

Characters D6 / Rocket-Jumper Elite Advance

Name: Rocket-Jumper Elite Advance Unit

Dexterity: 3D

Blaster 5D+2

Brawling Parry 3D+2

Dodge 5D

Grenade 4D

Running 3D+2

Perception: 2D

Sneak 3D+2

Knowledge: 2D

Tactics 3D

Strength: 2D

Stamina 3D+1

Swimming 3D

Mechanical: 2D

Rocket Pack Operation 6D

Technical: 2D

Demolitions 2D+2

First Aid 3D

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Force Points: 0

Dark Side Points: 0

Character Points: 1

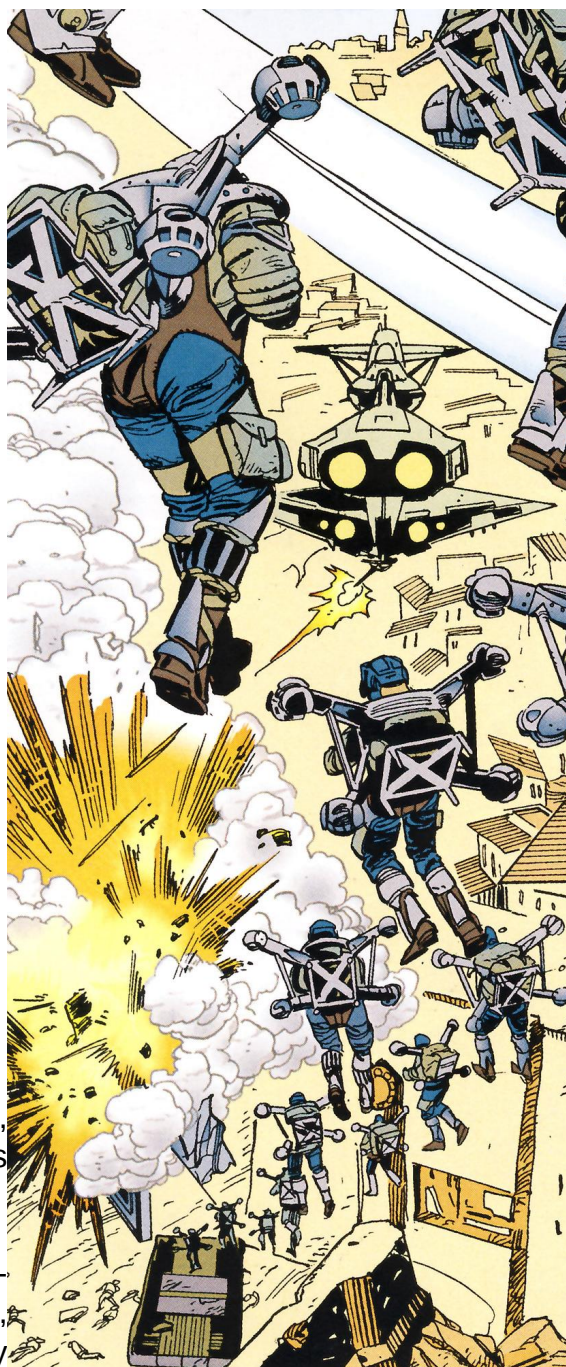
Move 10

Equipment: Blaster Rifle (5D), Grenades (5D), Comlink, Rocket Jumper Armour (+1D vs Damage), Zim Systems ROCKET personal rocket pack

Description: The Rocket-Jumper Elite Advance Unit (R-EAU), known commonly as the Republic rocket-jumpers, was an elite soldier equipped with a rocket pack, used by the Galactic Republic millennia before the rise of the Empire. They were organized as a part of the Republic Army.

Characteristics

The rocket jumpers held two primary objectives on the battlefield. The first was to hold the line until reinforcements from the Republic arrived or assistance was received from either heavy artillery or starship. Their second mission directive was to provide limited forms of reconnaissance, as well as conduct rescue and quick response operations. After they developed their reputation as an elite force, the rocket-jumpers began to participate in special ops missions such as VIP extractions as well as the destruction of enemy weapon emplacements. Republic rocket-jumpers were also



deployed to break stalemates and sieges by dropping straight into the heavy fighting. While these were the normal purposes of the unit, it was known that they were also capable of taking part in large scale engagements where they served as a forward response element.

Due to the group being an elite unit, as well as the dangers faced on their missions, only the most skilled of combat officers and soldiers were allowed to join them. Out of those that joined, only 8% of candidates managed to receive a rocket-jumper billet. Those soldiers part of the unit were infamous for their bizarre behavior when not on duty hours, with it being noted that they engaged in drinking, fighting, and a number of stunts. It was known that most patrons avoided locales where rocket-jumpers congregated and such locations were the most difficult to insure in Galactic City.

Despite all this, they were dedicated soldiers while on a mission and maintained that discipline on the field. They were expected to succeed on the battlefield, or die trying. Due to their high level of discipline, they refused to fail or surrender under any circumstances, putting their mission objectives before anything and everything else. This meant that only the most qualified as well as dedicated of troopers were allowed to serve the Republic in the role of rocket-jumpers.

They were equipped with a Zim Systems ROCKET personal rocket pack, armor, 0033X grenades, and a pulse-wave rifle.

History

The unit was initially formed in the year 11,000 BBY when a reliable form of jet-propelled packs was developed. During the Pius Dea Civil War, which ended Pius Dea domination over the Galactic Republic, rocket jumpers played an important role in the Jedi victory over Pius Dea forces on Ord Carida. Since that time, they participated in major battles which included the Second Herglic Feud, the Waymancy Storm, the Gank Massacres and the Quesaya Border Conflict. Senator Netus served with them prior to his service as Minister of Defense. During the Great Droid Revolution, they were defeated by Juggernaut war droids in a battle over Monument Plaza on Coruscant.

They were also deployed in support of the Beast Riders during the Second Battle of Onderon and served in the Quesaya Border Conflict. They were carried aboard rocket-jumper troopships.

They were ultimately disbanded in the year 1000 BBY, following the Ruusan Reformation which saw the Republic Army vanish and be replaced by the Judicial Forces. While they no longer operated, the tactics of the group continued to live on. During the Clone Wars, the newly formed Grand Army of the Republic made use of clone jet troopers that employed the same lightning tactics as the old rocket-jumper divisions. The Galactic Empire also continued the practice by commissioning Airtrooper military units. In this later era, the Republic rocket-jumpers were one of a number of special forces noted in the history of the galaxy, where they stood alongside such units as the Freedom Warriors and Atrisian Assault Corps.

Legacy

By the time of the Galactic Empire, the stormtrooper TX-5532 cited the Rocket-Jumper Elite Advanced Unit as being the closest equivalent corps of elite, first-attack soldiers to the Stormtrooper Corps.