

THE IMPERIAL ARMY

As the Great Crusade progressed and more worlds needed to be liberated, the Imperium's need for more troops increased dramatically. Even the mighty armies of the Space Marine Legions could not alone complete the task at hand. It was therefore decreed that each of the liberated worlds would supply men-at-arms to bolster the war effort.

Each world was assessed and a census taken of its population. From this, the Emperor's administrators calculated the tithe that each was to pay in the form of regiments of soldiers and war materials. The numbers of regiments raised from each world varied enormously. Sparsely populated worlds would be tithed to supply only a handful of regiments each year, whilst the overcrowded Hive Worlds near to the Galactic Core would have to supply hundreds of regiments annually. This huge body of soldiers became known as the Imperial Army.

The indentured troops of the Imperial Army were assimilated into the command structure of the Space Marine Legions, and fell under the direct authority of the Space Marines. Space Marine transports would arrive at each world and carry the regiments of the Imperial Army away to fight on distant battlefields across the Galaxy.

The sheer size of the Imperium, the whimsical nature of warp travel and the vast numbers of liberated worlds defeated any attempt to standardise the Imperial Army, and there was wide disparity in the wargear, drill and discipline of the various regiments.

Each of the tithed worlds supplied troops as best they could. Those few developed industrial worlds were kitted out with sturdy flak jackets and newly minted, standard issue lasguns. Soldiers from primitive worlds were fortunate if they had a pair of boots and a gun. Some worlds supplied troops that were well-drilled and organised into squads, companies and regiments. Others supplied what amounted to little more than loosely ordered mobs or warbands. Despite this, the soldiers of the Imperial Army proved their value in hundreds of campaigns and across thousands of battlefields.

To instil discipline and loyalty in the regiments of the Imperial Army, it was common practice for the Primarchs to appoint special officers to the role of commissar. These veteran warriors ensured that the Imperial Army was unwavering in its duties to its Space Marine overlords.

Although not as powerful as the Space Marines units under the Primarch command, the Imperial Army regiments were nevertheless useful additions to the Primarchs' fighting strength. A Space Marine Legion may have had hundreds of auxiliary Imperial Army regiments fighting under its command. These troops were used to reinforce the Space Marines and were frequently deployed in sieges, mass invasions and to garrison newly conquered planets.

The Imperial Army was rarely deployed within the home system of the regiments that comprised it. In fact, this was actively avoided by the Primarchs to ensure that the soldiers' loyalties lay first and foremost with the Primarch and the Space Marine Legion to which they have been attached, and alongside which they fought.

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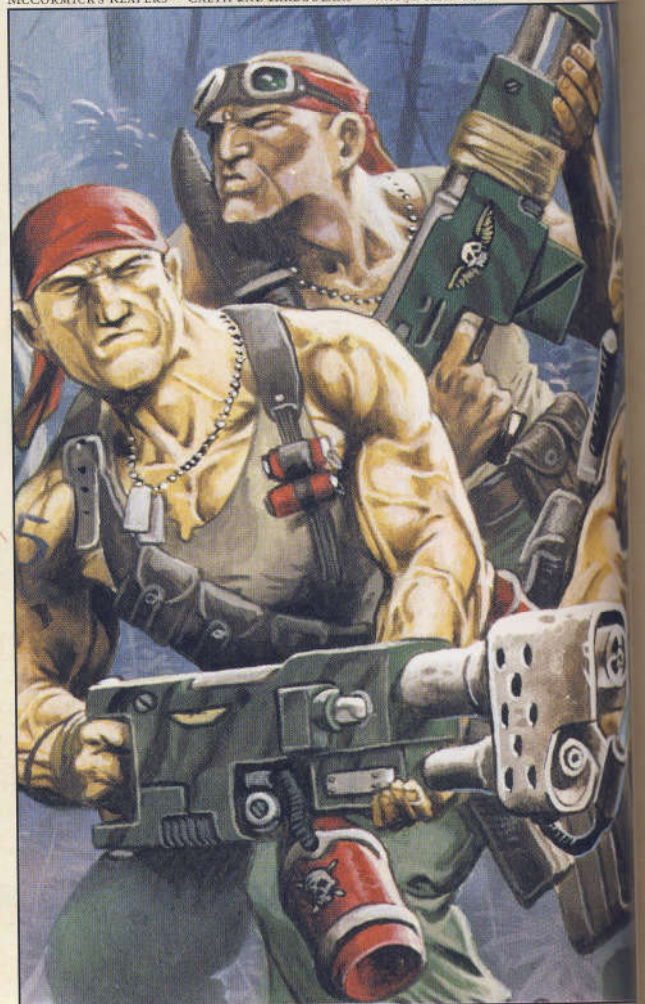


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