

What We Know

"It all seems to trace back to Alex Ferminder. Since they vanished, we've seen nothing but black clouds and lightning to the south. I swear to the Sovereign they had something to do with this." ~ Orien Alexander, Headmaster of Alabaster Academy

When the southern regions were covered in thick black clouds, everyone thought the Miasma was back, that thick cloud that surrounded the ancient capital. Soon, however, it became clear that this was something entirely different. A few ambitious Outriders struck out into the darkness, never to be seen again. Then the first wave began.

Marching like the dead come back to life, demonic creatures emerged from the darkness. They swept over the first towns and cities with very little resistance as people were caught completely unaware. The death toll is yet unknown but the land was not given time to recover. Swiftly, the families banded together, presenting a united front against this incursion. Resistance pushed the demons back into the storm, but this victory was short lived.

From this point, the Incursion became a full fledged war. The frontlines have turned into great muddy plains of barbed wire and corpses. The forces of Hell, as it became known this was in fact an invasion by Hell, have had no end to their supply of monstrosities, possessed war machines, and mortal servants (both alive and undead).

The Incursion dragged on for years and eventually the strain of war began to weigh too heavy on the families. Tensions flared and skirmishes began again on the territorial borders as every side began to struggle for supplies.

In recent years a new, and wholly terrifying, tactic has emerged from the demonic front. While the fighting continues in the trenches and ruins on the frontline, troops of soldiers have been appearing in various settled areas via demonic transportation magics, ransacking towns, killing everyone in their path, and then returning to their masters after some unknown goal is finally accomplished. These smaller attacks have set the families into true disarray as panic has flooded the populace, knowing that at any moment, demons might appear in the town square.

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