

BRITISH II CORPS IN AMSTERDAM AND RUHR (Firestorm: Red Thunder Project)

The British Territorial Army

The Territorial Army (TA) (Previously, the Territorial Force) is the active-duty volunteer reserve force and integrated element of the British Army. The Army Reserve was created as the Territorial Force in 1908 by the Secretary of State for War, Richard Haldane, when the Territorial and Reserve Forces Act 1907 combined the previously civilian-administered Volunteer Force, with the mounted Yeomanry (at the same time the Militia was renamed the Special Reserve). Most Volunteer infantry units had unique identities, but lost these in the reorganisation, becoming Territorial battalions of Regular Army infantry regiments. Only one infantry unit, the London Regiment, has maintained a separate identity.

Its original purpose was home defence, although the establishment of the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve in 1967 involved a restructuring and revised doctrine leading to the provision of routine support for the regular army overseas. Reservists in the past also served as constables or bailiffs, even holding positions of civic duty as overseer of their parish. The more modern Yeomen of the 18th century were cavalry-based units, which were often used to suppress riots. Several units that are now part of the Army Reserve bear the title "militia", reflecting their origins as part of that organisation prior to the formation of the Special Reserve in 1907.

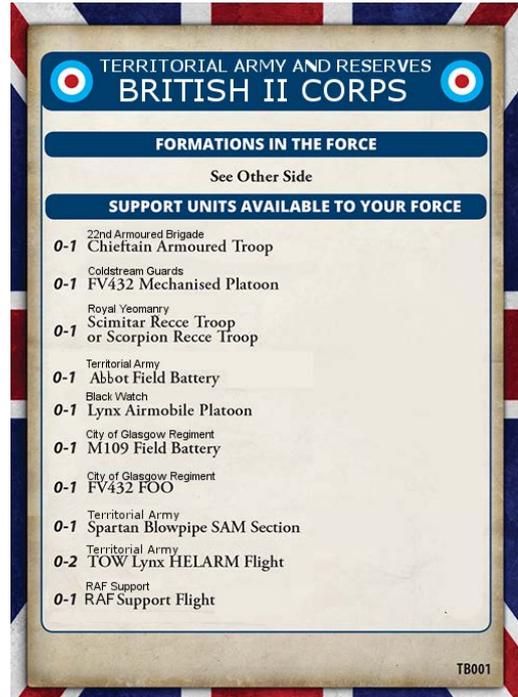
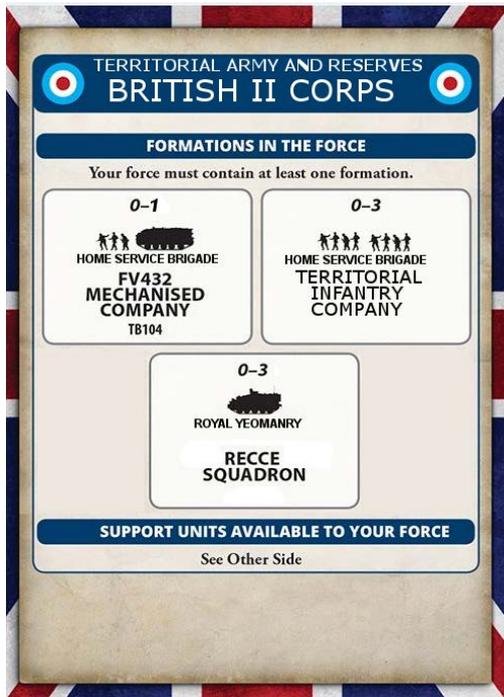
During periods of total war, the Army Reserve is incorporated by the Royal Prerogative into Regular Service under one code of Military Law for the duration of hostilities or until de-activation is decided upon. After the Second World War, for example, the Army Reserve - or Territorial Army as it was known then - was not demobilised until 1947. Army Reservists normally have a full-time civilian job or career, which in some cases provides skills and expertise that are directly transferable to a specialist military role, such as NHS employees serving in Reservist Army Medical Services units. All Army Reserve personnel have their civilian jobs protected to a limited extent by law should they be compulsorily mobilised. There is, however, no legal protection against discrimination in employment for membership of the Army Reserve in the normal course of events (i.e. when not mobilised).

Due to the increasing amount of tension from the Warsaw Pact forces on the border with East Germany, British High Command hastily assembled a 2nd British Corps. The initial idea was to only maintain one British Corps in West Germany, to work closely with the Germans themselves. The situation changed dramatically when the Warsaw Pact declared war on the 4th August 1985.

One such division called to join the British II Corps are the famed 51st Highland Division, as part of the 51st/52nd (Scottish) Division. The division has a long and distinguished service since its inception in 1908 as 'The Highland Division', a territorial force. They were renamed during World War One, in 1915 as 'The 51st Highland Division'. During World War Two, they were promoted to a fully active division in the British Army and renamed 'The 51st Highland Infantry Division', and served with distinction from the withdrawal from France, through the desert war, all the way through the D-Day landings, before finishing the war in Northern Germany.

After the war, the Division was merged with the 52nd (Lowland) Division to form the 51st/52nd (Scottish) Division, and later became a Territorial Asset.

The 51st/52nd have been hastily rushed into the line near the town of Nijmegen, to hold back the advancing Soviet forces during their drive towards Amsterdam. Lacking proper armoured support, and relying on an under-strength reconnaissance Brigade, the Scots are relying on the other supporting troops assembled beside them in the line; 43rd Wessex, 53rd Welsh, and 50th Northumbrian. Along with reconnaissance support from the Royal Yeomanry.



- Chieftain Armoured Troop is exactly the same as TB102
- Coldstream Guards Mechanised Platoon is exactly the same as TB105
- Black Watch Airmobile Platoon is exactly the same as TB117
- City of Glasgow M109 Field Battery is exactly the same as TB121
- City of Glasgow FV432 FOO is exactly the same as TB122
- Spartan Blowpipe SAM section is exactly the same as TB123
- TOW Lynx HELARM Flight is exactly the same as TB125
- RAF support may either be; Harrier Close Air Support TB126 or Tornado Strike Flight TG124

TERRITORIAL ARMY

FV432 MECHANISED COMPANY

TERRITORIAL ARMY

FV432 MECHANISED COMPANY HQ

1x SLR rifle team

1x FV432 [TB106] 1 POINT

OPTIONS

• Add up to two GPMG SF teams for +1 point each.
Each SF GPMG team must be attached to a FV432 Mechanised Platoon [TB106] before the game.

• INFANTRY FORMATION • HQ TRANSPORT •

Courage 4+

Morale 4+

Remount 4+

Skill 3+

Assault 3+

Counterattack 3+

IS HIT ON
4+

INFANTRY SAVE
3+

TACTICAL	TERRAIN BASH	CROSS COUNTRY BASH	ROAD BASH	CROSS
8"/20cm	8"/20cm	12"/30cm	12"/30cm	AUTO

WEAPON	RANGE	STOP HALTED	STOP MOVING	AMD. TANK	DIR. POWER	NOTES
SLR rifle team	16"/40cm	1	1	2	6	
SF GPMG team	24"/60cm	6	2	2	6	Assault 4, Heavy Weapon
or Artillery	40"/100cm	ARTILLERY		1	6	

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    HQ[FV432 MECHANISED COMPANY HQ] --- P1[FV432 MECHANISED PLATOON]
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    HQ --- P4[FV432 MORTAR PLATOON]
    P4 --- S[FV432 MILAN SECTION]
    P4 --- T[ROYAL YEOMANRY SCIMITAR RECCE TROOP]
  
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While they may not be as combat ready as the regular army, the Territorial Army is still a well-trained force. Unlike the regular army, the Territorial army does not have access to some of the newer equipment, and has less support options. The most notable of these being the lack of Spartan MCT tracked vehicles, and no direct Armoured support.

The Milan missile weapons are also kept within their own support section, operated by experienced teams, instead of being split up amongst the regular infantry. As such, the Territorial Army FV432 Mechanised Platoons, and Infantry Platoons may not take Milan Missiles.

Though the majority of the Territorial Army went into battle mounted in Bedford Lorries, one such division managed to salvage broken down and scrapped FV432s for use, including requisitioning training vehicles from the UK to allow them to take the line as fully mechanised forces.

FV432 MECHANISED PLATOON

TERRITORIAL ARMY

• INFANTRY UNIT • INFRA-RED (IR) •

COURAGE 4+ **SKILL 4+**
MORALE 5+ **ASSAULT 4+**
RALLY 4+ **COUNTERATTACK 4+**

IS HIT ON 4+ **INFANTRY SAVE 3+**

TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
8"/20CM	8"/20CM	12"/30CM	12"/30CM	AUTO

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF HALTED	ROF MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
GPMG team or 66mm anti-tank	16"/40CM 12"/30CM	3 1	2 1	2 12	6 5+	HEAT, Slow Firing
Carl Gustav anti-tank team	16"/40CM	1	1	17	3+	HEAT, Slow Firing
2" mortar team	16"/40CM	1	1	2	4+	Assault 4, Overhead Fire, Slow Firing, Smoke

4x GPMG team with 66mm anti-tank
 3x Carl Gustav anti-tank team
 1x 2" mortar team
 4x FV432
 6pts

FV432 MILAN SECTION

TERRITORIAL ARMY

• INFANTRY UNIT • INFRA-RED (IR) •

COURAGE 4+ **SKILL 4+**
MORALE 5+ **ASSAULT 4+**
RALLY 4+ **COUNTERATTACK 5+**

IS HIT ON 4+ **INFANTRY SAVE 3+**

TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
8"/20CM	8"/20CM	12"/30CM	12"/30CM	AUTO

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF HALTED	ROF MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
Milan missile	8"/20CM-36"/90CM	1	-	21	3+	Guided, HEAT

4x Milan missile team
 2x FV432
 4pts
 2x Milan missile team
 1x FV432
 2pts

FV432 MORTAR

MORTAR PLATOON — TERRITORIAL ARMY

• TANK UNIT •

COURAGE 4+ **SKILL 4+**
MORALE 4+ **ASSAULT -**
REMOUNT 4+ **COUNTERATTACK -**

IS HIT ON 4+
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TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
10"/25CM	14"/35CM	20"/50CM	24"/60CM	3+

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF HALTED	ROF MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
81mm L16 mortar	56"/140CM	ARTILLERY		1	4+	Smoke Bombardment
7.62mm AA MG	16"/40CM	3	3	2	6	

4x FV432 mortar carrier
 2pts
 2x FV432 mortar carrier
 1pt

TERRITORIAL ARMY LINE INFANTRY COMPANY

TERRITORIAL ARMY

COMPANY HQ

1x SLR rifle team **1 POINT**

INFANTRY FORMATION

Courage 4+

Morale 4+

Remount 4+

Skill 3+

Assault 3+

Counterattack 3+

IS HIT ON
4+

INFANTRY SAVE
3+

TACTICAL	TERRAIN BASH	CROSS COUNTRY BASH	ROAD BASH	CROSS
8"/20cm	8"/20cm	12"/30cm	12"/30cm	AUTO

WEAPON	RANGE	STOP HALTED	MOVING	AND TAKE	DIS. POINTS	NOTES
SLR rifle team	16"/40cm	1	1	2	6	
SF GPMG team	24"/60cm	6	2	2	6	Assault 4, Heavy Weapon
or Artillery	40"/100cm	ARTILLERY		1	6	

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    HQ --> MP[TERRITORIAL ARMY FV432 MORTAR PLATOON]
    MP --> MS[TERRITORIAL ARMY MILAN SECTION]
    MP --> RT[ROYAL YEO MANRY SCIMITAR RECCE TROOP]
    
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The Territorial Army regiments do not have the luxury of fielding FV432 armoured fighting vehicles. This was due to many of the Territorial Army vehicles being stripped of their engines in the early 80s to service damaged regular army vehicles and act as replacements due to shortages. Instead, the TA are 'bussed' to the front lines in Bedford lorries, dismounting in the line, before the lorries withdraw. The few remaining FV432s are retained by the Mortar sections, this allows the troops to quickly take up position behind the line of infantry to offer fire support, before being recalled to a new sector and deploying again. This also allows the mortar section to escape from hostile threats, as the crews are not trained in close quarters fighting.

As with the mechanised formation, the infantry separates their Milan section, meaning the platoons do not receive direct support, but rely on the Milan Section for anti-tank fire. To ensure the lesser trained infantry hold ground against other infantry, each platoon is bolstered by an SF GPMG, without the need to requisition one from Company Command.

INFANTRY PLATOON
TERRITORIAL ARMY

• INFANTRY UNIT • INFRA-RED (IR) •

COURAGE 4+ **SKILL 4+**
MORALE 5+ RALLY 4+ ASSAULT 4+ COUNTERATTACK 4+

IS HIT ON 4+ **INFANTRY SAVE 3+**

TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
8"/20cm	8"/20cm	12"/30cm	12"/30cm	AUTO

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF HALTED	MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
GPMG team or 66mm anti-tank	16"/40cm 12"/30cm	3 1	2 1	2 12	6 5+	HEAT, Slow Firing
Carl Gustav anti-tank team	16"/40cm	1	1	17	3+	HEAT, Slow Firing
2" mortar team	16"/40cm	1	1	2	4+	Assault 5, Overhead Fire, Slow Firing, Smoke
SF GPMG team	24"/60cm	6	2	2	6	Assault 5, Heavy Weapon

4x GPMG with 66mm anti-tank
3x Carl Gustav anti-tank team
1x 2" mortar team
1x SF GPMG team

6pts

3x GPMG with 66mm anti-tank
2x Carl Gustav anti-tank team
1x 2" mortar team
1x SF GPMG team

4pts

MILAN SECTION
TERRITORIAL ARMY

• INFANTRY UNIT • INFRA-RED (IR) •

COURAGE 4+ **SKILL 4+**
MORALE 5+ RALLY 4+ ASSAULT 4+ COUNTERATTACK 5+

IS HIT ON 4+ **INFANTRY SAVE 3+**

TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
8"/20cm	8"/20cm	12"/30cm	12"/30cm	AUTO

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF HALTED	MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
Milan missile	8"/20cm-36"/90cm	1	-	21	3+	Guided, HEAT

4x Milan missile team

4pts

2x Milan missile team

2pts

ABBOT
TERRITORIAL ARMY

• TANK UNIT •

COURAGE 4+ **SKILL 4+**
MORALE 5+ REMOUNT 4+ ASSAULT 5+ COUNTERATTACK 5+

IS HIT ON 4+
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TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
10"/25cm	14"/35cm	20"/50cm	24"/60cm	3+

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF HALTED	MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
105mm L13 gun or Direct fire	88"/220cm 28"/70cm	ARTILLERY		4	4+	Smoke Bombardment
		1	1	17	1+	Brutal, HEAT, Slow Firing, Smoke
7.62mm AA MG	16"/40cm	3	3	2	6	

8x Abbot

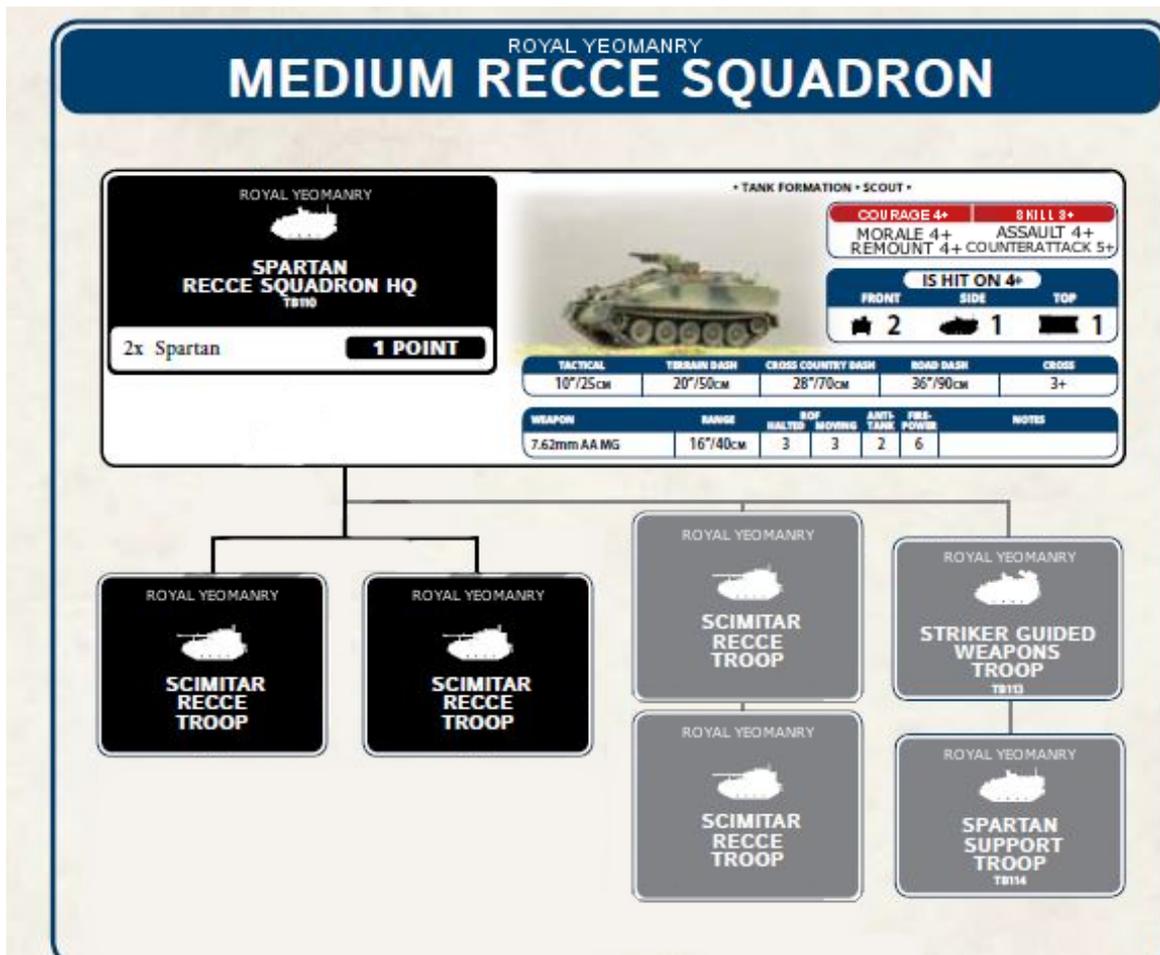
10pts

4x Abbot

5pts

2x Abbot

2pts



The Royal Yeomanry was formed in 1967, following the amalgamation of six distinguished county yeomanry regiments, as a medium reconnaissance regiment equipped with armoured cars. regiment.

The Royal Yeomanry's role is light cavalry: providing a rapidly deployable force with fast mobility and substantial firepower as part of the British Army's combat arm. Its soldiers provide reconnaissance, reassurance, security and, if the situation demands it, decisive tactical effects by raiding and attacking the enemy. Soldiers in the Royal Yeomanry are trained in mounted manoeuvre and dismounted combat skills. All Royal Yeomanry soldiers are expected to master all the skills required of an armoured crewman as well as dismounted infantry skills appropriate to the role. When mounted, troops can conduct numerous tasks in open or complex terrain. Examples include low level attacks and raids, feints and demonstrations, ambush, screen and infiltration.

The Yeomanry is currently formed of six squadrons:

- A (Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry) Squadron
- B (Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry) Squadron
- C (Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry) Squadron
- D (Shropshire Yeomanry) Squadron
- E (Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry) Squadron
- C&S (Westminster Dragoons) Squadron

Unlike the regular troops in the BAOR, the Royal Yeomanry only have access to the Scimitar CVR, but have the advantage of being at full strength when deployed and can field: 16 Scimitars, 8 Strikers and 6 Spartan CVRs per squadron.

SCIMITAR
RECCO TROOP — ROYAL YEOMANRY

• TANK UNIT • INFRA-RED (IR) • SCOUT • SPEARHEAD •

COURAGE 4+ **SKILL 4+**
MORALE 5+ ASSAULT 4+
REMOUNT 4+ COUNTERATTACK 5+

IS HIT ON 4+

FRONT 2 SIDE 1 TOP 1

TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
6"/15CM	20"/50CM	28"/70CM	36"/90CM	3+

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF HALTED	MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
30mm L21 Rarden gun	24"/60CM	3	2	10	5+	Sneak and Peek
7.62mm MG	16"/40CM	3	3	2	6	

4x Scimitar

3pts

2x Scimitar

2pts

STRIKER
GUIDED WEAPONS TROOP — ROYAL YEOMANRY

• TANK UNIT • SWINGFIRE • THERMAL IMAGING •

COURAGE 4+ **SKILL 4+**
MORALE 5+ ASSAULT 4+
REMOUNT 4+ COUNTERATTACK 5+

IS HIT ON 4+

FRONT 2 SIDE 1 TOP 1

TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
10"/25CM	20"/50CM	28"/70CM	36"/90CM	3+

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF HALTED	MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
Swingfire missile	8"/20CM-48"/120CM	1	-	23	3+	Guided, HEAT
7.62mm AA MG	16"/40CM	3	3	2	6	

4x Striker Guided Weapons

8pts

2x Striker Guided Weapons

4pts

SPARTAN SUPPORT TROOP
ROYAL YEOMANRY

• INFANTRY UNIT •

COURAGE 4+ **SKILL 4+**
MORALE 5+ ASSAULT 4+
RALLY 4+ COUNTERATTACK 4+

IS HIT ON 4+ **INFANTRY SAVE 3+**

TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
8"/20CM	8"/20CM	12"/30CM	12"/30CM	AUTO

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF HALTED	MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
GPMG team or 66mm anti-tank	16"/40CM	3	2	2	6	HEAT, Slow Firing
	12"/30CM	1	1	12	5+	

4x GPMG with 66mm anti-tank

4x Spartan

3pts

3x GPMG with 66mm anti-tank

3x Spartan

2pts

SPARTAN TRANSPORT
ROYAL YEOMANRY

• TANK ATTACHMENT • PASSENGERS 1 •

COURAGE 4+ **SKILL 4+**
MORALE 5+ ASSAULT 4+
REMOUNT 4+ COUNTERATTACK 5+

IS HIT ON 4+

FRONT 2 SIDE 1 TOP 1

TACTICAL	TERRAIN DASH	CROSS COUNTRY DASH	ROAD DASH	CROSS
10"/25CM	20"/50CM	28"/70CM	36"/90CM	3+

WEAPON	RANGE	ROF HALTED	MOVING	ANTI-TANK	FIRE-POWER	NOTES
7.62mm AA MG	16"/40CM	3	3	2	6	

Troops of the Commonwealth

The Commonwealth of Nations (formerly the British Commonwealth), also known as simply the Commonwealth, is an intergovernmental organisation of 52 member states that are mostly former territories of the British Empire. The Commonwealth operates by intergovernmental consensus of the member states, organised through the Commonwealth Secretariat and non-governmental organisations, organised through the Commonwealth Foundation.

The Commonwealth dates back to the mid-20th century with the decolonisation of the British Empire through increased self-governance of its territories. It was formally constituted by the London Declaration in 1949, which established the member states as "free and equal". The symbol of this free association is Queen Elizabeth II who is the Head of the Commonwealth, but this role does not carry any power with it. While there are over 31 republics and five monarchies who have a different monarch, the Queen is the ceremonial head of state and reigning constitutional monarch of 16 members of the Commonwealth, known as Commonwealth realms but retains a crown legally distinct from the other realms with the position as monarch being separate from that of Head of the Commonwealth.

In 1985, the Ministry of Defence called up a number of Commonwealth forces to form the British II Corps in West Germany. Most were trained and armed similarly to the BAOR, and so are represented in game by the standard formations. However, some are more interesting troops that make up the British line.

The lists below are for more dedicated players looking for something a little different to field and should not be considered Official for tournament purposes.

-Canadians

The Canadian troops in the British II Corps had a similar formation to the British Mechanised Formation with a few changes:

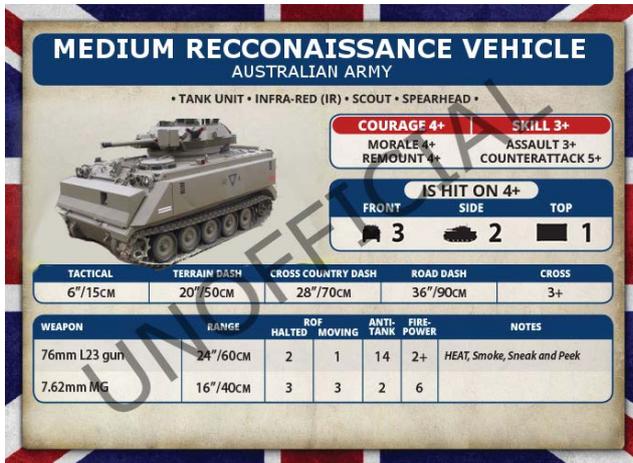
- Exchange all FV432s with M113 APCs mounting a 7.62 AA machine-gun for no cost
- Exchange all FV432 mortar carriers with M113 mortar carriers for no cost
- Canadians may not field Milan Sections or Milan Teams in platoons
- Canadians may not field Spartan MCTs
- Canadians may not field Abbot Artillery, but may purchase bomblet ammunition for their M109 battery for +1pt for the battery
- Exchange the FV432 with an M113 FOO with a .50cal AAMG for no cost
- Canadians may field 2 platoons of Leopard Is identical to TG112, as support options (the stat increase reflects the extra training tank crews receive)

-ANZAC

ANZAC troops, most notably from Australia were still armed with equipment from the Vietnam War of a decade earlier, with some more modern additions when they took the line in Germany. An ANZAC Mechanised Formation is similar to the British Mechanised Formation with the following changes:

- Exchange all FV432s with M113 APCs mounting a 7.62 AA machine-gun for no cost
- Exchange all FV432 mortar carriers with M113 mortar carriers for no cost
- Australians may field 2 platoons of Leopard Is identical to TG112, as support options (the stat increase reflects the extra training tank crews receive)

- Exchange the FV432 with an M113 FOO with a .50cal AAMG for no cost
- ANZAC may not field Spartan MCTs
- Australians may not field Scimitars, but may instead field a platoon of 'MRVs', these vehicles are a combination of the M113 hull, with the Scorpion turret mounted on top.



4x MRV

5pts

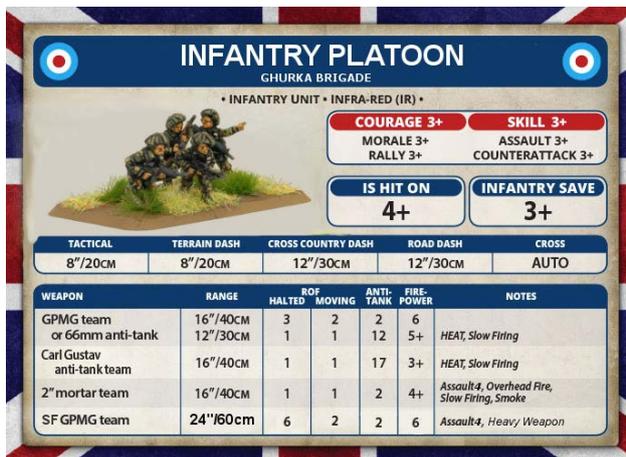
2x MRV

3pts

-Nepalese Gurkas

The Gurkas have a fearsome reputation, and have served the British Army well since their inception in the 18th Century. And once again they have been called upon to take the line in the British II Corps. Armed with their ceremonial Khukuris, the Gurka brigade are deadly in close combat.

Two Gurka Infantry Platoons may be taken as support options in a British Formation. Gurka platoons are usually airdropped onto the battlefield from Gazelle troop helicopters and so do not have transport options.



4x GPMG with 66mm anti-tank

3x Carl Gustav anti-tank team

1x 2" mortar team

1x SF GPMG team

8pts

3x GPMG with 66mm anti-tank

2x Carl Gustav anti-tank team

1x 2" mortar team

1x SF GPMG team

6pts