

CHAIN OF COMMAND



BELGIUM 1940

THE INFANTRY PLATOON

The Belgian Infantry Platoon, like the French, was a development of the structures of the Great War. It was a large, well-supported unit designed for fire and movement with its own integral indirect fire support.

Most Belgian infantry count as Regular with some reserve troops as Green.

PLATOON FORCE RATING:

Regular: +6
Green: -1

Command Dice: 5

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Lieutenant, *Senior Leader*, with pistol
Bugler with rifle

SECTIONS ONE TO FOUR

Sergeant, *Junior Leader*, with SMG

**FUSIL MITRAILLEUR
TEAM**

FM 30 with two crew
Four riflemen

**FUSILIER
GRENADIER TEAM**

Six riflemen

D.B.T. LANCE GRENADE SECTION

Sergeant, *Junior Leader*, with rifle
Three D.B.T. grenade launchers with three crew each

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BELGIAN 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
Minefield
Barbed Wire
Adjutant
Entrenchments for one *Team*

LIST TWO

Roadblock
Fusil anti-char Boys *Team*, two crew
Pre-game barrage

LIST THREE

Éclaireurs motocyclistes
Maxim 08 MMG with five crew
Sniper *Team*
Pre-Game barrage
Green Infantry Section with *Junior Leader*
Forward Observer Team with FRC 76mm mortar battery off-table.

LIST FOUR

T13 with *Junior Leader*
T15 with *Junior Leader*
Regular Infantry section with *Junior Leader*

LIST FIVE

47mm FRC Model 1931 AT gun with 5 crew and a *Junior Leader*
AGC-1 with *Junior Leader*

Most of the support options on the list will be self-explanatory and their qualities covered by the National Arsenal Table.

D.B.T. LANCE GRENADES

The D.B.T. launcher has a minimum range of 24" and no maximum range. It may target any unit which can be seen by friendly troops but it counts any target which it can see as

BELGIAN NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

DE SPRONG OR PRESSION TOUJOURS

The Belgian Army of the 1930s placed much emphasis on “incessant pressure” or a continuous advance in the face of the enemy, stopping to engage their foe with firepower only when the advance could not be facilitated by further advances against weak points in the line. Infantry were trained to advance by rushes, with individual teams advancing whilst covered by their comrades, the whole force leapfrogging forward in a ceaseless advance.

To reflect this emphasis, a Belgian team may move with 2D6 and then assume a Tactical stance when activated by a Leader using two Command Initiatives.

LAAT ELK SCHOT TELLEN! OR VISER SOIGNEUSEMENT!

With a strategic imperative for the defence, the Belgian Army placed much emphasis on the accuracy of long-range musketry as a means of holding an enemy at a distance. To reflect this, a Belgian rifle Team firing at Effective range may treat the target as Close range when activated by a Leader using two Command Initiatives.

being in close range, and it cannot see as being at effective range.

In the first round of fire at a target (even one it has fired at previously) it will roll half of the normal firepower dice. The D.B.T. is predominantly armed with H.E. shells, but does have some smoke rounds. Any D.B.T.launcher rolling a 1 or 2 when firing smoke will run out of smoke rounds.

ÉCLAIREURS MOTOCYCLISTES

This unit is made up of six riflemen and a Sergeant *Junior Leader*. They are equipped with one motorcycle each. Motorcycles operate as wheeled vehicles but re-roll any 1's rolled.

If two of these support options are selected a Sergeant-Chef *Senior Leader* and a VB grenadier may be added on a further two motorcycles.

7.6CM MORTARS WITH FOO

With four mortars present in the battery, a Belgian mortar bombardment covers a square area 14” by 14” with the aiming point at the centre.

THE BELGIAN ARSENAL TABLE

The Arsenal Table below covers a wide range of Belgian support options. For Belgian infantry weapons see Table Four, *The Master Arsenal Table*.

BELGIAN ARSENAL TABLE					
ARMoured VEHICLES					
VEHICLE	ARMOUR	A.P.	H.E.	SPEED	NOTES
T-13	3	6	4	Average	No Hull MG
T-15	2	1	HMG	Fast	No Hull MG
AGC-1	4	6	4	Fast	No Hull MG
TRANSPORT VEHICLES					
Utility Tractor	2	-	-	Average	
For Armoured Car	1	-	-	Wheeled	
ANTI-TANK GUNS					
ANTI-TANK WEAPONS	A.P.		H.E.		
47mm FRC Model 1931	6		4		
14mm Boys Anti-Tank Rifle	3		1		