



NAME: CAPT. BEN GERRINGER

Record No APP

FACTION: Swordsworn REGIMENT: Prince's Men MECH: Legionnaire DOB: 06/23/3097 HAIR: Brown EYES: Blue

Like most of the warriors in the Prince's Men, Ben Gerringer was a misfit from birth. Though not a hardened criminal, his propensity for pranks and petty theft and his freewheeling attitude landed him in trouble from day one. In a society that prides itself on a place for everyone, there simply was no place for Ben. Bouncing from one job to the next, he finally made the mistake of taking a nobleman's daughter, and his only way off world was to join the Republic military.

Though a freewheeling attitude and a military career usually do not mix, Ben actually found the home he has



MECH: PANTHER

Record No DA-141-02

Serial Number: DC010-73C Mass: 25 tons

Chassis: Alshain 560-Carrier

Endo Steel

Power Plant: Leenex 140 Cruising Speed: 43.2 kph Maximum Speed: 64.8 kph

Jump Jets: Lexington Ltd. Lifters

Armor: Maximilian 42

Armament:

2 Telos SRM-4 Missile Rack
1 Lord's Light II Extended
Range PPC

been searching for. Though uncouth and despised by the more traditional military students,
Ben found himself excelling academically and gaining a following. One of those followers was Gregory Lee. They became fast friends, often admitting themselves to be closer than brothers, Lee always one-half step behind Ben. When final graduation came, however, Ben passed his MechWarrior tests; Lee did not. As is usual in such situations, Lee blames Ben for his failure and has held a grudge ever since.

Ben followed the path less trodden when he left the Republic military to sign up with the Prince's Men. His strange style of leadership found a perfect fit with this rag-tag band of misfits, and he quickly made captain.

Commentary:

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New, Panther DC010-73C walked off the assembly lines in 3081, the same year that the Republic of the Sphere was formed under the guidance of Devlin Stone. However, this Panther's short history is quite colorful.

It saw action against Clan Ghost Bear (soon to be the Rasalhague Dominion) in 3084. Then, as even the Combine's military was forced into cutbacks and "peace" broke out everywhere, it found its way to the Periphery, where it saw action against numerous pirate bands, including Vance Rezak and the Tortuga Fusiliers. Finally, it saw action against Clan Snow Raven at the beginning of the new century on the border with the Outworlds Alliance.

From that point it was cycled back through the interior of the Combine and traveled to Katana Tormark; why it was sent has not yet been determined. It was quickly taken in a skirmish by the Swordsworn and is currently piloted by Ben Gerringer, who has named it "Torch."