COMPANY COMMANDER

SELF PROPELLED ARTILLERY

TACTICAL BRIEFING ON SELF PROPELLED ARTILLERY

From its beginnings in the middle ages, artillery has evolved into the most destructive of the battlefields weapons. Artillery has caused more casualties than any other weapon. The vulnerability of these units has been that they are reasonably static while in action, and vulnerable to units of their own type in a counter battery role (“Counter battery” is firing on the artillery that is firing on you with your own artillery) The self propelled artillery unit is able to deploy and commence firing in minutes, and if effective counter battery fire is used, the Self Propelled artillery unit can redeploy to a different firing position and carry on the mission. This has obvious advantages in operations, but the cost of these units is very high, and there is a need for support vehicles to carry additional ammunition and communications. This flexibility comes at a price, but the survivability of these units is high, as long as they do not come into direct fire range, as their armour is generally only proof against shell splinters, but not against a direct hit from an anti tank weapon or high velocity anti tank warhead. All these units are considered to be crewed.

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Unit Designation	SPM-85 Pram-S Self Propelled Mortar

Country	Russia
Base Price	190
Base TTC	320
Unit Weight (Lbs)	37419
Road Speed (mph)	39
Combat Supply (Pts)	9

Main Armament:	1 x 120 mm Mortar	**Artillery Minimum Range (Metres)**	600
Travel Range (Miles)	340	**Artillery Maximum Range (Metres**	8000
Amphibious	☑	**Attack strength Infantry**	7
Communication Range (Miles)	50	**Attack Strength Soft**	7
Night	☐	**Attack Strength Lt Armour**	3
Smoke	☑	**Attack Strength Anti Tank**	1
Secondary Armament	1 x 12.7 mm HMG	**Attack Strength AAA**	2
Secondary Armament Range (M)	1100	**Attack Strength Forts**	6
		Defence Strength	3

One reconditioned SPM-85 Pram- S 120mm Self Propelled Mortar. This unit is based upon the BMP-1 series of vehicles, and has only light armour , proof against small arms and shell splinters. It does have good mobility, and the auto loader means it has a good rate of fire. However, it will quickly use up its ready use ammunition, so requires rapid resupply. The heavy 120 mm rounds can cause major damage very quickly.

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Unit Designation	Astros II Multiple Rocket Launcher

Country	Brazil
Base Price	440
Base TTC	290
Unit Weight (Lbs)	22000
Road Speed (mph)	41
Combat Supply (Pts)	32

Main Armament:	32 HE rockets	**Artillery Minimum Range (Metres)**	600
Travel Range (Miles)	300	**Artillery Maximum Range (Metres**	17500
Amphibious	☐	**Attack strength Infantry**	24
Communication Range (Miles)	50	**Attack Strength Soft**	24
Night	☐	**Attack Strength Lt Armour**	16
Smoke	☐	**Attack Strength Anti Tank**	10
Secondary Armament	0	**Attack Strength AAA**	0
Secondary Armament Range (M)	0	**Attack Strength Forts**	22
		Defence Strength	2

One reconditioned Astros II Multiple Rocket Launcher. This Brazilian unit can deliver 36 rockets onto target in 5 seconds or fire rockets individually. As ever with these systems the firing signature is very large and can attract counter battery fire. The rockets are a high explosive blast type good for attacking facilities, soft targets and just about anything in the impact area. It has long range and good mobility. It can also be devastating to units in the open. A very good case for digging in.

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Unit Designation	Ceasar 155mm Self Propelled Gun

Country	France
Base Price	390
Base TTC	333
Unit Weight (Lbs)	39021
Road Speed (mph)	62
Combat Supply (Pts)	26

Main Armament:	1 x 155 mm Howitzer	**Artillery Minimum Range (Metres)**	0
Travel Range (Miles)	290	**Artillery Maximum Range (Metres**	23800
Amphibious	☐	**Attack strength Infantry**	22
Communication Range (Miles)	50	**Attack Strength Soft**	21
Night	☐	**Attack Strength Lt Armour**	12
Smoke	☑	**Attack Strength Anti Tank**	4
Secondary Armament	0	**Attack Strength AAA**	0
Secondary Armament Range (M)	0	**Attack Strength Forts**	22
		Defence Strength	2

One reconditioned Ceasar 155 mm Self Propelled Howitzer. This unit is a powerful 155 mm Howitzer mounted on a truck. This combines the firepower of an artillery piece and the mobility of a truck. There is a sacrifice in protection but this is offset by the inherent mobility of the unit. As with all artillery, the supply usage is high. The gun has a long range and destructive power but needs everything other long range artillery needs. Ie forward observation, communications, large quantities of combat supplies and good training. This unit can fire smoke as well as HE.

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Unit Designation	Abbot 105mm Self Propelled Gun

Country	UK
Base Price	450
Base TTC	290
Unit Weight (Lbs)	36288
Road Speed (mph)	30
Combat Supply (Pts)	22

Main Armament:	1 x 105 mm Howitzer	**Artillery Minimum Range (Metres)**	0
Travel Range (Miles)	240	**Artillery Maximum Range (Metres**	17400
Amphibious	☑	**Attack strength Infantry**	17
Communication Range (Miles)	50	**Attack Strength Soft**	17
Night	☐	**Attack Strength Lt Armour**	8
Smoke	☑	**Attack Strength Anti Tank**	4
Secondary Armament	1 x 7.62 mm Machine	**Attack Strength AAA**	2
Secondary Armament Range (M)	600	**Attack Strength Forts**	18
		Defence Strength	2

One reconditioned Abbot 105 mm Self Propelled gun. This gun was part of the British Army inventory during the cold war but was obsolete by the 1980s due to the light weight of the 105 mm calibre in Europe. It does however have a very long range and legendary accuracy. For this reason it is still a formidable weapon in smaller conflicts. Its armour is good protection against small arms fire and shell splinters. A very useful weapon in the right hands.

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Unit Designation	M-106 Self Propelled 107mm Mortar

Country	USA
Base Price	220
Base TTC	300
Unit Weight (Lbs)	
Road Speed (mph)	
Combat Supply (Pts)	16

Main Armament:	1 x 107mm Mortar	**Artillery Minimum Range (Metres)**	840
Travel Range (Miles)	250	**Artillery Maximum Range (Metres**	6840
Amphibious	☐	**Attack strength Infantry**	8
Communication Range (Miles)		**Attack Strength Soft**	8
Night	☐	**Attack Strength Lt Armour**	3
Smoke	☑	**Attack Strength Anti Tank**	1
Secondary Armament	1 x 0.5 HMG	**Attack Strength AAA**	2
Secondary Armament Range (M)	900	**Attack Strength Forts**	7
		Defence Strength	2

One reconditioned M-106 Self Propelled Heavy Mortar. The M-106 dates from the 1960's and was used by the American Army for many years. Based upon the M-113 APC, combined with a 4.2" heavy mortar. This unit allows for mobile heavy fire support in both defence and assault situations. The crew are protected from artillery and small arms.