

# ERRATUM, "DEATH IN THE DARK CONTINENT" RULEBOOK

## LIST AMENDMENTS.

A few amendments to the lists in the rule book have been proposed by players of "Death in the Dark Continent" since its release last year. The following are the ones that I think deserve to be made "official". Please keep your suggestions coming.

**LIST 13). TURKISH SLAVERS.** Rabeh Zubair should be allowed Azande allies before 1891. After 1890 he was based too far to the west, and we can assume that any Azande who were still with him had become assimilated. Otherwise the rules about allies in this list remain the same.

**LIST 16). WARRIOR HERDSMEN.** The Nyaturu are a mysterious lot, but we do know that they had an extremely warlike reputation and a remarkable record of success against various invaders, at least until a famine almost destroyed them in the 1880s. Therefore the second bullet point in the notes to this list is amended to read:

*Lotuka before 1883, Nyaturu before 1887, Turkana and Ila at any date, and Jie from 1893 onwards, may upgrade any or all of their Skirmishers to Elite (+4 points). A Jie army must consist entirely of Elite Skirmishers if its Chief is Loriang.*

It makes no practical difference in the game, but the notes ought perhaps to mention that some tribes – notably the Suk, Samburu and Nyaturu – used bows as well as spears.

**LIST 21). MATABELE.** Under the Rudd Concession of 1889 the British agreed to provide King Lobengula with 1,000 Martini Henry rifles, which he seems to have kept under his personal control and issued en masse to the most trustworthy units on the most critical fronts. The result was that in some battles the Matabele had more breech-loaders than their British opponents. The present rule that up to a quarter of the musket-armed troops can be re-equipped with breech-loaders does not really reflect this, so replace it with the following:

*After 1889, any or all musket-armed Skirmishers and Elite Warriors may replace their muskets with breechloaders (12 points per base if Elite Warriors, 8 points if untrained Skirmishers).*

This also gives the Matabele army a bit more distinctiveness, rather than just being a "poor man's Zulu", and the combination of Elite Warriors with breech-loaders should be fairly deadly, especially against native opponents. Unfortunately the heavily armed gunboat on the Zambezi which Lobengula was also promised does not seem to have materialised!