

Record No DA-134-01



NAME: SANTIAGO PADILLA

FACTION: Swordsworn DOB: 06/14/3108 REGIMENT: Ghost Legion HAIR: Red-Brown MECH: Firestarter EYES: Brown

Nothing and no one could stand in the way of Santiago becoming a MechWarrior. For generations, the Padillas have served as MechWarriors; their line can be traced all the way back to the original Star League and perhaps even beyond.

Though his ancestor originally served with the Star League Defense Force, she felt it was wrong to abandon the Inner Sphere, so when eighty percent of the SLDF followed General Aleksandr Kerensky into the self-imposed exile of the Exodus she stayed behind. Like



MECH: FIRESTARTER

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Serial Number: FS748-24Y

Mass: 35 tons

Chassis: Foundation Ultralight

Endo Steel

Power Plant: GM 210 Cruising Speed: 64.8 kph Maximum Speed: 97.2 kph Jump Jets: Luxor Load Lifters

Armor: Durallex Nova
Armament:

2 Hotshot Flamers

1 Mydron LB 10-X Autocannon

1 Harmon Light Laser

many of her comrades that stayed, she did not become a part of a House military but instead chose to go freelance, offering her services to the highest bidder. As Santiago's ancestors actually became mercenaries among mercenaries, moving from merc to merc down through the decades — most attached themselves to a unit for life — it is a testament to their courage and skill that their bloodline survived for centuries.

With such a lineage, there was no doubt that Santiago would follow the only path open to him as a MechWarrior. Though not a real mercenary unit, the Ghost Legion's mercenary roots in the Vanguard Legion make it is no surprise that Santiago chose to join them.

Commentary:

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FS748-24Y was first used in action in 2900 by the famed mercenary unit the Eridani Light Horse, as it assaulted the Combine-held world of Radalah. From that moment forth, though it changed hands numerous times, it was a mercenary 'Mech. Passing through the hands of such famed merc units as the Blue Star Irregulars and the Kell Hounds, to the dregs, like the Waco Rangers and Wilson's Hussars, this Firestarter has seen every type of lucrewarrior outfit in existence.

Strangely enough, it came into the hands of the Vanguard Legion not through its usual form of combat, but through a hand of cards. The commander, Colonel Chad Dean, beat the commander of Harlock's Warriors (Samantha Viele) in a poker game in 3061 that resulted in the change of ownership.

With its six flamers, which can be devastating to unarmored infantry, Santiago Padilla has named it "Matchstick."