

ship's Hull Integrity is exceeded, as long as the damage was not caused by a critical hit or collision. A pod is a Size 0 ship with Silhouette 10, a single Hull Integrity bubble, and a one-shot thrust 9 solid fuel rocket which can fire in any direction. Ships may dock with the pod to rescue the pilot, who is then incapacitated and cannot take further actions.

Pilot Fates. Pilots in friendly hands at the end of a scenario are safely returned home to fly another day. Those in enemy hands are captured. Those still drifting must roll on the Reentry table.

KIA: The pilot has been killed in action by a heatshield or parachute failure.

MIA: The pilot comes down alive, but too far from home to take any further role in the campaign. The landing point may be a South American jungle, the Australian outback, or an uncharted Pacific island.

BEL: Behind Enemy Lines. Roll an additional die, on a 0 the pilot hooks up with partisans and will *Return (4)*. Otherwise the pilot is *Captured*.

Captured: The war is probably over for captured pilots. There is little chance for escape from a lunar Stalag or New Mexican desert prison. However, unofficial trades of captured pilots were often organized by battlefield commanders without the knowledge or approval of higher authorities. Players on opposite sides may exchange captured aces if both parties can hammer out an agreement.

Return (x): Having landed in friendly territory, the pilot is on the way back to the base. X is the number of missions the pilot will miss while traveling.

Grounded Pilots. Pilots who lose three ships are grounded. Forced out of an active role in the space war, they serve the remainder of their term flying a desk. Though still on the roster, grounded pilots may no longer fly any missions.

REENTRY	
Die Roll	Result
0	KIA
1-2	MIA
3	BEL
4	Return (4)
5	Return (3)
6	Return (2)
7	Return (1)
8+	Return (0)

One die for life balls, two for rescue pods.

HAUPTMAN MILZ JOACHIM



The most well-liked of the German space pilots, Joachim is something of a comedian. He doesn't really like Hitler and can't believe the Thousand-Year Reich will ever come about, but the promise of travelling to the stars was irresistible. Joachim is a conservative pilot; his main goal is to survive until the end of the war so he can start an interplanetary passenger service. He intends to make sure as many of his comrades as possible make it through alive with him. The younger pilots find him a better mentor than the reclusive Jaeger or completely psychotic Vilhelm.

25 Kills Dodge 1
 Ships Lost 1 Luck 1
 Gunnery 1 Escape 1
 Initiative 1

CAPTAIN LUPE "LOBO" RILLITO



The first female American ace of the war, Rillito scored unprecedented results in a random space pilot aptitude test instituted by the American government when the war escalated in 1942. Immediately offered a role as a USASC combat pilot despite her gender, Rillito became the rising star of the Corps. In the year that followed she surpassed the kill scores of nearly every American ace, forcing a reevaluation of the long-standing rules against women in combat units. Her current record rivals both LaGuerre and Dodge, despite their having two additional years each of combat duty.

25 Kills Gunnery 2
 Ships Lost 0 Initiative 2
 Vision 1