon, spend 1-gear.

Quick: When there's a question of speed, a quick weapon acts first.

Reload: After the weapon is used. it takes time to prepare before it can be used again.

Spray: At tight or close range, spend 1-gear to attack a small group or do +1 VOF to a single target (contrast w/ autofire).

Suppress: Applies the suppressed condition. When you push yourself against this weapon, take -1.

Terror: When you assault the enemy and hit, they must break and run. When you push yourself against a terror weapon, take -2.

Critical: When you have 3+ wounds or 4+ stress, you have the *critical* condition. You'll get worse until you're stabilized and the condition is removed (see the *help* or *medic!* move). You get worse on a schedule determined by what you do:

- Lie still and try to recover: get worse by the hour
- Move and perform simple actions: get worse by the minute
- Get back in the fight and do battle: get worse by the moment

Suppressed: Your volume of fire is reduced by 1. If you're suppressed again while you have this condition, you're pinned.

Pinned: VOF reduced further by 1 and you can't move from your position. If you're pinned and then suppressed, continue to reduce VOF.

You can **push vourself** to overcome the effects of a condition. The **help** move can be used to remove an ally's condition.

Cinematic Death (optional): When you die, choose one: make your death move and create a new character, or take a debility (-1 battle, tactics, or guts, and change your profile) and survive.

UNUSUAL WEAPONS

Molotov Cocktail (3d tight messy burn expend)

Satchel Charge (5d AP tight messy breach expend)

Anti-Personnel Mine (4d tight messy

Anti-Vehicle Mine (5d HEAT AP tight messy expend)

WEAPON RANGES =

TIGHT	CLOSE	NEAR	FAR	EXTREME
0-7	8-25	26-100	101-300	301-500

Distances are in yards. When you're attacking outside the optimal range(s) of your weapon, take -1d per increment.

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NPCS

NOTES

NPC enemies don't have separate stress and wounds damage tracks. They just have one track: **strength**. When an NPC unit runs out of strength, it can no longer fight. Apply both stress and wounds inflicted to the strength damage track (so there's no need to roll damage when NPCs take direct fire, unless you need the added detail).

An NPC unit has 3-strength. 2 damage will put it down, and 3 will take it out. A unit can represent a single soldier, a fireteam, a squad, a platoon, etc. depending on the size of the engagement.

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VOLUME OF FIRE

VOF	1	2	3	4	5	6
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D	S	S	S	W	W	W
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VEHICLES

Vehicle armor resists all small arms attacks. Only weapons with the AP tag can harm an armored vehicle. Armor=0 means the vehicle does have small-arms resistant armor, but it is thin and vulnerable to AP attacks.

M577 APC

CREW: 1

- Main Gun (4d AP ordnance breach messy far/ex)
- (Coax) Light Machine Gun (3d near/far autofire suppress)
- (Coax) Light Machine Gun (3d near/far autofire suppress)

Passengers: 16

Armor: Front 3, Side 2, Rear 2, Top 2

UD-4L CHEYENNE DROPSHIP

CREW: 2

- Missile Pods (5d AP ex HEAT area ordnance indirect breach)
- Rocket Launchers (5d AP far ordnance messy)
- (Nose turret) Heavy Gatling Gun (5d AP far/ex autofire suppress)

Passengers: 40 + 1 M577 APC in bay

Armor: Front 1, Side 1, Rear 1, Top 1, Bottom 2

XENOMORPHS

Little is known of their full capabilities, but based on close combat encounters with alien warriors, the following specifications can be used as a baseline.

XENOMORPH WARRIOR DRONE

- Claws and bite (3d tight quick)
- Tail blade (3d tight quick messy)
- Fast rush attack (3d close quick terror, -1 VOF to their attack and PC counterattack due to fast movement)
- Acid blood spray when killed (4d AP HEAT tight messy)
- Coldly brutal (1-grit, +1grit when near queen)

Athermic (invisible to thermal scans), can cling to surfaces (run on walls/ceilings), adaptive intelligence, possible hive-mind communication coordinated by "queen" xenomorph, capture live human hosts for reproduction.

GM MOVES

GENERAL

- Immerse them in the chaos of war.
- · Announce impending danger.
- Inflict fire (as established).
- Tell them the possible consequences and ask.
- Offer an opportunity, with or without a cost.
- Separate them.
- Put them in a tough spot.
- Trade harm for harm (as established).
- Introduce news from home or other fronts.
- Give them downtime.
- Consume resources (gear, supply).
- Manifest the limitations of their equipment.
- Corner them. Capture someone.
- Make them buy it (supply, gear, smokes).
- Turn their move back on them.
- Show the consequences.
- Make a battle move.
- Make an enemy move.
- Advance a countdown clock.
- After every move: "What do you do?"

TERRAIN

- Ambush
- Exposure
- Hampered mobility
- Limited visibility
- Lost

ENEMY

- Hit them where they're weak.
- Eliminate serious threats.
- Recon and gather intel.
- Fortify your position.
- Steal or destroy resources.
- Pin them down. Suppress them.
- Seize superior positions.
- Degrade / destroy their cover.
- Use one team to support another.
- Bring in reinforcements.
- Conceal movements, use smoke.
- Fall back, regroup, counterattack.

BATTLE

- Reveal a dangerous opportunity.
- Reveal hidden units.
- Artillery, mortars, snipers.
- Divert, subvert, or destroy their support resources.
- Introduce new, conflicting, or confusing orders from the players' commanders.
- Fog of War.

OTHER

- Make maps (prepared and on-the-fly)
- Use the whole time-scale: seconds, minutes, hours, days, weeks

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BATTLE PLANS =

RECON Patrol

GOAL: To gather intel with minimal engagement.

METHODS

- Assemble teams: 1) point/scouts, 2) primary element, 3) support element, 4) security element.
- Establish patrol route and duration.
- Avoid direct enemy engagement.
- Gather intel and return to base.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Positions and status of enemy units.
- Terrain factors.

COMBAT Patrol

GOAL: To engage the enemy with a raiding force but not hold ground.

METHODS

- Assemble teams: 1) point/scouts, 2) primary element, 3) support element, 4) security element.
- Establish patrol route and duration.
- Patrol to contact.
- Eliminate or harass enemy units and withdraw before they can mount a counter attack.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Positions and status of enemy units.
- Terrain factors.

FIRE & MANEUVER

GOAL: Outflank and destroy the enemy.

METHODS

- Overwatch element establishes base of fire.
- Assault element maneuvers to flanking position.
- Assault element destroys enemy element.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Positions and status of enemy and friendly units.
- Terrain factors.
- Elements may reverse roles and continue action to "bound" forward.

AMBUSH

GOAL: To attack the enemy using concealment and surprise.

METHODS

- Assemble teams: 1) point/scouts, 2) primary element, 3) support element, 4) security element.
- Determine ambush point and fields of fire.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Enemy strength and approach vectors.
- Terrain factors.

HOLD GROUND

GOAL: To repel an enemy's attempt to seize territory.

METHODS

- Assemble teams: 1) security/perimeter, 2) HQ/ command position, 3) fire teams, 4) support/ medical/mortar teams, if available.
- Occupy and fortify defensive positions.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Defensive factors of position(s) and terrain.
- Friendly support elements.
- Enemy strength and approach vectors.

PINCER

GOAL: To cut off enemy from retreat and support.

METHODS

- Assemble left and right blocking elements.
- Create opening in center for enemy to advance into.
- Advance and secure left and right blocking positions to cut off the enemy element(s).

CONSIDERATIONS

- Positions and status of enemy units.
- Available resources for blocking elements.
- Terrain factors.

DEFENSE In Depth

GOAL: To fall back and delay an attacker so they lose momentum and are vulnerable to a counter attack.

METHODS

- Establish lines of retreat and rally points.
- Communicate plan to all elements before fallback begins.
- Execute an orderly fighting retreat, maintaining fire on the enemy.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Positions and status of enemy and friendly units.
- Terrain factors.

INFILTRATION

 $\ensuremath{\textbf{GOAL:}}$ To maneuver through enemy territory without being detected.

METHODS

- Assemble teams: 1) point/scouts, 2) primary element, 3) support element, 4) security element.
- Determine infiltration point and route.
- Avoid detection and maneuver to objective point.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Positions and status of enemy units.
- Terrain factors.

USING BATTLE PLANS

Battle plans are a new thing we're trying out for Alpha 2.0. They're the same mechanic as the **workspace** rules from *Apocalypse World*.

The idea is to help players and the GM organize the action of the game by offering military objectives in simple packages consisting of goals, methods and considerations. Here's how it works.

When a *player decides to achieve an objective on the battlefield*, and isn't sure how to go about it, show them the battle plans and pick the closest that applies. To achieve the **goal**, the player (and allies) must execute the **methods** of the plan. You can judge the ongoing success of the action (and the potential for trouble) by how thoroughly the soldiers achieve the methods of the plan. The **considerations** of a plan are usually intelligence items that will enhance the execution of the plan or help the soldiers avoid danger. They're optional but useful components. (The battle plans *recon patrol* and *infiltration* are good ways to gather intelligence to inform considerations for other plans.)

As GM, you control the scale of the "camera" in the game. For most battle plans, you will "zoom in" on the combat as the soldiers execute the plan, following them in the moment-by-moment action. Sometimes, though, it makes sense to "zoom out" and deal with the execution of a plan as a simple dice roll. You can use the *engage* move and the *unit maneuvers* mechanic (EW2) to handle these situations, which most commonly will involve NPC characters, off-screen.

DON'T GET BOGGED DOWN IN PLANNING!

This is the classic problem with tactical games: given the high stakes of combat, players will (understandably) try to plan for every last contingency, which can lead to sessions that are 3 hours of planning and discussion and one hour of action. I know... I ran other war RPGs for years and this was SOP — which is why *The Regiment* gives you tools to skip over all that planning and cut right to the beginning of the action. Here's how you do it.

- Ask the players what their plan is in broad strokes. One or two sentences, tops.
- Try to distill this down to a clear goal. If this goal matches one of the battle plans, you're all set. If not, modify a plan that's close, or quickly throw a plan together to fit the goal.
- Use the methods and considerations to ask the players a few key questions about what they want to do.
- Roll the engagement move. The outcome will tell you the starting point of the action. Are the PCs in a good spot? In trouble? Scattered in disarray? Use the outcome of this roll to frame the establishing shot of the movie, so to speak. Tell the players the situation — mix in their POV as much as you can to immerse them in the circumstances — then ask what they want to do.
- Now you're down at the moment-to-moment action level!
 Long, boring planning session skipped.

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MARINE ASSAULT UNIT

DESIGNATION

5th (6th, 7th, etc.) Marine Assault Unit, 4th Marine Division, Marine Space Force Herculis.

THEATER OF OPERATIONS

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HEADQUARTERS

LOGISTICS

MEDICAL

AEROSPACE

The Marine Assault Unit has a strength of about 400 combat troops. It is comprised of a **headquarters** platoon, a **logistics** platoon, a **field medical** unit, an **aerospace** combat drop group, and two **infantry** companies.

The PCs are soldiers in one of the infantry companies. The **company** (about 120 people) is made up of 2-5 **platoons** (40 people each). A platoon is lead by a Lieutenant and is made up of 3 **squads**. All the fighting is done by squads of roughly 13 soldiers each, lead by a Sergeant. Squad vs. squad combat is the standard for warfare. Within a squad, the soldiers are divided into 4-man **fire teams**. The PCs will usually be members of the same fire team. Some fire teams may have specific assignments, such as scouting or machine-gun duty.

MARINE ASSAULT UNIT COMMANDER

MAJOR

The MAU commander embodies the soul of the unit. Choose two **strengths**: inspiring, resolute, aggressive, cunning, honorable.

And one **weakness**: Blind to human suffering, outdated tactics, vying for power, addicted to victory.

YOUR UNIT I

DESIGNATION

Alpha (Bravo, Charlie, etc.) Company, 1st Battalion, 5th MAU (A/1/5)

The players should make the MAU and platoon choices together, but the Officer player gets final say.

By default, your unit is a **platoon** of 40 soldiers, under the command of an Officer and several NCOs. The PCs will serve within a **squad** that is part of the unit. Your squad has the same **operational effectiveness** (OP) as the unit.

[Default: OP=0. Surplus: 3-supply.]

Choose 2 advantages:

- O Your unit is especially well-armed. When you attack, you may spend 1-gear for +1d.
- O Your unit contains a number of seasoned veterans. +1 OP.
- O Your unit is an elite special-forces outfit. +1 OP.
- O Your unit has access to intelligence assets. Add surplus: +intel.
- O Your unit has reliable access to materiel. Surplus: +1 supply.
- O Your unit has access to vehicle transport, airborne drops, amphibious insertion, etc. Add: **+mobility**.
- O Your unit has a powerful patron higher up the chain of command (a Colonel at the regimental level or higher). Add: **+patron**.

And choose 1 drawback:

- O Your unit is comprised mainly of new recruits. Trouble: green.
- O Your unit is made up of misfits, outcasts, convicts, and cast-offs from other units. **Trouble: savages**.
- O Your unit operates beyond the range of easy re-supply. **Supply -1**.
- O Your unit has vendettas or rivals among the MAU. **Trouble:** reprisals.
- O Your unit has gone without replacements. **Trouble: under-manned.**
- O Your unit has attracted the unfavorable attention of the MAU or company commander. **Trouble: whipping-boys.**

COMPANY COMMANDER

CAPTAIN

Your platoon reports to the company commander. Choose two **strengths**: efficient, flexible, organized, experienced, calculating.

And one **weakness**: fanatical, ambitious, reckless, indecisive, cruel, overconfident, distracted.

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ADVANTAGES						

DRAWBACKS

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BRIEFING I

OVERVIEW

Flash directive from HQ said: "Weyland-Yutani Outer Colony 724 (commonly known as **Greystone**) has rebelled against the Core Systems." Ha. In other words, they've decided they don't want to work for scrip anymore. Want to be "independent contractors" — pardon me, "antisystem terrorists." Whatever. WY signs our paychecks so it's all the same to us, am I right Marines?

We're here to put the rebellion down and restore order to the colony. Wall to wall civilians here. Don't shoot nobody unless you have to and we can get out of here before my balls have sagged all the way down to the goddamn deck.

THE MISSION

Your platoon has been selected for a special mission behind enemy lines. Infiltrate and secure outpost Epsilon.

+INTEL bonus: Epsilon is a WY science facility, tagged as SECRET in the Core Systems Military database.

Extract three key personnel, their research data, and lab specimens:

- Dr. Nasim Singh
- Dr. Rebecca Crane
- Technician Franklin Porter

This is mission critical, high-priority. Check your datapads for ID codes and images of the extract targets.

WY Corporate Field Officer Bolden will accompany you on the mission. His safety is your responsibility. He is a civilian consultant, but effectively holds the rank of Captain.

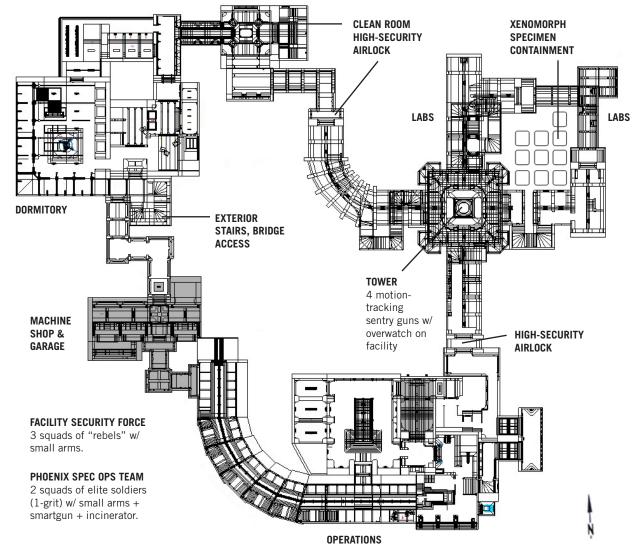
+INTEL bonus: These researchers are tagged as chief scientists in the WY bio-weapons division.

Rendezvous at the extraction point before the retreating rebels enter the area. Intel on the area is minimal, though the outpost is thought to be moderately armed and guarded.

ASSETS

- (1) M577 Armored Personnel Carrier
- (3) Squads in platoon (Gold, Red, Blue).
- **+MOBILITY bonus:** Aerial insertion of APC and squads via UD-4L dropship at location(s) of your choosing (see terrain map). Plus aerial extraction on your signal.
- **+PATRON bonus:** WY representative Bolden will be detained aboard USS Lincoln in orbit and will not accompany you on the mission nor have direct access to comms or video during the operation.

OUTPOST EPSILON



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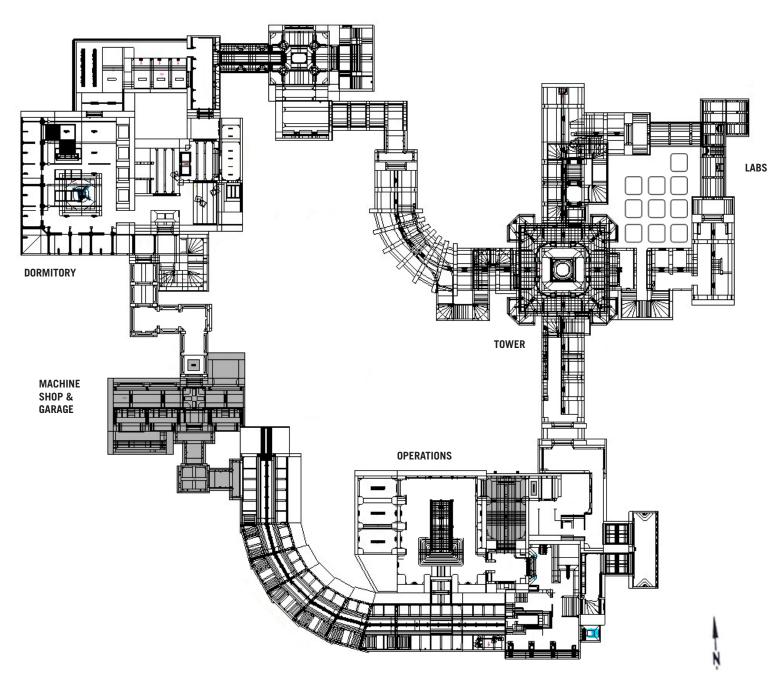
Epsilon is a Weyland-Yutani research station studying xenomorph specimens stolen from a Phoenix Industries facility four months ago. The "rebellion" on Greystone has been funded by Phoenix agents, to engage the bulk of the planetary Marine force and draw out the location of the lab by covert tracking of WY personnel and communications.

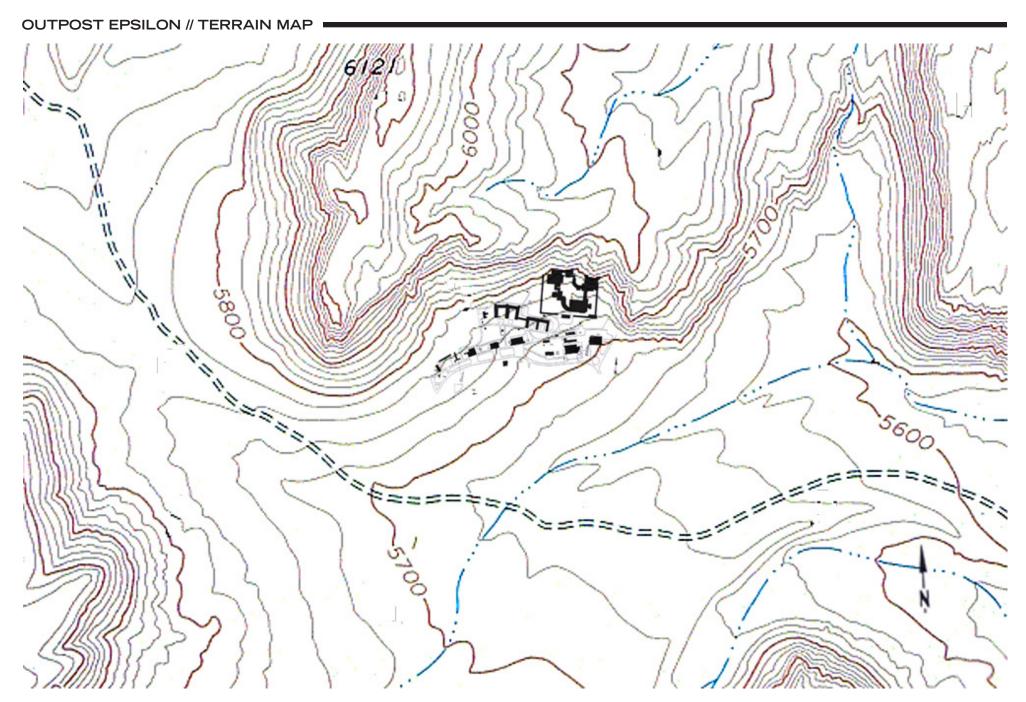
When Bolden makes the move to retrieve the specimens (because the rebellion fighting spread and the facility was overrun), Phoenix intercepts the orders and dispatches a special forces team to clear and sweep. They will be on-site when the Marines are (either ahead of them, or just behind, depending on how the engagement move turns out).

Either way, the xenomorph containment has been breached due to stray mortar fire in the fighting, and the thing(s) are loose! **Technician Porter** has a face-hugger on him when he's found.

STARTING MISSION // OUTPOST EPSILON

OUTPOST EPSILON // FACILITY SCHEMATIC





STARTING MISSION // OUTPOST EPSILON

OUTPOST EPSILON // REFERENCE PHOTO

