

CHAIN OF COMMAND



BRITAIN 1940

THE RIFLE PLATOON

The British Rifle platoon of 1940 was well equipped but, with just eight men to a section, short of manpower when compared to both their allies and enemy. In April 1940 the War Office issued instructions for an increase in strength to eleven men per section, but it is unlikely that this change was implemented by the following month when the Phony War came to an end.

Most British units count as Regular, with some Territorial Army units counting as Green.

PLATOON FORCE RATING:

Regular: -5

Green: -8

Command Dice: 5

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS	
Lieutenant, <i>Senior Leader</i> , with pistol	
Sergeant, <i>Senior Leader</i> , with rifle	
2" MORTAR TEAM	
2" mortar with two crew	
BOYS AT RIFLE	
Boys AT rifle. No crew provided	

SECTIONS ONE TO THREE	
Corporal, <i>Junior Leader</i> , with rifle	
LMG TEAM	RIFLE TEAM
Bren gun with three crew	Four riflemen

BRITISH SUPPORT LIST

LIST ONE

Medical Orderly
Engineer Mine Clearance <i>Team</i> , 3 men
Engineer Wire Cutting <i>Team</i> , 3 men
Engineer Demolition <i>Team</i> , 3 men
Adjutant
Minefield
Barbed Wire
Car, no crew
Entrenchments for one <i>Team</i>

LIST TWO

Roadblock
Boys AT rifle <i>Team</i> , 2 men
2" mortar <i>Team</i> , 2 men
Pre-Game Barrage
Roadblock

LIST THREE

Engineer Flamethrower <i>Team</i> , 3 men
Sniper <i>Team</i>
Daimler Scout Car with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Bren Carrier with <i>Team</i> and <i>Junior Leader</i>
"1 pounder" 25mm anti-tank gun with five crew and <i>Junior Leader</i>

LIST FOUR

Engineer <i>Section</i> with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Regular Infantry <i>Section</i> with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Forward Observer and 3" mortar battery
40mm Bofors Gun, 5 crew with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Regular Vickers MMG on tripod mount, 5 crew
Mark VI with <i>Junior Leader</i>
A9 with <i>Junior Leader</i>
A9 CS with <i>Junior Leader</i>
A10 with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Matilda Mk I with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Guy Mk I Armoured Car with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Morris CS9 with <i>Junior Leader</i>
2 pounder Anti-Tank gun with five crew and <i>Junior Leader</i>

LIST FIVE

Matilda Mk II with <i>Junior Leader</i>
A13 Mk I or II with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Recce <i>Section</i> of two Bren Carriers, 4 crew each. One <i>Junior Leader</i>

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.

2" MORTAR TEAM

The 2" mortar has only three rounds of High Explosive ammunition, the rest being all smoke rounds. It has no theoretical minimum range, but at under 12" the crew would normally use their rifles for reasons of their own safety. However, if using a 2" mortar to fire on a target under 12" roll a D6 for each hit achieved. On a roll of 3 to 6, the shrapnel from the round has hit the target *Unit*, the enemy will dice for the Hit Effect as normal. On a roll of 1 or 2, the shrapnel from the round has hit the mortar *Team*, they must roll for the Hit Effect on Table 6.

3" MORTARS WITH FOO

With just two mortars present in the battalion, a British mortar bombardment covers a square area 10" by 10" with the aiming point at the centre.

TWIN MACHINE GUNS

The twin machine guns on the Mark VI A and B and the Guy Armoured Car fire with a firepower factor of 8 to represent their enhanced firepower. The Mark VIC armed with the more powerful BESA alongside the Vickers has the same firepower but reduces the target's cover by one level.

SINGLE BREN CARRIER

This has a crew of two men armed with a Bren gun OR Boys anti-tank rifle and a *Junior Leader*.

BREN CARRIER RECONNAISSANCE SECTION

Two Bren carriers commanded by a single *Junior Leader*. These have a two man crew in each armed with a Bren, a Boys Anti-Tank rifle or a 2" mortar.

THE BRITISH ARSENAL TABLE

The Arsenal Table below covers a wide range of British support options. For infantry weapons and some armoured vehicle armament see Table Four, *The Master Arsenal Table*. The British use the national characteristics listed in the main rules.

BRITISH ARSENAL TABLE					
ARMoured VEHICLES					
VEHICLE	ARMOUR	A.P.	H.E.	SPEED	NOTES
Mk VI A or B	3	-	MG	Fast	Twin machine guns, No Hull MG, small
Mk VIC	3	1	HMG	Fast	Twin HMG and MMG, No Hull MG, small
A9	3	5	4	Average	Twin Hull mounted MG turrets
A9 CS	3	1	7	Average	Twin Hull mounted MG turrets
A10	4	5	4	Slow	
A13 MK I	3	6	4	Fast	No Hull MG
A13 Mk II	4	6	4	Fast	No Hull MG
A11 Matilda I	6	-	MG	Slow	Single machine gun only, small
A12 Matilda II	7	5	4	Slow	No Hull MG
Guy Mk I Armoured Car	3	1	HMG	Wheeled	Twin HMG and MMG, No hull MG
Morris CS9	1	3	MG	Wheeled	No Hull MG
Daimler Scout Car	2	-	MG	Wheeled	Single machine gun only
Universal Carrier	2	-	-	Fast	Low profile, small
ANTI-TANK GUNS					
ANTI-TANK WEAPONS	A.P.		H.E.		
"1 Pounder" 25mm Anti-Tank gun	3		2		
2 Pounder Anti-Tank gun	5		1		
Boys AT rifle	3		1		