



NAME: SGT. MAJOR RUSTY COOPER RECORD NO TO THE PE-110-01

FACTION: Swordsworn DOB: 02/14/3084
REGIMENT: Ghost Legion HAIR: Gray
VEHICLE: Long Tom Artillery EYES: Blue

Nearing fifty years of age, Rusty Cooper maintains a powerful frame and a booming voice that are the legacy of more than twenty years of service as a drill instructor for the Ghost Legion. When war calls, however, this hardened veteran always puts aside his instructor's cap and training baton to pick up a weapon and fight alongside the men and women he has personally trained.

Though not old enough to have seen the horrors of the Word of Blake's Jihad, Rusty has seen his fair share of combat, fighting alongside other Republic troops against Capellan and Marik invaders from Prefectures IV to VIII.

VEHICLE: LONG TOM ARTILLERY

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Serial Number:
CACO-1371-AV33.2

Mass: 95 tons

Movement Type: Tracked

Power Plant: DAV 190
I.C.E.

Cruising Speed: 21 kph Maximum Speed: 32 kph

Armor: ArcShield Maxi II
Armament:

1 Johnston Industries Mobile Long Tom Artillery Sys.

4 Sperry-Browning Machine Guns

His combat knowledge runs the gamut from archaic forms of personal combat and the martial arts to vehicle battle tactics and close 'Mech support, but Rusty has always preferred artillery. On the rare occasions that he is asked to explain this unusual choice, his grim philosophy of war is revealed by his own words: "Because, from where I stand, I can protect my kids without having to see those I killed who were protecting their own."

Commentary
With its powerful, far-reaching Long Tom heavy

artillery cannon, the slow-moving Long Tom Artillery vehicle ranks among any commander's most powerful battlefield resources today. Older models of this weapon system relied on a wagon-train design, with a main unit and its support trailers, that depended on other defensive units to cover their position as they moved marked and fired. The newer models

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on a wagon-train design, with a main unit and its support trailers, that depended on other defensive units to cover their position as they moved, parked, and fired. The newer models, first fielded by House Davion's Federated Suns, were more compact and mobile, though they required the same defensive cover, as their land speed remained a mere crawl.

Serial number CACO-1371-AV33.2 was manufactured in the Capellan Confederation after the formation of The Republic, and was used during a Capellan raid on Yunnah in Prefecture VI. Rusty Cooper himself captured the weapon platform in a daring infantry action against the Capellans' rear guard, and he has named the vehicle "Chancellor's Folly" in reference to that battle.