



PANSSARI KOMPPANIA



FLAMES OF WAR.
THE WORLD WAR II MINIATURES GAME

FINNISH SPECIAL RULES

Finnish companies and platoons use the following National special rules.

SELF-SUFFICIENT

The Finnish Army is composed of farmers and hunters, used to an outdoor lifestyle and making their own decisions. Their training emphasised this self-sufficiency.

Finnish Platoons use the German Mission Tactics special rule (see page 242 of the rulebook).

HUNTERS

Finland is a country of forests and lakes, and the natives know their country well. Skiing is the national sport in Finland, as well as a necessity for travelling cross-country. They are able to quickly move through this difficult terrain quickly and easily. Finnish platoons are ski-equipped, increasing their mobility during winter.

Finnish Infantry and Man-packed Gun teams may move At the Double through Forests, Woods, Snow, and Deep Snow (see page 30 of the rulebook).

SISU

The Finns are a stubborn people used to adversity and have plenty of *Sisu* or 'Guts' (approximate translation). The survival of their country is at stake. All Finnish troops are prepared to fight at close quarters if needed.

When Finnish platoons test their Motivation to Counterattack in assaults, you may re-roll the die and apply the re-rolled result to all Finnish platoons that failed on the original roll.

Panssarikomppania

TANK COMPANY

HEADQUARTERS

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You must field one platoon from each box shaded black and may field one platoon from each box shaded grey.

COMBAT PLATOONS

ARMOUR



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WEAPONS PLATOONS

INFANTRY



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SUPPORT PLATOONS

ANTI-TANK



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INFANTRY



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RECONNAISSANCE



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ARTILLERY



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ARTILLERY



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ANTI-AIRCRAFT



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AIRCRAFT



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MOTIVATION AND SKILL

The Finnish armoured forces are a new branch of the Finnish Army. Panssarikomppania is rated as **Confident Trained**.

RELUKTANT	CONSCRIPT
CONFIDENT	TRAINED
FEARLESS	VETERAN

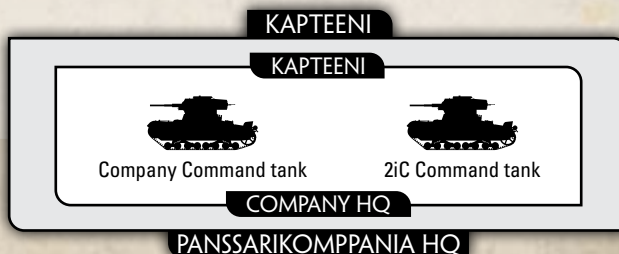
HEADQUARTERS

PANSSARIKOMPPANIA HQ

HEADQUARTERS

2 T-26	95 points
2 Vickers 6-ton	70 points

The large number of T-26 light tanks captured, along with the large quantities of guns, in the Winter War have allowed the Finns to field a substantial number of reasonably well armed tanks.



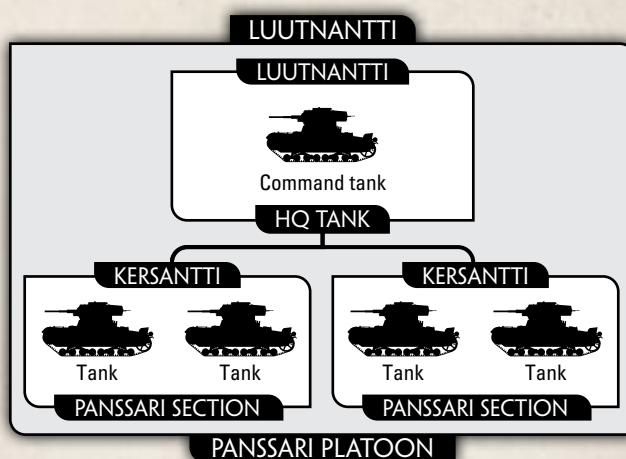
COMBAT PLATOONS

PANSSARI PLATOON

PLATOON

5 Vickers 6-ton	170 points
4 Vickers 6-ton	135 points
3 Vickers 6-ton	100 points
5 T-26	240 points
4 T-26	190 points
3 T-26	145 points
2 T-28	300 points
1 T-28	150 points

You may only field one Panssari Platoon equipped with T-28 tanks in your force.



During the Winter War only the Finnish 4th Tank Company saw action with their Vickers 6-ton tanks. The Finns ordered 32 Vickers 6-ton tanks in 1936. These were fitted with 37mm Bofors guns with a co-ax machine-gun in Finland. A 9mm submachine-gun was also fitted to the hull.

However, by 1941 the Finns had 167 captured Soviet tanks in service. The tank battalion spearheaded the Finnish attack

during the Battle of Tuulos. Most of the captured tanks were T-26 light tanks, which were comparable with the Finns' own Vickers 6-ton tanks. Captured equipment was also used to upgrade the Vickers tanks to the same standard as the Soviet T-26 tanks. The upgraded Vickers tanks were redesignated T-26E, the 'E' standing for English. The Finns also fielded a platoon of two uparmoured T-28 tanks in 1941.

PANSSARI CHRISTIE PLATOON

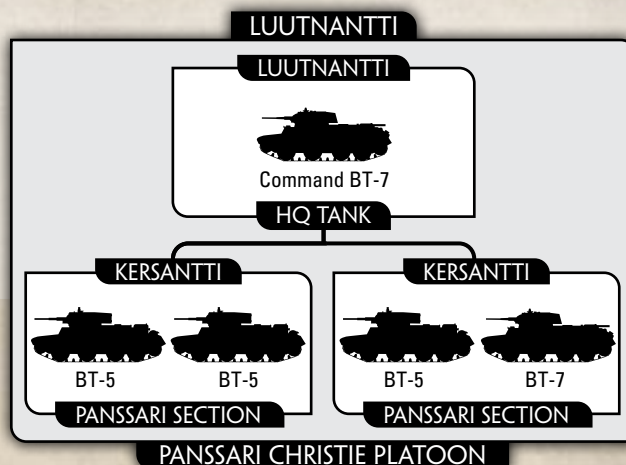
PLATOON

3 BT-5 and 2 BT-7	255 points
2 BT-5 and 2 BT-7	205 points
2 BT-5 and 1 BT-7	150 points

OPTION

- Mount SMG Tank Escorts on all tanks for +10 points per tank.

Only one platoon of captured Soviet BT tanks was used by the Finns in 1941. It was known as the Christie Detachment after the BT tank's suspension design. The Christie Detachment was also unusual in having its own unit of escort infantry that rode into battle with them.



PANSSARI T-34 PLATOON

PLATOON

1 T-34 obr 1941	355 points
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The Finns were able to capture a single T-34 in 1941 and put it into action for their offensives to the Svir River. It was the favoured tank of the battalion due to it being the most mechanically reliable of all the tanks.



WEAPONS PLATOONS

JÄÄKÄRI PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

4 Jääkäri Squads	170 points
3 Jääkäri Squads	130 points

OPTIONS

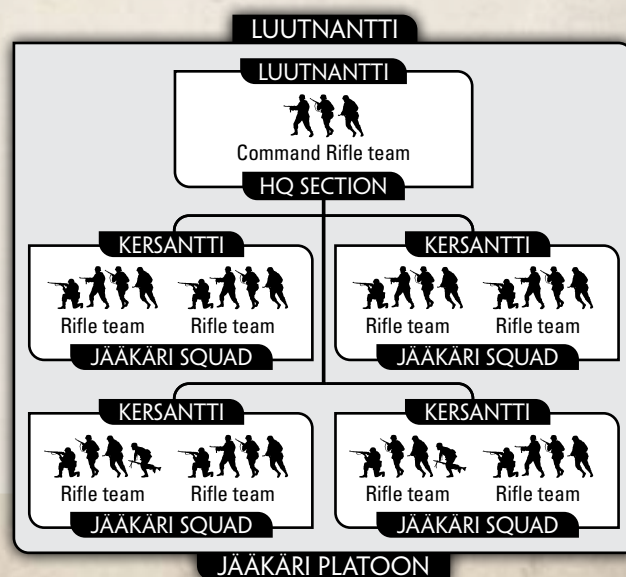
- Replace the Command Rifle team with a Command Close-defence Rifle team for +5 points.
- Replace all Rifle teams with SMG teams and Close-defence Rifle teams with Close-defence SMG teams for +15 points per squad.

You may only replace the Rifle teams with SMG teams in one Jääkäri Platoon in your company.

Jääkäri Platoons are rated Fearless Veteran.

FEARLESS

VETERAN



forests. These highly motivated and skilled fighters are men from rural areas and have excellent fieldcraft skills.

During the Continuation War (1941 to 1944) some *Jääkäri* trained to support tanks, and eventually formed the infantry component of the *Panssari* (armoured) division.

The *Jääkäri* (yay-ay-kahr-ee, from the German *Jäger*, meaning hunter or scout) Platoon are the light troops of an infantry division. Their tactics emphasise speed and mobility, utilising skis during the Winter War to swiftly move through the

Divisional Support

MOTIVATION AND SKILL

The Finnish Army is well-trained, and though much of their equipment and weapons are old, their adaptability and local knowledge make them tough fighters. Brigade Support Platoons are rated as **Confident Veteran**, unless otherwise noted.

RELUCTANT	CONSCRIPT
CONFIDENT	TRAINED
FEARLESS	VETERAN

JÄÄKÄRI TANK-HUNTER PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

2 Boys anti-tank rifle teams **70 points**

2 Lahti anti-tank rifles **70 points**

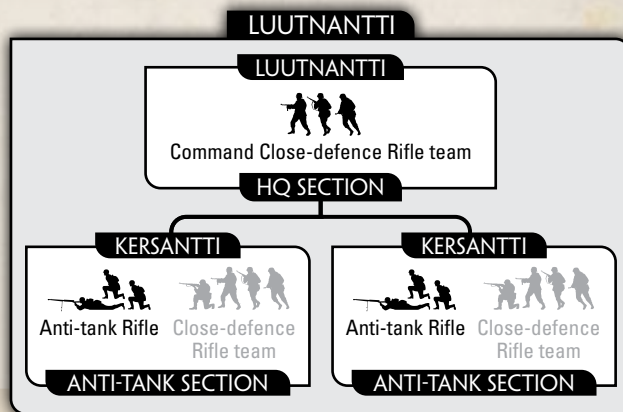
OPTIONS

- Replace anti-tank rifle teams with Close-defence Rifle teams at no cost.
- Add Close-defence Rifle teams for +25 points per team.

Jääkäri Tank-hunter Platoons are rated Fearless Veteran.

FEARLESS	VETERAN
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The lack of anti-tank weapons in the army has forced the for-



JÄÄKÄRI TANK-HUNTER PLATOON

mation of infantry *Lähtörytmi* (anti-tank) or Close-defence teams. These are armed with molotov cocktails, explosives, and rifles, and trained to destroy tanks in close assault. Only the bravest men serve in these teams.

JÄÄKÄRI ANTI-TANK PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

2 37 Pstk/36 **80 points**

2 45 Pstk/37 **115 points**

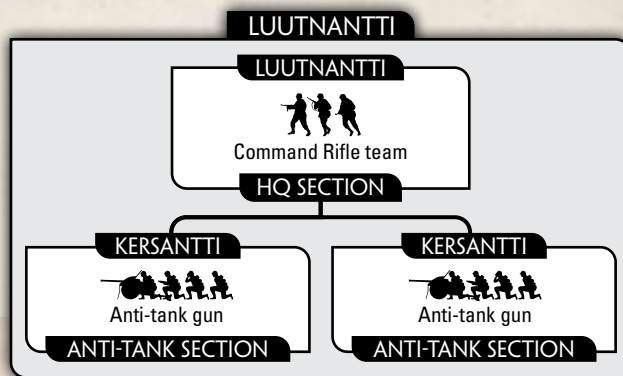
OPTION

- Replace Command Rifle team with a Command Close-defence Rifle team for +5 points.

Jääkäri Anti-tank Platoons are rated Fearless Veteran.

FEARLESS	VETERAN
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The *Jääkäri* only have a handful of anti-tank guns available,



JÄÄKÄRI ANTI-TANK PLATOON

so they must be used carefully. During the Winter War they used Bofors 37mm PstK/36 guns, but as the war wore on they captured Soviet 45mm guns.



PIONEER PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

4 Pioneer Squads	285 points
3 Pioneer Squads	220 points
2 Pioneer Squads	155 points

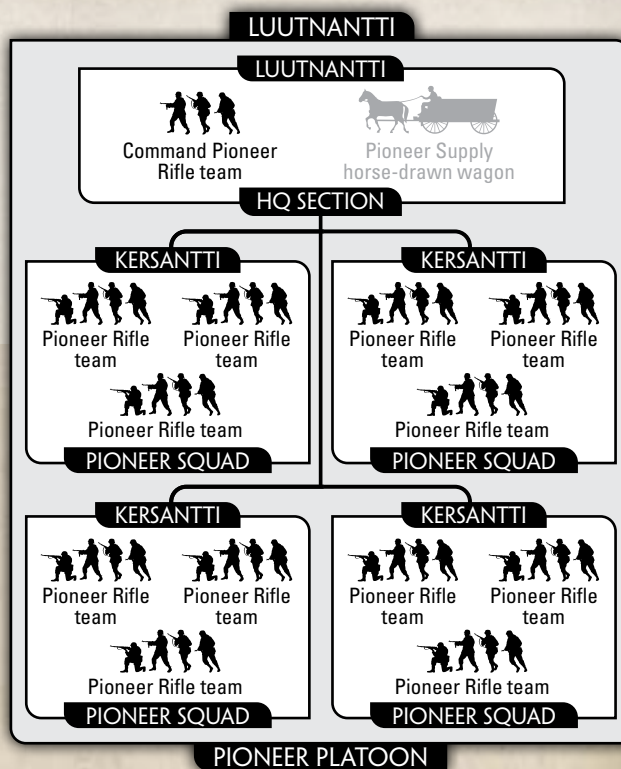
OPTION

- Add Pioneer Supply horse-drawn wagon for +20 points.

You may replace up to two Pioneer Rifle teams with Flame-thrower teams at the start of the game before deployment.

The large number of foresters in the Finnish Army means there is no shortage of soldiers familiar with explosives and engineering equipment. These units are amongst the best trained in the whole army, and have the full range of pioneer abilities, as well as satchel charges for use against fortifications or tanks.

The Finns received their first flame-throwers from Italy in 1940, but they were not used during the Winter War. However, they saw extensive use from 1941 during the Continuation War.



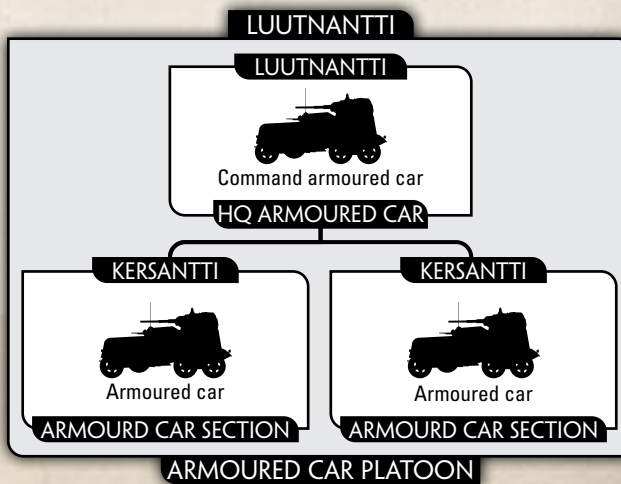
ARMoured CAR PLATOON

PLATOON

3 BA-6	205 points
2 BA-6	135 points
3 BA-10	235 points
2 BA-10	155 points
3 T-38	105 points
2 T-38	70 points

An Armoured Car Platoon is a Reconnaissance Platoon.

The Finns captured a wide range of different armoured vehicles during the Winter War. Those that were useful for scouting were placed into independent reconnaissance platoons that would be sent out to support any unit that needed it.



ARTILLERY BATTERY

PLATOON

HQ Section and:

4 76 K/02 guns	275 points
2 76 K/02 guns	145 points

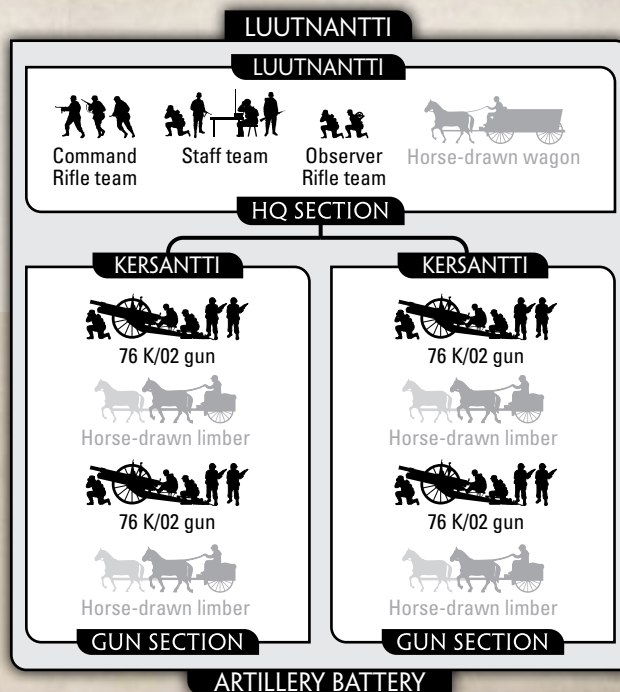
OPTION

- Add Horse-drawn wagon and limbers for +5 points for the battery.

An Artillery Battery may not be deployed in Ambush.

Finnish artillery is well-trained, although equipped with a motley collection of older guns. The most common is the Russian 76mm field gun, the 76 K/02.

The Finns had 190 76 K/02 guns that were either captured or bought between 1918 and 1931. The Finns also used 75mm guns borrowed from Sweden for the Winter War, the 75 K/02. These had a similar performance to the 76 K/02.



HEAVY ARTILLERY BATTERY

PLATOON

HQ Section and:

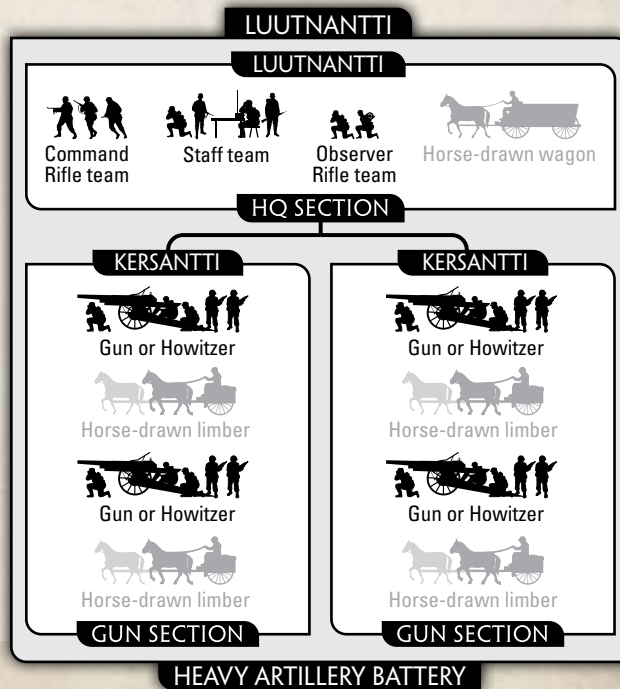
4 105 K/13 gun	285 points
2 105 K/13 gun	150 points
4 114 H/18 howitzer	260 points
2 114 H/18 howitzer	140 points
4 122 H/09 howitzer	230 points
2 122 H/09 howitzer	125 points
4 152 H/17 howitzer	400 points
2 152 H/17 howitzer	210 points

OPTION

- Add Horse-drawn wagon and limbers for +5 points for the battery.

You may not field a Heavy Artillery Battery unless you are also fielding an Artillery Battery.

A Heavy Artillery Battery may not be deployed in Ambush.



While the field batteries were mostly made up of a few types of guns, the heavy artillery had a wide variety of guns and howitzers from all over Europe. The Finns used French 105

K/13 (105mm L mle 1913 S) guns and 152 H/17 (155mm C mle 1917 S) howitzers, British 114 H/18 (OQF 4.5") howitzers, and Imperial Russian 122 H/09 howitzers.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT PLATOON

PLATOON

HQ Section with:

2 40 ItK/38 105 points

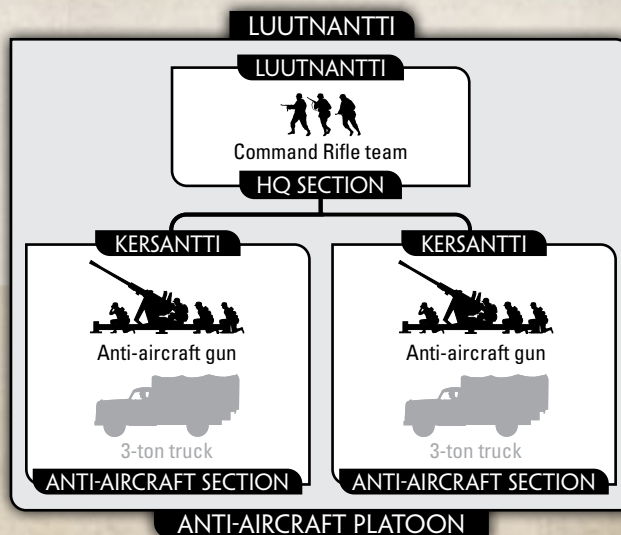
2 20 ItK/30 65 points

OPTION

- Add 3-ton trucks for +5 points for the platoon.

Most Finnish anti-aircraft guns were deployed around the cities to protect them from Soviet air raids, but a few 20mm and 40mm weapons protected the troops on the front line.

Thirty German 20mm ItK/30 (FlaK38) guns were delivered just before the Winter War and another 20 arrived in early December 1939. The Finns also had 53 40mm ItK/38 (Bofors) at the outbreak of the Winter War.

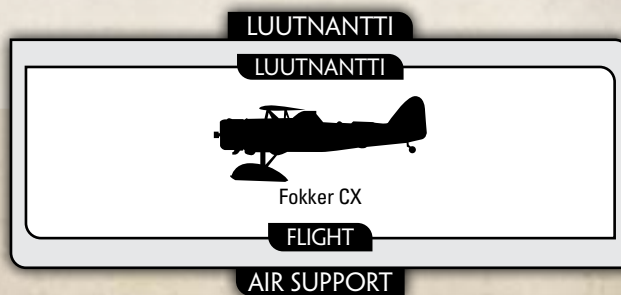


AIR SUPPORT

SPORADIC AIR SUPPORT

Fokker CX 90 points

The Finnish Air Force has its hands full keeping Soviet bombers from devastating Helsinki and other cities, leaving few resources to support the infantry on the front lines. A handful of outdated Fokker biplanes are all that is available. However, the determination and courage of their pilots allow them to achieve much with so little.



Finnish Arsenal

TANK TEAMS

Name Weapon	Mobility Range	Front ROF	Armour		Equipment and Notes
			Side Anti-tank	Top Firepower	
TANKS					
Vickers 6-ton <i>37 mm Psv.K/36 gun</i>	Slow Tank <i>24"/160cm</i>	0 2	0 6	1 4+	Co-ax MG, Hull SMG, Limited vision, Unreliable.
T-26 <i>45mm obr 1934 gun</i>	Slow Tank <i>24"/160cm</i>	1 2	1 7	1 4+	Co-ax MG, Limited vision, Unreliable.
BT-5 <i>45mm obr 1934 gun</i>	Standard Tank <i>24"/160cm</i>	0 2	0 7	1 4+	Co-ax MG, Fast tank, Limited vision, Unreliable.
BT-7 <i>45mm obr 1934 gun</i>	Standard Tank <i>24"/160cm</i>	1 2	1 7	1 4+	Co-ax MG, Fast tank, Limited vision, Unreliable.
T-28 <i>76mm L-10 gun</i>	Slow Tank <i>24"/160cm</i>	4 2	3 7	2 3+	Two Deck-turret MG, Turret-front MG, Turret-rear MG, Limited Vision, Unreliable, Wide tracks.
T-34 obr 1941 <i>76mm F-34 gun</i>	Standard Tank <i>32"/80cm</i>	6 2	5 9	1 3+	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Fast tank, Limited vision, Wide-tracks.
RECONNAISSANCE					
BA-6 <i>45mm obr 1934 gun</i>	Wheeled <i>24"/160cm</i>	0 2	0 7	0 4+	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Limited vision.
BA-10 <i>45mm obr 1934 gun</i>	Wheeled <i>24"/160cm</i>	1 2	0 7	0 4+	Co-ax MG, Hull MG, Limited vision.
T-38	Half-tracked	0	0	1	MG, Amphibious, Limited vision, Unreliable.
VEHICLE MACHINE-GUNS					
Vehicle MG	<i>16"/40cm</i>	3	2	6	<i>ROF 1 if other weapons fire.</i>
Vehicle SMG	<i>4"/10cm</i>	3	1	6	<i>ROF 1 if other weapons fire.</i>



GUN TEAMS

Weapon	Mobility	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
Lahti anti-tank rifle	Man-packed	16"/40cm	3	5	5+	
37 PstK/36 gun	Light	24"/60cm	3	6	4+	Gun shield.
45 PstK/37 gun (45mm obr 1937)	Light	24"/60cm	3	7	4+	Gun shield.
20 ItK/30 gun (2cm FlaK38)	Light	16"/40cm	4	5	5+	Anti-aircraft, Turntable.
40 ItK/38 gun (Bofors 40mm)	Immobile	24"/60cm	4	6	4+	Anti-aircraft, Turntable.
76 K/02 gun	Heavy	24"/60cm	2	8	3+	Gun shield, Smoke.
Firing bombardments		64"/160cm	-	3	6	Smoke bombardment.
105 K/13 gun (105mm L mle 1913 S)	Immobile	24"/60cm	1	9	2+	Breakthrough gun, Gun shield.
Firing bombardments		80"/200cm	-	4	4+	
114 H/18 howitzer (OQF 4.5")	Heavy	24"/60cm	1	7	2+	Breakthrough gun, Gun shield, Smoke.
Firing bombardments		64"/160cm	-	4	3+	Smoke bombardment.
122 H/09 howitzer (122mm obr 1910/30)	Immobile	16"/40cm	1	6	2+	Breakthrough gun, Gun shield.
Firing bombardments		64"/160cm	-	4	3+	
152 H/17 howitzer (155mm C mle 1917 S)	Immobile	16"/40cm	1	10	1+	Bunker buster, Gun shield.
Firing bombardments		72"/180cm	-	5	2+	

TRANSPORT TEAMS

Vehicle	Mobility	Armour			Equipment and Notes
		Front	Side	Top	
TRUCKS					
3-ton truck	Wheeled	-	-	-	
Horse-drawn wagon	Wagon	-	-	-	
TRACTORS					
Horse-drawn limber	Wagon	-	-	-	

INFANTRY TEAMS

Team	Range	ROF	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
Rifle team	16"/40cm	1	2	6	
SMG team	4"/10cm	3	1	6	Full ROF when moving.
Boys Anti-tank Rifle team	16"/40cm	1	4	5+	Tank Assault 3.
Flame-thrower team	4"/10cm	2	-	6	Flame-thrower.
Staff team	16"/40cm	1	2	6	Moves as a Heavy Gun team.

ADDITIONAL TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT

Close-defence and Pioneer teams are rated as Tank Assault 4.

AIRCRAFT

Aircraft	Weapon	To Hit	Anti-tank	Firepower	Notes
Fokker CX	MG	3+	3	6+	
	Bombs	4+	5	2+	