

Raven Herald Industries



A Guide to Trade
and Industry



The purpose of this book

This source book is for all players and gives an in depth outline of the Crafting and Research system and a brief explanation of Raven Herald Industries and how this company fits into TRIAC. The book is set out as a document issued by TRIAC to its members to prepare them for the trials and experiences they will face in their fight against the Martian threat across the globe.

As with the nation Gazetteers, after this first section that explains the reason behind the documents, the rest of the handbook is an in character (IC) document, written by a foremost scholar of the day and can be downloaded, printed and used as a prop and reminder to help with information in game.

We hope that this handbook will give you a lot more information upon which you can flesh out and expand your characters background and identity and we hope you find it useful.

Happy reading

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A note on the world as it is

The nations of this world are very different from the ones you know. This world is like ours in many ways and has a lot of the same history. In our version however, certain events happened, or possibly didn't, which have shaped the planet in very different ways.

In this world invaders from Mars landed on earth in the early part of the 19th century. As a result of this, history changed and we see the series of events we have laid out in front of us in these books.

Another huge difference is the change in technological advancement that resulted from the Martian invasion. Science moved down different paths leaving no room for technology as we know it to advance. Frankly, in a world with a tech derived from advanced alien thinking and new alien elements and resources, why would you continue to use the mere mundane in the wake of such wonders? Who needs cannons when you could have heat rays...?

Ultimately, this world is different. Time scales have altered; things happened or didn't happen according to the forces that affected them. It is this world you need to embrace to fully experience this alternate reality, a world inspired, but not copied from the writings of H G Wells and other great literary minds.

And with that in mind please read on...



RAVEN HERALD INDUSTRIES

INOVATION FOR THE FUTURE
OR A TICKING INDUSTRIAL TIMEBOMB

In the next few pages you will be provided with the information on the in-field crafting system facilitated by our agreement with Raven Herald Industries. But first, we will go into a little history regarding Raven Herald Industries.

RHI was founded by two brothers, Robert and Nathaniel Herald in 1765. The company has its roots in pre-revolutionary France where it began supplying arms and ammunition to the old imperial nations of Europe. When the Revolution occurred in 1789, the Herald brothers ceased trading and took the company underground to survive the upheaval. When the dust settled, the Heralds found that it was a new world with new needs, but one thing that never changed was the need of humanity to wage war upon one another, and they soon discovered that this need was stronger than ever.

The brothers discovered that there were many more avenues of trade available after the revolution. Soon they diversified into other goods such as tea, silk and spices. In the year of 1796, the brothers allegedly had a heated debate over the future of their now affluent company. Robert wanted to move away from the more morally ambiguous lines of income and purely into weapons, helping the locals protect their borders and try to put an end to the slave trade. The story goes that Nathaniel did not agree, and, driven by the greed that lurks in every man's heart, tried kill his brother by stabbing him through the heart, Robert, with great regret put a bullet in his brothers' skull.

In 1809 when the Martians first landed, the company went underground once again under the streets of Paris as his fleet and trade were all but destroyed. Hiding in sewers beneath the city, Robert tried to save as many as he could. In 1812, when the Martians were defeated, the remnants of the once great trade empire emerged into completely different surroundings. The once great city of Paris was now in ruins, and a strange red weed grew all around. Fleeing the area, the remains of the community survived as best they could. Eventually finding safety some one hundred miles north on a coast, untouched by the weed in a series of caves and fissures in the coastline.

The settlement of Salvation, as it became known, started as more of a shanty town where all survivors fled under the protection of the remainder of Raven Herald Industries. In the year 1820, the future owner of the company, Ethan was born. Ethan was a gifted child and at the age of 12, invented a machine which he called the Aetheric

Compiler. This machine was a revolution in crafting technology, allowing the manipulation of new, alien resources and the quick crafting of items both in factory production and in the field. It quickly becomes the new base line for international crafting with the patent for the device remaining firmly with RHI.

In 1856 Robert fell sick with Polio, and was forced to hand over his legacy to his son. Ethan, horrified of his father's illness set to find a cure. He left his father in a hospice and set off with a portable version of the compiler, determined to find a cure. Years later he returned to London but his father had already passed. Feeling hopeless and lost, Ethan threw himself into his work and the revitalisation of Raven Herald Industries.

For some years, Ethan travelled the world and worked with great minds such as Professor Chou Feng, Dr Helen Chamberlain and even the great Master Wu Ling and the elusive Henry Fitzroy Lancing. Building new alliances, he founded Raven Herald Industry offices in all Nations apart from the Russian Collective and Concordia.

In 1865, TRIAC recognised how valuable that Raven Herald Industries was to the war effort. The powers that be extended him an offer to become an associate officer but with the freedom to work under the RHI banner within the club. RHI would have access to TRIAC resources and have creative control over their inventions but would still need to abide by club rules and respect the chain of command. In return, RHI supply the use of the portable Aetheric Compiler at a reduced war bond cost, allowing TRIAC cells to act more efficiently in the field and furthering technological advancement.

All the stress of approaching mortality has started to take its toll on Ethan; auguring with thin air and talking to himself being the obvious issues. Ethan has his secrets, and his company supplies TRIAC with a large amount of hardware on the agreement of its secret benefactor, Dr Lancing. If he has other motives for being with TRIAC, he is keeping them close to his chest, but for now the threat of alien annihilation is more urgent than personal agenda.

The Companies Role and the Aetheric Compiler

RHI is an international company that, for the most part, is autonomous and independent in its business dealings with the world's nations. From the perspective of its work with TRIAC, the agreement that allows the club the use of the Aetheric Compiler links the two organisations together in contract.

The Aetheric Compiler is a versatile and innovative machine that is able to take earthbound and alien resources and create items based on a registered blueprint.

The compiler is designed to be used with the resource suspension units that became the standard during the resource wars of 1817 to 1820. These small, refined and highly concentrated measures of the resource are held in place within a ring shaped containment device.

These are the accepted measure of resource by all nations of the world, and provide a compact and economic answer to the trade and transport of resources internationally.

During the resource wars, the vast amount of resources that were recovered and produced in this way meant that they can be found across the globe, and many scavengers make good money scouring the wastelands searching for discarded or lost units to sell on the black market or to wasteland settlements.

With this standardised procedure, it is easy to maintain a regulated crafting process that allows the constant flow of invention and research that TRIAC needs to be at the forefront of innovation in the war against the Martians.

The Official Crafting Contract **Compiler Crafting**

At the beginning of the association between TRIAC and RHI the boffins from both sides sat down and created the standard crafting contract that governs all use of the compiler to create any number of instruments and weapons to prosecute the war.

This checklist is a simple set of instructions that allows any boffin to use the compiler with no complications or errors. It is listed below for reference:

1. Purchase an official Registered Blank TRIAC Crafting Blueprint from a TRIAC Quartermaster
2. If you are researching a new design or have a unique patent, fill in the relevant information on the blueprint making sure that all boxes are filled. *The compiler stores all standard recipes and these do not need blueprints to craft.*
3. Confirm that you have the relevant resources for the proposed recipe or blueprint and deposit these at the same time as your blueprint, if it is necessary.
4. Pay the necessary War Bond cost to RHI for use of the machine.
5. Perform the relevant actions at the Compiler necessary to facilitate the build.
6. Wait for the Compiler to produce the resultant product.
7. You will be put on a 1 hour wait list before you are able to use the device again to ensure that all agents are able to utilise the service, although this may change dependant on the number of Boffins in attendance.

List of Known Crafting Resources

There are many resources in the world that are used on a day to day basis for crafting all manner of mundane devices needed for the wheels of civilisation and industry to continue to turn. There are a handful of what are known as “Rare Earth Elements”, however, that are used primarily in association with the so called “Martian” resources to create the instruments and devices that are becoming our means of fighting the alien invaders. These recognised resources have been classified into three different categories, Common, Uncommon and Rare. They are listed below for reference and are the 18 elements that go into making any items with the Aetheric Compiler:

Earthbound Resources:

Common	Uncommon	Rare
Iron Ore	Silver	Uranium
Copper	Mercury	Tungsten
Tin	Gold	Platinum

Martian Resources:

Common	Uncommon	Rare
Silicon	Aether crystal	Dark steel
Meteoric iron	Neon	Plasma
Magnesium.	Red steel.	Aetheric matter.

Pharmacological crafting

The Pharmacy is available to any TRIAC agent with the skill and ingredients to do so. This type of crafting does not require the compiler and uses more contemporary chemistry processes to combine both earthbound and alien resources to create all manner of concoctions and tinctures.

The process is similar to the Compiler but does not need the machine to function. The crafter simply follows the following steps below to create new or existing concoctions:

1. Purchase one or more Neutral Pharmacological Suspensions from a TRIAC Quartermaster.
2. Fill in the recipe form with a current known formula or the outline of the experimental new formula you are trying to create.
3. Confirm you have the relevant resources needed to create the item.
4. Perform the relevant actions necessary to produce the product at the pharmacy station in the med bay.
5. There is no wait time for pharmacy creation due to the process not needing the compiler to function.

List of Known Pharmacology Resources

The world of chemistry and herbalism has been turned upside down since the discovery of new forms of pharmacological resources that have become available since the coming of the aliens. The list of sympathetic substances that are registered as usable in the crafting of new concoctions are listed below:

Sympathetic Biological Resources:

Common	Uncommon	Rare
Red Weed	Wolfs Bane	Venusian Tangle Fern
Fox Glove	Opium Poppy	Reptid Fungal spores
Deadly Nightshade	Blood vine	Ghost Orchid

Names and personalities of note

Ethan Herald

The owner of the company and creator of the Aetheric Compiler. Ethan is an accomplished and skilled scientist who has built the company up from its roots in post war France, and made it into the industrial powerhouse that it is today. The secret to his success is the Compiler, allowing him to broker the current agreement that the company has with TRIAC to use the machine to facilitate their war against the Martian threat.

Ethan is a somewhat reserved individual and has many secrets that he keeps close to his chest. His everyday paranoid manner and the toll of genius is evident in his demeanour and he can be seen mumbling to himself and pouring over old notes and documents while providing his services to TRIAC agents.

Felicity Winters

Miss Winters is a rising star in within RHI and the head of the companies' Research Division. For the last 4 years, she has been instrumental in the creation of many prototypes and new instruments that are used in the Martian conflict. Her speciality however, is weaponry. She has, for the last two years, been working on a number of projects for RHI that could be the next word in offensive technology.

Felicity is an efficient and by-the-book person who can seem very aloof at times. She is most comfortable when in the lab or working on new research. Felicity is originally a French national but joined Sir Henry Lancing in the Arctic Concord before leaving to pursue a career with RHI. She is currently based in the company facility in New Richmond where she heads up the research on all RHI facilities worldwide.

Fredrick Haas

Professor Haas has been a high ranking member of RHI for some years now and heads up worldwide production from the RHI headquarters in

Prussia. Haas is an innovative and strong leader and has, with normal Prussian efficiency, streamlined and centralised production in RHI factories worldwide. The professor is a stern and serious individual who delights in solving problems and prides himself on the details and minutia that come from an ordered and structured organisation.

Hu-Ling Chang

Lady Chang is a strange member of the RHI board. A new addition of no more than three years she was hired to the position of political liaison when the war began to escalate again and the agreement with TRIAC was finalised. An eminent Politian and diplomat, Lady Chang is at the forefront of any major RHI deal or agreement and was the mind behind the TRIAC/RHI contract of service that exist today. This talented and silver tongued woman is the reason that the majority of RHI deals are as profitable as they are and if you are considering a contract with the company you can be sure that your paths will cross.

RHI out in the World

Raven Herald Industries spans the world and has offices and major factory complexes in all nations. As a result of this, their presence in the world is very visible and RHI products can be seen everywhere. Primarily an armaments and munitions company, RHI also produces other goods that are used by all nations in everyday life. The influence that the company excerpts are primarily in the field of war and there is no other single company or organisation, other than TRIAC, that can rival its economic power and political power. That being said, TRIACs involvement with RHI suggests that there is a gap that is being filled in the clubs infrastructure by its association and this symbiosis seems to be mutually beneficial.

Any company of this considerable size, with the interests that it has, must be able to defend itself from industrial espionage or more physical threats. RHI is no different and maintains a small force of well-trained mercenaries known as "Talons" at the majority of their facilities that deal with security and defence. The protection of the company's intellectual property and secrets is incredibly important to Ethan Herald and the rest of the board members and will defend them vigorously if attacked.

With the growing Martian threat, it is unknown how the company will fare if the aliens begin to overwhelm humanity. One thing is certain, however, this company is like an iceberg and we have only glimpsed the very top. What secrets it hides has yet to be determined.

Politics

Raven Herald Industries prides itself in taking a neutral stance to all nations and it is imperative to its future that it continues to be

resolute in this. As a result, the company urges all nations to remember that the services that the company provides are available to any and all who can afford them in equal measure.

Conclusion

And so good reader, I put my pen down and thank you for reading my discourse on RHI. I hope this opened your eyes to more of the structure of this powerhouse of industry. I also hope you enjoyed reading it as much as I enjoyed writing it. If you did, then please take the time to read my other works on the various Nations that have risen from the ashes of the previous war and stand resolute in the face of our Martian enemy

Kind Regards

Dr Herbert Maitland