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LUCAS BIERMANN

The following is provided to allow GMs to use this character as a Star NPC in a number of scenarios. His history is be standardized up until 2007, when a number of branch histories are available to fill out the details depending on your campaign and needs. Additionally, baseline for equipment and some potential supplemental listings depending on the locations and scenarios in which he may be used have been provided.

SYNOPSIS

Lucas Biermann is a first generation American born to West German immigrants. After leading a fairly normal American teen-aged life, he elected to enlist as a Security Forces member with the U.S. Air Force. During his career, he became a K-9 troop working with military working dogs. After losing his first dog partner during a skirmish with a mob outside the French embassy in Washington, D.C., Lucas has become even more fiercely loyal to his current partner, a female German Shepherd named Freya.

Having recently been released from duty sitting on the U.S. - Canada border, he and his dog are working their way to southern Illinois in the hopes of finding and reconnecting with his family.

LUCAS BIERMANN

Age: 32

Hair/Eye Color/Handedness: Blonde/Blue/Right-handed

Height/Weight/Build/Blood Type: 1.94m/53.7kg/Slight/O+

Rank: US Air Force Staff Sergeant (SSgt - enlisted rank 5)

Attributes: Awareness 11, Coordination 9, Fitness 9, Muscle 6, Cognition 7, Education 7 (criminology), Personality 6, Resolve 9; CUF 6, OODA 11

Skills: Animal Husbandry Competent (7), Climbing Competent (6), Command Competent (4), Computing Competent (5), Driving Novice (3), Fieldcraft Competent (4), Forensics Competent (6), Hand-to-Hand Competent (6), Hand Weapons Competent (5), Instruction Competent (5), Intimidation Competent (4), Language – Native (English), Language – Native (German), Longarm Professional (12), Medicine Competent (4), Persuasion Competent (5), Sidearm Competent (7), Support Weapons Competent (5), Tactics Competent (7)

Wound Thresholds (head/torso/limbs): Slight 1/1/1, Moderate 5/9/9, Serious 9/18/14, Critical 14/27/18

Fatigue Thresholds: Slight 5, Moderate 9, Serious 14, Critical 18

Carrying Capacity: CL 16kg, ML 26 kg, EL 51 kg, DL 102 kg

Movement: Sprint 13m, Run 10m, Trot 8m, Walk 4m, Stagger 2m, Crawl 1m, Travel 6kph

Nutritional Requirements: 1,700 calories per day

Starvation Threshold: 8

Rads: 124

SP: 7/7

Advantages: Light Sleeper (2) = All AWA checks at only -1 for eing asleep, no initiative penalty when awakened into combat.

Disadvantages: Irradiated (2)

Equipment Dice: 2

Contacts: 1 information (regular); 1 reinforcement (green); 1 service (veteran); 1 trade (regular).

HISTORY

A first generation American, Lucas Biermann was born in 1981 in south-central Illinois. His parents, naturalized US citizens from then West Germany, were excited to raise their son in middle-America, but still insisted he was familiar and proud of his heritage. Growing up, he led a “normal” American childhood while at home he remained immersed in German culture. If ever questioned about his dual track upbringing, he never saw anything odd about it and actually was proud that it gave him a unique perspective on so many parts of life.

Life as a teen-ager for Lucas was highlighted by his involvement in JROTC and his love and focus on computer programming. Through his JROTC program, he was introduced to the art of rock climbing. When he wasn't at a computer terminal or school or part of the JROTC program he could be found scaling the local climbing wall or some random hill or gorge.

As much as he enjoyed his time in high school and developed a few specialized skills, Lucas found himself wondering just what he wanted to do with his life. After a short period of soul searching following his graduation in 1999, he enlisted in the USAF. Rather than go with a guaranteed training slot in his contract, he enlisted under “Open General” and was placed in the Security Forces, or SF, program.

After basic training and his technical training at Lackland AFB, Texas, he received his first real assignment: Barksdale AFB, Louisiana. It was here, as a young Airman (E-2) that he had his first, true life-changing experience. September 11th, 2001. Along with the rest of the nation, he was shocked, but unlike them, he didn't have time to worry about it. The base was locked down, he was issued armor, a weapon and ammunition and placed on flightline guard duty overseeing the base's compliment of B-52s and A-10s.

Shortly after assuming duty, he was alerted that his post would be augmented and he was to heighten his level of vigilance. Not knowing what to expect, he braced for the worst and assumed there was an attack heading his way. He didn't have to wait very long before he learned what the extra security was for when one of the most recognizable aircraft in the world landed and taxied on *his* ramp – AIR FORCE ONE had arrived with the president. For the next two hours Lucas worked with US Secret Service agents in assuring the protection of the aircraft as it sat on the ground at Barksdale.

With the start of Operation ENDURING FREEDOM into Afghanistan, Airman Biermann was deployed as part of a security detachment for Bagram Air Base. Including the occasional check of the wire, he didn't patrol far from the base. While part of him longed to take things farther and help his army brothers take the fight to the enemy, he realized how lucky he was to only have to deal with the occasional probe of the base defenses as well as the routine indirect-fire the base endured.

After Operation IRAQI FREEDOM began, once again Lucas was deployed. This time as an Airman First Class (A1C) and this time he went to help secure Baghdad International Airport. While here, he was assigned as a driver for a thin-skinned HMMWV. During a patrol along the outskirts of the airfield, his patrol came under heavy fire. Though his vehicle took hits, he maintained control and was able to quickly and effectively follow the patrol leader through the attack and reach safety with such speed that he barely recalls specific details of the event.

The next several years would find Lucas bouncing back and forth between CONUS units and deployments to various locations of various levels of danger within the Middle East in support of both OEF and OIF.

When he was notified that he had been picked up and given a line number for promotion to Senior Airman (SrA), Lucas was also given the opportunity to cross train within his field. It was at this time that he joined the ranks of the K9 specialty. After his training and partnering with his first dog, Asher, the pair found themselves deployed to various locations once again. This time, however, he was sent to support other activities and augment other law enforcement agencies for global events, had a one-year remote assignment in Korea just before peace was declared and he continued to pull duty in the Middle East with his last trip to Iraq happening in 2009.

The spring of 2011 found the new Staff Sergeant (SSgt) in the company of the symbol that had impacted his life 10 years earlier, when Lucas found himself assigned to Andrews AFB, Maryland – home of the AIR FORCE ONE. While at Andrews AFB, SSgt Biermann was no longer tied to long-term deployments, but found himself incredibly busy with duties assisting other U.S. government agencies in the safety and security of Congressmen, foreign dignitaries and the general public during mass gatherings. After the French nuclear attack that summer, he and Asher were assigned to assist with general crowd control and security for the French embassy in Washington, D.C. During one chaotic period just hours after the French president made his statements defending his nation's actions, the crowd began to press and penetrate the security buffer that had been established around the embassy. In the ensuing security reaction Asher was stabbed by an unseen assailant. After the situation had been brought back under control, several people had been arrested, scores more had been hurt, but the only casualty was SSgt Biermann's loyal partner.

As part of his own personal recovery process, the USAF transferred him to Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas – the home of the Military Working Dog Training Facility – where he was paired up with his new partner, a young female named Freya. The next several months were consumed by the two developing a bond, training together, caring for each other, learning each other's personalities. After training, Lucas took Freya back to Maryland to finish his tour.

In August of 2012, Lucas and Freya were assigned as part of a security detachment for a Congressional Delegation on a grassroots trip through the American Mid-West. Not only had the Chinese missiles in and around Washington, D.C. destroyed their home, but the last he had heard from his parents were they were going to visit friends in Chicago, which had also been hit. It was around this time that SSgt Biermann began having his own internal conflict regarding where his allegiances lay. His immediate leaders were answering to the MilGov faction while his personal feelings frequently were in line with the CivGov. Most of his doubts were put on hold after the Minnesota and Montana border crossing events, because he and Freya were sent to other key U.S./Canada border crossing points to bolster security – a job that he felt was serving both factions within the government.

After the brutal winter, the sicknesses and continued skirmishes at the border, his duty location didn't have enough personnel to effectively function as a unit. The local commander, after hearing the president's orders, released his personnel to return to their

home stations or homes of record in order to better provide manning and skills to their local governments. Lucas and Freya have been on foot, making their way south from the border ever since.

Lucas and Freya are absolutely loyal to each other. Neither one will ever leave the other behind in a crisis and they both will defend the other to the death if threatened. As far as Lucas is concerned, Freya is his equal and deserves to be treated as such. He will always split his food and water with her, will always ensure she has shelter, and will not hesitate to use medical supplies on her if she requires them.

Freya (Military Working Dog)

Attributes: Awareness 8, Coordination 7, Fitness 8, Muscle 6, Cunning 7, CUF 6, OODA 10

Wound Thresholds: Slight 1, Moderate 8, Serious 12, Critical 16

Movement: Sprint 27m, Run 14m, Walk 7m, Stagger 4m

Attacks: Teeth: Damage 5, Penetration x3, Speed 2/3/5

Skills: Fieldcraft Novice(3), Hand-to-hand Expert(20), Artisan (Explosives Detection) Expert (20), Intimidation Professional (14)

Equipment: Protective vest (2.3kg), choke chain collar

Freya is a three-year old, spayed, female German Shepherd military working dog, specializing in explosives detection and sentry/security. Her attentive and driven personality as an older puppy led her initial trainer to name her after the Norse goddess and leader of the Valkyries.

Paired with SSgt Lucas Biermann, she considers him her “mate” as far as loyalty is concerned. He is the only partner she has ever had in duty and her loyalty to him as the leader of her “pack” is without question.

Not immediately or openly hostile toward strangers or other dogs, she remains vigilant and cautious. Like Lucas, she has seen, smelled and heard a lot of things in her short life to have ingrained specific, instinctive responses. Freya will react and treat members of a group in much the same manner as Lucas. If he exhibits trust, so will she. If he is guarded, she is as well. Even in situations of trust, if she is presented a choice of choosing Lucas or another for any reason, she will always choose Lucas.

She is equipped with her own protective Kevlar vest, issued by the USAF. For game purposes, this vest is equivalent to the undercover vest (page 216 of the core rules) for protection, coverage and weight, but can only be used by a dog of her size. When wearing the vest, Freya is considered to be lightly encumbered. This vest is flexible, has pockets for removable cooling packs in hot environments, and integrated loops to allow the dog to rappel with proper equipment, however, Lucas doesn't have any cooling packs, (due to the assignment in a northern latitude) and had to leave his climbing gear back at Andrews AFB before the nuclear strike.

SSgt Biermann's equipment listing begins on the next page

BASELING EQUIPMENT

(TOTAL WEIGHT: 51.0kg (Stage II); 42.0kg (Stage III))

- Fatigues, mild weather (1.2kg)
 - 1 x pair combat boots, desert (1.8kg)
 - 1 x ballistic helmet (1.5kg)
 - 1 x tactical vest (3.8kg)
 - 1 x vest extensions (0.7kg)*
 - 2 x Level III trauma plates (1 ea. front and back) (3.4kg (1.7kg ea.))
 - 2 x Level III trauma plates (1 ea. left and right) (1.8kg(0.9kg ea.))*
 - 1 x Goggles (0.1kg)
 - 1 x pair of sunglasses (--)
 - 1 set of elbow and knee pads (0.6kg)
 - 1 x Fighting load carrier (30AP) (--)
 - 1 x Field pack (24AP, 12AP left) (2.0kg)
 - 1 x Patrol pack (17AP) (1.5kg)*
 - 2 x handgun magazine holder (cap: 1 each; each uses 1AP) (--)
 - 1 x rifle magazine holder (cap: 6; uses 4AP) (0.2kg)¹
 - 2 x grenade loops (cap: 1 grenade each; each uses 1AP) (--)
 - 1 x holster (uses 4AP) (0.2kg)
 - 1 x medical pouch (uses 4AP) (0.2kg)
 - 1 x utility pouch (uses 4AP) (0.2kg)
 - 1 x IFAK (0.6kg)
 - Collection of first-aid supplies (0.2kg)
 - 1 x bottle of pain reliever, mild, 100 tablets (0.2kg)
 - 1 x Whistle (--)
 - 1 x Sleeping bag, 5-season (2.1kg)
 - 1 x Tent, 2-man, civilian (2.2kg)
 - 1 x Hydration bladder, 3 liters (in fieldpack) (3.2kg)²
 - 1 x Canteen (1.3kg)*
 - 2 x bottles of 50 purification tablets (0.4kg)
 - 1 x Pocket fishing kit (0.1kg)
 - 1 x Zippo cigarette lighter with USAF Security Forces logo (0.1kg)
 - 1 x Flint and steel (--)
 - 200 x Matches (--)
 - 1 x Mess kit (0.2kg)
 - 1 x Compass (--)
 - 1 x coil of paracord, 30 meters (0.2kg)
 - 1 x Multi-tool (0.3kg)
 - 1 x Gun cleaning kit (0.3kg)
 - 1 x Micro-flashlight (--)
 - 4 x Chem-light (0.1kg)*
 - 2 x Candles (0.2kg)
 - 1 x Mag-2 binoculars (1.0kg)*
 - 1 x wristwatch, complex (0.2kg)
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- 50 x Zip-ties (0.2kg)*
- 5 x MRE (5.0kg)
- 1 x Bayonet (0.5kg)
- 1 x M9 auto pistol (1.0kg)
 - 3 x 15-round magazines, 9mm, loaded (0.9kg)
 - 30 x additional 9mm rounds (0.3kg)
- 1 x M4 carbine (2.5kg)
 - 8 x 30-round magazines, 5.56mm, loaded (4.8kg)³
 - 1 x Side saddle (0.2kg)
 - 1 x Reflex sight, powered, Mag-1 (0.3kg)
 - 1 x Vertical foregrip (0.1kg)
 - 1 x Weapon light, small (0.1kg)
 - 1 x sling (0.2kg)
 - 60 x additional 5.56 x 45mm rounds (0.8kg)
- 2 x Fragmentation grenades (0.8kg, 0.4kg each)
- 4 x Small batteries (--)
- 1 x Heavy leash (0.2kg)

EQUIPMENT NOTES:

* = Remove these items from the inventory when using the Stage III encumbrance rules

¹ = Replace this item with 1 x rifle magazine holder (cap: 4; uses 3AP) (0.1kg) when using the Stage III rules

² = Replace this item with 1 x Hydration bladder, 2 liter (in fieldpack) (2.1kg) when using the Stage III rules

³ = Replace this item with 6 x 30-round magazines, 5.56mm, loaded (3.6kg) when using the Stage III rules
