

OUR MAN IN THE MIDDLE EAST

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON FATE OF A NATION

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Since *Fate of a Nation* was released, there's been a lot of games played. In the process a variety of questions have come up. These questions and their answers have been gathered into this document. Please note that this is an on-going project and our answers may change over time as we get more feedback from players. In some cases, the answer is 'Oops, that was a mistake', so there is a short list of corrections for current publications as well. To help players who have read earlier versions of Our Man in the Middle East, new material is marked with a line in the left margin. — Phil Yates, Game Designer

Why are there no reconnaissance units?

The Israelis didn't wait around enough to get recce info. They just attacked, relying on their superiority over Arab forces. Even the sayeret didn't wait to find out what was ahead before attacking.

The Arabs simply are not recorded as ever using any form of reconnaissance.

ISRAELI

If the Platoon Command team is using its searchlight to illuminate targets, but another tank in the platoon wants to shoot at a different platoon, do they still get the extended night visibility distance.

No. The extended distance only applies to the teams of the platoon being shot at by the Platoon Command tank that it can see. Other teams in that platoon and all teams in other platoons are not illuminated.

In this case, roll once for the platoon on the Night Visibility table, then roll again for the Platoon Command tank, using the second roll if it is better. Use this increased distance for tanks shooting at the illuminated targets.

Why are the Centurion, Sho't, M1 Super Sherman, and M50 French Sherman all rated as Unreliable?

They are all old vehicles way past their prime. Their engines are all of 1940s vintage and lacking in reliability. That's why the M51 Sherman, and after 1967, the Sho't Cal, were re-engined.

There are photographs of M3 TCM-20 anti-aircraft half-tracks with a machine-gun in the windscreen. Should the M3 TCM-20 anti-aircraft half-track have a hull MG?

Yes it should.

Is a P'lugah Ch'ir Mamochan a Mechanised Company? Does this change if they don't have their half-tracks?

It is a Mechanised Company, regardless of its equipment. The Israelis are highly aggressive, whether motorised or on foot.

Is a P'lugah Tzanhanim with half-tracks also a Mechanised Company? Does this change if they don't have their half-tracks?

It is a Mechanised Company, regardless of its equipment. The Israelis are highly aggressive, whether motorised or on foot.

What is the rating of the Israeli Support platoons?

Like the other Israeli forces, they are rated as Confident Veteran.

Should the M50/155mm self-propelled gun and the M50 155mm howitzer have the same stats?

Yes they should. Both should be Anti-tank 13 for direct fire and have a range of 88"/220cm as artillery.

UNITED ARAB REPUBLIC

The artillery of a Kateybat Moshaa (Infantry Battalion) have gun pits. Are they Fortified Platoons?

Yes they are.

Does the artillery (being Fortified Platoons) make a Kateybat Debabbat (Tank Battalion) into a Fortified Company?

No. They remain a Tank Company.

JORDANIAN

Is a Sareyat Moshaaa (Infantry Company) a Fortified Company? Yes.

Are the HMG Bunkers in the West bank Fortifications supposed to be HMG Nests or HMG Pillboxes?

They are HMG Pillboxes.

Why don't Jordanian Centurions have stabilisers?

Their fighting style was extremely static. Once a tank took up a fighting position, its rarely, if ever, moved.