Commander's Annual Report 253 Common Era Camp Twilight Diamond

General Konos,

As we expected, the 253rd year has seen incoming assaults from small goblin forces. A total of six attacks have taken place, spread evenly throughout the year.

Our charts were accurate; after two years, we can confirm that this location neatly intersects the migration paths of several arctic ocean beasts tramping across the glacier. Aside from guaranteeing food supply, several of our troops have taken up hunting; at any given time, a handful of troops are rotating around the snow, keeping an eye on the perimeter.

It is thanks to this caution that no ambush has yet breached the gates of the camp. Our snow-stalkers have yet to meet injury, and have so far intercepted each ambush and dented their forces enough to send them scampering home. Only with the arrival of the most recent caravan did the beasts near the threshold; my squad and I had little issue repelling them.

Single goblin agents have been more successful, however. We understand the strain on the mountainhomes, and that accordingly, you have chosen to allow soldiers to move to this camp with their dependents. However, the problems attached to this are real, and three children were tragically kidnapped by goblin agents. We do not expect to see them again.

This is only the beginning, of course. We anticipate full sieges in the next few years, and have made good progress in preparing the troops for this eventuality. Training remains rigorous, and armament supplies are developing.

As per your instructions, we have made use of the officer you assigned to us. Major Sakzul is a capable logistician, and remarkably exacting. Under his supervision, a vault has been built into the camp, and is now slowly filling. Major Sakzul also oversees the coin minting process, and has provided a small administrative addendum, which I have attached to this letter for your viewing.

With regards to your comments, I can confirm that after your last message, digging procedures have begun immediately. We have every intention of breaching the lowest caverns soon, and the magma layers not long after.

Finally, your wood supply commissions are appreciated. Importing the lumber has become a necessity, and mountainhome caravans come none too soon. The only other serious concern the camp has at this time is beasts of labor. During our transition to this camp's site, almost all of the unit's dogs perished in the cold, and the rest had to be eaten en route. We realize that the strain on the homelands is immense, but if any beasts of burden are available, we would appreciate their assistance.

Tarmid's valor guide you, Commander Asobbab

Administrative Addendum

Goblin forces slain: 1-2 dozen.

Goblin forces captured: 0.

Dwarves KIA: 0. Dwarves captured: 3. Coins minted: 5,000.