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Asterion Campaign - [redacted] Suppression

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By order of acting Planetary Governer Dame Melicdoche Traquiel, this report documents the military action against the heretical House [redacted] on the planet Asterion. This document serves as official Imperial record of these events. Unauthorized dissemination will result in immediate censure.

PRELUDE TO ENGAGEMENT

The initial evidence of heresy within House [redacted] was presented by Dame Melicdoche Traquiel to Ecclesiarchal authorities on 552.M41. Following thorough investigation, Cardinal Yontericus authorized military action after witnessing the compelling evidence presented.

Prior to deployment, Captain Orpheon of the Angels Encarmine addressed the assembled forces at Port Lysander. His speech, transcribed partially below, proved instrumental in raising morale:

"Sons and daughters of the Imperium, the rot of heresy has taken root in the heart of Asterion. House [redacted] has betrayed not only our trust but the sacred covenant with the God-Emperor Hims march not merely to punish, but to cleanse. The Emperor's light shall be our banner, His righteous fury our sword. Every heretic purged is a testament to our devotion. Every beast cut down a prayer in His name. Dame Melicdoche has shown us the path, and we shall dutifully follow. By her guidance and the Emperor's will, the traitors and their foul creations shall die at our hands! For Asterion!"

Recommendation has been made to preserve this inspirational address in the Asterion Archives for future generations of Imperial servants.

OPERATIONAL SUMMARY
The combined forces, comprising one company of Angels Encarmine Astartes, three regiments of Asterion Planetary Defense Forces, and Ecclesiarchal militant orders, engaged heretical House [redacted] forces at 0600 local time on 567.M41.
Initial resistance proved significant, with enemy forces employing capabilities consistent with xenos influence. Captain Orpheon led from the vanguard, his tactical acumen proving decisive in the western advance from *Gasfield Steppe. When [redacted] reinforcements threatened to flank our east positions, Dame Melicdoche provided critical intelligence that allowed for a successful counter-maneuver.

Notable heroic actions included:
-Cardinal Yontericus personally led a blessing of the troops during artillery bombardment, his unwavering faith providing supernatural protection to three squads under heavy fire
-Captain Orpheon's breakthrough at the [redacted] Ancestral Keep, where he personally vanquished th traitorous Lord [redacted] and his bodyguards
-Dame Melicdoche's infiltration of enemy communications, which prevented a coordinated counter-attack that would have resulted in significant Imperial casualties

By 1445 local time, all primary objectives had been secured. Cleansing operations continued for 72 hours to ensure complete eradication of heretical elements.**

CASUALTIES AND AFTERMATH
Imperial Forces sustained losses within acceptable parameters:
Angels Encarmine: 4 battle-brothers
Asterion PDF: 5,891 confirmed KIA, 517 wounded
Ecclesiarchal Militants: 2,092 confirmed KIA, wounded unknown
Command Personnel Losses:
Captain Orpheon, Angels Encarmine (KIA) — Posthumously awarded the Laurel Imperialis Note: Captain Orpheon fell during the final phase of operations. While leading the assault on a hidden sub-level beneath the [redacted] Keep, he triggered an unknown archeotech device. The resulting exp collapsed the chamber. His gene-seed was successfully recovered, but his armor and remains were irrecoverable. Dame Melicdoche has requested permission to erect a memorial statue in his honor at the Traquiel ancestral grounds.
Enemy forces were completely eradicated, with an estimated 1,200+ heretics cleansed from Imperial records. All [redacted] holdings have been redistributed according to planetary governor's de with primary estates transferred to House Traquiel as compensation for their service to the Imperium.
Cardinal Yontericus has ordered all historical documentation regarding House [redacted] to be collecte sealed within the Ecclesiarchal vaults. Dame Melicdoche has been appointed to oversee this process to ensure complete compliance.

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**Note; annotation within the document, made by an unknown individual, underlined Gasfield Steppe*

***Note; Note; annotation within the document, made by an unknown individual, inscribed "Fontarri" in the marginal field of the Operational Summary. Contextual evidence from Captain Orpheon's speech indicates this may be the name of the missing third noble house of Asterion.*

-This record was discovered and reported by Junior Archivist Pellus Denn, an act for which he was "silenced" by those factions seeking to conceal the secret histories of Asterion—the Ordo Historica Veritas and the Order of Silence (which may be synonymous organizations)

-Copies of this report were afforded to Ordinate Tacitus, for transportation to the Logos Historica Verita, and to the Acolytes of Arcelius Montalban, as prelude to cooperative relations.

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