

ROMANIAN MOUNTAIN INFANTRY DIVISION MID-WAR BATALION VANATORI DE MUNTE





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THE WORLD WAR II MINIATURES GAME

Romanian Mountain Divisions

THE MOUNTAIN TROOPS

The Romanian *Vanatori de Munte* (mountain hunters) units were created in 1916 and represent the elite troops of the Romanian infantry. At the outbreak of the war with the Soviet Union on 22 June 1941, the Mountain Corps consisted of four brigades (1st to 4th) made up of twelve groups (1st to 12th) each with two battalions. There were 24 battalions (1st to 24th) out of which the first sixteen were very well trained and armed active units. The rest (17th to 24th) were formed after the general mobilization and were of lower quality.

A mountain brigade consisted of six *Vanatori de Munte* battalions, one mountain artillery group (1 or 2 battalions of 75mm or 76.2mm mountain guns and one battalion of 100 mm mountain howitzers) and one mountain pioneer battalion.

The mountain troops had a higher level of training and professionalism than the regular infantry. The initiative at battalion level was more developed. They were well suited to fighting in difficult terrain, but they lacked sufficient artillery, which made them vulnerable in the open terrain of the Russian steppe.

In 1941 the Mountain Corps was made up of the 1st, 2nd and 4th Mountain Brigades. The 3rd Mountain Brigade was stationed on the frontier with Hungary. At the end of the 1941 campaign, the 2nd Mountain Brigade was brought back to Romania and the 1st and 4th Mountain Brigades remained in Crimea.

During the winter, the 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} Mountain Brigade were completely rearmed. The old first world war artillery pieces were replaced with modern guns. The 1^{st} and 4^{th} Mountain Brigades, which were at the front, received field guns instead of mountain guns. Because they were involved in the first siege of Sevastopol, they were reinforced with two 100mm howitzer battalions.

On 15 March 1942, the mountain and cavalry brigades became divisions, though actual size of the units didn't change, the establishment of the mountain brigades already put them on par with Italian and Hungarian divisions. In July 1942, the 2^{nd} and 3^{rd} Mountain Divisions were sent to the front to take part in the campaigns in the Caucasus and the Kuban regions.

During the winter of 1942/1943, the 1st Mountain Division was also modernized. The 4th Mountain Division never got to replace its old guns before it was disbanded in November 1944. After the battle of Stalingrad, the 18th Infantry Division was transformed into the 18th Mountain Division. Its regiments were renamed mountain groups (18th, 90th and 92nd) and the battalions received new numbers (27th to 35th). The 1st, 2nd and 3rd Mountain Divisions retreated into Crimea and the 4th Mountain Division was joined with the 24th Infantry Division to form the 4/24th Infantry Division.

In May 1944, only 60% of the mountain troops in Crimea were evacuated before the Soviets had completely retaken the peninsular.

ROMANIAN SPECIAL RULES

PEASANT ARMY

Romania's huge army was drawn from the rural peasant class, officered by the aristocratic upper class, and disciplined by NCO's using 18th century style corporal punishment. Men were regularly beaten for minor breaches in regulation and discipline. The separation of men, NCO's, and officers even went as far as meals that were supplied in three qualities, with officers, naturally, getting the best. The officers were also responsible for the training of their own units. This led to a great variation in the quality of troops' combat preparedness. The distant relationship between the officers and their largely illiterate men combined with the harsh conditions of army life, and sometimes poor training, led to mixed levels of performance and morale in the field.

To reflect the variable quality of the men and officers' relationship and performance, Romanian platoons are rated as Regular or Elite. After deployment, but before the first turn, roll a die for each Romanian platoon and independent Warrior teams. Consult the Peasant Army table to determine their Skill and Motivation ratings. Platoons held in Reserves do not roll until they arrive.

PEASANT ARMY TABLE

Roll	Regular	Elite
1	Reluctant Trained	Reluctant Trained
2	Reluctant Trained	Reluctant Veteran
3	Reluctant Veteran	Reluctant Veteran
4	Confident Trained	Confident Trained
5	Confident Trained	Confident Veteran
6	Confident Veteran	Confident Veteran

MOUNTAINEERS

Romanian mountain infantryman are trained as mountaineers. They can scale cliffs that are impassable to normal infantry.

Romanian Mountain Infantry teams, Man-packed Gun teams are all Mountaineers, see page 61 of the rulebook.

PACK MULES

Mountain troops were issued with light guns that could be broken into smaller loads and carried on pack horses or mules to move on the narrow mountain trails and terrain they are trained to fight on.

Gun teams carried by Pack Mule teams are Mountaineers, see page 61 of the rulebook. Pack Mule teams are Transport teams. Pack Mule teams carry Gun teams as Passengers and the Gun team is removed from the table while it is carried by the Pack Mule team.

DEFEND THE HOMELAND

Though the Romanian infantryman may have mixed treatment from his officers and NCOs, once in the thick of the fighting he would often fight tenaciously when confronted by the enemy. They were not interested in invading Russia or conquering the world, but to simply fight stubbornly to defend what they already had.

When Romanian platoons test their Motivation to Counterattack in assaults, you may re-roll the die and apply the re-rolled result to all Romanian platoons that failed on the original roll.

FRENCH DOCTRINE

The Romanian troops are trained in the French doctrine of trench warfare. Their operational plan is to make a short deliberate advance under cover of massed artillery fire, then fortify their position to hold it while the artillery comes up to repeat the process. While the advance is slow, it is sure and will eventually result in the defeat of the enemy.

Once entrenched, Romanian infantry set up crossfire positions for every weapon allowing them to take any attack in enfilade.

Romanian Infantry and Gun teams attempting to Dig In succeed on a roll of 3+.

When conducting Defensive Fire, Infantry and Gun teams that are Dug In or in Entrenchments can shoot over any Man-packed or Light Gun teams that are also Dug In or in Entrenchments.

CENTRAL FIRE CONTROL

Like the US Army, the Romanians were great followers of French doctrine during the 1920's and 1930's and their artillery methods reflect this.

Romanian Company Command teams cannot act as spotting teams for Artillery Bombardments.

When a Romanian artillery battery that has a Staff team fires an Artillery Bombardment, any other artillery batteries with Staff teams may join it before rolling to Range In and fire as a single combined Artillery Battery.

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EASTERN LEGIONS

While playing a Batalion Vanatori de Munte, whenever the rules talk about a Platoon read that as a Vanatori de Munte Company. Where the rules talk about a Company, read that as a Batalion Vanatori de Munte.

Romanian companies can have German Heer troops as support options. These platoons retain their own rules and ratings, counting as Allied Platoons (see page 70 of the rulebook).

GERMAN ALLIES

Romanian 🛉

MOTIVATION AND SKILL

Romania has three armies on the Russian Front, contributing more men to the conflict than any other Axis power except Germany. A Batalion Vanatori de Munte is rated as **Elite**.



HEADQUARTERS

BATALION VANATORI DE MUNTE HQ -

HEADQUARTERS

Battalion HQ

25 points

OPTIONS

- Replace either or both Command Rifle teams with Command Vanator de Care Rifle teams for +5 points per team.
- Add up to three Sniper teams for +50 points per team.

The teams of a Batalion Vanatori de Munte HQ are Mountaineers.



The mountain divisions had a high proportion of regulars who were professional soldiers even in peace time. By their very nature as mountain troops they had a high level of training, specialisation and expertise.

COMBAT COMPANIES

VANATORI DE MUNTE COMPANY

PLATOON

HQ Section with:	
3 Vanatori Platoons	320 points
2 Vanatori Platoons	220 points
1 Vanatori Platoon	120 points

OPTIONS

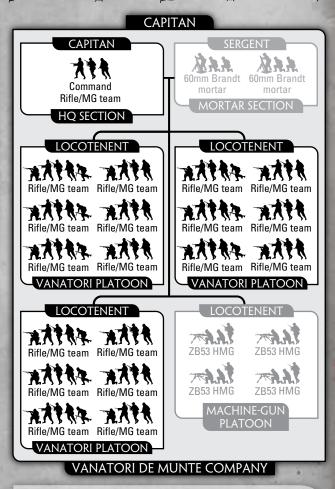
- Replace Command Rifle/MG team with a Command Vanator de Care Rifle/MG team for +5 points.
- Add 60mm Brandt mortars for +20 points per mortar.
- Add Machine-gun platoon for +105 points.

The hard fighting Vanatori de Munte of the mountain infantry are equipped with rifles and ZB30 light machineguns. Each company also has supporting ZB53 heavy machine-guns and 60mm mortars.

While fighting in the Crimea the Vanatori de Munte fought with honour alongside their German allies. Their high levels of morale and training allow them to be more flexible and aggressive on attack or defence than other Romanian troops.

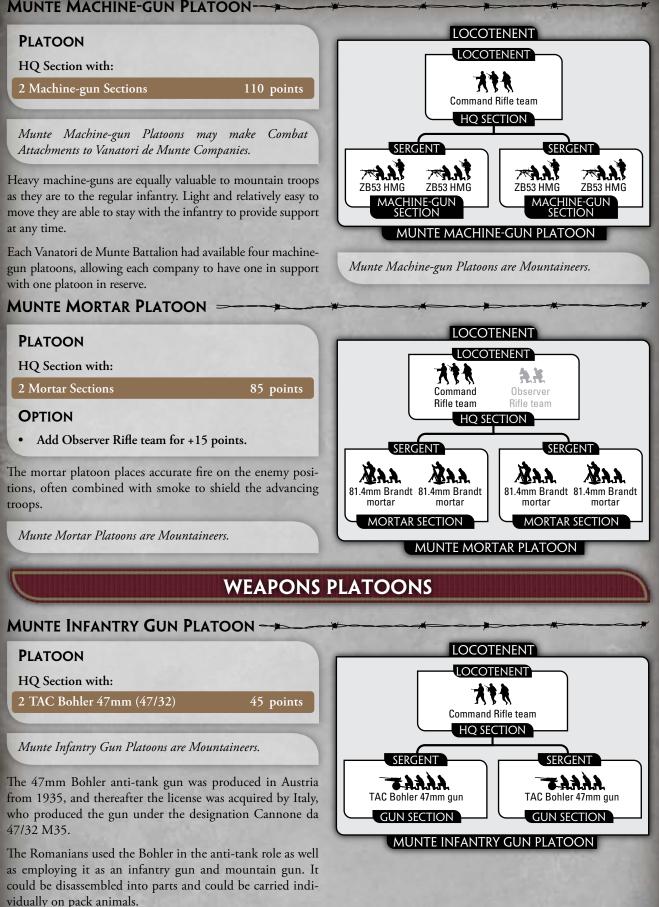
VANATOR DE CARE

To deal with Soviet tanks Romanian troops would often arm a few brave men from their company with satchel charges, anti-tank mines, Molotov cocktails and other improvised close-assault anti-tank weapons. The Vanator de Care (tank hunter) has to be a brave man, he knows that an assault on an enemy tank could quite easily become his last.



Vanatori de Munte Companies are are Mountaineers.

MUNTE MACHINE-GUN PLATOON



ROMANIAN

REGIMENTAL SUPPORT PLATOONS

MUNTE HEAVY MORTAR COMPANY 🖛

PLATOON

HQ Section	with:
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3 Mortar Sections	135 points
2 Mortar Sections	95 points

OPTIONS

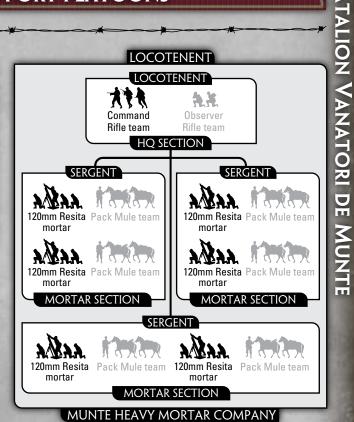
- Add Observer Rifle team for +15 points.
- Add Pack Mule teams for +5 points for the platoon.
- Replace Pack Mule teams with horse-drawn wagons at no cost.

The Mountain troops are also equipped with 120mm mortars. Heavy mortars are an ideal compromise between heavy firepower and easy mobility. They are an excellent addition to the mountain division's arsenal.

Initially these heavy mortars came from stocks of captured Soviet weapons, but the Romanian company Resita began to manufacture more to equip all divisions.

Rain down high explosive rounds on the Soviets with these weapons and keep the Red Army at bay. They won't find protection in their trench from the explosive power of the 120mm mortars.

MUNTE SCOUT PLATOON



MUNTE SCOUT PLATOON

LOCOTENENT **PLATOON** LOCOTENENT HQ Section with: 778 **3 Scout Squads** 165 points Command 2 Scout Squads 115 points Rifle/MG team HQ SECTION **OPTIONS** Replace Command Rifle/MG team with a Command SMG team at no cost or a Command Vanator de Care Rifle/MG team for +5 points. Replace all Rifle/MG teams with SMG teams at no cost. Rifle/MG team Rifle/MG team The scouts are the best of the best. These hand picked recon-SCOLIT naissance specialists seek and find the enemy's intentions, so the Vanatori de Munte can be ready for the next onslaught. 717 Munte Scout Platoons are Reconnaissance Platoons and are Rifle/MG team Rifle/MG team Mountaineers. SCOUT SQUAD

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MUNTE PIONEER PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

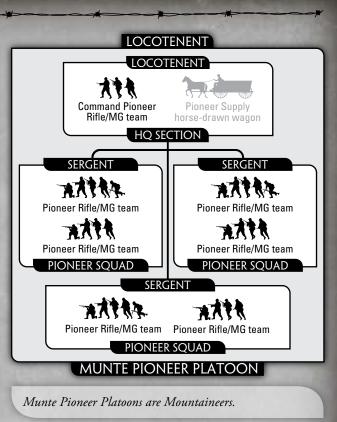
3 Pioneer Squads	165 points
2 Pioneer Squads	115 points

OPTIONS

- Replace Command Pioneer Rifle/MG team with a Command Pioneer SMG team at no cost.
- Replace all Rifle/MG teams with SMG teams at no cost.
- Add Pioneer Supply horse-drawn wagon for +20 points.

These assault pioneers take out bunkers and other enemy strong points. They can also knockout tanks in close combat. For these tasks they are equipped with flame-thowers, antitank mines and demolition charges.

You may replace up to one Pioneer Rifle/MG or SMG team with a Flame-thrower team at the start of the game before deployment.



ROMANIAN

REGULAR

ELITE

Divisional Support

MOTIVATION AND SKILL

Romania's Mountain Divisions are their very best infantry and fight with great determination. Divisional Support Platoons are rated as Elite.

TANCURI PLATOON =

PLATOON

3 T-38 (Panzer 38(t))

125 points

In March 1943 a tank battalion, equipped with 50 old German T-38 tanks (CKD LT VZ 38 or Panzer 38 (t) tanks), was sent to the front to reinforce the Cavalry Corps and the Mountain Corps in the Kuban region east of Crimea.

It had three companies (51st, 52nd and 53rd) each 15 tanks strong. Five tanks were kept in reserve for replacements as these old tanks had seen a lot of service and were not always reliable. After the retreat from the Taman bridgehead, the battalion was used in the fighting in Crimea in late 1943. It returned to Romania in early in 1944, with only ten tanks still operational.

MOUNTAIN HEAVY ANTI-TANK PLATOO

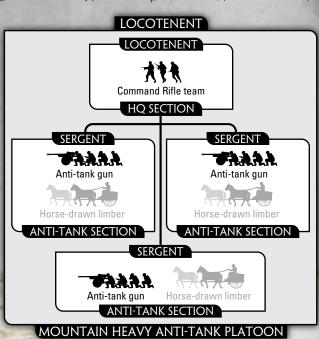
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HQ Section with:		88
3 TAC 97/38 75mm (7.5cm PaK97/38)	95 points	
2 TAC 97/38 75mm (7.5cm PaK97/38)	65 points	
3 TAC Bohler 47mm (47/32)	60 points	1
2 TAC Bohler 47mm (47/32)	40 points	2.1

OPTIONS

- Add horse-drawn limbers for +5 points for the platoon.
- Replace horse-drawn limbers with Pack Mule teams in a platoon equipped with TAC Bohler 47mm guns at no cost.

With much of their fighting not in mountainous terrain the mountain troops are vulnerable to tanks. However, more anti-tank guns have been added to the divisions and the Vanatori de Munte can get 75mm anti-tank guns and lighter 47mm guns to support them. The TAC Bohler 47mm gun is especially light and easy to manoeuvre and also makes an excellent infantry support weap





PIONEER PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

- 3 Pioneer Squads
- 2 Pioneer Squads

OPTIONS

• Replace all Pioneer Rifle teams with Pioneer Rifle/MG teams for +10 points per Pioneer Squad.

130 points

95 points

- Replace all Pioneer Rifle teams with Pioneer SMG teams for +10 points per Pioneer Squad.
- Add 3-ton trucks for +5 points for the platoon.
- Add Pioneer Supply 3-ton truck for +25 points.

You may replace up to one Pioneer Rifle, Rifle/MG or SMG team per Pioneer Squad with a Flame-thrower team at the start of the game before deployment.

Romania's motorised combat pioneers are some of the best trained and equipped troops in service. They can knockout bunkers, destroy tanks or clear minefields.

CAVALRY PLATOON

PLATOON

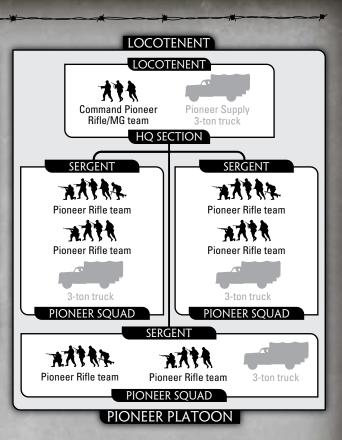
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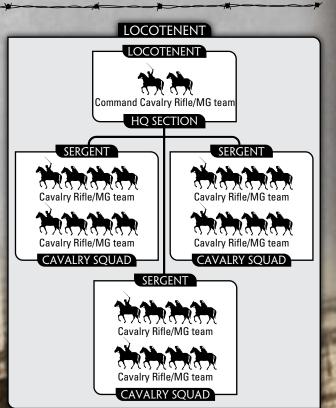
3 Cavalry Squads	145 points
2 Cavalry Squads	105 points

OPTION

• Replace Command Cavalry Rifle/MG team with a Command Cavalry Vanator de Care Rifle/MG team for +5 points.

Romanian cavalry are some of the best in the world. Only the Soviet Union can field more cavalry. The cavalry are very mobile, highly trained and very motivated, both on their horses and as dismounted infantry. They love nothing better than to exploit any breakthrough other troops have made in the Soviet lines.





CAVALRY PLATOON

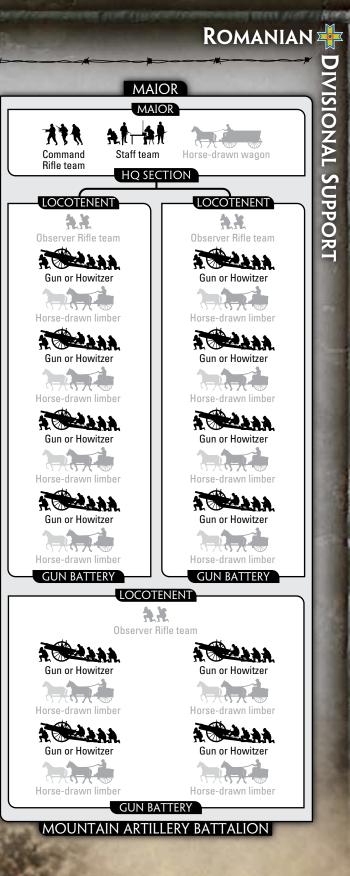
MOUNTAIN ARTILLERY BATTALION

PLATOON

HQ Section and:	
3 Gun Batteries with: 12 RF 75mm (76K/02)	220 points
2 Gun Batteries with: 8 RF 75mm (76K/02)	180 points
1 Gun Battery with: 4 RF 75mm (76K/02)	105 points
3 Gun Batteries with: 12 Skoda 100mm (100/17)	300 points
2 Gun Batteries with: 8 Skoda 100mm (100/17)	240 points
1 Gun Battery with: 4 Skoda 100mm (100/17)	140 points
OPTIONS	

- Add Observer Rifle teams for +15 points per gun battery.
- Add horse-drawn wagon and limbers for +5 points per Gun Battery.

The mountain division's artillery was initially equipped with 75mm mountain guns, but as the war progressed they were frequently equipped with the 75mm Schneider-Putilov field guns (model 1902/36) and 100mm Skoda field howitzers (model 1914/34).



MOUNTAIN ANTI-AIRCRAFT PLATOON

PLATOON

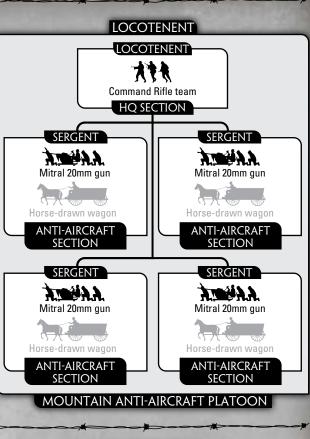
HQ Section with:

4 Mitral 20mm guns (2cm FlaK38)	85 points
3 Mitral 20mm guns (2cm FlaK38)	65 points
2 Mitral 20mm guns (2cm FlaK38)	45 points

OPTIONS

- Equip all Mitral 20mm guns (2cm FlaK38) with Gun Shields for +5 points for the platoon.
- Add horse-drawn wagons at +5 points for the platoon.

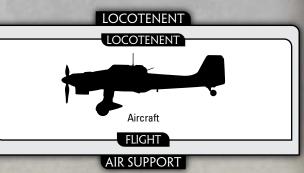
The German made light Mitral 20mm gun (2cm FlaK38) is light and easy to move. This made it ideally suited to be used by the mountain troops. Its high rate of fire and all around traverse not only made it ideal for anti-aircraft defence, but could also be put to good use against a variety of ground targets.



AIR SUPPORT

SPORADIC AIR SUPPORTJu 87D Stuka100 pointsHs 129B115 points

The Romanian air force (*Forțele Aeriene Regale ale Romaniei* or FARR) used a wide variety of aircraft for bombing and ground attack. Included among these was the German Ju 87D, the first of which arrived with the FARR in 1943. They also began flying Hs 129Bs in August 1943. Other aircraft used for ground attack included the Romanian IAR81.



German Support

MOTIVATION AND SKILL

The Romanians fight alongside the Germans and will often call on them to provide support. German platoons supporting the Romanians are always rated **Confident Veteran** and follow the German special rules on pages 241 to 245 of the rulebook.

They are Allies to the Romanians and follow the Allies rules on page 70 of the rulebook.

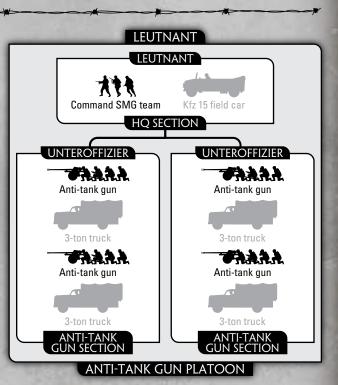
ANTI-TANK GUN PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:	
4 5cm PaK38	160 points
3 5cm PaK38	120 points
2 5cm PaK38	80 points
4 7.5cm PaK97/38	165 points
3 7.5cm PaK97/38	125 points
2 7.5cm PaK97/38	85 points
4 7.62cm PaK36(r)	245 points
3 7.62cm PaK36(r)	185 points
2 7.62cm PaK36(r)	125 points
4 7.5cm PaK40	290 points
3 7.5cm PaK40	220 points
2 7.5cm PaK40	150 points

OPTIONS

- Add Kfz 15 field car and 3-ton trucks for +5 points for the platoon.
- Replace all 3-ton trucks with Sd Kfz 10 or Sd Kfz 11 half-tracks for +5 points for the platoon.



There were never enough of the powerful 7.5cm PaK40 antitank guns, so the infantry divisions had to make do with the 7.5cm PaK97/38, an old French gun mounted on a PaK38 chassis or captured Russian 7.62cm guns rechambered for German ammunition.



UPPORT

GRENADIER PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

- 4 Grenadier Squads
- 3 Grenadier Squads
- 2 Grenadier Squads
- 200 points 155 points 110 points

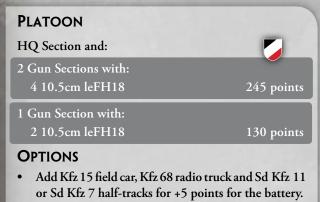
OPTIONS

- Replace Command Rifle/MG team with a Command Panzerknacker SMG team for +5 points.
- Add Light Mortar team for +15 points.
- Add 3-ton trucks for +5 points for the platoon.

The grenadiers of the German infantry are seasoned campaigners having tasted victory in Poland, France, the Balkans, and now Byelorussia and the Ukraine. They have performed their duties to the Fatherland with the utmost of efficiency and are ready to continue their march to the East.

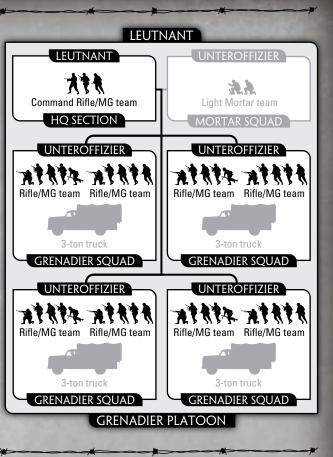
Though well-manned and fully capable, the shear enormity of their task at hand means their value must not be squandered foolishly.

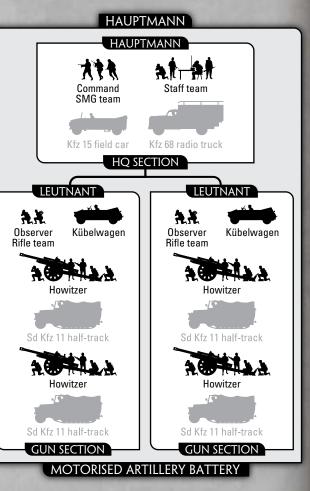
MOTORISED ARTILLERY BATTERY



• Replace all Kübelwagen jeeps with Sd Kfz 250 or 253 half-tracks for +5 points.

Towed artillery provides a good balance between cost and effectiveness. Because of its mobility, motorised artillery was often repositioned to support Romanian troops during critical attacks and to hold off Soviet breakthroughs.





ROMANIAN

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Romanian Arsenal

TANK TEAMS

Armour					
Name Weapon	Mobility <i>Range</i>	Front ROF	Side Anti-tank	Top <i>Firepower</i>	Equipment and Notes
TANKS					
T-38 (Panzer 38(t))	Standard Tank	2	1	1	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Unreliable, Protected ammo.
3.7cm KwK35(t) gun	24"/60cm	2	6	4+	

GUN TEAMS								
Weapon	Mobility	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes		
ZB53 HMG	Man-packed	24"/60cm	6	2	6	ROF 3 while pinned down or moving.		
60mm Brandt mortar Firing bombardments	Man-packed	24"/60cm 32"/80cm	2 -	1 1	3+ 6	Minimum range 8"/20cm.		
81.4mm Brandt mortar Firing Bombardments	Man-packed	24"/60cm 40"/100cm	2 -	2 2	3+ 6	Smoke, Minimum range 8"/20cm. Smoke bombardment.		
120-PM-38 or 120mm Resita mortar	Light	56"/140cm	-	3	3+			
Mitral 20mm (2cm FlaK38) gun	Light	16"/40cm	4	5	5+	Anti-aircraft, Turntable.		
TAC Bohler 47mm (47/32) gun	Man-packed	24"/60cm	3	7	4+			
TAC 97/38 75mm (7.5cm PaK97/38) gun	Medium	24"/60cm	2	10	3+	Gun shield.		
RF 75mm (76K/02) gun Firing bombardments	Heavy	24"/60cm 64"/160cm	2	8 3	3+ 6	Gun shield, Smoke. Smoke bombardment.		
Skoda 100mm (100/17) howitzer Firing bombardments	Immobile	24"/60cm 72"/180cm	1 -	9 4	2+ 4+	Gun shield, Breakthrough gun.		
GERMAN GUNS								
5cm PaK38 gun	Medium	24"/60cm	3	9	4+	Gun shield.		
7.5cm PaK97/38 gun	Medium	24"/60cm	2	10	3+	Gun shield.		
7.5cm PaK40 gun	Medium	32"/80cm	2	12	3+	Gun shield.		
7.62cm PaK36(r) gun	Heavy	32"/80cm	2	11	3+	Gun shield.		
10.5cm le FH18 howitzer Firing bombardments	Immobile	24"/60cm 72"/180cm	1 -	10 4	2+ 4+	Gun shield, Breakthrough gun, Smok Smoke bombardment.		

INFANTRY TEAMS

Team	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
Rifle team	16"/40cm	1	2	6	
Rifle/MG team	16"/40cm	2	2	6	
SMG team	4"/10cm	3	1	6	Full ROF when moving.
Light Mortar team	16"/40cm	1	1	4+	Can fire over friendly teams.
Flame-thrower	4"/10cm	2	-	6	Flame-thrower.
Staff team	16"/40cm	1	2	6	Moves as a Heavy Gun team.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT

Vanator de Care and Pioneer teams are rated as Tank Assault 4. German Panzerknacker teams are rated as Tank Assault 5.

TRANSPORT TEAMS

Armour								
Vehicle	Mobility	Front	Side	Тор	Equipment and Notes			
TRUCKS								
Kfz 15 field car or Kubelwagen	Jeep	-	-	-				
Opel 3-ton truck	Wheeled	-		-				
Opel Kfz 68 radio truck	Wheeled	-	-	-				
TRACTORS								
Horse-drawn limber	Wagon	-	-	-				
Horse-drawn wagon	Wagon	-	-	-				
Pack Mule team	Man-Packed	-	-	-	Pack Mules.			
Sd Kfz 10 or Sd Kfz 11	Half-tracked	1	·	-				
GERMAN ARMOURE	D CARRIERS							
Sd Kfz 250 half-track	Half-tracked	1	0	0	Hull MG, Passenger-fired AA MG.			
Sd Kfz 253 (StuG)	Half-tracked	1	0	1	AA MG.			

AIRCRAFT									
Aircraft	Weapon	To Hit	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes				
Ju 87D Stuka	Bombs	4+	5	1+					
Hs 129B	Cannon	2+	9	4+	Flying Tank.				