

RANDOM MERCENARY TROOPS

Use these tables for inspiration or roll them up randomly. Some of the tables could be rolled more.

d12 The mercenary troop's colors are...

1. Black.
2. Red / scarlet.
3. Gold.
4. Forest green.
5. Royal blue.
6. Brown / beaver.
7. Dark grey / gunmetal.
8. Maroon.
9. Navy blue.
10. Dark brown / chocolate.
11. Steel / blue grey.
12. Olive green.

d20 The mercenary troop's banner features...

1. A skull.
2. A ghost.
3. A clenched fist.
4. A flame.
5. An arrow.
6. A dagger.
7. A sword.
8. A hammer.
9. The sun.
10. The moon.
11. A bat.
12. A bull.
13. A dragon.
14. A falcon.
15. A lion.
16. A raven.
17. A scorpion.
18. A snake.
19. A vulture.
20. A wolf.

d10 The mercenaries' commander is...

1. A brazen outlaw.
2. A charismatic demagogue.
3. A mysterious foreigner.
4. An outcast from a prominent family.
5. A ruthless killer.
6. A dashing swashbuckler.
7. A brutish thug.
8. A celebrated war hero.
9. A disgraced knight.
10. A former arena champion.

d6 The mercenary troop's attitude toward their commander is...

1. Friendly and loyal.
2. Respectful and business-like.
3. Cautious and uncertain.
4. Terrified and tight-lipped.
5. Disappointed and rude.
6. Angry and rebellious.

d6 The mercenary troop is currently...

1. Gainfully employed as guards.
2. Gainfully employed in war.
3. Under contract with some criminals.
4. Under contract with some merchants.
5. Under contract with some nobles.
6. Looking for work.

d10 The mercenary troop specializes in...

1. Siege-breaking.
2. Holding redoubts.
3. Frontal assaults.
4. Infiltration tactics.
5. Skirmishes.
6. Laying ambushes.
7. Patrolling.
8. Flanking maneuvers.
9. Guerilla tactics.
10. Raiding and pillaging.

d8 The mercenary troop is notorious for...

1. Taking no prisoners.
2. Leaving the dead to be eaten by beasts.
3. Tattooing or branding prisoners.
4. Scalping or flaying prisoners.
5. Burning villages and fields.
6. Betraying their employers.
7. Singing bawdy songs.
8. Drinking too much ale and wine.

INDIVIDUAL SELLSWORDS

d8 The sellsword is armored in...

1. Exotic robes.
2. Leather armor.
3. Studded leather armor.
4. Hide armor
5. Ringmail.
6. Chainmail.
7. Scale armor.
8. Plate armor.

d6 The sellsword's armor is...

1. Shiny and new.
2. In excellent condition.
3. Obviously repaired, but serviceable.
4. Covered in dings and dents.
5. Dirty and well-worn.
6. Barely held together.

d12 The sellsword is wielding...

1. A longsword.
2. A longsword and a shield.
3. Two shortwords.
4. A shortsword and a shield.
5. A bastard sword.
6. A greatsword.
7. A heavy flail.
8. A morningstar.
9. A huge axe.
10. A warhammer.
11. A scimitar.
12. A scimitar and a shield.

d8 The sellsword fights with...

1. Hit-and-run tactics.
2. Making a direct assault.
3. Fancy footwork.
4. Unpredictable lurches.
5. Masterful combat maneuvers.
6. No mercy.
7. Lots of taunts and jeers.
8. Dirty tactics.

d8 The sellsword fights for...

1. The love of gold.
2. Pure bloodlust.
3. A chance to deal out sadistic torment.
4. A chance at vengeance.
5. Gold to repay debts.
6. Gold to aid a family member.
7. Gold to secure a marriage.
8. Fortune and glory.

d12 The sellsword is...

1. A well-trained soldier.
2. A self-taught militia veteran.
3. A veteran of gladiatorial combat.
4. A veteran of warfare.
5. A prisoner of war.
6. A political prisoner.
7. The son of a poor man.
8. A drunk.
9. A fugitive criminal.
10. A former pirate.
11. A de-frocked priest.
12. A favorite among the ladies.

d12 On the sellsword's face is...

1. An eye-catching mole.
2. A garish earring.
3. An empty eye socket.
4. A grisly scar.
5. A haughty sneer.
6. A look of sadness.
7. A stupid grin.
8. An eager grin.
9. A frame of long, beautiful long hair.
10. Ferocious sideburns.
11. An unruly beard.
12. An intimidating mustache.

d12 The sellsword carries...

1. A blade with a gem embedded in the pommel.
2. A blade with soft leather tassels dangling from the pommel.
3. A blade with a carved hilt (ivory, jade, soapstone, ebony, mahogany, or oak).
4. A blade with a gently curved hilt.
5. A blade with beasts sculpted into the steel of the guard (dragons, lions, scorpions, snakes, spiders, or wolves).
6. A blade made of blackened steel.
7. A highly polished blade.
8. A blade with runes carved into it.
9. Arrows/bolts tipped with black steel.
10. Arrows/bolts with bronzed tips.
11. Arrows/bolts fletched with crow feathers.
12. Arrows/bolts fletched with peacock feathers.