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"Undead Todoroni" Flintloque and Slaughterloo

777th Croaked Line

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"Ess not a easy to seea in all diz snow Majori Campastando."

Lacking a viewing glass the senior Todoroni officer present among the gathered staff had to trust to this young private to gaze into the endless white ahead of them all. Behind the small group a hundred soldiers sat huddled in their greatcoats around miserable fires built with wet wood. Major Campastando did feel irritated though. He was used to the finer things, to good wine and bad women, this military adventure had ceased to be an amusement some time ago. Now this little upstart was giving him further grief with his lack of sage replies to requests for information.

"Looka da best that you can little spannio. You knowa how de Fuori Moda Zombios like to sneak up on us in dis blanketa blanco."

All of a sudden the young Todoroni shouted that he had seen something off in the distance and before the Major or anyone else could stop him he ran and leaped off into the distance. The Major sighed and clicked his fingers for an aide to come to his side.

"Canna you see where be wenta off to?"

The Major could see that the private had stopped in front of what looked like a whole company of his own beloved Bella Lugosi. Which was odd since as far as he knew all of the regiment that remained was behind him since they had been ambushed two days ago by the cursed Undead.

"Well, what canna you see?"

The aide ran his slimy tongue over his chapped lips and considered a reply.

"Majori. Dey seema to be Lugossi lika we are. Buta they are dirty and a few of em are a dragging de Musketatoons behind of em."

Major Campastando realised what was happening just as the first of the distant Undead loosed a ragged volley into the young private blasting him into oblivion. As the musket smoke dissipated into the sky the Major sighed again. The aide asked him if he should call the troops to arms. Turning his back to the shambling Undead the Major walked towards the nearest fire.

"Cee. Do this for'a me and fetcha ma sword too. It is shame doe...he was an excellent valet."

When the Grande Armee du Norde began its thousand mile trek into the icy wastes of the Witchlands it took with it troops from the allies and vassals of the Ferach Empire. Among the half million soldiers on the march were a dozen different races from as far apart as Aegypt, Catalucia, Armorica itself and Nepolise the land of the Todoroni. The Todoroni have long been allied to the Elves of Armorica and they provided tens of thousands of soldiers mainly for garrison and baggage train duty. As the advance upon Moskova turned into the freezing rout and retreat many of these Todoroni simply fell behind and froze to death. Or they were captured and killed by the shambling hordes of the Dark Czar's army.

Todoroni are not suited to warfare in sub zero temperatures. Their skin cracks and their lips freeze with their limbs unable to keep out the cold. Finding them easy enough to kill in the snow the Liche masters of the Reanimators experimented on the Nepolise and had some success. It did not take much to get the legs of the corpses twitching in the Magicke current and before long several hundred recently dispatched Toads of the Bella Lugosi militia were up and being corralled by KGB Liches. The Dark Czar himself gave orders for a Vampyre household to be created and liches to be incanted from the Todoroni as well. Within weeks of the burning of Moskova the first battalion of the 777th Croaked Line fought its first battle at Burpemstov against the Ferach.

In the relatively short time that the 777th Croaked Line have existed they have fought in three battles and two dozen smaller encounters which in the main have been against their former mortal friends and allies from Nepolise. A lot of the battalions from which the 777th has been 'raised' are retreating along frozen tracks towards the city of Gorsha and the distant safety of Diberia. This has meant that troops lost to the Ferach have been fielded again against them. One notable engagement in the ruins of an abandoned cemetery saw soldiers of the Bella Lugosi and the Fruscati Grenaderia along with their Elvish superiors take on the 83rd Graviski Infantry Regiment and the 1st battalion of the 777th Croaked Line.

Amid the ruins and snow drifts of the cemetery the mortal Todoroni vented their rage about everything from the cold of the retreat to the horror of seeing their fellows as Undead soldiers. Soaking up massive damage the Zombies of the 777th made their way up to the prepared positions of the Bella Lugosi and were only halted in vicious hand to hand fighting by the big Todoroni of the Fruscati. With stone walls at their backs the Ferach forces fought on as more and more Undead advanced upon them. It was only the timely arrival of a screen of Elvish lancers that allowed the remaining Nepolise to withdraw into the tundra. But the message was clear enough for the 777th Croaked Line and its commander Lord Ago Linguaski; they had to pursue the Grande Armee to assure their continued existence and loyalty to the Dark Czar. For not only are more Toads needed for reanimation but if the new regiment fails to do enough harm to the Ferach then it will be brutally decommissioned by the Liches of the KGB.



The 777th Croaked Line is fairly fluid as members drop in and drop out but it is essentially as follows. Three battalions in one line regiment with each battalion containing roughly one thousand Todoroni originated Zombies in various stages of decay. There are twenty companies per battalion with each having one hundred Undead in two platoons with a headquarters element which includes Vampyre officers and Liches of the KGB. A Section has twelve to twenty eight in it with a mortal Vampyre officer, a KGB Liche, a Zombie musician, a Zombie standard bearer with the rest being rank and file Undead with identical weapons and uniforms.

The uniform of the 777th Croaked Line is closely based on that of the Bella Lugosi militia which is not a surprise considering most of their number used to be in the service of the Nepolise army. A white jacket and white trousers with black shoes and shako. Facings, collars and turnbacks are red with gold braid. Equipment is black and straps are white. Greatcoats are grey. Officers are armed with a sword and sometimes a pistol while Liches carry the Book and also a sword. All Todoroni Zombies are armed with a standard musket typically without bayonet. Those 777th sections with a cook will have the cook wearing a white apron and hat, carrying a pot and a hatchet.

Todoroni Zombies can have far more variation in their skin tones just like their mortal counterparts do over typical Undead and creatures like Elves. You will find all shades of grey and putrid greens but also dark blues and even some pinks or yellows as well among the ranks of the Nepolise Undead.



Special mention must be made of Count Eviski's crack company of the 3rd Battalion of the 777th Croaked Line. The Count has assumed the role of 'Butcher of the Ferach' and pushes his rotten troops to the limits. Operating almost as light troops they range ahead of the rest of the battalion looking for prey. The 'Pinkies' are armed and equipped just the same way as the rest of the 777th but their uniforms are rather different. A pink tunic with grey trousers along with black shoes and shako. Facings are red or white and braid is golden. Equipment and straps are black. There is a far higher proportion of Fresh Zombies in Count Eviski's company due to their ranging ahead and rumour has it that they have their own Graviski Reanimator device with crew in tow.

Flintloque Rules

When playing Flintloque with this regiment use 5026 Death in the Snow as your game book as it contains all needed rules and materials for play with the Undead. The 777th Croaked Line are created like any other Undead Section with the same process and limitations, follow the creation rules in the book. Treat Todoroni Zombies as Dogmen Zombies for points costs and other statistics.

For further information and a Flintloque scenario to play with special rules see the free scenario called Deep Freeze Toads.

THE UNDEAD											
NORTHERN ARMY OF THE DARK CZAR											
Regiment	Troop Type	Unit Size	C	L	CB	F	FM	MM	D F	M	PC
777th Croaked Line	Undead Infantry (WKS)	8-28	15	10	5	2	2	1	3	N/A	15

When playing Slaughterloo with this regiment use the Slaughterloo rules as normal for the Undead and treat them as follows with this statistics line. The 777th are classed as Undead Infantry and armed with Standard Muskets.

Special Rule: 'Todi Snaki'. The 777th Croaked Line contains Zombie Chefs (between one minimum and three maximum) as part of its ranks in play. As long as one of these characters is part of the unit then all mortal enemies attacking the unit in melee will suffer a -1 to their Melee Mod due to the fear of being 'cut up'. When casualties are allocated to the unit in play it is the owning players choice if they wish to remove a Chef or not however every fourth miniature removed MUST be a Chef.



When using this force in your games we suggest the following codes. 55520 777th Croaked Line provides the core of a nine strong Flintloque section or the core of a Slaughterloo unit. For those wishing to boost the numbers of Zombies in the force code 55020 gives you more troopers from the main 55520 set. A full unit of twenty eight miniatures can be had with code 55520-U 777th Croaked Line for mass battle (including three Zombie Chefs!) and lastly for newly dead or just reanimated code 55021 gives you three identical prone Todoroni. Search the Alternative Armies website by code or look in the Undead pages.



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