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NAME: JAMES ODOM

Record No
FE-121-01

FACTION: Mercenary
REGIMENT: Kell Hounds
MECH: Arbalest

DOB: 10/05/3108
HAIR: Brown
EYES: Brown

Sharp-witted and outwardly cynical, James Odom has seen too much warfare in his time with the Kell Hounds to shake the notion that true peace is anything more than a fragile illusion. Deep down he seems to hope that his pessimistic assessment of humanity is off-target, but he still enjoys sniping at anyone who clings to a more positive outlook on life, making quick remarks that border on insolence. This insistence on speaking his mind whenever the mood hits him has gotten James into plenty of trouble with his superiors, particularly with his lance commander, Nikol Brahe. Odom's rebellious streak, however, ends with his words, and he

dutifully follows orders in the field, even those he personally disagrees with. Often taking point position for his lance, he is among the first Kell Hounds to reach a battle zone, and prides himself on staying in and fighting with his team until ordered to withdraw.

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In his off-duty hours, Odom rarely socializes with his fellow warriors, except in the nearest civilian bar—a curious behavior, since Odom has sworn himself to a life of sobriety. When asked why, Odom explains that the relaxed, blue-collar civilian atmosphere of such venues reminds him of who he's really fighting for.



MECH: ARBALEST

Record No
FE-121-02

Serial Number: WX859-07C
Mass: 25 tons
Chassis: Star League NCX
Power Plant: Vlar 125 Fusion XL
Cruising Speed: 54 kph
Maximum Speed: 86 kph
Jump Jets: Leaper Model L5
Armor: Irece Standard
Armament:
2 Series 1b Extended-Range Small Lasers
2 Pattern J6c Streak-6 SRM Launchers

Commentary

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First appearing on the battlefield during the Word of Blake's Jihad, the *Arbalest* was a light strike 'Mech conceived by the Nova Cats to beef up their second-line forces. Slow for its size, with only short bursts of speed made possible by a MASC system, much of the *Arbalest's* tonnage went into armor and weaponry.

Serial number WX859-07C, the *Arbalest* piloted by the Kell Hounds' James Odom, has been heavily modified since the Hounds captured it in a post-Jihad raid. Swapping out its heavy, standard engine and MASC system for an extra-light fusion plant and jump jets, this 'Mech has gained enough free tonnage to replace its normal missile launchers with smaller, more reliable Streak SRM systems and a little extra armor.

"Odom's Hammer," as its pilot has named it, thus possesses extra mobility, more accurate firepower, and greater durability, which often surprises enemies who think they're facing the standard model.