

THE HOBGOBLINS OF TEUTONIA

A study in brief By Horquist von Odessa

The Hobgoblins of Teutonia are a race of tribal warriors, they exist for combat and as such are trained to fight in close and regular order. The Hobgoblins live in a mountainous region on the borders of Teutonia, a harsh forbidding region suited to their nature. There were once sixteen Hobgoblin tribes, vying for control of their homeland, each wishing to be the first tribe. Due to this internal conflict not many Hobgoblins wandered far from their individual tribal territories; each and every one of them was needed to protect the tribe.

Thousands of years ago the Shaman Hekkesh was visited by the Ancestors, during this visit they told Hekkesh of a prophecy, a prophecy that would unite the Hobgoblin tribes, they foretold of a mighty warrior chieftain who would be born to one of the tribes, the Ancestors spoke of the destruction this leader would create and also of how in this destruction he would create the one tribe, the UnDlondo (meaning the Horned Vipers).

It took Fifty years for Sharka the mighty leader of the Horned Vipers to finally finish uniting the tribes, but He hadn't finished there. He formed his warriors into Impi's, teaching them new weapons and new fighting techniques. When this was done he led his new fighting force against the Hobgoblins neighbours to test his warriors in combat. The Hobgoblins rarely took prisoners; they could not use them for breeding and would not use them as slaves. Having no religion they did not require the use of sacrifices, so prisoners were either eaten or if they had proved themselves as extremely courageous warriors they sometimes were given their freedom.

One such warrior who was captured was the 7th Baron of Munich. When taken he was presented to the Chieftain Sharka, who much impressed, gave him his freedom. The Baron when released vowed that he would one day return and defeat Sharka. It was at this time that the 95th Regiment of Teutonia was formed, and with this Regiment the 7th Baron of Munich marched against Sharka's Hobgoblin Impi's.

The battles were furious, but little by little the 95th Regiment pushed the Hobgoblin Impi's back towards the mountains. Although they were not strong enough to defeat the 95th Regiment, the Hobgoblins mounted an extraordinary tactical withdrawal. This manoeuvre gained the respect of the Baron and the men of the 95th Regiment. As prisoners mounted up the order was then given that they should not be executed.

It was early on the first day of summer at a place called Ulundi that the Hobgoblins and the 95th Regiment met for a final battle. Before the battle started Sharka decided that he would like to meet this human who had defeated his mighty Impi's, so he requested a parlay. The 95th commander accepted and after many hours together the two leaders returned to their armies having found respect for each other. It was decided that the Hobgoblins would be given land rights and citizenship within Teutonia and in return Sharka would supply one of his Impi's to train and fight for the 95th Regiment, so with this union Teutonia had yet another ally to protect its borders.

The arrangement between the people of Teutonia and the Horned Viper Hobgoblins was maintained for many centuries. This lasted until a thousand years ago, when for some unknown reason the Hobgoblins returned to their homeland and went into isolation, accepting neither friend nor foe. Fortunately just last year contact was re-established with the Hobgoblins, the mighty chieftain Sharka is still alive, and having met the wise man Aaron Darke he sent a Hobgoblin called Scrottock to assess the current situation within Teutonia. Once again Sharka has given his Hobgoblins permission to fight with the 95th Regiment of Teutonia.