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## ADVANCED SQUAD LEADER MORTAR PLAY AID

## **Special Mortar Rules**

- **Light Mortars:** ≤ 60mm; such mortars are SW. Do not require crews to fire with full efficiency. Leadership can apply. Two SMC can fire w/no detriment; 1 SMC can fire with no ROF.
- Medium Mortars: 76-82mm. Can be dismantled (A9.8) and portaged as a 5pp SW.
- Area Target Type (C3.33): Must be used at all times by mortars. All (including friendly) units in target hex can be hit (even by WP). Does not lose ROF for Area Target/SMOKE. A mortar can hit target hex units out of its firer's/spotter's LOS if the shot hit the non-hidden enemy target that currently was the hardest for it to hit. All units are attacked on IFT using a single DR and half FP of ordnance. TEM applies to IFT DR, not TH DR.
- Firing Limitations: Cannot be used in firer's own hex, as Bounding First Fire, or Motion Fire. No mortar which moved during movement phase may fire during Advancing Fire Phase (A4.41). Vulnerable PRC are attacked Collaterally.
- Terrain Restrictions: Fire NA from Bldgs unless Rooftop (B23.423) or Roofless Factory (O5.45); Caves (except Japanese light mortar; G11.83); Crags; Dense Jungle; Bamboo.
- Miscellaneous Terrain: Mortars may fire from foxholes, trenches; may fire from graveyards (but not manhandled into one—only assembled in one from dismantled state)
- Spotters (C9.3): One Good Order Personnel unit in same/adjacent hex (regardless of vertical distance/LOS) can be a Spotter for a mortar (or multiple mortars if they all fire on same hex). Spotting is equivalent of using a SW; must be predesignated by owning player during his PFPh/DFPh (if hidden, must be recorded as spotter). As long as Spotter is Good Order, mortar(s) can fire on any target in Spotter's LOS. A Pinned Spotter in effect pins the mortar crew for Spotted attacks. A new Spotter may not be designated until original Spotter is eliminated/broken/captured, and not until start of owner's MPh following the loss. Spotted fire is subject to +2 DRM and ROF –1.

## **Particular Mortar Rules**

- U.S. M2 60mm Mortar: For every 3 M2 mortars the U.S. player receives in his OB, he may exchange them for a radio (or field phone) and a 4 FP OBA battery that can fire only HE (and WP in 1945)/IR. This battery receives a –2 Radio Contact Maintenance DRM (C1.22) and uses standard U.S. Battery Access draw pile. As OBA, has max range of 40 hexes from center of friendly board edge.
- US M2 4.2-in. (107mm) Mortar: Has Area Target FP of 12, rather than 8.
- Japanese Type 89 Heavy Grenade Launcher (50mm): This mortar has HE, Smoke, and WP. ROF is 2 and Range is 1-16, but 1) when firing HE at range of ≤ hexes, ROF is lowered to 1 for that shot and Air Bursts are NA; 2) when firing WP, range is only 1-5, ROF is 1 for that short, Air Bursts are NA, and the SMOKE is considered Dispersed even when fired in the PFPh; and 3) Smoke can fire fired only at a range of 3-10 hexes.
- Chinese Type 27 Grenade Launcher: Air Bursts NA.
  Because it is 40mm, it has a chance of Multiple Hits
  (C3.8) on a non-CH original doubles TH DR. Firer is
  entitled to 2 DR on IFT table and may choose one to
  use
- Chinese Type 89 Heavy Grenade Launcher (50mm):
   As per Japanese version above (note Depletion Numbers are less, though).
- Chinese M2 60mm Mortar: May exchange 3 such mortars as per U.S. version above.
- Chinese M2 4.2-in. (107mm) Mortar: As U.S. version above.
- Free French M2 60mm Mortar: May exchange 3 such mortars as per U.S. version above.
- **Belgian DBT (50mm):** Air Bursts NA.

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