

# CHAIN OF COMMAND



## GERMANY 1941

### THE RIFLE PLATOON

The German Rifle Platoon for Operation Barbarossa retained the same core structure as the force which had invaded France a year earlier. This force can also be used for the campaign in the Balkans in early 1941.

#### PLATOON FORCE RATING:

Regular: +3

Command Dice: 5

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS	
Leutnant, <i>Senior Leader</i> , with pistol	
Feldwebel, <i>Senior Leader</i> , with SMG	
5CM MORTAR TEAM	
leGrW36 5cm mortar with three crew	

SQUADS ONE TO FOUR	
Obergefreiter, <i>Junior Leader</i> , with MP40	
LMG TEAM	RIFLE TEAM
MG34 Three crew	Six rifleman

All infantry units should be rated as Regular for the fighting in Russia. 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	
Two solo motorcycles	
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	
LIST THREE	
Sniper <i>Team</i>	
Engineer flamethrower <i>Team</i> , 3 men	
sPzB41 2.8cm heavy AT rifle and three crew (not available in the Balkans)	
Panzer IB with <i>Junior Leader</i>	
SdKfz 221 or 223 with <i>Junior Leader</i>	
SdKfz 251/1A-C, no crew, MG34 mounted	
LIST FOUR	
PaK36 3.7cm anti-tank gun with 5 crew and <i>Junior Leader</i>	
leIG18 with five crew and a <i>Junior Leader</i>	
Engineer <i>Section</i> with <i>Junior Leader</i>	
Forward Observer and 8cm mortar battery	
MG34 on tripod mount, 5 crew	
Panzer 35(t) with <i>Junior Leader</i>	
Panzer 38(t) with <i>Junior Leader</i>	
Pz.III E-G with <i>Junior Leader</i>	
Panzerjäger I with <i>Junior Leader</i>	
Kleine Befehlspanzer I with <i>Senior Leader</i>	
SdKfz 10/5 AA halftrack with <i>Junior Leader</i>	
SdKfz 222 Armoured Car with <i>Junior Leader</i>	
StuG III A-E with <i>Junior Leader</i>	
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### LIST FIVE

Regular Infantry Squad with *Junior Leader*

Flak 30 or Flak 38 2cm L55 AA gun with five crew and *Junior Leader*

PaK36(t) 4.7cm anti-tank gun with 5 crew and *Junior Leader*

PaK38 5cm anti-tank gun with 5 crew and *Junior Leader*

Motorcycle *Aufklarungs Squad* with *Junior Leader*

Sdkfz 231 or 232 (8 Rad) Armoured Car with *Junior Leader*

Pz.II A-C with *Junior Leader*

Panzer II H of J with *Junior Leader*

Pz.IV D-F with *Junior Leader*

### LIST SIX

Panzer II D Flamm with *Junior Leader*

Panzer IVF1 with *Junior Leader*

sIG33 15cm with five crew and a *Junior Leader*

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.

Motorcycles move as wheeled vehicles but add an additional D6 of movement when moving flat out.

### 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 A-D	3	4	6	Fast	No Hull MG
Panzer II Flamm	4	Flame	Flame	Fast	No Hull MG
Panzer III E-G 5cm gun	4	6	4	Average	
Panzer III H-J 5cm gun	5	6	4	Average	
Panzer 35(t) 3.7cm	4	5	3	Slow	
Panzer 38(t) A-D 3.7cm	4	5	3	Average	
Panzer 38(t) E-G 3.7cm	5	5	3	Average	
Panzer IV D 7.5cm	4	5	6	Average	
Panzer IV E-F1 7.5cm	5	5	6	Average	
StuG III A-E	5	5	6	Average	No Hull MG. Exposed top MG
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		
Pak 36(t) 4.7cm AT gun	6		4		
PaK 385cm AT gun	7		4		
Panzerbüchse 38/39 AT rifle	3		1		
sPzB41 2.8cm AT rifle	5		2		
Flak 30 or Flak 38 2cm AA gun	4		6		