

GLIDER RIFLE COMPANY

OFFICIAL BRIEFING

LATE WAR INTELLIGENCE BRIEFING FOR
US GLIDER TROOPS DURING OPERATION MARKET GARDEN 1944



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THE WORLD WAR II MINIATURES GAME

325TH GLIDER INFANTRY REGIMENT



82ND AIRBORNE DIVISION
"ALL AMERICAN"

The 325th Infantry Regiment was formed on 25 August 1917 and attached to the new 82nd Infantry Division. The regiment consisted mainly of draftees from the American south destined to join to American war effort in France during the Great War.

With the addition of this regiment, the 82nd Division included troops from every state in the union, earning it the nickname "The All American Division". The double-A patch

was adopted for the division and is still worn today.

WORLD WAR I

The regiment received orders to head to France in April 1918 to shore up the critical shortage of Allied troops following the success of the German spring offensive and eventually joined the American Expeditionary Force.

The 325th participated in the American offensive in the Argonne Forest, the last major offensive of the war. Their success cost them 94 percent of its initial strength, but contributed greatly in ending the war.

WORLD WAR II

After World War I, the 325th Infantry Regiment was deactivated, but was called upon once again in March 1942 to fight in World War II. The unit was once again assigned to the 82nd Infantry Division as the division's heavy motorised infantry regiment.

This suddenly changed when the Chief of Staff, General George Marshall decided to use the 82nd as the base for the proposed airborne force. When the men of the 325th mustered early in the morning, they found out, much to their surprise, that they would be arriving into battle in a flimsy wooden glider!

SALERNO

The regiment arrived to its first battle, not by air, but by sea. On 15 September they arrived in Salerno to reinforce American units already there. The following day, 2nd Battalion was ordered to re-board the landing craft and head farther north to the town of Maiori where they were to be attached to Colonel William O. Darby's Ranger Task Force.

The battalion relieved the Rangers and held positions on Mount St. Angelo di Cava. The Germans launched a few probing attacks against the battalion, but these were simply diversionary as the rest of the German army withdrew to their next line of defence.

NORMANDY

The regiment was removed from Italy and sent to England to prepare for the invasion of France. On 7 June 1944 (D+1), the regiment landed by glider in Normandy.

The regiment went into divisional reserve until it was called upon to capture a bridge across the Merderet River on 9 June. During this short, but sharp battle, Private First Class Charles N. Deglopper was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for distracting German fire, allowing his platoon to outflank the enemy.

The regiment then joined the 505th Parachute Infantry Regiment (PIR) and took up a position on the left flank of VII Corps and helped capture Saint-Sauveur-le-Vicomte on 16 June.

Soon thereafter, the regiment was pulled off the line along with the rest of the division and sent back to England to prepare for their next operation.

MARKET GARDEN

The 325th's next glider assault was in Holland, during Operation Market Garden, the largest airborne operation ever conducted. General James Gavin, the new divisional commander, only had enough gliders to bring either his artillery or his glider troops in on the first day, but not both. He figured that the artillery was a priority as he couldn't rely



Left: The 325th Glider Infantry Regiment first saw combat during the battle of Salerno in September, 1943 where the regiment's 2nd Battalion held a small portion of the line. The regiment fought its first engagement as a full unit in Normandy.

After several critical delays, the regiment landed in Holland during Operation Market Garden in September 1944. They remained in combat until November.

In December the regiment joined the division to help stop the German offensive in the Ardennes Forest. Here the regiment experienced its toughest and longest campaign.



on the British to arrive soon enough to lend artillery support. So Gavin decided to bring the 325th in the second wave.

On 18 September, (D+1), the 325th had assembled near their gliders to join their parachute comrades currently fighting in Holland, but weather proved difficult and the mission was delayed until 23 September (D+6). Meanwhile, Gavin's overworked paratroopers had to make do without their glider troops.

The regiment was finally delivered on D+6, at LZ (or Landing Zone) 'O'. Their original LZ was planned for a bit of open ground east of Groesbeek, but since this spot was contested by the Germans, a last-minute decision was made to deliver them five miles west near Grave Bridge, which had been used by the 504th PIR on the first day of the operation.

The landings went on without a hitch and of the 2900 troops that landed, only ten were unfit for duty. The regiment assembled quickly and was placed into divisional reserve. They didn't have to wait long before they were sent to reinforce the eastern flank of the division.

While most welcome reinforcements, the time when they were most needed had passed and the Market Garden's success had been seriously compromised.

The regiment stayed on the front lines fighting small battles until 14 November 1944, when it was removed along with the rest of the division to France to rest and refit. However, their time off would soon be cut short by the German Ardennes offensive the following month.

THE ARDENNES

The Germans launched their offensive in the Ardennes Forest on 16 December 1944. The 325th and the rest of the 82nd Airborne Division rushed to the front and joined the fighting and blunted the German northern penetration in the American lines.

The division took up positions in Werbomont, north of Bastogne. The determined men of the 325th dug in around the crossroads at Baraque de Fraiture and held.

On the morning of 23 December 1944 a sergeant in a tank destroyer spotted an American digging a foxhole. The trooper, a Private First Class of Company F, 325th Glider Infantry Regiment, looked up and asked, "Are you looking for a safe place?"

"Yeah," answered the tanker.

"Well buddy," he drawled, "just pull your tank in behind me... I'm the 82nd Airborne and this is as far as the bastards are going!"

During the intense fight in December 1944 into January 1945, the 325th, absorbed heavy casualties but decimated two German Divisions.

The 325th marched into Germany with the 82nd Airborne Division. After the war, the regiment assisted in the occupation before returning to the United States in 1946 and being deactivated on 15 December 1947.

327TH GLIDER INFANTRY REGIMENT



101ST AIRBORNE DIVISION
'SCREAMING EAGLES'

1918 and took part in the fighting around St. Mihiel. In November the 327th fought in the Meuse-Argonne Offensive.

After the armistice in 1918, the regiment was demobilized on 25 May 1919. It was reconstituted as a reserve unit in December 1921 and remained as such until the outbreak of World War II.

WORLD WAR II

The 82nd Infantry Division was reactivated in March 1942, and along with it the 327th Regiment. The unit was originally

The 327th Infantry Regiment was formed as part of the new 82nd Infantry Division on 17 September 1917 at Fort Gordon, Georgia. The regiment was one of many raised for the American Expeditionary Force being sent to France during World War I.

THE GREAT WAR

After training, the regiment joined the rest of the division in northern France in early spring, 1918 and took part in the fighting around St. Mihiel.

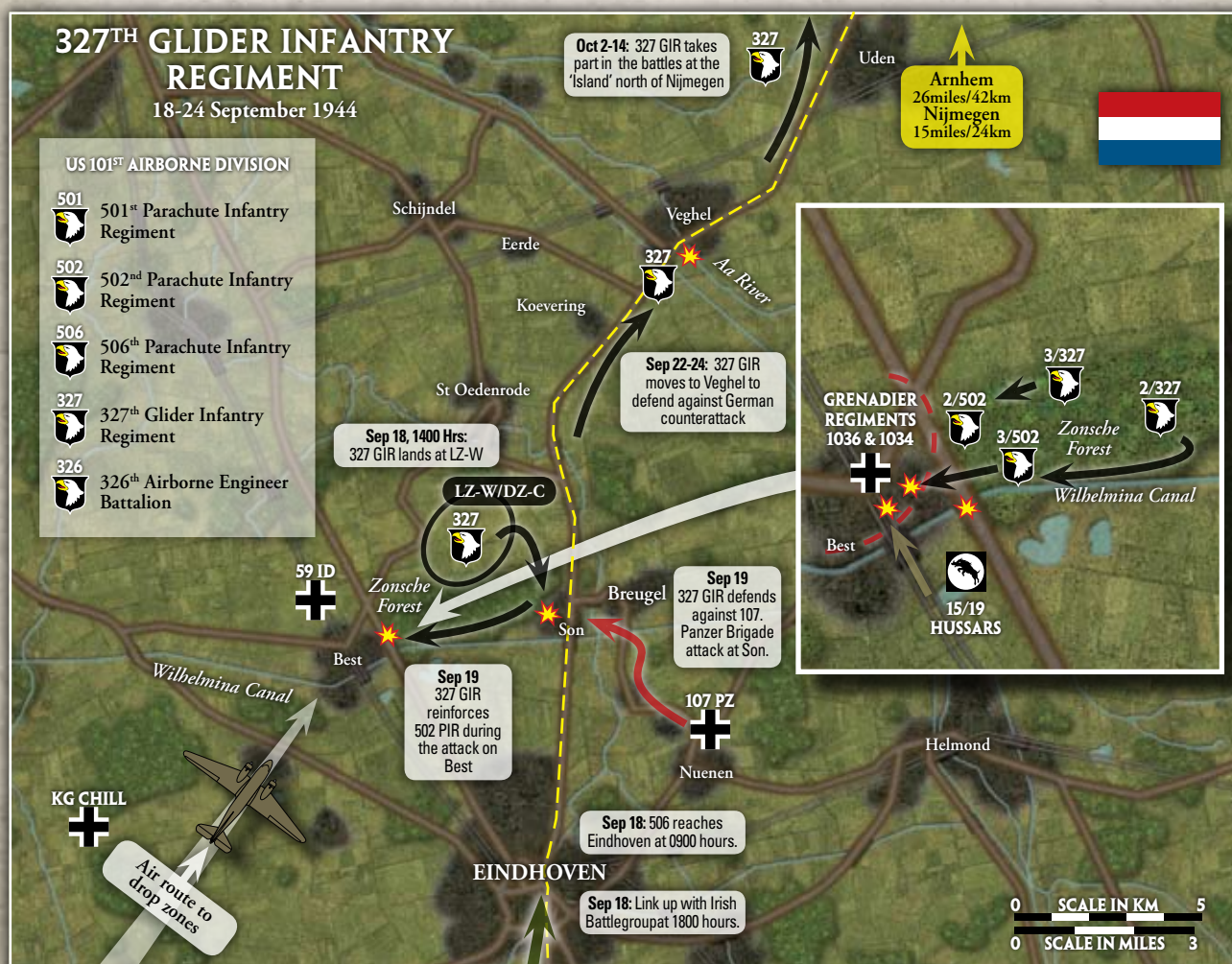
organized has an infantry regiment, however in the summer of 1942, the 82nd Infantry Division was selected to become an airborne division.

During the final days of basic training, the men were to told by their commander, Major General Omar N. Bradley that the division was to be split to form a second airborne division, the 101st Airborne Division. Bradley also announced that the 327th was to be trained as a glider infantry regiment.

The men were not sure about flying in gliders. Most of them had never even flown in a plane, let alone crash landing into combat in one! On 15 August 1942 the unit became known as the 327th Glider Infantry Regiment and reassigned to the newly formed 101st 'Screaming Eagles' Airborne Division.

The regiment had previously consisted of two battalions, but following this reorganization, the 401st Glider Infantry Regiment was deactivated and transferred its first battalion to the 327th Glider Infantry.

In the fall of 1942, the 327th headed to Ft. Bragg, North Carolina to begin training with the CG-4a 'Waco' glider. While training they met the paratroopers they would be working with for the first time, and it wasn't the best first impression. Fights would break out between them, as the paratroopers thought they were the better troops and that





Left: The 327th Glider Infantry Regiment first saw combat during the battle of Normandy in June 1944.

After a short time in France, they next saw action in Holland where they landed in occupied Holland and fought for 48 days.

The regiment was on leave when it was called upon for its next operation, the defence of Bastogne in Belgium during the German Ardennes Offensive in December 1944.

the glider boys weren't elite enough to be airborne soldiers. Despite the harassment, the men received glider training.

Landing in a glider wasn't easy and some of the landings resulted in serious injuries as the glider snagged trees or fence posts, tearing up the men inside. Still, it allowed a platoon of troops to deploy relatively close without having to assemble before conducting their mission.

The men of the 327th were soon trained up and off to England where they prepared for their first operation.

NORMANDY, 6 JUNE 1944

When the Allied commanders decided to drop both the 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions simultaneously into Normandy, the number of available aircraft to tow the gliders was greatly reduced. Therefore the 327th Glider Infantry Regiment was not fully committed to battle until the day after the invasion.

When the regiment was assembled they marched to Carentan to cut off the fleeing Germans. The regiment reached Carentan on 9 June. At 2200 hours on the following day, the 327th attacked a bridge over the Canal de Vire-et-Taute and advanced through a wooded area, where they became pinned under heavy fire.

The regiment received reinforcements from the 29th Infantry Division helping to breakthrough the German lines and capture the high ground.

Although casualties were high, they accomplished their mission and the regiment was removed to England to prepare for its next mission on 13 July.

HOLLAND, 17 SEPTEMBER 1944

The next combat operation for the regiment was Operation Market Garden, the airborne invasion of Holland. Unlike General Gavin, General Maxwell Taylor, commander of the 101st Airborne Division, opted to dedicate his glider regiment early and wait on his artillery. This meant that the 327th saw combat much earlier than the 325th Glider Infantry Regiment.

On 18 September (D+1), over 160 gliders took off from England destined for Holland. Another 40 gliders arrived on the following day. The 327th landed at LZ W and immediately took up positions around the village of Son. No

sooner had they landed when they were attacked by the 107th Panzer Brigade hoping to recapture the Son bridge. The glider troops managed to hold them off for two days, until the Germans finally gave up and refocused their efforts further north.

The regiment was then called upon by the 502nd Parachute Infantry Regiment to help capture the town of Best, where the German 59th Infantry Division was holding up. The regiment secured the Zonsche Forest while the 502nd assaulted and finally captured the town.

The regiment was then pulled north to Veghel to help defend it against their old enemy, the 107th Panzer Brigade. When the regiment arrived, the town was already under attack and the glider troops rushed to defend the southern edge of the city along with British anti-aircraft elements.

Once again the 327th saw off the Panzer brigade's attack and the road was once again secure. After the battle, the regiment was sent north yet again to the village of Erp which they defended for the duration of the operation.

After the fighting had settled down, the 327th was in the front lines for 48 days until ordered to withdraw from Holland. They were removed to France to rest and recuperate before the next operation.

THE ARDENNES - BATTLE OF THE BULGE

On 16 December, 1944, the Germans launched an offensive in the west through the Ardennes Forest. Like the 82nd, the 101st Airborne Division was ordered to reinforce the lines and stop the German advance.

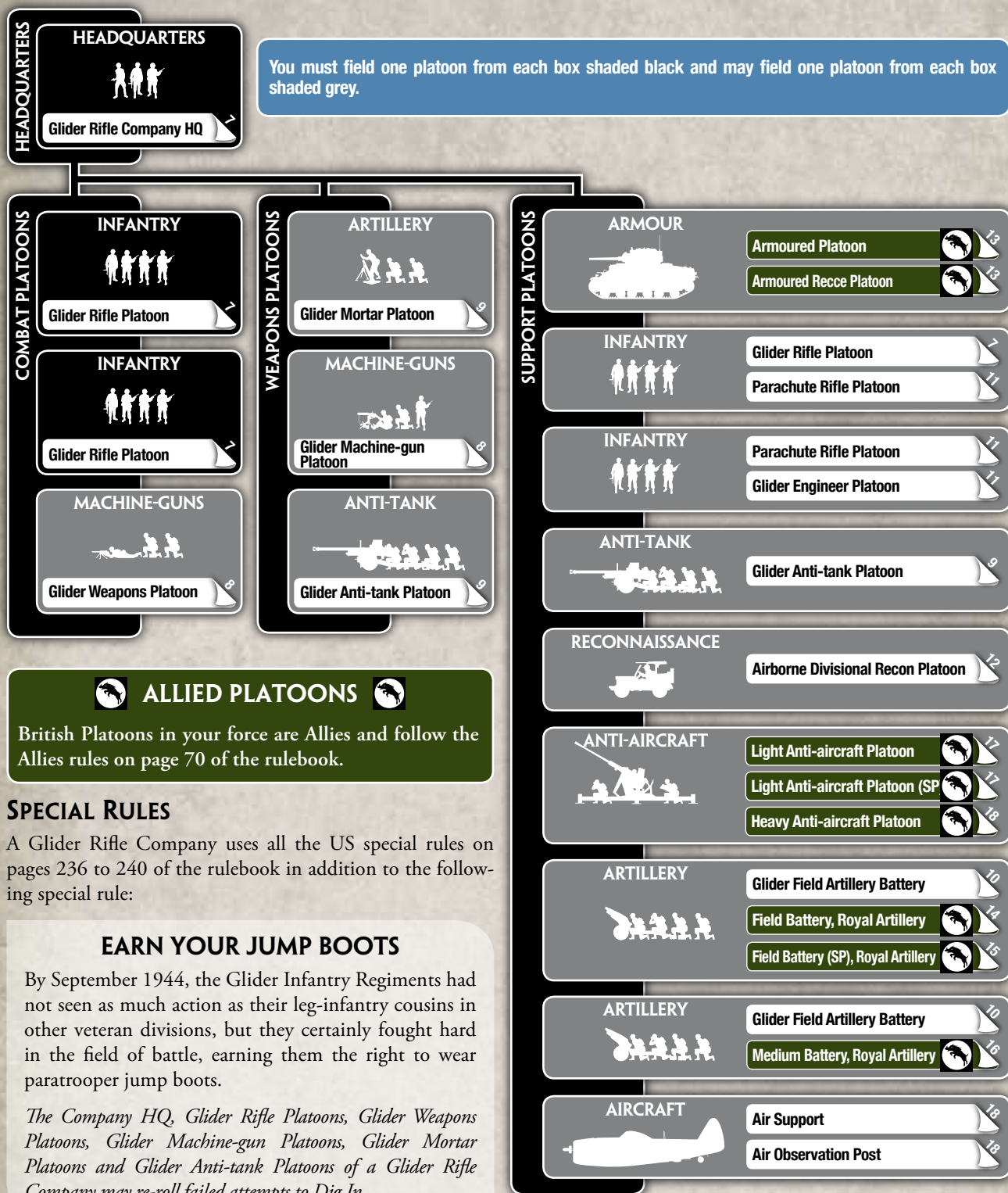
The 327th assumed a defensive position south of Bastogne. By 22 December the Germans had completely surrounded Bastogne and held for nine days, until relieved by the 4th Armored Division.

Despite suffering heavy casualties, the Regiment took 750 prisoners, knocked out 144 tanks and 105 other enemy vehicles. For its actions in the defence of Bastogne, the 327th Regimental motto became 'Bastogne Bulldog'.

After the Battle of the Bulge, the 327th fought in the Rhineland and Berchtesgarden Campaigns. Following the end of World War II, the 327th Glider Infantry Regiment was again deactivated on 30 November, 1945.

GLIDER RIFLE COMPANY

(INFANTRY COMPANY)





MOTIVATION AND SKILL

Although the glider troops of the Glider Infantry Regiments lack the combat experience of their parachute comrades, they are nevertheless determined to end the war by Christmas! A Glider Rifle Company is rated **Confident Trained**.

MOTIVATION	SKILL
RELUCTANT	CONSCRIPT
CONFIDENT	TRAINED
FEARLESS	VETERAN

HEADQUARTERS

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Company HQ

10 points

OPTIONS

- Replace either or both Command Carbine teams with Command SMG teams for +10 points per team.
- Add Bazooka teams for +15 points per team.
- Add up to three Sniper teams for +50 points per team.

COMPANY HQ

CAPTAIN

CAPTAIN



COMPANY HQ

GLIDER RIFLE COMPANY HQ

The glider rifle companies were welcome reinforcements for the beleaguered paratroopers along Hell's Highway. Their

mission was to relieve and help support the paratroopers where ever possible.

COMBAT PLATOONS

GLIDER RIFLE PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with

Mortar Squad and

3 Rifle Squads

170 points

2 Rifle Squads

130 points

OPTION

- Replace Command Rifle team with Command SMG teams for +5 points.

The gliderborne troops have seen some action in Sicily and Normandy, but this will be their first true test as front-line infantry.

They will land in the second and third lift to hold the land you've captured, freeing up your paratroopers to continue assaulting the enemy.

The 101st Airborne's 327th Glider Infantry Regiment will land at LZ (landing zone) 'W' east of the town of s'Hertogenbosh. They will then move to help secure the road. Meanwhile, the 82nd Airborne's 325th Glider Infantry Regiment will arrive at LZ 'O' and move straight into action from their gliders.

Use the glider troops to hold down an objective while your paratroopers press on to complete you mission.

LIEUTENANT

LIEUTENANT



Command Rifle team

HQ SECTION

SERGEANT



Rifle team



Rifle team



Rifle team

RIFLE SQUAD

SERGEANT



Rifle team



Rifle team



Rifle team

RIFLE SQUAD

SERGEANT



Rifle team



Rifle team



Rifle team

RIFLE SQUAD

CORPORAL



M2 60mm Mortar



Bazooka team

MORTAR SQUAD

GLIDER RIFLE PLATOON

GLIDER WEAPONS PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with Mortar Section and:

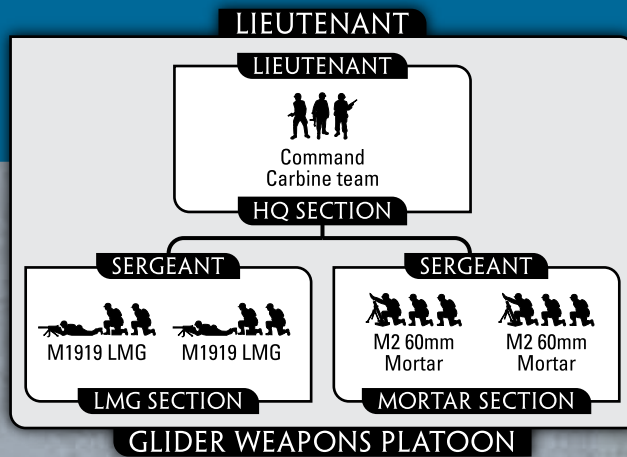
1 LMG Section

75 points

COMBAT ATTACHMENTS

A Glider Weapons Platoon may make Combat Attachments to Glider Rifle Platoons.

The company's weapons platoon provides the company with extra firepower. The 60mm light mortars and the M1919 light machine-guns are ideal to pin and knock out troublesome enemy teams.



WEAPONS PLATOONS

GLIDER MACHINE-GUN PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

2 Machine-gun Sections

95 points

1 Machine-gun Section

50 points

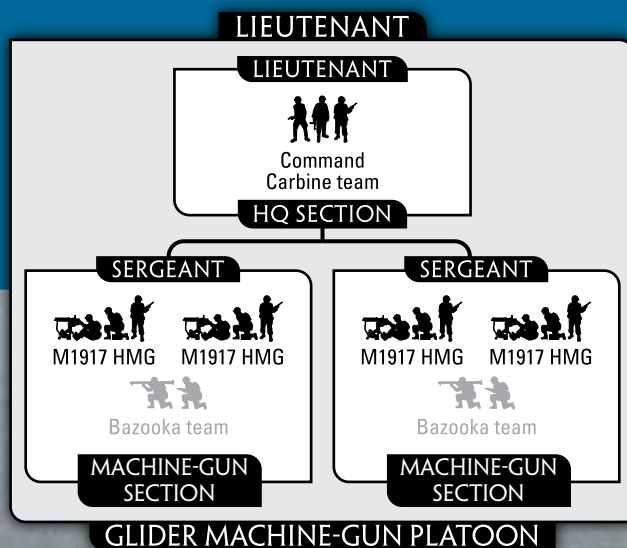
OPTION

- Add Bazooka teams for +15 points per team.

COMBAT ATTACHMENTS

A Glider Machine-gun Platoon may make Combat Attachments to Glider Rifle Platoons.

Bolster your lines with the water-cooled M1917 heavy machine-gun, or keep enemy troops pinned down.



GLIDER MORTAR PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

3 Mortar Sections	120 points
2 Mortar Sections	85 points
1 Mortar Section	45 points

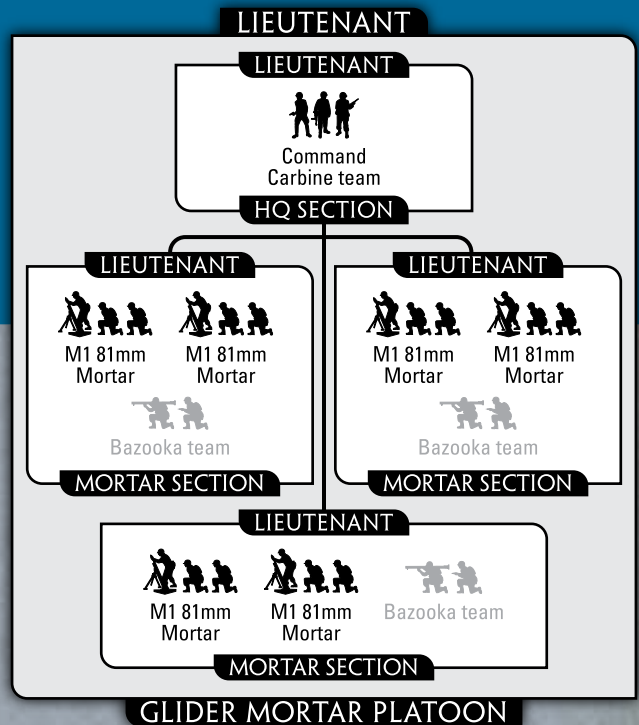
OPTION

- Add Bazooka teams for +15 points per team.

The battalion can lend you plenty of artillery support with the quick response of the mortar platoon.

These weapons are ideal for smoking a target, preparing the way for your troops to assault. Use these in combination with your weapons platoon so that you can pin them down with that platoon's high-explosive shells.

Between the smoke and pinning the enemy down, you'll be able to close and successfully capture your objective.



GLIDER ANTI-TANK PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

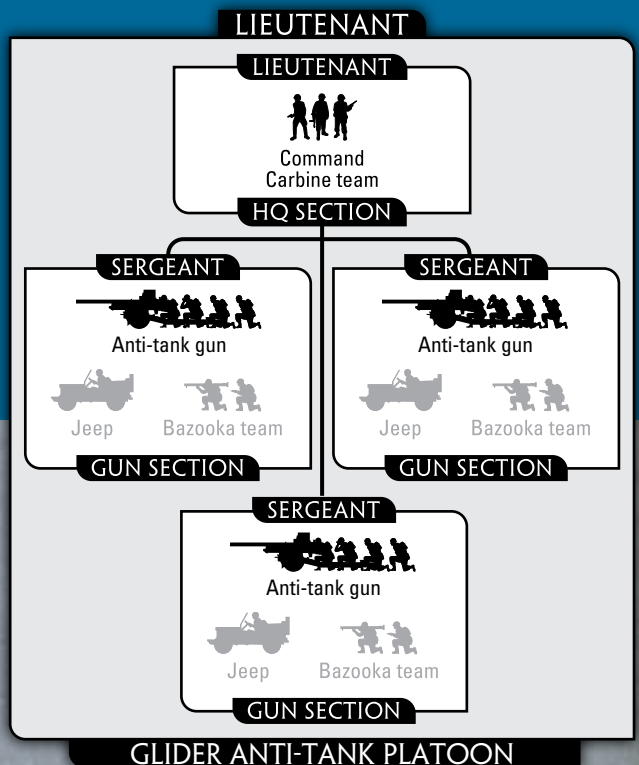
3 M3 37mm	55 points
2 M3 37mm	35 points
3 M1 57mm	70 points
2 M1 57mm	45 points

OPTIONS

- Add Bazooka teams for +15 points per team.
- Add Jeeps for +5 points for the platoon.

The 101st Airborne's 327th Glider Infantry Regiment is still equipped with some of the older 37mm anti-tank guns. Though relatively ineffective against enemy tanks, it is still an ideal infantry support gun, knocking out enemy gun teams and digging out enemy guns.

Meanwhile, the 82nd Airborne's 325th Glider Infantry Regiment is equipped with 57mm anti-tank guns which have been supplied with high-explosive ammunition, making it useful against enemy infantry as well as tanks.



SUPPORT PLATOONS

(US GLIDER COMPANY SUPPORT PLATOONS)

GLIDER SUPPORT PLATOONS

Although they had seen some limited action in Italy and Normandy, the glider troops have yet to be involved in as much fighting as their parachute comrades. They are exceptionally good at holding the ground that the paratroopers have secured. A Glider Support Platoons are rated **Confident Trained**.

MOTIVATION	SKILL
RELUCTANT	CONSCRIPT
CONFIDENT	TRAINED
FEARLESS	VETERAN

GLIDER FIELD ARTILLERY BATTERY

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

6 M1A1 75mm pack howitzers	125 points
3 M1A1 75mm pack howitzers	70 points

HQ Section with:

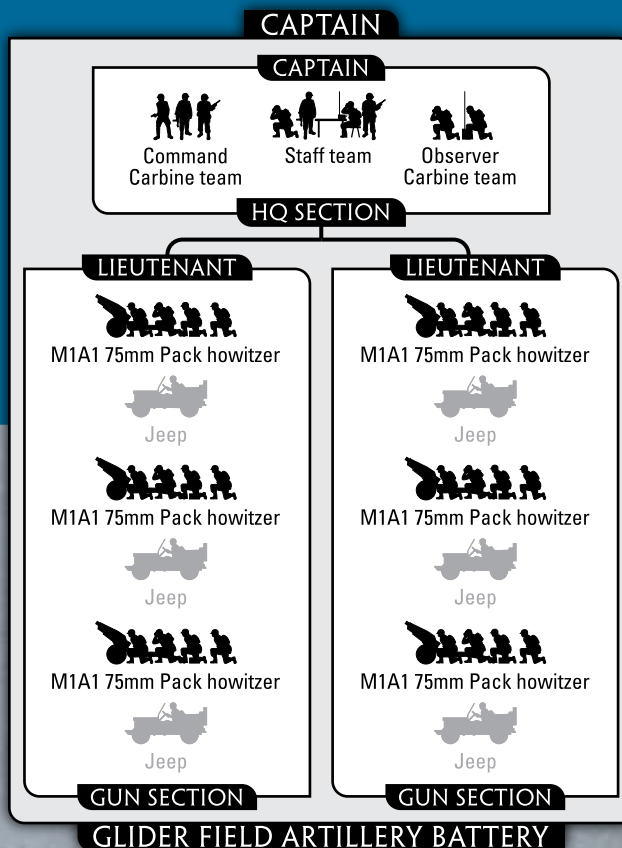
6 M3 105mm light howitzers	155 points
3 M3 105mm light howitzers	85 points

OPTION

- Add Jeeps for +5 points for the battery.

The glider field artillery adds more punch to your bombardments with six excellent light guns. The light 75mm pack howitzers will support your paratroopers with smoke as well as delivering bombardments to pin the enemy down. The 105mm light howitzer is ideal for digging out stubborn defenders with its good firepower. It is also able to put down smoke to cover your advance.

The Staff team of a Glider Field Artillery Battery move as if a Medium Gun team (instead of a Heavy Gun team like other Staff teams).



GLIDER ENGINEER COMBAT PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section and Weapons Squad with:

2 Operating Squads	130 points
1 Operating Squad	95 points
No Operating Squads	60 points

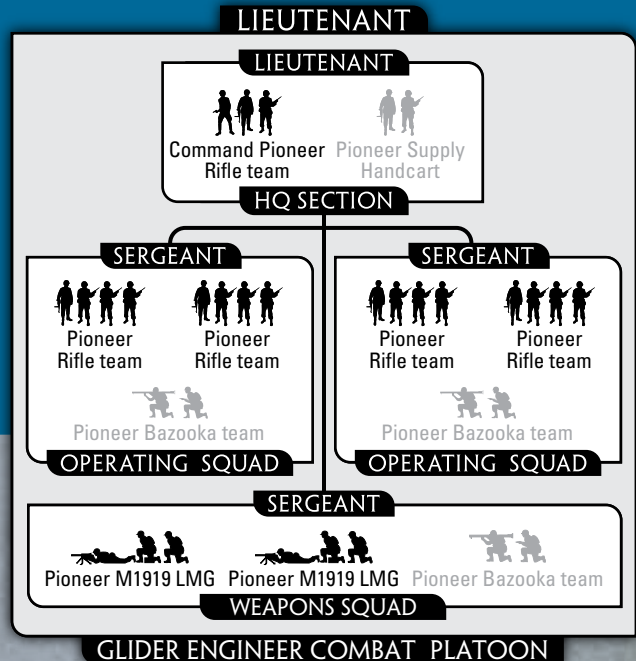
OPTIONS

- Replace the Command Pioneer Rifle team with a Pioneer SMG team for +10 points.
- Add Bazooka teams for +15 points per team.
- Add a Pioneer Supply Handcart for +20 points.

You may replace any or all Pioneer M1919 LMG teams with Pioneer Rifle Teams at the start of the game before deployment.

A Pioneer Supply Handcart operates as a Pioneer Supply Vehicle (see pages 51, 225, and 263 of the rulebook).

The glider engineers arrive with the rest of the glider troops to help your company with pioneer tasks.



PARACHUTE SUPPORT PLATOONS

The 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions are elite troops, descending from the sky into Holland during Operation Market Garden. They have the unenviable mission of keeping Hell's Highway open for business.

Parachute Rifle Platoons and Airborne Divisional Recon Platoons are rated **Fearless Veteran**.

MOTIVATION	SKILL
RELUCTANT	CONSCRIPT
CONFIDENT	TRAINED
FEARLESS	VETERAN

PARACHUTE RIFLE PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section and Mortar Squad with:

3 Rifle Squads	265 points
2 Rifle Squads	205 points

OPTIONS

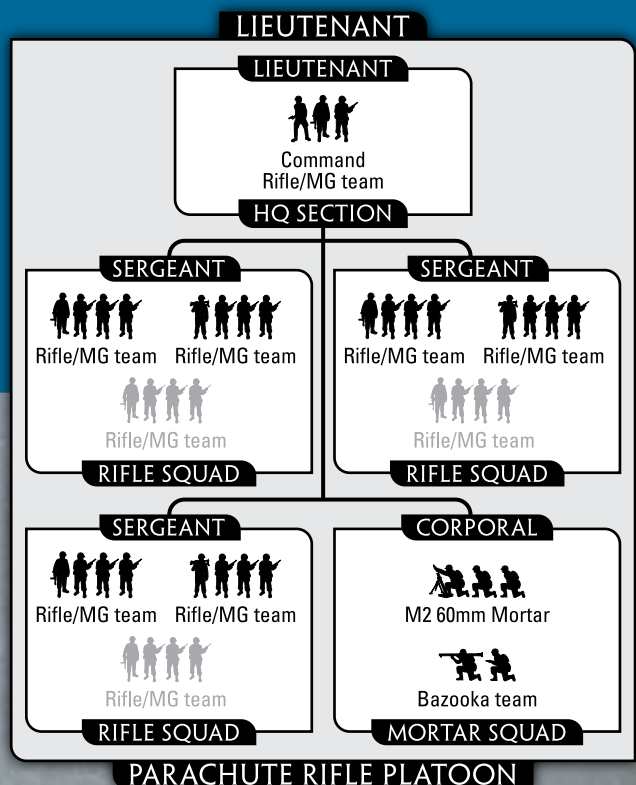
- Replace Command Rifle/MG team with Command SMG teams for +5 points.
- Add an extra Rifle/MG team to all Rifle Squads for +30 points per squad.

GAMMON BOMBS

All Rifle/MG and SMG teams in the Parachute Rifle Platoon carry Gammon Bombs giving them Tank Assault 3.

MASTER SERGEANT

Parachute Rifle Platoons use the German Mission Tactics special rule (see page 242 of the rulebook).



AIRBORNE DIVISIONAL RECON PLATOON

PLATOON (101ST AIRBORNE)



8 .50 cal Recon Jeep 220 points
4 .50 cal Recon Jeep 110 points

OPTIONS

- Add a Support Section for +70 points.
- Arm any or all unarmed Jeeps teams with an AA MG for +5 points per Jeep.

PLATOON (82ND AIRBORNE)



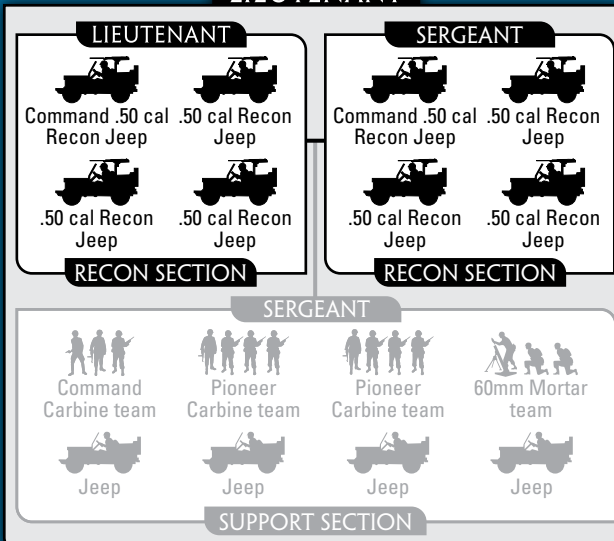
8 Armoured .50 cal Recon Jeep 350 points
4 Armoured .50 cal Recon Jeep 175 points

All Jeeps in the Recon Sections of the 82nd Airborne Division's Airborne Divisional Recon Platoon are Armoured.

OPTIONS

- Add a Support Section for +70 points.
- Arm any or all unarmed Jeeps teams with an AA MG for +5 points per Jeep.

LIEUTENANT



AIRBORNE DIVISIONAL RECON PLATOON

An Airborne Divisional Recon Platoon is a Reconnaissance Platoon.

MASTER SERGEANT

Airborne Divisional Recon Platoons use the German Mission Tactics special rule (see page 242 of the rulebook).

DEPLOYMENT

The Recon Sections and the Support Section operate as separate platoons, each with their own command team.

DISMOUNT

Before deployment you may choose to dismount the whole platoon. If you do this, then all of the Recon Sections and the Support Section of a Divisional Recon Platoon, operate as a single infantry platoon. Designate any one of the teams as the Platoon Command team. The platoon remains a Reconnaissance Platoon.

If you choose to dismount, the entire Divisional Recon Platoon must dismount and send its vehicles to the rear. Remove the jeeps from the Support Section and replace all of the vehicles in each Recon Section with any two of the following teams for each Section:

- Carbine teams
- .50 cal MG teams
- up to one Bazooka team per Recon Section.





BRITISH

BRITISH SUPPORT PLATOONS

MOTIVATION AND SKILL

30th Corps is composed of many fresh and veteran units, many of which have been fighting since North Africa. Once the main force has pushed its way up the highway, the corps needs to help keep the way open.

Unless otherwise noted, British platoons are rated **Confident Veteran**.

Remember, British platoons in your force are Allies and follow the Allies rules on page 70 of the rulebook.

MOTIVATION	SKILL
RELUCTANT	CONSCRIPT
CONFIDENT	TRAINED
FEARLESS	VETERAN

ARMoured PLATOON

PLATOON

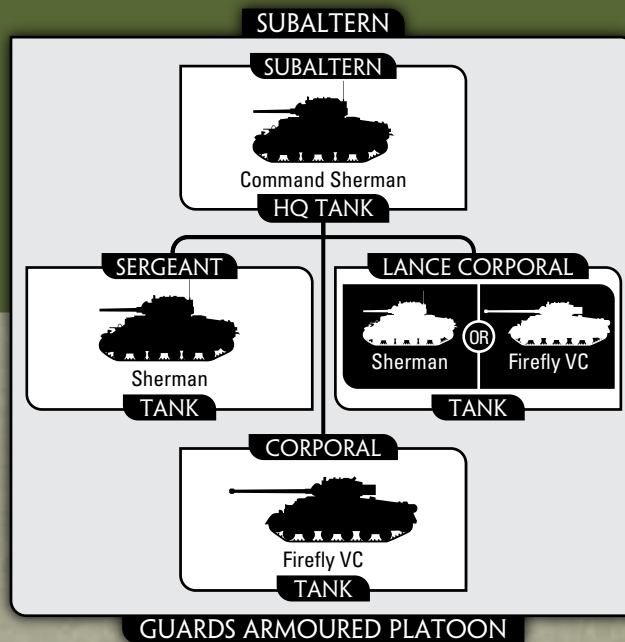
2 Sherman V and 2 Firefly VC	380 points
3 Sherman V and 1 Firefly VC	365 points
2 Sherman V and 1 Firefly VC	275 points

OPTION

- Arm up to one Sherman tank with a .50 cal AA MG for +5 points.

The production of Firefly tanks has caught up with demand and some of our platoons are now equipped with two of these deadly tanks. They'll make quick work of any German tank.

The 44th Royal Tank Regiment supported the 502nd Parachute Battalion and 327th Glider Infantry Regiment at Best, adding much needed armoured support to the attack.



ARMoured RECCE PLATOON

PLATOON

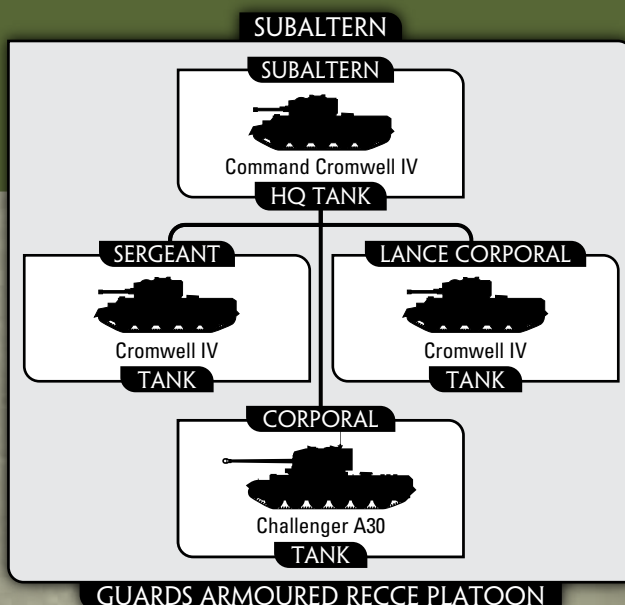
3 Cromwell IV and 1 Challenger	335 points
2 Cromwell IV and 1 Challenger	260 points
3 Cromwell IV	230 points

RELUCTANT	CONSCRIPT
CONFIDENT	TRAINED
FEARLESS	VETERAN

The 15th/19th King's Royal Hussars saw limited combat in Normandy, but Market Garden was their first real battle. An Armoured Recce Platoon is rated **Confident Trained**.

The 15th/19th King's Royal Hussars first saw combat in Normandy, and participated in the Great Swan across Belgium, the mostly uncontested race to the dutch border. It was assigned to the 11th Armoured Division in August 1944.

The unit participated in its first major operation during Market Garden where they supported the 327th Glider Infantry Regiment during the battles around Vehgel.



The new Challenger tanks are well equipped to take on Jerry's Panzers. It is built on a stretched Cromwell chassis and its massive turret allows for two loaders for the 17 pdr gun giving it a high rate of fire. When deployed well, the Challenger dominates the battlefield.

FIELD BATTERY, ROYAL ARTILLERY

PLATOON

HQ Troop with:

Two Gun Troops with a total of:
8 OQF 25 pdr 345 points

One Gun Troop with:
4 OQF 25 pdr 210 points
2 OQF 25 pdr 125 points

OPTIONS

- Add Jeep, 15 cwt trucks and Quad tractors for +5 points per Gun Troop.
- Replace the HQ Troop jeep with a White scout car or an unarmed captured StuG for +5 points.
- Replace any or all Observer Rifle teams and their OP Carriers with Observer Sherman OP tanks for +10 points per tank.



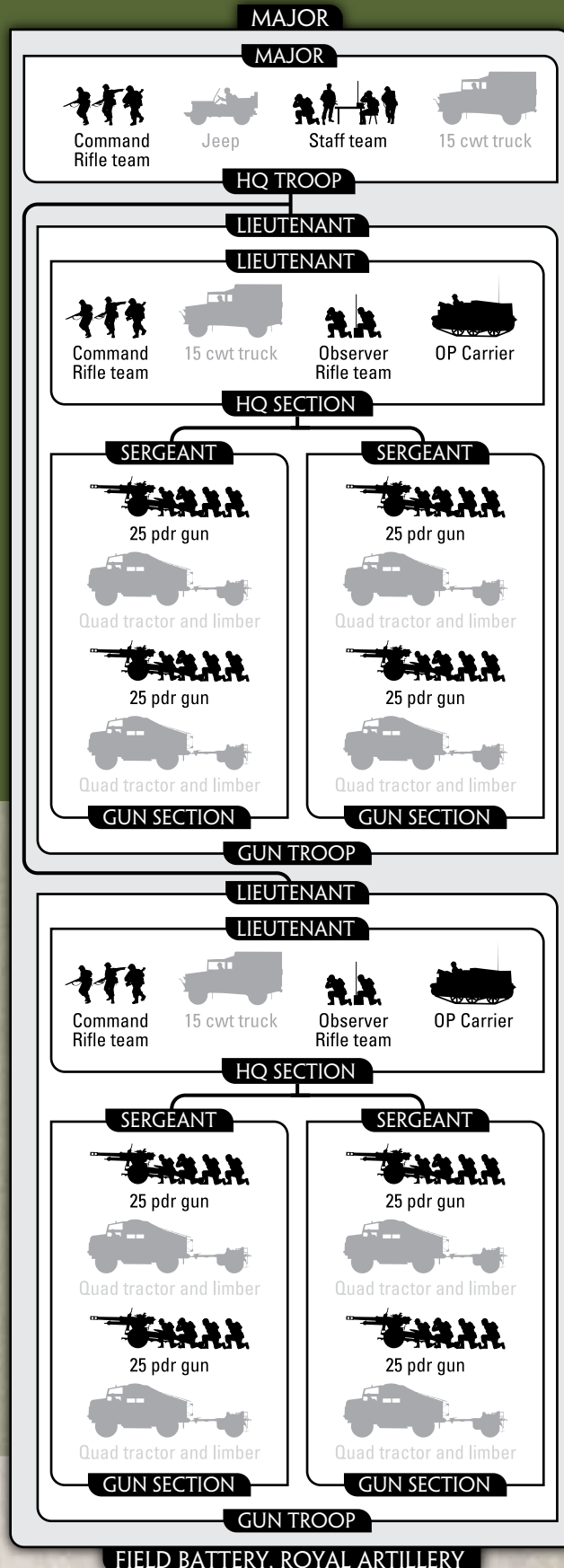
^ 25pdr Gun team

Although a Field Battery, Royal Artillery is a single Support choice, each Gun Troop operates as a separate platoon with its own Command team. The Command team and Staff team of the HQ Troop must be attached to a Gun Troop from its battery at the start of the game before deployment, see the British Artillery special rules on page 248 of the rulebook.

Observer Sherman OP tanks cannot launch assaults.

The British Royal Artillery has massed a huge amount of artillery to kick off Operation Market Garden. At 1400 hours exactly, a massive bombardment of over 300 guns will sound the charge. The bombardment will shatter German guns and infantry, leaving the enemy troops utterly bewildered and vulnerable.

After the initial barrage, they will be on hand to support your advance. Call on them regularly to clear out enemy guns or to lay down smoke to cover your assault.



FIELD BATTERY (SP), ROYAL ARTILLERY

PLATOON

HQ Troop with:

Two Gun Troops with a total of:

8 Sexton 485 points

One Gun Troop with:

4 Sexton 275 points

2 Sexton 165 points

OPTIONS

- Add Jeep and 15 cwt trucks for +5 points for the platoon.
- Replace the HQ Troop jeep with a White scout car or a captured Sd Kfz 251/1 half-track for +5 points.
- Arm any or all Sexton self-propelled guns with a .50 cal AA MG for +5 points per gun.

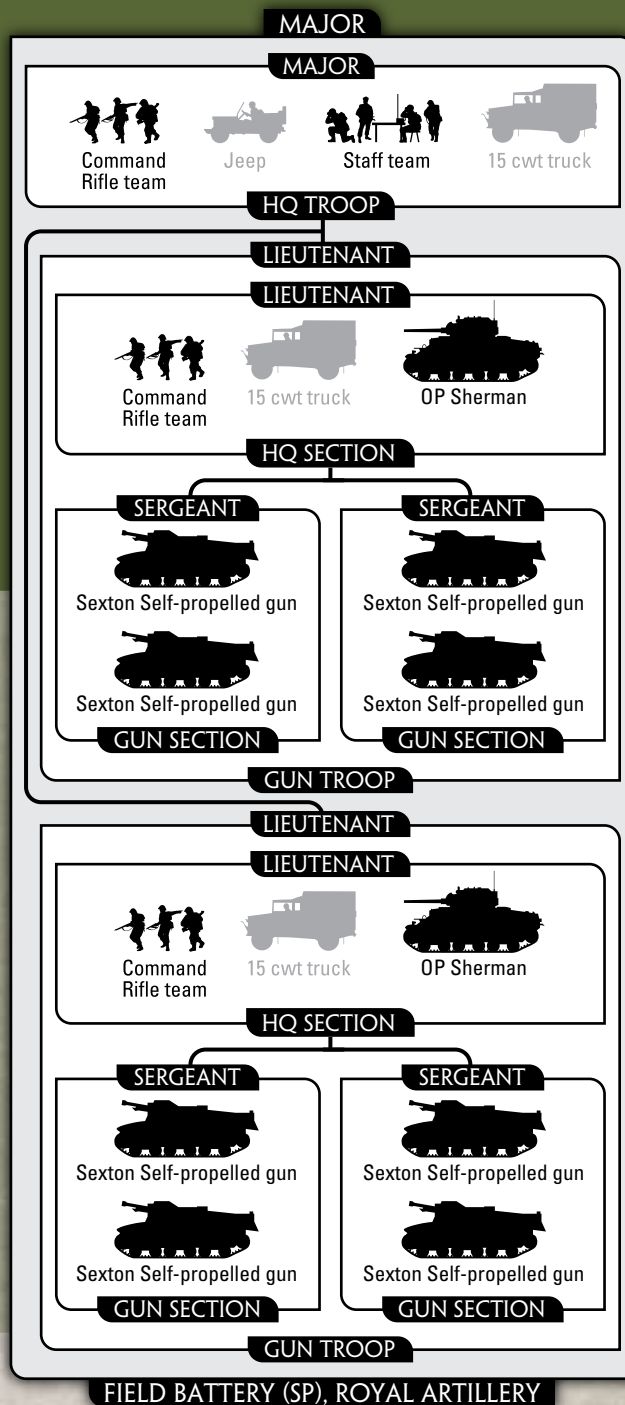
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Observer Sherman OP tanks cannot launch assaults.

The 153rd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery is equipped with the mobile Sexton self-propelled gun. These, along with the rest of 30th Corps' artillery will wreak a terrible bombardment on the enemy.

Self-propelled guns can keep up with the fast-paced tanks on the road and offer quick and immediate artillery support to your troops.

Ever resourceful, the 153rd Field Regiment acquired a captured Sd Kfz 251/1 half-track while in Belgium, armed it with a machine-gun and used it as a command vehicle.



MEDIUM BATTERY, ROYAL ARTILLERY

PLATOON

HQ Troop with:

Two Gun Troops with a total of:
8 OQF 5.5" 495 points

One Gun Troop with:
4 OQF 5.5" 285 points
2 OQF 5.5" 170 points

OPTION

- Add Jeep and 15 cwt trucks and Matador trucks for +5 points per Gun Troop.

You may not field a Medium Battery, Royal Artillery unless you are also fielding a Field Battery, Royal Artillery or Field Battery (SP), Royal Artillery with at least as many guns.



^ 5.5" Gun team

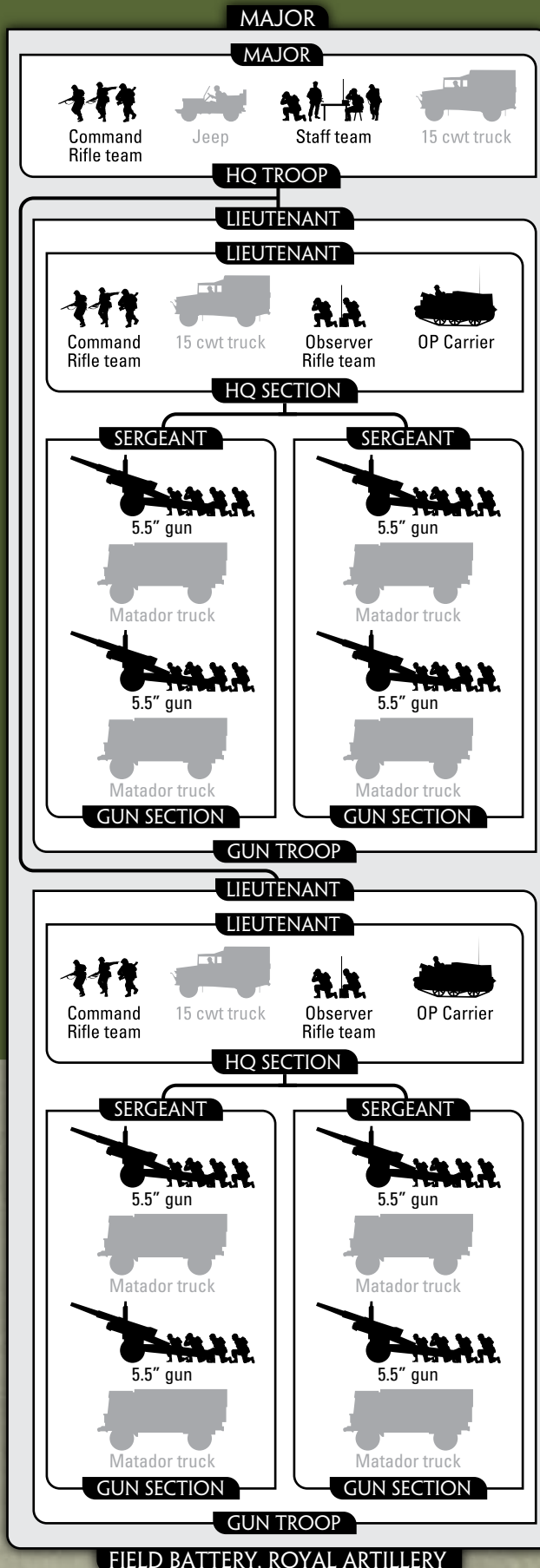


^ Matador truck

Although a Medium Battery, Royal Artillery is a single Support choice, each Gun Troop operates as a separate platoon with its own Command team. The Command team and Staff team of the HQ Troop must be attached to a Gun Troop from its battery at the start of the game before deployment, see the British Artillery special rules on page 248 of the rulebook.

The army has attached the 5.5" guns of the 84th Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery to the Guards Armoured Division for this operation. Their heavy guns will blast enemy strongpoints and help your troops breakthrough to the objective.

Though they are placed towards the end of the Guards march column, their incredible range of 9 miles (15 km) means they can make their presence known at the front of the advance within minutes.



Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery may not be placed from Ambush within 16"/40cm or enemy teams.

LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

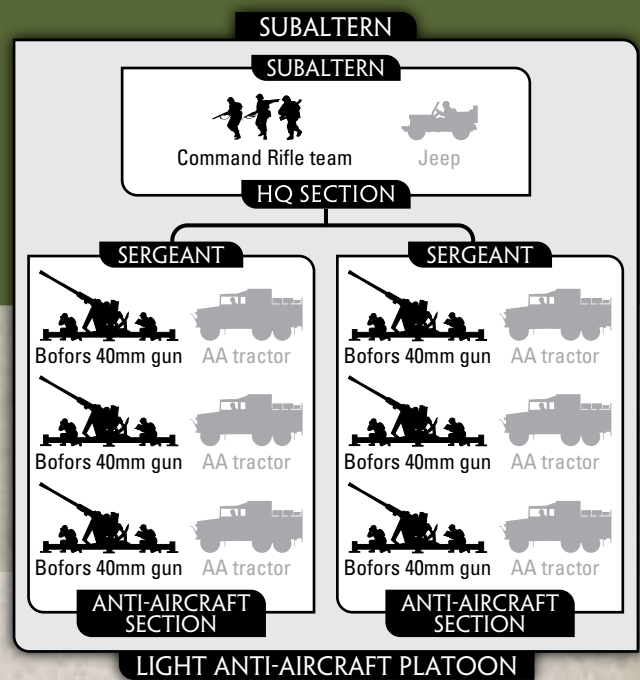
6 Bofors 40mm	175 points
3 Bofors 40mm	90 points

OPTION

- Add a Jeep and AA tractors to the platoon for +5 points per Anti-Aircraft section.

The 94th Light AA Regiment, Royal Artillery has been assigned to keep the skies clear for the advance up the highway. However they can be deployed against ground targets as well.

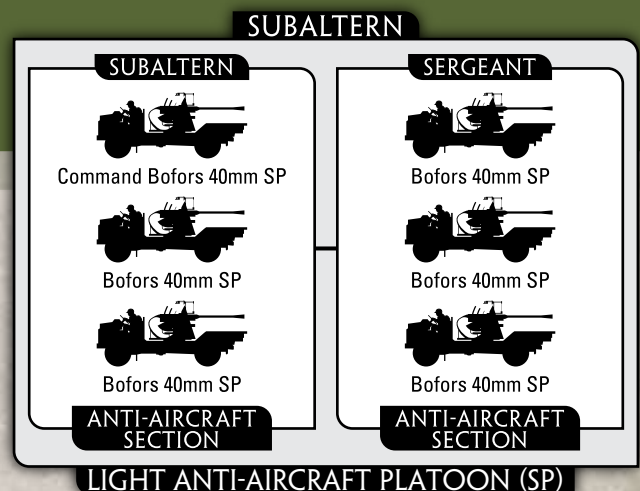
The platoon is well armed with Bofors 40mm guns. Deploy them along with your support troops such as artillery to keep them safe and free to support the advance.



LIGHT ANTI-AIRCRAFT PLATOON (SP)

PLATOON

6 Bofors 40mm SP	250 points
3 Bofors 40mm SP	130 points



HEAVY ANTI-AIRCRAFT PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

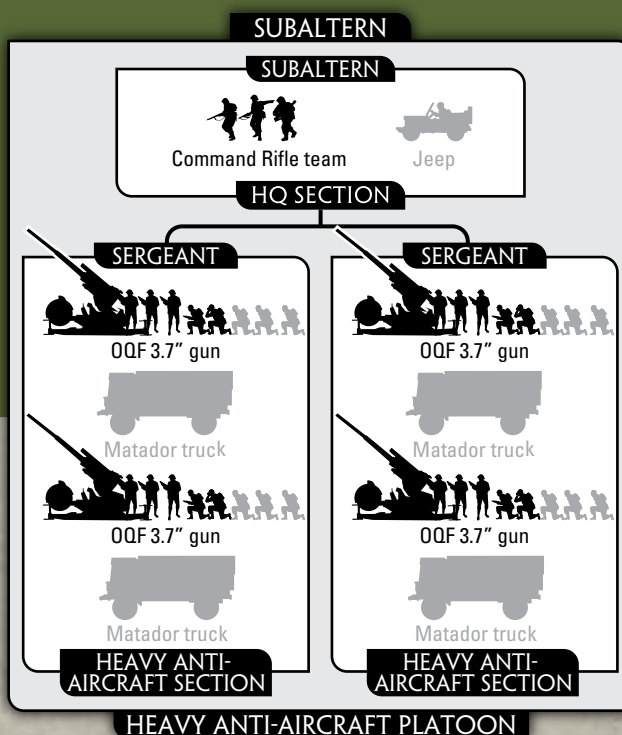
2 Heavy Anti-aircraft Sections	260 points
1 Heavy Anti-aircraft Section	135 points

OPTIONS

- Model OQF 3.7" guns with eight or more crew and increase their ROF to 3 for +20 points per Heavy Anti-aircraft Section.
- Add Jeep and Matador trucks for +5 points for the platoon.



These heavy guns are very able to protect your column with their excellent firepower, but they are not fully trained for shooting at ground targets and as such are rated **Confident Trained**.



USAAF & RAF SUPPORT

AIR SUPPORT

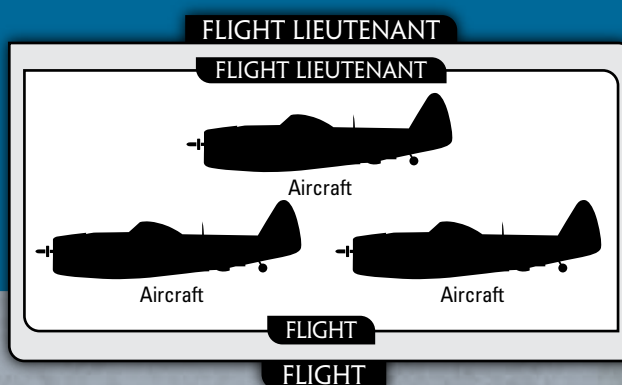
PRIORITY AIR SUPPORT

P-47 Thunderbolt	190 points
Typhoon	220 points

LIMITED AIR SUPPORT

P-47 Thunderbolt	150 points
Typhoon	170 points

The US Army Air Force (USAAF) and the Royal Air Force (RAF) have devoted their attack fighters to the operation.



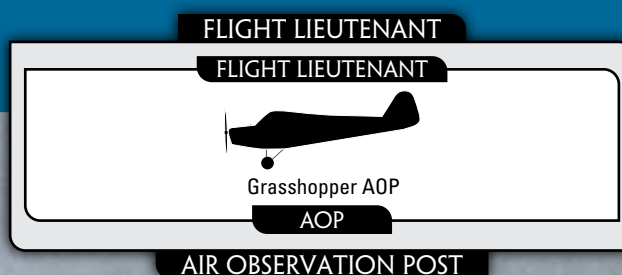
AIR OBSERVATION POST

AOP

AOP	40 points
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An AOP uses the Air Observation Post rules on page 139 and page 239 of the rulebook.

The airborne division has a small number of air observation post aircraft available to it.



ALLIED ARSENAL

ALLIED TANK TEAMS

Name	Mobility	Armour			Equipment and Notes
		Front	Side	Top	
Weapon	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	
MEDIUM TANKS					
Cromwell IV	Light Tank	6	4	1	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Protected ammo, Tow hook.
OQF 75mm gun	32"/80cm	2	10	3+	Semi-indirect fire, Smoke.
Challenger A30	Light Tank	6	4	1	Co-ax MG, Overloaded, Protected ammo, Tow hook.
OQF 17 pdr gun	32"/80cm	3	13	3+	No HE, Semi-indirect fire.
Sherman V	Standard Tank	6	4	1	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Tow hook.
M3 75mm gun	32"/80cm	2	10	3+	Semi-indirect fire, Smoke.
Firefly VC	Standard Tank	6	4	1	Co-ax MG, Tow hook.
OQF 17 pdr gun	32"/80cm	2	13	3+	No HE, Semi-indirect fire.

SELF-PROPELLED ANTI-AIRCRAFT GUNS

Bofors 40mm SP <i>Bofors 40mm gun</i>	Wheeled <i>24"/60cm</i>	- 4	- 6	- 4+	Awkward layout. <i>Anti-aircraft, Gun shield.</i>
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SELF-PROPELLED GUNS

Sexton <i>OQF 25 pdr gun</i> <i>Firing bombardments</i>	Standard Tank <i>24"/60cm</i> <i>80"/200cm</i>	1 2 -	0 9 4	0 3+ 5+	AA MG. <i>Hull mounted, Smoke.</i> <i>Smoke bombardment.</i>
Sherman OP	Standard Tank	6	4	1	Hull MG.

RECON JEEPS

.50 cal Recon Jeep	Jeep	-	-	-	.50 cal AA MG, Recce.
Armoured .50 cal Recon Jeep	Jeep	0	0	0	.50 cal AA MG, Overloaded, Recce.

VEHICLE MACHINE-GUNS

Vehicle MG	16"/40cm	3	2	6	ROF 1 if other weapons fire.
.50 cal Vehicle MG	16"/40cm	3	4	5+	ROF 1 if other weapons fire.

ALLIED INFANTRY TEAMS

Team	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
Carbine team	8"/20cm	1	1	6	Automatic rifles.
Rifle team	16"/40cm	1	2	6	Automatic rifles.
Rifle/MG team	16"/40cm	2	2	6	
SMG team	4"/10cm	3	1	6	Full ROF when moving.
Bazooka team	8"/20cm	1	10	5+	Tank Assault 4.
Staff team	16"/40cm	1	2	6	Automatic rifles, Moves as a Medium Gun team.
Rifle team (British)	16"/40cm	1	2	6	
Staff team (British)	16"/40cm	1	2	6	Moves as a Heavy Gun team.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT

Pioneer teams are rated as Tank Assault 3. Teams with Gammon Bombs are rated as Tank Assault 3.

ALLIED GUN TEAMS

Weapon	Mobility	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
Bofors 40mm gun	Immobile	24"/60cm	4	6	4+	Anti-aircraft, Turntable.
OQF 3.7" gun	Immobile	40"/100cm	2	13	3+	Heavy Anti-aircraft, Turntable.
OQF 25 pdr gun	Heavy	24"/60cm	2	9	3+	Gun shield, Smoke, Turntable.
Firing bombardments		80"/200cm	-	4	5+	Smoke bombardment.
BL 5.5" gun	Immobile	32"/80cm	1	13	1+	Bunker buster.
Firing bombardments		88"/220cm	-	5	2+	
M1919 LMG	Man-packed	16"/40cm	5	2	6	ROF 2 when pinned down or moving.
M1917 HMG	Man-packed	24"/60cm	6	2	6	ROF 3 when pinned down or moving.
M2 .50 cal MG	Man-packed	16"/40cm	4	4	5+	
M2 60mm mortar	Man-packed	24"/60cm	2	1	3+	Minimum range 8"/20cm.
Firing bombardments		32"/80cm	-	1	6	
M1 81mm mortar	Man-packed	24"/60cm	-	2	3+	Minimum range 8"/20cm, Smoke.
Firing bombardments		40"/100cm	-	2	6	
M3 37mm gun	Light	24"/60cm	3	7	4+	Gun shield.
M1 57mm gun	Medium	24"/60cm	3	10	4+	Gun shield.
M1A1 75mm pack howitzer	Light	16"/40cm	2	6	3+	Smoke.
Firing bombardments		64"/160cm	-	3	6	
M3 105mm howitzer	Heavy	16"/40cm	1	7	2+	Breakthrough gun, Smoke.
Firing bombardments		56"/140cm	-	4	4+	

ALLIED TRANSPORT TEAMS

Vehicle	Mobility	Armour			Equipment and Notes
		Front	Side	Top	
Jeep	Jeep	-	-	-	Optional Passenger-fired AA MG.
White Scout car	Jeep	0	0	0	
CMP 15cwt or Bedford QLT 3-ton truck	Wheeled	-	-	-	
Matador, Quad, or Morris AA tractor	Wheeled	-	-	-	
Troop, OP, Mortar, or Loyd Carrier	Half-tracked	0	0	0	
Captured Sd Kfz 251/1 half-track	Half-tracked	1	0	0	Passenger-fired .50 cal AA MG.
Captured StuG	Standard Tank	7	3	1	Schürzen.
Pioneer Supply Handcart	Wagon	-	-	-	

ALLIED AIRCRAFT

Aircraft	Weapon	To Hit	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
Typhoon	Cannon	3+	8	5+	
	Rockets	3+	6	3+	
P47 Thunderbolt	MG	2+	6	5+	
	Bombs	4+	5	1+	

