

CHAIN OF COMMAND



POLAND 1939

THE RIFLE PLATOON

The Polish Rifle Platoon is one of the strongest in terms of manpower, with much emphasis being placed on unit coherency and leadership.

PLATOON FORCE RATING:

Regular: +5

Command Dice: 5

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Podporucznik, *Senior Leader*, with pistol
Sierzant, *Senior Leader*, with rifle

AT RIFLE TEAM

Wz35 AT rifle, 2 crew

MORTAR TEAM

One 46mm wz 36 mortar, three crew

SECTIONS ONE TO THREE

Plutonowy, *Junior Leader*, with rifle

RIFLE SECTION

RKM wz 28 BAR
Three crew
Fourteen riflemen

CREDIT

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POLISH SUPPORT LIST

LIST ONE

Satchel Charge
Medical Orderly
Engineer Mine Clearance *Team*, 3 men
Engineer Wire Cutting *Team*, 3 men
Engineer Demolition *Team*, 3 men
Adjutant
Minefield
Barbed Wire
Car, no crew
Entrenchments for one *Team*

LIST TWO

Roadblock
AT rifle wz.35 *Team*, 2 men
46mm wz.36 mortar *Team*, 3 men
Pre-Game Barrage

LIST THREE

FT 17 tank, MG armed with *Junior Leader*
FT 17 tank, 37mm gun with *Junior Leader*
Sniper *Team*
wz 34 Armoured Car with *Junior Leader*

LIST FOUR

Bofors 37mm wz.36 anti-tank gun with 5 crew and *Junior Leader*
Engineer *Section* with *Junior Leader*
Flamethrower section with two 3 man *Teams*
wz.29 Armoured Car with *Junior Leader*
TKS Tankette, MG armed, with *Junior Leader*
TKS Tankette, 20mm armed, with *Junior Leader*
TK3 Tankette, MG armed, with *Junior Leader*
TK3 Tankette, 20mm armed, with *Junior Leader*
7TP with *Junior Leader*
Vickers E, MG armed with *Junior Leader*
Vickers E 47mm armed with *Junior Leader*
Forward Observer and 81mm mortar battery
40mm Bofors Gun, 5 crew with *Junior Leader*
Ckm wz 30 MMG on tripod mount, 5 crew
R35 with *Junior Leader*
H35 with *Junior Leader*

LIST FIVE

9TP 1939 with *Junior Leader*
75mm wz.97/17 with five crew and *Junior Leader*

POLISH NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

GRANATNIK –OGNIA!

The Polish troops were trained to use their light mortar carefully, conserving ammunition until the critical moment of the fight. When a Senior Leader is attached to a light mortar Team and uses two or more Command Initiatives to direct their fire, they may add +1 to their roll to hit the target.

Once during a game a light mortar commanded by a Senior Leader who uses two or more Command Initiatives to direct their fire may add that many D6 to their firepower dice to represent rapid fire in that Phase.

TANK DEFENCE!

The Polish soldier is trained not to be intimidated by tanks, but is trained to fight them off by firing at the command cupola and viewing slits. This hail of lead will not damage the enemy AFV, but may worry the crew.

To reflect this, when a *Leader* attached to a *Section* uses two Command Initiatives, he may focus their fire on any enemy AFV within 18". Roll as if an LMG team firing in Section 3.3, *MGs Against Armoured Vehicles*.

Most of the support options on the list will be self-explanatory and their qualities covered by the National Arsenal Table. All tanks and armoured cars come with a *Junior Leader*. Transport only vehicles, such as the car are simply vehicles which come with no crew. Remember, you will need to allocate men to drive these.

SATCHEL CHARGE

The satchel charge is shown on Table Seven, *Hand-Held Anti-Tank Weapons*. The charge may be used once by any *Section* on the table when commanded by the *Senior Leader* commanding the platoon who is, we assume, carrying it with him up to that point.

How the charge works is detailed in Section 9.3.4, *Tank Hunters*. A maximum of two satchel charges may be selected by a Polish force.

46MM MORTAR TEAM

The 46mm wz.36 mortar has both smoke and H.E. rounds. It has a minimum range of 24", but closer than that the crew may use their rifles.

THE WZ.29 URSUS ARMoured CAR

The Ursus benefits from heavier armour when compared with the more modern armoured

cars, but unfortunately it lacks four wheel drive, and consequently struggles in off-road conditions. To reflect this the Ursus treats all broken ground as soft ground, checking for bogging down each time it moves.

75MM wz.97/17

This is the French 1897 model 75mm *Soixante-Quinze* Field Gun. Unusually in Chain of Command a weapon of this type may be deployed on the table and used as an anti-tank gun. It may not fire High Explosive rounds at any infantry or other type of target on the table.

THE POLISH ARSENAL TABLE

The Arsenal Table below covers a wide range of Polish support options. For Polish infantry weapons and some armoured vehicle armament see Table Four, *The Master Arsenal Table*.

POLISH ARSENAL TABLE					
TANKS					
VEHICLE	ARMOUR	A.P.	H.E.	SPEED	NOTES
wz.34 Armoured Car MG	1	-	MG	Wheeled	No Hull MG
wz.34 Armoured Car 37mm SA-18	1	4	3	Wheeled	No Hull MG
Wz.29 Ursus Armoured Car	2	3	3	Wheeled	No Hull MG, two rear firing turret MGs
TKS tankette MGs	2	-	MG	Fast	Low profile, Small, No turret
TKS tankette FK-20mm	2	4	6	Fast	Low profile, Small, No turret
7TP jw 37mm Bofors wz.37	3	5	3	Average	No Hull MG
7TP dw Twin MG turrets	3	-	MG	Average	No Hull MG
9T9 1939 Bofors wz.37	5	5	3	Fast	No Hull MG
Vickers E type A Twin MG turrets	3	-	MGs	Average	No Hull MG
Vickers E type B 47mm Vickers OQF 3 pounder	3	4	4	Average	No Hull MG
FT17 MG	2	-	MGs	Slow	No Hull MG
FT17 37mm	2	3	3	Slow	No Hull MG
Renault R35 37mm SA-18	5	3	3	Slow	No Hull MG
Hotchkiss H35 37mm SA-18	5	3	3	Slow	No Hull MG
ANTI-TANK GUNS					
ANTI-TANK WEAPONS	A.P.		H.E.		
Bofors Wz.36 37mm	5		3		
75mm wz.97/17	7		-		
wz.35 Anti-Tank Rifle	3		1		

