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Ska-Rakasian Ranks and Titles.

Generally speaking, the ranks and titles used in the Service organisations of Ska-Rak are rather simpler than their Terran counterparts. The most important quasi-Service institution is the Dalek Galactic Fleet, whose vessels ply their quadrant of the Galaxy engaged in trade, exploration, diplomatic missions and, on occasion, emergency relief.

It is not, primarily, a military organisation although it is run along strict Service lines and is staffed by a cadre of men and women who are highly disciplined, superbly fit and dedicated totally to their calling. In the unusual event of a threat to the Home World by an alien aggressor, the Galactic Fleet would also form the back-bone of Ska-Rak's defences, supported ably by the black-uniformed Troopers of the Omega Corps (see below).

There are four main Branches within the Galactic Fleet and they are distinguished visually, by the colour of their uniforms:

Command & Executive Branch:	Blue
Technical & Engineering Branch:	Green
Medical & Bio-Research Branch:	Red
General Auxiliary Branch:	Grey

Ranks within each Branch are similar and, instead of designating each by stripes or stars as on Earth, the shade of the basic uniform colour indicates seniority; the more senior the rank, the darker the shade.

Galactic Fleet ranks are broadly parallel to those of the Royal Navy, although are less sub-divided:

First Grand Magister	equates to:	Admiral of the Fleet
Grand Magister	= “ =	Admiral
Magister-Prime	= “ =	Captain
Over-Magister	= “ =	Commander
Magister	= “ =	Lieutenant
Under-Magister	= “ =	Sub-Lieutenant
Magister-Cadet	= “ =	Midshipman

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The Omega Corps

The Omega Corps is the nearest thing on Ska-Rak to a true Army. It is based on the concept developed by Aurik the Great following the establishment of the New Dalek

civilization. The original Omega Corps was a small group of mutant Daleks who, unlike the great majority, retained their blast-guns and were distinguished by a band of black around the lower edge of their domes. It is not recorded that they were ever called upon to fight in anger but it should be remembered that, until the advent of the Dalek-Human race, Ska-Rak's contact with other worlds was limited to Sondrana, its immediate planetary neighbour. In that era a small number of Omega Corps Daleks were stationed on Sondrana, primarily to defend their outpost, Gendura Kai Base, against attack by Sondrana's more ferocious fauna.

With the ascent of Dalek-Human civilization, the concept of a defence-force was retained, as was its title. By the era of *Quest* and *Triumph*, this force consisted of a total strength of 60,000; by Terrestrial standards a very small army indeed, to be responsible for the defence of an entire planet with a population of eight hundred and fifty million people.

It is however entirely adequate as, in stark contrast to Earth, Ska-Rak is utterly devoid of internecine warfare or civil unrest. The only occasion that the Omega Corps has been called upon to serve on the Home World, in anything remotely resembling a combat capacity, was during the Mind Wraith invasion of 3376 NE. During this emergency the Corps endeavoured, generally successfully, to contain the instability caused by those possessed by the invaders. The use of lethal force in this operation was strictly prohibited by order of the Emperor and, indeed, the principal of using minimal force to achieve an objective, is one of the prime tenets of the Corps.

The primary function of the Omega Corps today, is the provision of military support to the Galactic Fleet in the event of an external attack and on hazardous assignments such the Terran Expedition of 3437 NE. Otherwise, it can be used to back up the Fleet when it is engaged in emergency relief and mercy missions.

Omega Corps ranks are even simpler than those of the Galactic Fleet; the vast majority of the Corps are Troopers who wear a plain black uniform with cape; the Officers wear similar apparel but are distinguished by silver collars, the increasing width of which indicates higher seniority. There are no NCO equivalents.

Omega Corps ranks are given below, with rough British Army equivalents:

First Damon Senior	equates to:	Lieutenant-General
Damon Senior	= “ =	Brigadier
Damon Major	= “ =	Colonel
Damon	= “ =	Captain
Damon Minor	= “ =	Lieutenant
Trooper	= “ =	Private