

Scant at a Glance

In 578 cy, during the War of the Golden League, Scant itself came under attack. It was widely reported that something had entered the Great Harbour and was slaying sailors and townsfolk alike. A small band of heroes entered the sewers and destroyed the threat variously reported as a renegade band of Sea Devils, a huge crocodile, or an infestation of undead.

The Night of Scarlet Knives: Through means that are still unclear Rakehell Chert discovered the Brotherhoods plans just before they were put into effect. He evacuated his followers from Scant and reorganised them into the nucleus of what was to become the resistance. The rest of Scant was not so fortunate...

On the 18th of Wealsun 584 cy, the Followers of the Scarlet Sign and their allies unleashed a surprise attack on Scant. Details of the fateful night are confused. It seems however that previously docked vessels of the Lordship of the Isles disgorged hundreds of Brotherhood warriors onto the streets. This attack, aided by traitors and saboteurs, succeeded in seizing The Langneck Gate, The Palace Gate, Daern's Redoubt, the batteries overlooking the Szek's Channel and the Chapterhouse of the Loyal Company of Pilots. Tragically Ewerd Destron fell to treachery, slain on this fateful night in his own bedchamber by a trusted body servant.

The Knights of Azhardian were assailed in the Bastion of the Golden Sun and besieged within the Chapel of Heironeous while the temple of Procan was also attacked. The Temples of Osprem and Xerbo were undone from within by traitors while confused skirmishing broke out all over the city, as disorganised units of army regulars and marines aided by some spellcasters attempted to resist the Brotherhood's advances.

A few ships of refugees and marines managed to escape the Inner Harbour and evade the approaching Brotherhood attack fleet. At dawn the Brotherhood armada sailed unhindered under the silenced batteries of Scant and entered the Great Harbour, landing troops in the Inner Harbour and at the nearby village of Halmarn.

After this final disaster resistance quickly collapsed in all but two locations - the Knight's Chapel and the Temple of Fortubo on Gate Hill. Tragically these last holdouts were finally overwhelmed through sheer weight of numbers. Their resistance and heroic sacrifice has however come to symbolise the

determination of Onnwal to resist the invaders. In recent years "For the Martyrs of Gate Hill," or "Remember the Sixty" have become common rallying cries of the resistance.

Occupation: The occupation in Scant was harsh. Squads of hochebi warriors well versed in terror-tactics and cruelty maintained order within the capital. The Kesh of Scant, Maranefel Toktot, has gained a well-deserved reputation for unrivalled brutality. The burning of 34 farmers in the Grand Market in the Richfest of 585 cy was just one of a string of brutality designed to break the Onnwalons will to resist. After this atrocity Chert encouraged the populace to co-operate with the Brotherhood until the time to strike arrived. From Scant the Brotherhood operated a virtual; blockade of the vital Gearnat Straits extract a hefty toll from all who would use it.

Rebellion: Accurate details of conditions within Scant have been hard to come by since the city has been under almost constant siege for the last 5 years. Early 591 cy a small number of individuals were able to escape from Scant via an apparent undercity the Scarlet Sign ordered them to explore. These fellows painted a uniformly bleak picture of conditions within the city. Brotherhood troops are resupplied via vessels sailing from their homeland and thrall-states but these supplies are not plentiful enough to allow the feeding of the native population as well. Thus, starvation is becoming widespread.

Although the rebellion was initially successful the rebels have always failed to make significant inroads into Scant due to manpower shortages and the strength of the city's fortifications. Constant skirmishing continues around the landward approaches to the city without significant gain for either side. The Brotherhoods naval superiority is also such that Free Onnwal can not yet risk any of its handful of ships in an all out offensive or blockade. Even the Wreckers (it is said) have had considerable problems placing agents here.

Since the rebellion Sister Kuranyie has not been seen in public and some whisper that she is dead. Whatever the truth of the matter though the Brotherhood troops still in the capital resist the encroaching rebel forces with almost fanatical zeal.