

War of Attrition

SA-3

1. Strategic situation

After the humiliating defeat of 1967, the Arab states and the young state of Israel got involved in a painful war of skirmish and provocations, a nerve war that would eventually end up in the Yom Kippur War.

Knowing that the Egyptians had new AA weapons and eager to put their hands on these secrets, the IDF staged an incursion in the west bank of the Suez Canal in order to capture an enemy SA-3 (S-125 Neva/Pechora). Will the Egyptians be caught offguard?

2. Terrain

Arid landscape intersected by walls and brush, with a few hills.

3. The opposing armies:

IDF (enters South)

Unit	Composition	OP
2x mechanized inf. platoons	4x M3 Halftrack	12+12
Armoured platoon	3x M51	18
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AA unit	1x M3 TCM-20 Halftrack (twin 20mm AA gun)	2
Reconnaissance platoon	1x M3 Halftrack + 2xATGW "Dragon"	1+2x2

Note: the IDF may use Soviet equipment: T-54/55(Tiran), BTR152 or BTR-50.

Total: **85** operational points; withdrawal at **30%** casualties, **25** points.

Fire support:

2x Batteries 105mm (6xHE; 2xWP)

EA

Placed on the board:

Unit	Composition	OP
2x mechanized inf. platoons	3x BTR60PA	9+9
Armoured platoon	4x T55	24

Reinforcements (after 9 op casualties):

Unit	Composition	OP
Reconnaissance platoon	1x BRDM2 + 1x PT-76	2+3
Armoured platoon	4x T55	24

Total: **71** operational points; withdrawal at **50%** casualties, **35** points.

Reinforcements: d6=1-2 - enters West, north of the road ; 3+ - enters North.

CAS:

1 close air support mission (2x Sukhoi-7 or Mig 17)

Fire support:

1x Battery 122mm (6xHE; 2xWP)

4. Commanders' orders

IDF: Breach the enemy positions and place infantry next to the AA battery for two consecutive turns.

EA: Stop the enemy and forced them to withdraw.

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