

CHAIN OF COMMAND



GERMANY 1939

THE RIFLE PLATOON

The German Rifle Platoon of 1939 was large and lacking in command resources, but it is strong in firepower and flexible in fire and manoeuvre.

PLATOON FORCE RATING:

Regular: +1

SS: -1

Command Dice: 5

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Leutnant, *Senior Leader*, with pistol

SQUADS ONE TO THREE

Obergefreiter, *Junior Leader*, with rifle

LMG TEAM

MG34
Three crew
One rifleman

RIFLE TEAM

Eight riflemen

All Heer units should be rated as Regular for the Polish campaign. Units from SS formations should be rated as Green but will be rated as Diehards. German forces should use the national characteristics in the main rules.

GERMAN 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

Kubelwagen, no crew

Entrenchments for one *Team*

LIST TWO

Roadblock

Panzerbüsche 38/39 *Team*, 2 men

Le.GrW36 5cm mortar *Team*, 3 men

Pre-Game Barrage

LIST THREE

Panzer I with *Junior Leader*

SdKfz 221 with *Junior Leader*

Sniper *Team*

Flamethrower Team of 3 men

LIST FOUR

PaK36 36mm anti-tank gun with 5 crew and *Junior Leader*

le.18 with five crew and a *Junior Leader*

Engineer *Section* with *Junior Leader*

Sdkfz 222 Armoured Car with *Junior Leader*

Sdkfz 10/5 AA halftrack with *Junior Leader*

ADGZ Armoured Car with *Junior Leader*

Befehlspanzer I with *Senior Leader*

Pz.III A-C with *Junior Leader*

Pz.35(t) with *Junior Leader*

Pz.38(t) with *Junior Leader*

Pz.III D-E with *Junior Leader*

Pz.IV A with *Junior Leader*

Forward Observer and 81mm mortar battery

MG34 on tripod mount, 5 crew

LIST FIVE

Regular Infantry Squad with *Junior Leader*

Sdkfz 231 Armoured Car with *Junior Leader*

Pz.II A-C with *Junior Leader*

Pz.II D with *Junior Leader*

Pz.IV B-C with *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.

SS SUPPORT

SS formations in Poland may not select tanks as part of their support. They may select armoured cars and other support as normal.

TWIN MACHINE GUNS

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

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
Kfz 13	1	-	MG	Wheeled	Single MG pintle mount
Sdkfz 221 MG	2	-	MG	Wheeled	No Hull MG
Sdkfz 222 2cm gun	2	4	6	Wheeled	No Hull MG
Sdkfz 231 (6 and 8-rad)	3	4	6	Wheeled	No Hull MG
Sdkfz 232 (6 and 8-rad)	3	4	6	Wheeled	No Hull MG
Panzerbefehlswagen	2	-	6	Average	No Hull MG
Panzer I	2	-	Twin MGs	Average	No Hull MG
Panzer II A-C	3	4	6	Fast	No Hull MG
Panzer II D	4	4	6	Fast	No Hull MG, Slow off road
Panzer III A-C 3.7cm gun	3	5	3	Average	
Panzer III D-E 3.7cm gun	4	5	3	Average	
Panzer IV A 7.5cm	3	5	6	Slow	
Panzer IV B-C 7.5cm	4	5	6	Average	No Hull MG
Panzer 35(t) 3.7cm gun	4	5	3	Slow	
Panzer 38(t) 3.7cm gun	4	5	3	Average	
ADGZ (2cm gun)	2	4	6	Wheeled	Front and Rear Hull MG
Sdkfz 10/5 (2cm AA gun)	1	4	6	Wheeled	No Hull, Open body
ANTI-TANK GUNS					
ANTI-TANK WEAPONS	A.P.		H.E.		
le.IG 18	4		6		
PaK36 36mm AT gun	5		3		
Panzerbüchse 38/39 AT rifle	3		1		