*UES Starlight Incident and Investigation Report*

Subject: Death of Lieutenant Commander Trevor A. Barnabas, UK Stellar, UES Starlight
Date of Incident: 15 July 2315
Incident Location: XM-0089
Attachments: MS-24 Combat video, UES Starlight Telemetry Data, MS-24 Slover Telemetry Data, MS-24 MacNeil Telemetry Data, MS-24 Lopez, Partial MOS-1138 Telemetry Data, UES Starlight External Camera video, Statement: Captain Aaron Stobulous, Statement: Commander Helene Langer, Statement LT Jerias Slover, Statement LTJG Finn MacNeil, Statement: LTJG Rafael Lopez, Statement: LTJG RAshmi Mahajan, Statement: Ensign Paolo Crocetti, Statement: Knight Protector Kalu Vann, Statement: Group Commandant Bol’Shaya

1. On Monday, July 15, 2915 at 1800 three MS-24 Mechanized Soldiers piloted by LT Jerias Slover, LTJG Finn MacNeil and LTJG Rafael Lopez, and supported by MOS-1138 piloted by LCDR Trevor Barnabas were engaged in a salvage operation within the ring system of an uninhabited and lifeless desert planet. Also assisting in this operation were Knight Protector Kalu Vann of the Cydonians and Group Commandant Bol’Shaya of the Phaestyns.
2. The Starlight was under direct command of CDR Helene Langer, with ENS Paolo Crocetti at helm, LT Anne Swafford at Air Control and LTJG Reshmi Mahajan on scanners. CAPT Aaron Stobulous was present on the bridge.
3. The salvage was located at 1847, secured and then escorted to the ship by LTJG Lopez and LT Slover, while LTJG MacNeil and LTCMDR Barnabas provided scanner sweeps.
4. Upon recovery of the salvage at 1930 several enemy ships appeared, 24 Watchers Type 1 and 6 Watcher Type 3. The MS pilots engaged along with KP Vann and GC Bol’Shaya while the LCDR Barnabas took an air command support role. [see attached video] During the engagement, CDR Langer ordered the *Starlight* back from direct combat, not wanting to get caught in the Type 3 EMP burst, and ENS Crocetti applied 100 m/s aft thrust.
5. Upon defeat of the enemy vessels, LT Slover returned to the *Starlight* to affect repairs to his badly damaged MS, entering Sortie Tube 2. Meanwhile, LTJR MacNeil and LTJG Lopez finished clean-up operations.
6. At 1935 a 7th Watcher Type 3 appeared, Dorsal to the *Starlight*. This vessel appeared simultaneously on the scanner records of LTJG Mahjan and LTJG MacNeil, who had inadvertently left his active scanning in the “on” position during the fight, and had turned towards the *Starlight* to assess the situation.
7. LCDR Barnabas, being the closest to the threat, reacted almost immediately and turned Mos-1183 the target. He quickly relayed the threat to the starlight, and ENS Crocetti applied an emergency 500 m/s fore thrust as CDR Langer and CAPT Stobulous were calling out similar orders to the Ensign. Seconds later, LCDR Barnabas’ MOS collided with the threat at approximately 250 m/s. The resulting collision pushed the two vessels into the gravity wash of the *Starlight’s* engines. The resulting tidal forces severely damaged both vessels, and the wreckage exploded shortly after clearing the engine spars.
8. LT Slover then executed an emergency launched from Sortie Tube 2, damaging the Assembly Arm and several MS parts. LTJG MacNeil and LTJG Lopez immediately began salvage sweeps, attempting to locate the wreckage of MOS-1138. They were soon joined by LT Slover, KP Vann and GC Bol’Shaya. LT Slover was able to find part a 40 x 10 cm of the port air foil from MOS-1138.
9. At 2015 CDR Langer called off search and recovery operations.

Conclusion:

After careful consideration of all of the evidence at hand, it has been determined that the incident that occurred 15 July 2915 at 1935 was unavoidable and not the result of negligence on the part of Lieutenant Slover or the Alexander pilots under his command. Let the record show the pilots had, in fact, performed admirably in the engagement to that point, and the appearance of an enemy ship directly over the *Starlight* was unexpected and uncharacteristic of enemy action in previous engagements. Further, the quick reaction of Ensign Crocetti ensured the *Starlight*’s safety, and his performance is to be commended.

Let the record also show that Lieutenant Commander Trevor A. Barnabas made the ultimate sacrifice in the line of duty, putting himself and his ship in mortal danger, and in the process, saving 137 souls aboard the *Starlight*. As a result, it is Commanding Officer’s decision to promote posthumously the officer to Commander, effective 15 July 2915.

Signed,

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