

# CHAIN OF COMMAND



## AFRIKA KORPS 1941

### THE SCHUTZEN PLATOON

The Afrika Korps Schutzen Platoon of 1941 represents the motorised infantry supporting the Panzers of the 5<sup>th</sup> Leichte Division and 15 Panzer Division on their arrival in Africa for the campaign in Cyrenaica.

#### PLATOON FORCE RATING:

Regular: +2

Command Dice: 5

#### PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Leutnant, *Senior Leader*, with pistol

#### SQUADS ONE TO THREE

Obergefreiter, *Junior Leader*, with MP40

#### LMG TEAM

MG34  
Two crew  
four rifleman

#### LMG TEAM

MG34  
Two crew  
three rifleman

All DAK units should be rated as Regular for the fighting in North Africa. German forces should use the national characteristics in the main rules.

### GERMAN SUPPORT LIST

#### LIST ONE

Satchel Charge
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
Roadblock
Kubelwagen, no crew or weapon
Motorcycle and side-car, no crew or weapon
Entrenchments for one <i>Team</i>

#### LIST TWO

Panzerbüchse 38/39 <i>Team</i> , 2 men
Le.GrW36 5cm mortar <i>Team</i> , 3 men
Pre-Game Barrage
<i>Senior Leader</i>

#### LIST THREE

Panzer IB with <i>Junior Leader</i>
SdKfz 221 with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Sniper <i>Team</i>

#### LIST FOUR

PaK36 37mm anti-tank gun with 5 crew and <i>Junior Leader</i>
le.18 with five crew and a <i>Junior Leader</i>
Engineer <i>Section</i> with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Sdkfz 222 Armoured Car with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Sdkfz 10/5 AA halftrack with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Forward Observer and 81mm mortar battery
MG34 on tripod mount, 5 crew

#### LIST FIVE

Regular Infantry Squad with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Sdkfz 231 Armoured Car with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Pz.III G or H with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Motorcycle <i>Aufklarungs Squad</i> with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Pz.II C or D with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Sdkfz 232 Armoured Car with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Pz.IV D-E with <i>Junior Leader</i>
PaK38 50mm anti-tank gun with 5 crew and <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.

#### SACHEL 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 German force.

#### 50MM MORTAR TEAM

The 50mm mortar has only H.E. rounds; no smoke being provided. It has a minimum range

of 12", but closer than that the crew may use their rifles.

#### TWIN MACHINE GUNS

The twin machine guns on the Panzer I fire with a firepower factor of 8 to represent the enhanced firepower.

#### AUFKLARUNGS SQUAD

Three motorcycles with side-cars transport the reconnaissance squad. It has one LMG with two crew on one machine and three riflemen on the other two. When dismounted this operates with one Junior Leader, a two-man LMG Team and a five-man Rifle Team.

#### THE GERMAN ARSENAL TABLE

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

GERMAN ARSENAL TABLE					
TANKS					
VEHICLE	ARMOUR	A.P.	H.E.	SPEED	NOTES
Sdkfz 221 MG	2	-	MG	Wheeled	No Hull MG
Sdkfz 222 2cm gun	2	4	6	Wheeled	No Hull MG
Sdkfz 231 ( 8-rad)	3	4	6	Wheeled	No Hull MG
Sdkfz 232 ( 8-rad)	3	4	6	Wheeled	No Hull MG
Panzer IB	2	-	Twin MGs	Average	No Hull MG, Small, Low Profile
Panzer II C	3	4	6	Fast	No Hull MG
Panzer III G 5cm gun	4	6	4	Average	
Panzer III H 5cm gun	5	6	4	Average	
Panzer IV D 7.5cm	4	5	6	Average	
Panzer IV E 7.5cm	5	5	6	Average	
Panzerjäger I	2	6	4	Average	Small, No Hull or Turret MGs
Sdkfz 10/5 (2cm AA gun)	1	4	6	Wheeled	No Hull MG, Open body
ANTI-TANK GUNS					
ANTI-TANK WEAPONS	A.P.		H.E.		
le.IG 18	4		6		
PaK36 37mm AT gun	5		3		
Panzerbüchse 38/39 AT rifle	3		1		