FLAMES OF WAR

THE WORLD WAR II MINIATURES GAME

LESSONS FROM THE FRONT

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON FLAMES OF WAR
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During the time that the fourth edition of Flames Of War has been out, players have asked questions about the game. The questions and their answers have been gathered into this document. Please note that this is an on-going project. To help players who have read earlier versions of Lessons From the Front, new material is marked with a line in the left margin. — Phil Yates, Game Designer

FORCES, FORMATIONS, UNITS, AND TEAMS

What's a Sherman Team? Is it a single vehicle or a group of vehicles?
There are four levels in Flames Of War:
- Force - everything you have in the game (a Force card is where you find Support Units).
- Formation - a Western company or Soviet battalion, the core of your Force (a Formation card tells you which Units you can have in the Formation).
- Unit - a Western platoon or Soviet company, the smallest grouping of stuff (a Unit card tells you what Teams are in the Unit and what their characteristics are).
- Team - a single playing piece, either a single vehicle or a fire team of infantry.

What is an Artillery Unit?
It is a Unit with a weapon capable of firing a Bombardment, i.e. one with a ROF of Artillery or Salvo.

COMMAND

If a team ended its Movement so that it was In Command at the end of the Movement Step, does it remain In Command until its next Movement Step?
Yes. In Command is defined by its position at the end of the Movement Step.

The Command Leadership rules give re-rolls if the Formation Commander is close enough and in Line of Sight. Do friendly teams block Line of Sight for command?
No. Ignore friendly teams when determining Line of Sight for Command purposes.

Can my Formation Commander give Command Leadership re-rolls if his tank is Bailed Out?
Yes. Whether the Formation Commander is Bailed Out or not has no effect.

Most Command Leadership re-rolls require the Formation Commander to be close to the Unit Leader. However, when Remounting a Bailed Out tank, the rules say the tank itself has to be close to the Formation Commander. Is this right?
Yes it is. If the Formation Commander wants to motivate a Bailed Out tank to Remount, they have to be close to that tank, rather than the Unit Leader.

Does the Command Leadership re-roll apply to the Remount test needed when a Bailed Out Tank is Bailed Out again?
Yes. It applies to all Remount tests for any reason.

MOVEMENT

Some Movement Orders only affect teams in Line of Sight of the Unit Leader. Do friendly teams block Line of Sight for Movement Orders?
No. Ignore friendly teams when determining Line of Sight for Movement Orders.

If my Unit fails a Blitz Move movement order, does it have to Move, or can it remain where it is and Go to Ground?
It doesn't have to Move. However, if it Shoots, it must shoot with the +1 penalty.

When a team moves using a Blitz Move movement order, do they follow all the normal Movement rules? Are they actually moving?
Yes. A team using a Blitz Move movement order doesn't suddenly teleport to the new location. It moves 4'/10cm as normal, following all the rules for moving. Then, once it has finished its movement, it no longer counts as having moved.

This means that it must take any Cross tests necessary, roll to cross Minefields as usual, and leaves any Foxholes it has dug behind.

If I move through several pieces of Difficult Terrain, do I have to take a Cross check for each of them?
Yes.

If I moved into a wood last turn (and took my Cross check then), do I need to take another Cross check this turn to move out of it?
Yes. If you start your Movement in Difficult Terrain, you need to take a Cross check at that time.

If a Unit Leader issues a Cross Here order, can they use it to cross multiple pieces of Difficult Terrain?
Yes they can. Any team from the Unit crossing any of the Difficult Terrain within 6'/15cm of where the Unit Leader crossed will benefit.

Does a Dig In or Mine Clearing movement order prevent teams that are not digging foxholes or clearing mines from moving?
No. Teams that are not using the Movement Order can act as they wish.

Can a team move through a friendly team?
No. The Moving Through Gaps rule applies. If the gap isn't big enough, then you can't move through it.

Remember, Infantry ignore their base when using this rule, so can move through pretty small gaps, and Tanks can easily move through them.
Can my models end their movement on top of other models?
No.

**TRANSPORT**

Are Transport Teams Tank Teams?
Yes. All Teams are either Tank, Infantry, Gun, or Aircraft Teams. Transport Teams are Tank Teams with additional capabilities.

If a Unit is being carried as Passengers, can they use the Blitz Move movement order to Dismount?
Yes, as long as all the rules for Dismounting (such as you can’t do it after the Transport has moved) are obeyed.

Can a Passenger Dismount using a Shoot and Scoot movement order from a Transport vehicle that did not move in the previous Movement Step?
No. You can only Mount and Dismount in the Movement Step.

Can I use a Movement Order to Dismount my infantry from a Transport after it has moved?
No. Teams cannot Dismount after their Transport has moved.

Can Passengers in a Transport take or dispute an Objective?
Yes they can.

The Unit Transport rule requires that a Transport Attachment’s Unit Leader remain within 6”/15cm of the Infantry Unit’s Leader. What happens if the Transport Attachment’s Unit Leader can’t do this?
Then the Transport Attachment has to be Sent to the Rear (see page 45 of the rulebook).

Does the Unit Transport rule apply to the Formation HQ transports?
Yes. They must remain near the Formation Commander.

Can a Pinned Down infantry unit Mount their Transport?
Yes they can. However, they can’t move towards visible enemy while doing so. That means that their Transports need to be behind them so they can fall back into them.

If an infantry unit is Mounted in Transports, does it remain Pinned Down? Can the Transports move towards the enemy?
Yes, it remains Pinned Down. This does not stop the Transports from moving towards the enemy, but when the infantry Dismount, they will have to do so away from the enemy if they are still Pinned Down.

**SHOOTING**

Why does a heavy Gun team like an 8.8cm AA gun have a Moving ROF of 1 when it doesn’t have a Tactical speed?
When it is Pinned Down it shoots using its Moving ROF rating, getting only one shot. Likewise, at the start of a Meeting Engagement, if the 8.8cm gun belongs to the first player, it will shoot as moving, i.e. using its Moving ROF, so it will get one shot in this case as well.

My M4 Sherman tank has three machine-guns. The .50 cal AA MG has ROF 3, while the other two only have a combined ROF 2. Why is that?
Adding more machine-guns after the first has diminishing returns. The first machine-gun has the most effect, while each additional machine-gun adds a smaller increment.

**ROTATE TO FACE**

Do all Teams need to rotate to face? What about Infantry teams that have an all-round field of fire?
All Teams, including Infantry teams, need to rotate to face their target.

The purpose of the rule is to make it look like your toy soldiers are actually shooting at their target, so they need to turn to face them.

After rotating to face my target, other enemy teams are now in my field of fire. Can I shoot at them now?
No. You determine your field of fire before you pick your target. The rotation does not change this.

What do I do if there isn’t enough space to rotate a team to face the target?
If the team can rotate by moving slightly away from the obstacle, then do so. Otherwise, it just rotates as far as it can and shoots anyway.

**CONCEALMENT**

Do the general Concealment rules for Tall terrain apply to Hills and Buildings? Is my tank concealed simply by being on a hill?
Hills and Buildings do not follow the rules for Tall Terrain as they have their own rules for Concealment.

Infantry teams that are stationary in Flat Terrain are Concealed. Teams in Short Terrain are Concealed unless the team looking at them is on a Hill or other high ground. Is an Infantry team that is stationary in Short Terrain Concealed to a team looking at it from a Hill?
Yes. While the Hill cancels the benefit of the Short Terrain (essentially making it the same as Flat Terrain), it doesn’t make stationary Infantry teams any more visible. They are still Concealed.

**GONE TO GROUND**

Is there any benefit to having my teams Gone to Ground if I’m not Concealed?
No. Only teams that are Concealed benefit from the additional +1 to be hit (taking the bonus from +1 to +2) for being Gone to Ground.

So why can my teams be Gone to Ground in the middle of an open field?
Suppose you have a tank behind a hedge. It doesn’t want to shoot or move, so is Gone to Ground. To teams looking at it from across the hedge, it is Concealed, so gets the +2 bonus to be hit for being Concealed and Gone to Ground.

On the other hand, a team that is behind the hedge looking at it will see it sitting in the open in the middle of the field, without concealment. In this case, there is no benefit from being Gone to Ground, and the team shoots at it with no penalty.

Can my Tank teams be Gone to Ground?
Yes. Infantry, Gun, and Tank teams can all be Gone to Ground. In the case of a Tank team, this represents the crew finding the best concealment available and doing things like covering their tank in branches to make it harder to see.
LINE OF SIGHT
Do the general Line of Sight rules for Tall terrain apply to Hills and Buildings?
No. The specific Line of Sight and Concealment rules for Hills cover the special case of Hills.

If I have a team on a high hill trying to shoot at a team on the far side of a low building, can it do so?
The only way to answer that is to get down to the level of the model and see if there is a Line of Sight over the building to the opposing team.

A shooting team has line of sight to a window into a building containing several infantry teams. Which ones can I shoot at?
You can't shoot through walls, so you'll need to see the target team through a door or a window to be able to hit it.
The Terrain Table has a bit of an oddity where it says that doors and windows are Short Terrain while the walls they are in are Tall Terrain. It makes more sense to view the doors and windows as Tall Terrain too.
That means that you'll be able to see any teams in the building that you have line of sight to through a door or a window, and that are within 27.5cm of the door or window.
The converse applies for teams looking out of the building at your troops too.

If I fire Smoke at a team in the upper storey of a building, where do I place the Smoke Marker?
On the ground in front of the building.

Can a team in the upper storey of a building see over the Smoke Marker?
No. Smoke is Tall Terrain and cannot be seen over.

MIXED TARGETS
My tanks are shooting at a unit of three enemy tanks, one standing in the open, one concealed at the edge of a wood, and one out of sight behind the woods.

What score do I need to hit them if they are within 16"/40cm and have a Is Hit On number of 3+?
If your tanks target the tank in the open, they'll need 3+ to hit. They could target the tank in the woods (needing 4+ as it is Concealed), but would normally gain little from doing so.

I've just scored three hits rolling 3, 3, and 5. How are my hits allocated?
Which hits can I allocate to the tank behind the woods?
The score you rolled to get the hit has no impact on how the hits are allocated. Think of it this way. The hardest part of hitting a target on the modern battlefield is finding it without being hit first. A lone tank sitting in the open is a dead giveaway. Where there's one, there'll be more. Now that you know where the enemy are, it's a lot easier to find the rest of the unit that's trying to hide.
So, in game terms, having figured out where the enemy is, you've scored three hits. The first hit has to go to the target tank, and all hits have to be allocated to valid targets, so the tank behind the woods can't be hit. That leaves two more hits to be allocated. They have to be allocated evenly, so one has to go to the tank in the woods, leaving you the choice of which of the two will take the second hit.

Does a Passenger in a vehicle destroyed by a Brutal weapon like the 150mm main gun of a Hummel re-roll its save?
Yes. Passengers of a Destroyed vehicle need to make an Infantry Save, and Brutal forces them to re-roll any Infantry Saves.

What if the transport vehicle was Destroyed by a Repeat Bombardment (which also requires any Infantry teams that it hits to re-roll successful Saves)?
Yes. The Repeat Bombardment also forces the Passengers to re-roll their Infantry Saves.

MISTAKEN TARGET
You have to assign one of the hits from a shooting team to the team that it was targeting. Does this restriction also apply to the opponent when they use the Mistaken Target rule?
No. It is possible to use the Mistaken Target rule to swap hits between the target team and a team that had no hits assigned, resulting in the targeted team not having any hits on it.

BULLETPROOF COVER
Does an Infantry team need to be immediately behind a stone wall or similar bulletproof terrain to be in Bulletproof Cover?
No. So long as it is Concealed by the bulletproof terrain, it is in Bulletproof Cover and the opponent needs to make a Firepower test to Destroy it.

KILLING COMMANDERS
If my Formation Command team is Destroyed, but succeeds in switching to a Team from another Unit, does the Formation HQ Unit still exist?
Yes. The Command team'sHQ Unit still exists.

If my Formation Commander was Destroyed, but switched to a Team from another Unit, does that Unit count the Team taken by the Formation Commander as being Destroyed?
No. The Unit is simply is no longer part of the Unit. The Unit continues on with one less Team.

What if the Unit no longer has any Teams left because the Formation Commander switched to the last Team in the Unit? Is the Unit Destroyed?
A Unit that has no Teams left is not a Unit, so yes, it is Destroyed.

ANTI-AIRCRAFT SHOOTING
If a Tank Team shooting at aircraft is at the very edge of a wood, does it see the aircraft unconcealed, as it would an enemy tank?
Yes. terrain works the same for aircraft as for any other team, with the exception that all Short Terrain and any Tall Terrain more than 4’/10cm from the ground Team is ignored.
If my Anti-aircraft team is in the middle of a wood, can it still shoot at aircraft?

Yes, although the Aircraft will be Concealed. Nothing ever blocks Line of Sight to Aircraft. Presumably the Anti-aircraft Unit is set up in a small clearing.

Does Smoke ever block Line-of-Sight to and from Aircraft?

No, however it does provide Concealment. Smoke is in effect treated as Tall Terrain for the purpose of Line-of-Sight to Aircraft, meaning if within 4’/10cm of anti-aircraft team or target, but is still just Smoke for Concealment.

Does my Sherman have to point its turret at a Aircraft to shoot its AA MG at it?

No. The AA MGs can engage targets in different directions from the main 75mm gun. Since they cannot easily be repositioned on the model and would have no effect if you could, you do not need to point them at the target.

AA IN THE ENEMY TURN

What ROF do Anti-aircraft weapons use when shooting at Aircraft in the enemy turn?

They use their full ROF. If shooting in their own turn, this is whatever ROF they would normally have. Moving ROF or Halted ROF depending on whether they moved if Dedicated AA, otherwise 1 die.

In the enemy turn, the fire with their best ROF. That is normally their Halted ROF, but if they have no Halted ROF, that will be their Moving ROF, but once again, with ROF 1 if they are not Dedicated AA.

Anti-aircraft weapons shooting in the enemy turn shoot immediately before the Aircraft shoots. Can you be more specific?

As it says, the AA weapon shoots immediately before the Aircraft, so whenever the player declares that they are going to shoot with their Aircraft, the AA player can jump in and try to shoot them down first. You can wait to shoot your Aircraft until after your tanks have knocked out the enemy AA weapons if you want to, which would limit the amount of AA fire they would take.

If my Anti-aircraft weapon shot in my previous turn, can it shoot at an Aircraft in the enemy turn?

Yes it can. You don't need to predict when enemy Aircraft will appear. However, once it shoots at an Aircraft in the enemy turn, it cannot shoot in its own next turn.

If my Anti-aircraft weapon shoots at an Aircraft in the enemy turn, the rules say the Weapon cannot shoot in Defensive Fire or Assault in its next Assault step. How does that affect a Team?

If the weapon cannot shoot, the Team can fire its other weapons in Defensive Fire. For example, a Sherman shoots its .50 cal AA MG at some helicopters, then is assaulted by some enemy infantry. It can shoot its MG in Defensive Fire, but not its .50 cal AA MG.

However, because one of its weapons shot at an Aircraft in the enemy turn, the Sherman cannot Assault in its next Assault Step.

My Anti-aircraft team fires during the enemy turn at some aircraft, then doesn't do anything in their own next turn, are they Gone to Ground in the next enemy turn?

No, it effectively grabbed its shooting from its own next turn.

The basic concept is it can't be Gone to Ground if it shot in or since its last turn.

If it is Night and my Anti-aircraft weapon shoots at an Aircraft in the enemy turn, the enemy need to roll on the Night Vision Table to see it?

No. It will be visible at night until the beginning of the next enemy turn.

ARTILLERY

Mortars like the 3-inch mortar don't have a direct-fire line. Does that mean that they can only fire bombardments?

Yes it does.

RANGING IN

If my Artillery Battery fails to Range In, can it Shoot with direct fire? Can it still be Gone to Ground?

No. It fired ranging shots for the Bombardment, preventing it from Shooting and revealing its position.

An Artillery Battery started with game with its Ranged In marker on the table. Does it force enemy teams to re-roll their Saves using the Repeating Bombardments rule on the first turn.

Yes it does. It is firing on its existing Ranged In marker, so it is a Repeated Bombardment.

I have an Artillery Battery that is firing a Repeat Bombardment. I also have another Artillery Battery that I want to Range In on a new target. Can I use the same team as the Spotting team for both Bombardments?

Yes you can. However, although the Repeat Bombardment automatically Ranges In on its first attempt, that still counts as the Spotting Team's first Ranging In attempt. You can then use the Spotting team's second (and third if necessary) attempt to Range In the other Artillery Battery.

Can I do it the other way around, with the Spotting team Ranging In the new Artillery Bombardment first?

Yes you can. However, if the Spotting team doesn't Range In the new Bombardment by their second attempt, they won't be able to Spot for the repeat Bombardment as their third attempt will be taken up still trying to Range In the new Bombardment.

My Spotting team is Ranging In two Repeat Bombardments, then attempting to Range In a third Artillery Battery. How does this work?

Each time they Range In uses up one of their attempts, so they'd use the first two attempts Ranging In the repeat Bombardments, leaving their third attempt to try to Range In the third Artillery Battery.

A Spotting team must have Line Of Sight to the Aiming Point when Ranging In. Do friendly teams block Line of Sight for spotting?

No. Ignore friendly teams when determining Line of Sight for Spotting purposes.

Can a Transport team that is part of the Formation HQ Spot for an Artillery Bombardment?

No. An HQ Transport cannot Spot for an Artillery Bombardment.
**ARMOUR SAVES**
Do tanks get a +1 to their Armour Save for being more than 16”/40cm from an Artillery Battery that hit them with an Artillery Bombardment?
No. That bonus only applies to Armour Saves from Shooting, not to Artillery Bombardments.

**SMOKE BOMBARDMENTS**
If I’m attempting to fire a Smoke Bombardment (and it’s a once per game option) and fail to Range In, can I try again later?
Yes you can. Until you actually fire the Smoke Bombardment, you still have the ammunition stocks to try again.

Can I use an existing Ranged In marker from a previous turn to fire a Smoke Bombardment without needing to Range In again?
Yes you can.

**ASSAULTS**

**CHARGE INTO CONTACT**
An Infantry team has Contacted the enemy if ‘its front edge is as close as it can get to the enemy team’ or ‘its front edge is as close as it can get to another Infantry team from its own Unit that is directly in Contact with an enemy team.’ What does the phrase ‘as close as it can get’ mean?
This phrase is used to cover all the physical things that can prevent a team from being placed physically in contact with another, such as a wall or hedge between them, or even irregularities in the tabletop surface. Basically, if you can’t fit them any closer together than they are, they are in Contact.

If my Infantry team doesn’t have enough movement to physically touch the enemy team, but moves as close as it can given its charge move, is it in Contact?
No. It is still not as close as it can possibly get to the enemy team, so it is not in Contact.

If I can just get a corner of my team into Contact is that enough?
No. The rules require the front edge to be in contact, not a corner.

Do I have to Contact the front edge of the enemy team, or can I contact it anywhere?
You can Contact any part of the enemy team with the front edge of your team, the front, side, or rear of its base, or even a corner of its base.

Do I need to be square to the enemy team’s base when I Contact them?
No. You stop when you Contact them, and may or may not be square on to them at that point.

My teams need to be within 4”/10cm to Charge into Contact. Does that allow an Infantry team that is 4”/10cm behind another Infantry team that charged to charge as well?
Yes. As long as its 4”/10cm move brings it into Contact with the enemy (whether directly or through a fellow Infantry team), it can charge.

Can a Tank contact the enemy by moving into contact with another tank that is in Contact with the enemy?
No. Only Infantry teams can Contact the enemy through a friendly team, and only if that friendly team is also an Infantry team.

Do I have to Charge into Contact with the closest enemy team?
No you don’t. You can Charge into Contact with any enemy team that is close enough, but you must take the shortest route to Contact that team.

If an enemy team Charged into Contact with the rear of my team, is that team in Contact with the team that Charged it when I Counterattack? Does the team move when Charging into Contact?
If an enemy team is in Contact with your team, then your team is already in Contact with that enemy team. That means that it does not move when Charging into Contact.

**DEFENSIVE FIRE**
The reprinted (Late War) rulebook has a change to how Defensive Fire forces back Armoured Tank teams. The rule now reads:
If all the Assaulting teams are Armoured Tank teams, they only Fall Back if two or more of them (or all of them if fewer) are Bailed Out or Destroyed by Defensive Fire, regardless of the number of hits they take.

This means that all Armoured Tank teams, even those with Top Armour 0, require two vehicles to be Bailed Out or Destroyed to prevent them from assaulting.

If my Infantry teams are stationary in Flat Terrain, and therefore Concealed, can they use the Sneaking Up on Tanks rule to prevent the Tank teams that they are Assaulting from performing Defensive Fire?
No. The Infantry must be Concealed by Short or Tall Terrain.

Does getting Pinned Down by something like being hit by a Minefield or the Defensive Fire of a Flame-thrower force my assaulting Unit to Fall Back and end the assault?
No. The only thing that forces you to Fall Back is taking a sufficient number of hits from Defensive Fire. A single hit that Pins Down a Unit will not do that.

If a tank charges a gun with the Forward Firing rule from slightly off to the side, it will hit the front at an angle and, because a small part of the tank is behind the front of the gun, it will now technically be out of the gun’s Field of Fire, preventing the gun from shooting in Defensive Fire. Is this right?
While it is technically correct, it makes no sense as it would essentially prevent Forward Firing guns from shooting in Defensive Fire in most situations.
A better interpretation of the rule is that if the tank was a valid target at the start of its Charge into Contact, and is still at least partly in front of the gun’s base when it makes Contact with a defending team, then the gun can shoot in Defensive Fire.

Can the gun then use its Anti-tank rating against the tank’s Side Armour rating when it counterattacks, or does it have to use the default Anti-tank 2 against Top Armour?
Again, while the tank is not technically in its Field of Fire (the requirement for using the gun’s Anti-tank rating), if the tank was in the gun’s Field of Fire for Defensive Fire and still has at least part of the tank in front of the gun’s base, then it should be in the gun’s Field of Fire for this purpose as well.
ASSAULT COMBAT

If I have two teams in Contact with two enemy teams and both of enemy teams score hits, can I allocate both hits to the same team?

No. You must spread the hits around if there are multiple teams that are eligible targets.

If I have an Infantry team and a Tank team, both in Contact with an enemy rifle team and an enemy bazooka team, can I allocate the bazooka hit to the Infantry team and the rifle team's hit to the Tank team?

Yes. Presumably the Infantry team were attempting to protect the Tank team from the bazooka, and kept it away from the Tank team, but died in the process.

My Bazooka anti-tank teams have the Assault 6 special rule. What does this mean?

It means that instead of hitting on a 5+ in Assaults like the larger M1 Garand rifle teams, the small Bazooka teams hit on a roll of 6.

How do my infantry kill tanks in assaults?

Infantry that hit a tank in an Assault may either use their normal Anti-tank rating against a tank's Side armour or Anti-tank 2 against its Top armour. Using weapons like the Bazooka can be very effective against lighter vehicles like the Panzer IV, but have limited effect against heaxy tanks like the Tiger. Against these infantry in the open can only endure and hope the tanks break off before the infantry's own determination to counterattack fails.

COUNTERATTACK

I have passed my roll to Counterattack. Can I add additional teams into the Assault, or am I limited to those teams already involved?

You are limited to those teams already involved in the assault. That means only the teams that originally assaulted on the attacker's side and those originally within 8"/20cm of them on the defender's side.

If my defending Unit passes its Motivation test to Counterattack, can it Charge into Contact with teams from other Units on the attacking player's side?

No. Neither player may bring additional teams into the assault. On the attacking player's side, only the teams that initially assaulted are in the fight. On the defend-er's side, only those within 8"/20cm of them at the start of the assaults are in the fight.

When my Unit Counterattacks, can I move teams that have been Contacted by the enemy?

No. A team that is in Contact with the enemy, either because the enemy Charged into Contact with them, or because the team Charged into Contact with the enemy, cannot move. It is already in Contact with the enemy (because the enemy is in Contact with it), and must fight the enemy it is in Contact with before seeking out other targets.

BREAKING OFF

I have two Units ready to launch assaults on an enemy Infantry unit. My first Unit assaults and is forced to Break Off. My other Unit is within 6"/15cm of the victorious defending Infantry unit. Does it have to Break Off as well, or can it still launch its own assault?

Only Units that were part of the assault can be forced to Break Off. Since you cannot assault with two Units at the same time, your second Unit cannot have been part of the assault, so does not need to Break Off.

Unless the defenders Consolidate away from your second Unit (so that it can no longer Charge into Contact), it can launch its own assault once the first is over.

CONSOLIDATION

Can an Infantry Unit that is Pinned Down Consolidate towards visible enemy teams?

Yes it can. The restriction against moving towards visible enemy teams while Pinned Down does not apply while Consolidating.

BUILDINGS

How should I handle multiple storey buildings?

The easiest way to handle it in the case of small buildings is just treat them as one space that can fit more Teams than a single-storey building.

If the building is particularly large, you might want to break it up into a series of rooms, treating each room as a separate building that can either be reached directly from the outside (although moving into an upstairs room from outside will not normally be possible) or from the rooms beside, above, or below it.
**LAST STAND**

I have a Unit that started the game with one tank. When does it have to take a Unit Last Stand test?

A Unit only needs to take a Last Stand Test at the start of a turn when it had at least one team Destroyed or Bailed Out. So, your Unit would only need to test if the tank was Bailed Out and failed to Remount.

The phrase 'only count teams that are In Command' under In Good Spirits in Unit Last Stand only refers to the second part of the rule that lists how many teams you need to be In Good Spirits if you’ve taken casualties, correct?

Yes. Driving away from them doesn’t make the morale effect of the casualties go away.

My unit had three tanks at the end of my last Movement Step and they were all In Command. My opponent shot two of them, leaving just one alive. Are the two Destroyed tanks still In Command? Do they stop me from needing to take a Last Stand test?

They aren’t In Command, they’re dead! The unit only has one tank In Command, so needs to take a Last Stand test.

A Transport Unit with just one team remaining would need to take a Unit Last Stand test at the start of each turn. Does it still need to do so if I Send it to the Rear?

Yes. They are still disturbed by the number of casualties they’ve taken and are likely to be reluctant to return to the front when called upon.

A Formation is In Good Spirits if it has two Units still in existence. Can the HQ be one of those?

Yes it can, although it doesn’t have to be.

Do the Units need to be In Good Spirits to keep their Formation In Good Spirits?

No, they just have to still be in existence.

Can Independent Teams be part of a Formation? Can you count them as Units to keep the Formation In Good Spirits?

No, they are never part of a Formation.

**SPECIAL RULES**

**BRITISH RULES**

The British Night Attack rule stops Units that don’t have the Night Attack rule from moving out of their deployment area. Isn’t this a rather harsh restriction on the opponent?

The rule only applies to the player making a Night Attack. Any of their formations that can’t Night Attack have to wait until dawn to move forward to support the attack. Their opponent’s Units are free to move as they like.

I have a spotter who is attempting to Range in three 25 pdr Field Troops. These artillery batteries have the Mike Target special rule that allows the spotter to immediately roll to Range In another battery when they succeed in Ranging In another. How does this work?

An example might be the best way to explain this. Let’s say that your spotter succeeds in Ranging In the first battery on the first attempt. Normally, they would now move on to their second attempt and try to Range In another battery.

Instead, the Mike Target rule allows them to make another first attempt to range In another battery. Let’s say that they fail to Range In that battery. Now, having used the bonus attempt allowed by the Mike Target rule, they move on to their second attempt.

Let’s say they fail again, and move on to their third attempt. This time they succeed and Range In the second battery, which will suffer a +2 penalty to hit for having Ranged In on the third attempt.

Having successfully Ranged In another battery, the Mike Target rule comes into effect again, allowing the spotter to make another third attempt to Range In the last battery. Again they succeed, so the third battery is also Ranged In on the third attempt and suffers the +2 penalty to hit.

**GERMAN RULES**

The German Stormtroopers rule allows them to attempt a second Movement Order after succeeding in the first. Can I use this to take a Blitz Move and then Dig In?

No. You cannot Dig In if you’ve moved in any form, including using a Blitz Move order.

**BUILDING A FORCE**

Can I take an M4 Sherman Tank Platoon Unit as part of an M4 Sherman Tank Company Formation, and then take another M4 Sherman Platoon as Formation Support?

No. You may not take a Unit of the same type (that is the same name) as you already have in your Force as Formation Support.

Can my Motor Company take a Honey Armoured Troop from a Honey Armoured Squadron as Formation Support, and then a second Honey Armoured Troop from a Grant Armoured Squadron as another Formation Support?

No. You may not take a Unit that you already have in your Force as Formation Support. If you want two Honey Armoured Troops, then you can buy a Honey Armoured Squadron HQ and make them into a second Formation in your force.

If I take two Formations, can I take Support Units for both of them? Could I take two lots of aircraft for instance?

No. You must choose a Force Diagram as the basis of your Force. This determines what Support is available to you. You can take as many Formations as you like within this Force, but they all share the same Support.

If I take an Allied Formation, can I take Support Units from both nationalities?

No. You must choose a Force Diagram from one country or the other to base your force on, and can only take options shown on that diagram (including the Allied Formation option). Since Support Units are only found in the Force Diagram (and not in Formation Diagrams), the only Support Units available are those from the principal nationality.

What happens when a Command Card changes the teams of a Unit into Independent Teams?

Each Team in the Unit becomes a separate Independent Team and thus its own separate Unit. They deploy and operate completely independently.
HOLDING OBJECTIVES

The reprinted (Late War) rulebook has a change to how Holding Objectives works. The rule now reads:

You are Holding an Objective if you start your turn with a Tank, Infantry, or Gun team within 4/10cm of an Objective, and end it with no opposing Tank, Infantry, or Gun teams within 4/10cm of that Objective.

This is the same method of taking and Holding Objectives that was introduced in More Missions in 2017.

How do I Hold or contest an Objective if it is surrounded by Destroyed tanks and I can’t get within 4/10cm of it?

If the Objective is such a tank graveyard that your models cannot be placed within 4/110cm of it, treat them as being within 4/110cm of it if they are as close to the Objective as they can get.

AMBUSH

When I place a Gun Unit in Ambush with its Transport, do the Gun teams have to be Mounted when they are placed from Ambush?

Yes. Like Infantry teams, Gun teams ambushing with their Transports must be Mounted. If they don’t want to Ambush mounted in their Transports, the Transports must be Sent to the Rear.

RESERVES

How do I work out my Reserves if I have spent less then the permitted maximum points on my force?

The important point to remember is that you are allowed 60% of the permitted maximum points value on table at the start of a game with Reserves. So, if your force is smaller, it just means that your Reserves will be less than the remaining 40%.

If I have a Unit that counts as 0 points for Reserves (such as an FFI Platoon supporting a D-Day American force), how does this work?

You can have 60% of your points on table, so if the game is 100 points, you can have 60 points on table. Since this Unit is counted as 0 points, you can have it and 60 more points on table.

How do my troops arrive from Reserves?

Can I just place them on the table so that they can try to fight their way through the infantry?

Yes, passengers in a Transport take or dispute an Objective.

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How do my troops arrive from Reserves? Can I just place them on the edge of the table and begin shooting?

Teams arriving from Reserve move on from the edge of the table. Simply pick a point on the table edge and measure their movement from there.

How does a Unit of Guns enter the table from Reserves if it doesn’t have a Tactical speed?

It must move onto the table at Dash speed. In addition, some Gun teams have a Tactical speed that is too slow to allow them to move onto the table, so they too need to move at Dash speed.

As the war progresses, the definition of a tank changes. The Deep Reserves rule needs to change to match this as follows:

In Late War, the Deep Reserves rule becomes: In a mission with Deep Reserves, you may only place one Tank Unit with Front Armour of 4 or more, or one Aircraft Unit on the table at the start of the game. All remaining units of these types must be held in Reserves.

In Mid War, the Deep Reserves rule remains: In a mission with Deep Reserves, you may only place one Tank Unit with Front Armour of 3 or more, or one Aircraft Unit on the table at the start of the game. All remaining units of these types must be held in Reserves.

In Early War, the Deep Reserves rule becomes: In a mission with Deep Reserves, you may only place one Tank Unit with Top Armour 1 or 2 that is not a Transport, or one Aircraft Unit on the table at the start of the game. All remaining units of these types must be held in Reserves.

Are Independent Teams (such as artillery observers) affected by the Deep Reserves special rule that restricts a player to one Tank Unit with Front armour 3 or more or one Aircraft Unit on the table at the start of the game?

No. They can be on the table in addition to the one Unit allowed by the Deep Reserves rule.

Are Formation HQ Units affected by the Deep Reserves special rule?

Yes. The restriction applies to all Units (apart from Independent teams), regardless of their function.

My opponent has ended up with Infantry teams all along the area where my Reserves arrive, leaving no room for my Reserves to arrive without going within 2”/5cm of their teams. What happens to my Reserves?

Since the battlefield doesn’t suddenly end at the edge of the table, the obvious solution is to move some of the opposing teams back just enough to allow the Reserves on to the table so that they can try to fight their way through the infantry.
STRATEGIC WITHDRAWAL
When in the Starting Step do I withdraw a Unit in a game of Rearguard? Can I still withdraw it if it failed a Last Stand Check?
Withdraw Units after Checking Victory Conditions. If a Unit is still on table at that point, you can withdraw it.

SPEARHEAD
When deploying a Unit in the area around a Spearhead Unit, what does the rule prohibiting placing the unit in a place that the Spearhead Unit cannot go mean?
Units deploying around the Spearhead Unit need to be able to move from the Spearhead Unit’s location to their deployment location. So you can’t deploy your Unit across impassable terrain like a river or cliff.

If my Spearhead Unit were armoured cars (which cannot enter a building), can I place an Infantry Unit in a building beside the Spearhead Unit?
Yes. Although the armoured cars cannot actually enter the buildings, infantry following their spearhead can deploy in the buildings.

MINEFIELDS
When I place Minefields, can I overlap them to make a Unit trying cross them roll a Skill test for each Minefield?
No. Teams also only roll one Skill Test to cross the Minefields safely. However, a Team who successfully removes a Minefield, only removes one, even if they are in several.
When a team removes a Minefield (instead of Moving) using a Mine Clearing Order, is that Minefield removed right away or at the end of the Movement Step?
It is removed immediately.

When a team moves using a Blitz Move movement order, do they still need to take Cross tests and test to see if they got hit by a Minefield?
Yes. All the normal movement rules apply while making a Blitz Move. The only difference is that once you’ve finished the Blitz Move, you don’t count as having moved for things that happen afterwards.

Can I deploy a Unit in a Minefield? If so, what happens?
Yes you can. Presumably they are dug in with minefields surrounding their position, and the paths through the minefield that they use for supply and other necessary activities are too difficult to negotiate under fire.

The Unit is fine as long as it remains in its foxholes. However, if it moves or counterattacks if assaulted, it will have to test for casualties like any other Unit crossing a Minefield.

If a Unit deployed in a Minefield, how does it go about clearing it?
It moves ‘into’ the Minefield (i.e. out of its carefully prepared defences) testing to do so as normal. Then in the next turn (having moved into the Minefield on a previous turn as required by the rules), the Unit Leader issues a Mine Clearing order and the Minefield is removed.

If I Counterattack against a team in a Minefield, do I risk getting hit by it?
Yes, even if the models didn’t move, they are still moving around in a minefield.

CITY FIGHTING RULES
How does Smoke work when targeting city buildings?
Direct-fire smoke just affects one team in the building, and only as long as it remains in the same room.
Smoke Bombardments affect a single room (regardless of how many weapons are firing). Line of Sight in or out of that room is restricted to a maximum of 6”/15cm.
Book and Card Updates

This section has updates to the various Flames Of War army books and their associated cards.

RULEBOOK

The reprint of the rulebook has two significant changes: Forcing Armoured Tanks to Fall Back from Defensive Fire, and Holding Objectives.

DEFENSIVE FIRE

If all the Assaulting teams are Armoured Tank teams, they only Fall Back if two or more of them (or all of them if fewer) are Bailed Out or Destroyed by Defensive Fire, regardless of the number of hits they take.

HOLDING OBJECTIVES

You are Holding an Objective if you start your turn with a Tank, Infantry, or Gun team within 4”/10cm of an Objective, and end it with no opposing Tank, Infantry, or Gun teams within 4”/10cm of that Objective.

DOWNLOAD

For a complete list of all changes between the original (Mid War) printing and the reprint (Late War), download: https://www.flamesofwar.com/Portals/0/all_images/4thEdition/Changes.pdf

LATE WAR JOURNEY

I want to field a force that I read about, but to build it I need to include formations from multiple books. How do I go about doing that?

The first step is to pick the book that best reflects the place you want to fight and use the Force Diagram from that book to determine the Support Units that you can field. Then pick any Formations from books from the same nationality to complete your force.

As an example, you could field a German force from Fortress Europe as an Eastern Front force with a Panzer III & IV Mixed Tank Company and a Beach Defence Grenadier Company representing a poor-quality infantry formation on the defensive in Ukraine.

D-DAY: AMERICAN

SPECIAL RULES

What does the Rockets rule on the P-47 Thunderbolt Fighter Flight do?

It is the same as the Bombs rule on page 93 of the rulebook, so Rockets do not need to re-roll successful To Hit rolls for having 1 or 2 weapons firing, and only the aircraft can Spot for their Bombardments.

UNIT CARDS

In the Assault Boat Section and Veteran Assault Boat Section, what is the Range of the Flame-thrower?

The range is 4”/10cm like all other infantry flame-throwers.

How many Jeeps does an Armoured Rifle Company HQ or a Veteran Armoured Rifle Company HQ have?

It has either one M3 half-track or two Jeeps.

COMMAND CARDS

The 4.2-inch Chemical Mortars card allows you to field an additional Mortar Platoon (LU118) of four 4.2-inch mortars as a Support option. Do I have to have a normal Mortar Platoon in my force to field a 4.2-inch Chemical Mortar Platoon?

No. You simply need to be able to field a Mortar Platoon (LU118) to field a 4.2-inch Chemical Mortar Platoon. However, you may also field a 4.2-inch Chemical Mortar Platoon if you can field a Parachute Mortar Platoon (LU127) or Ranger Mortar Platoon (LU136).

The Crocodile Support card from the D-Day British command cards allows a US player to take British Crocodile flame-tanks as support for ‘any Rifle Company’. Does this include Parachute Rifle Companies and Armoured Rifle Companies?

No it doesn’t. The any refers to any variant on the normal Rifle Company such as the Veteran Rifle Company.

The Sherman DD card increases the tanks’ MGs ROF to 3, yet a DD has less machine-guns than a normal tank. What should it be?

The Sherman DD card should decrease the MGs ROF to 1.
The FFI and FTP Platoon cards have a fixed cost for a Rifle Platoon. How does this work? Can I take the optional upgrades?

When you use these cards, you get a Rifle Platoon (LU116 or see page 43 of D-Day: American). This can be at full strength or reduced strength, whichever you choose. You can add the options to this platoon if you wish, paying the usual points to upgrade them.

Norman ‘Dutch’ Cota allows a Unit whose charge was stopped by Defensive Fire to Charge into Contact a second time. Does the opponent get another round of Defensive Fire?

Yes. The assaulting Unit goes back to the Charge Into Contact part of the assault and everything begins again.

The Div Arty, All In! card gives me additional artillery bombardments. How many guns are firing?

These Bombardments do not have any re-rolls for the number of weapons firing. In effect, they are treated as having four weapons firing.

The Desert Regulars Card upgrades an M10 Tank Destroyer Company. Do I have to upgrade all units in the Formation, including the HQ and Security Sections?

Yes. Every Unit in the Formation is upgraded.

The HQ and Security Sections have the descriptor Scout rather than SP Gun. Do they still get the modified Assault rating?

Yes they do.

**BEACH DEFENCES**

Are Bunkers and Nests treated as Gun teams?

Yes. As per the rules on page 107, they are always Concealed.

The French Turret Bunker has Armour ratings rather than a Save like most Gun Units. How does this work?

The French Turret Bunker takes Armour Saves like an Armoured Tank team, rather than Gun Saves. That means that it can be Bailed Out like a Tank team rather than Pinned Down like a Gun team.

Likewise, in Assaults it is treated as an immobile Armoured Tank team, so will get an Armour Save and the assaulting team might need to pass a Firepower test if they are using a weapon like a Bazooka.

Do the Fortifications Rules on page 107 apply to Command Card fortifications like a Pakfront?

No. These rules are specific to the massive concrete fortifications of the Normandy coastal defences. Field defences like the Pakfront do not us these rules.

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**SPECIAL RULES**

The Wasp Carrier Patrol uses the Flame Tank special rule. What is this?

*Flame Tanks cannot Charge into Contact.*

The Petard special rule for the AVRE ignores the Danger Close rule. Does that mean it can fire when friendly troops are under the Artillery Template?

No. It cannot fire a Bombardment if any friendly Infantry, Gun, or Tank Teams are under the Template.

**UNIT CARDS**

Can 2-inch mortars fire smoke?

Yes. All British 2-inch mortars, such as those in the Parachute Platoon, Airlanding Platoon, Commando Section, Rifle Platoon, Desert Rats Rifle Platoon, Motor Platoon, and Desert Rats Motor Platoon can fire Smoke.

**COMMAND CARDS**

What Units does the 1st Canadian Parachute Battalion’s Relentless card apply to?

It applies to a Parachute Company and modifies the Rally rating of the Parachute Company HQ and all Parachute Platoons.

The 4.2-inch Mortars card allows you to field an additional 3-inch Mortar Platoon (LB109) of four 4.2-inch mortars as a Support option. Do I have to have a 3-inch Mortar Platoon (LB109) in my force to take a 4.2-inch Mortar Platoon?

No. You simply need to be able to field a 3-inch Mortar Platoon (LB109) before you can field a 4.2-inch Mortar Platoon.
**D-DAY: GERMAN**

**UNIT CARDS**

Should the Panzer IV Tank Company HQ have Protected Ammo like the Panzer IV Tank Platoon?

Yes. The Panzer IV Tank Company HQ has an additional Motivation rating of Protected Ammo: Remount 3+.

**COMMAND CARDS**

Several German command cards apply to ‘any Tank Company’. Can I use these cards with a Puma Scout Company?

No. A Puma Scout Company is a Scout Company. It doesn’t have ‘Tank Company’ in its name.

So is the Reconnaissance Company considered a Panzergrenadier Company?

No. It is a Reconnaissance Company. It doesn’t have the words ‘Panzergrenadier Company’ in its name.

The Heinz Deutsch command card is labelled as being for a StuG Assault Gun Company. Is this card for the Fallschirmjäger StuG Assault Gun Company?

Yes it is.

Can I use Heinz Deutsch with the Fortress Europe StuG Assault Gun Company?

No. You can’t use Command Cards from one book with units from another book.

Can I use the Pakfront card with artillery or anti-aircraft guns?

Yes you can. However, since they are now emplaced for anti-tank work, they can no longer fire Artillery Bombardments or shoot at Aircraft.

How do the Nests of the Pakfront and MG Nests cards work? Do they use the Beach Defences rules from the D-Day: American book?

They work just like any other Infantry or Gun team, with the exceptions listed on the card.

These hastily-dug nests are not the well-prepared fortifications found on the Normandy beaches, so do not use the same rules.

**D-DAY: WAFFEN-SS**

**UNIT CARDS**

The StuG assault gun has its MG listed as Forward Firing. Other StuG assault guns don’t have this limitation.

The StuG MG is not Forward Firing.

The Panzer IV and StuG SS Tank Company HQ cards show the third unit (a choice between a Panzer IV and a StuG SS Tank Platoon) to be compulsory, whereas it is optional in the book. Which is correct?

The third unit is optional.

Does the Best Infantry card apply to my armoured Panzergrenadier Platoon’s transport Sd Kfz 251 half-tracks as well?

No. The transport unit is a Tank Unit, not an Infantry Unit, so you will need to add the Best Firepower card to upgrade them.

**COMMAND CARDS**

The Ernst Barkmann card says that it applies to a Panther Tank Platoon, should this be a Panther SS Tank Platoon?

Yes. Barkmann is the Unit Leader of an SS Tank Platoon.

**SOVIET UNIT CARDS**

The OT-34 flame-thrower tank has a Is Hit On rating of Reckless. The one in Bagration: Soviet is rated as Aggressive. Which is correct?

The OT-34 is Aggressive and Is Hit On 3+.

**BASE GUIDE**

The PTRD Anti-tank Rifle teams have three weapons with three loaders on a large base as shown in the photographs, not two weapons on a medium base as described in the text.

**FORTRESS EUROPE**
AFRIKA KORPS

90TH LIGHT AFRIKA DIVISION
As the 7.62cm Tank-Hunter Platoon is a compulsory choice for a 90th Light Rifle Company, does that mean that I can take it as Formation Support?
Yes, it does.

The Diana Tank-hunter Platoon card allows you to field Diana tank-hunters in place of Marder tank-hunters or Tiger heavy tanks. Can I field them with any Afrika Korps formation?
Yes you can.

The Diana Tank-hunter Platoon card allows me to take 5cm Tank-Hunter Platoons in place of Tiger or Marder Units. Can I do this if I do not field a Diana Tank-Hunter Platoon?
No. That option is part of the Diana Tank-Hunter Platoon. If you are not fielding a Diana Tank-Hunter Platoon, you do not get that option.

Who can take the Diana Tank-Hunter Platoon as Support?
Any force from Afrika Korps.

COMMAND CARDS
Is the Armoured Car Company limited to one formation?
Yes, Like Iron Cross, the Armoured Car Company is a Limited card.

Can the Pioneer command card be used with a 90th Light Rifle Company?
Yes it can.

IRON CROSS FORMATIONS
Can I include Formation Support from Iron Cross in my Afrika Korps force?
Yes you can. These would represent either the infantry divisions sent to Egypt to hold the line at El Alamein, or the troops that fought alongside the Afrika Korps in Tunisia.

Can I include whole Formations or Support Units from Iron Cross in my Afrika Korps force?
No. You may only take Support Units from the Force Diagram for your own Force. If you want a Formation or Support Unit from Iron Cross, base your force on that book instead.

GHOST PANZERS FORMATIONS
Can an Afrika Korps Force take Formations, Formation Support, or Support from Ghost Panzers? Can I have Panthers in the desert?
Yes you can.

ARMoured Fist and Desert Rats

UNIT CARDS
What is the Cross rating of a 3-inch Mortar Section and a 3-inch Mortar Platoon?
Both have a Cross rating of Auto.

COMMAND CARDS
What is the correct Cross Country speed of Softskin Transports?
14”/35cm.

Does a Portee 6 pdr retain the Gun Shield rule?
No, it does not use the Gun Shield rule.

The Scout Tanks command card is now:
Tanks that have the Tally Ho attribute lose Tally Ho, but gain Scout. They have a Tactics rating of 4+ and an Is Hit On rating of 4+. Their Tactical Speed is reduced to 12”/30cm for Crusader tanks and 10”/25cm for Honey tanks.

The card costs 2 points per Unit and can be taken for: Honey Armoured Squadron HQ, Honey Armoured Troop, Crusader Armoured Squadron HQ, Crusader II Armoured Troop, Crusader II & III Armoured Troop. You must take this card for all eligible Units if you take it for any.

Can I combine the Scouts command card with the Australian and NZ Divisional Cavalry cards?
Yes you can.
AVANTI

UNIT CARDS
Does the Weapons Platoon have Breda MG teams or Breda MG & Carcano rifle teams?
As per the book, it has Breda MG teams with Halted ROF 3 and Moving ROF 2.

In the Weapons Platoon, is it the 47mm gun or the 20mm anti-tank rifle that is optional?
As per the book, the unit includes a 20mm anti-tank rifle as standard, and can add a 47mm gun for +2 points.

The 90mm on Lancia has the Gigantic special rule. What does that mean?
The Gigantic rule is essentially the same as the Large Gun rule on page 92 of the rulebook.

The 90mm on Lancia has the Gun Shield special rule. What effect does this have, given that it is a Tank team rather than a Gun team?
It functions exactly the same as it would if the 90mm on Lancia was a Gun team.

The 90mm on Lancia is unusual in having this rule on an Unarmoured Tank team. This is because the gun shield on this vehicle is huge, and to make it comparable to the 88mm anti-aircraft gun in game terms.

Does the Flame-thrower team in the Assault Engineer Platoon have Pinned ROF 1 like the German Flame-thrower team?
Yes it does.

ALLIED SUPPORT
An Avanti Force is allowed two German Units as Allied Support. Can they both be the same, or must they be different?
They both must be different Units. If you want two of the same Unit, take them as an Allied Formation instead.

Can an Avanti Force take Formations or Units from Ghost Panzers (like Panthers or Ferdinands) as Support?
No you cannot.

COMMAND CARDS
What is the correct Range for the Captured 25 pdr Artillery?
The guns should have a range of 24”/60cm for Direct Fire.

How much does a German Ju 87 Stuka Dive Bomber Flight cost using the Stuka Support card?
You pay 1 point for the card, which then allows you to take a German Ju 87 Stuka Dive Bomber Flight for the usual cost of 9 points (in place of the CR.42 Falco Assault Section on your Force Diagram) for a grand total of 10 points.

The Luigi Pascucci card is a ‘Formation (Tank Company)’ card. Can he be taken with any ‘tank company’ such as the L6/40 Light Tank Company build card, or is it specific to the Tank Company in the Avanti book?
There is no generic term ‘tank company’. The card refers to the Tank Company in the Avanti book, which is the only Formation that Pascucci can command.

FIGHTING FIRST

SPECIAL RULES
What is the Unit Transport rule on the M3 half-track card?
The Unit Transport rule says: While on table, the Unit Leader of a Transport Attachment must end its Movement Step within 6”/15cm of the Unit Leader of its Passenger Unit.

What is the Field of Fire of a Rear Firing weapon?
A Rear Firing weapon can only hit a target fully to the rear of the team.

UNIT CARDS
What is the Remount rating of an M3 half-track?
It has a Remount rating of 5+.

The US M3A1 Armored Recon Patrol unit card has the Scout and Spearhead special rules listed. This Unit also includes two Jeeps which have a different card only shows the Scout rule. Does that mean that the Jeeps don’t use the Spearhead rule?
No it doesn’t. The Unit is defined on the M3A1 Armored recon Patrol card, and this gives Spearhead to the whole Unit. The jeep card is used by a variety of Units, so only gives the rules relevant to them all.

COMMAND CARDS
The M3A1 Armored Recon Company includes an M3 Tank Platoon. Which M3 tank is this?
It is an M3 Stuart Tank Platoon.
FORMATIONS
The Mixed Tank Battalion does not have a Formation Commander or an HQ Unit. How does that work?
It is just the same as any other Formation, it simply does not have an HQ Unit and cannot benefit from the presence of a Formation Commander.

COMMAND CARDS
Cards like the Cavalry card are Unit cards, but give the Formation name, e.g. 'Unit (Cossack regiment, Hero Cossack regiment)'. How does this work?
The card is a Unit card, so must be purchased for each Unit you wish it to apply to. As the list of applicable Units would be very long, we simply gave the Formation name. The card applies to all Units within that Formation.

Can a Cossack Regiment or Hero Cossack Regiment have flame-throwers in its SMG Company or Hero SMG Company?
No. A Cossack Regiment or Hero Cossack Regiment may not include any Flame-thrower teams.

If I use the Volley Fire card and do not Destroy the Team that I targeted, can I use it again next turn?
No. The card is discarded when used, so only lasts for that Shooting Step.

The Tankodesantniki card allows an Infantry Unit that is being carried on the back of a Tank Unit to Dismount to Charge into Contact.
If the Tank Unit moves at Dash Speed, uses a Movement Order, or otherwise disqualifies itself from Launching an Assault, can the Tankodesantniki Unit still Launch an Assault and charge off their tanks?
No. The Infantry Unit is also disqualified from Launching an Assault.

Can the Infantry Mount the tanks in the Movement Step, and then Dismount to Assault in the Assault Step?
No. The rule that a Team cannot Mount and Dismount in the same turn still applies.

If the Tank Unit is Assaulted while the Tankodesantniki Unit is still Mounted on them, can the Tankodesantniki Dismount to Charge into Contact when they Counterattack?
Yes they can.

If the Tankodesantniki Unit Dismounts and Assaults, can the Tank Unit then Launch its own Assault once the Tankodesantniki Unit's Assault is over?
Yes it can.

Can the Tank Unit Launch an Assault with the Tankodesantniki Unit still Mounted on it?
Yes it can. However, it is rather risky. Defensive Fire against the tanks will also hit the infantry carried on them as normal, and every hit on a tanks in the Assault will Destroy any infantry carried on it.

The Cossack Regiment and Hero Cossack Regiment cards have the wrong references for several cards.
The corrected references are:
- 0-1 82mm Mortar Company (MS118)
- 0-1 76mm Anti-tank Company (MS117)

Can I mount more than one Unit from my Cossack Regiment or Hero Cossack Regiment as Cavalry?
Yes. The Cavalry card is not Limited, so you can use it on any or all eligible Units.

The Guards Airborne Battalion card has the wrong points value.
The Guards Airborne Battalion command card is 3 points, not 2 points.

The Scout Company card has the wrong references for several cards.
The corrected references are:
- 1 Hero Rifle Battalion HQ (MS120)
- 2-3 Scout Platoon (MS124)
- 0-2 BA-10 Armoured Car Platoon (MS128)

Can Nikolay Rodionovich Andreyev be used with a T-34 (Early) Tank Company?
Yes. That is the only T-34 (Early) Tank Company in Enemy at the Gates.

THE RED BANNER
FORMATIONS
The T-34 Hero Tank Battalion lists T-34 Hero tank Company twice in its third option. What should it be?
The third option should be a T-34 Hero Tank Battalion, a T-70 Hero Tank Battalion, or a Valentine Hero Tank Battalion.

COMMAND CARDS
Cards like the Guards Rifle Battalion card are Unit cards, but give the Formation name, e.g. 'Unit (Rifle Battalion, Hero rifle Battalion)'. How does this work?
The card is a Unit card, so must be purchased for each Unit you wish it to apply to. As the list of applicable Units would be very long, we simply gave the Formation name. The card applies to all Units within that Formation.

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**IRON CROSS**

**SPECIAL RULES**
What is the Pioneers rule on the Assault Pioneer Platoon card?
The Pioneers rule says: Teams from the Unit cross Minefields safely on a roll of 2+ (rather than their Skill of 3+). As usual, they may Automatically clear a Minefield using a Mine Clearing order in the turn after they move to within 2'/5cm of the Minefield marker.

**COMMAND CARDS**
When a Unit has the Panzer Ace command card, you roll to see which effect applies. Some of the options are Formation cards that say they affect the Formation HQ or Formation Commander. How do these work with the Panzer Ace card?
Cards that you gain via Panzer Ace that reference the Formation Commander need to be read as referencing the Unit Leader and cards that reference the Formation HQ Unit need to be read as referring to the Panzer Ace Unit. Aside from that, the cards you gain work exactly as they say.

So, Clever Tactics affects the Panzer Ace Unit, Precise Gunner affects the Panzer Ace Unit Leader, Every Shot Counts works as normal, and Elite Crew affects the Panzer Ace Unit Leader.
The Armoured Car Company card references Unit Cards from Afrika Korps. Is this correct?
No. It should read:
Your Force includes one Armoured Car Company, which is a Formation containing:
- 1 HQ Unit of 1x Sd Kfz 221 (MG) armoured car from (MG223) for 1 point.
- 2-8 Sd Kfz 221 & 222 Light Scout Troop (MG223)
- 1-3 Sd Kfz 231 Heavy Scout Troop (MG224)
- 0-1 Panzergrenadier Platoon (MG210)
- 0-1 5cm Tank-Hunter Platoon (MG226)

**IRON CROSS IN AFRICA**
Does it make sense to field an Iron Cross force in Africa?
Yes. All of the organisations and equipment in Iron Cross were used by the Fifth Panzer Army in Tunisia alongside the Afrika Korps.

**AFRIKA KORPS FORMATIONS**
Can I include Formation Support from Afrika Korps in my Iron Cross force?
Yes you can. These would represent either the Afrika Korps supporting either the infantry divisions sent to Egypt to hold the line at El Alamein, or troops from the Fifth Panzer Army in Tunisia.

Can I include Formations and Support Units from Afrika Korps in my Iron Cross force?
No. You may only take Formations or Support Units from the Force Diagram for your own Force. If you want a Support Unit from Afrika Korps, base your force on that book instead.

**GHOST PANZERS**
**FORMATIONS**
Can an Iron Cross Force take Formations, Formation Support, or Support from Ghost Panzers?
Yes, see Formation Support box from the Ghost Panzers Diagram below.

**COMMAND CARDS**
What happens to my half-tracks if I use the Kübelwagen Scout Cars card on my Armoured Panzergrenadier Platoon?
They are removed from the game. As there’s no point in paying the extra for the half-tracks, you should use the options for the infantry without half-tracks instead.

What is the Field of Fire of a Machine-gun Bunker?
A Machine-gun Bunker is Forward Firing.

**UNIT CARDS**
Can I get Borgward Demolition Carriers for a StuG (late) Assault Gun Platoon that I take as Formation Support?
Yes. As per the StuG (late) Assault Gun Platoon unit card, you may field two units of Borgward Demolition Carriers for each Assault Gun Platoon.
Can I include Formations and Support Units from Afrika Korps in my Ghost Panzers force?
Yes, see Formation Support box from the Ghost Panzers Diagram below.

**FORMATION SUPPORT**
You may field compulsory Combat Units (with a black box) from German Formations from Iron Cross, Ghost Panzers, and Afrika Korps as Support Units.
DEATH FROM ABOVE

GERMAN UNIT CARDS
In the Fallschirm Pioneer Platoon, what is the Range of the Flame-thrower?

*The range is 4”/10cm like all other infantry flame-throwers.*

ITALIAN UNIT CARDS
In the Parachutist Assault Engineer Platoon, what is the Range of the Flame-thrower?

*The range is 4”/10cm like all other infantry flame-throwers.*
How do Command Cards work?
The cost at the bottom of the card is the cost to ‘activate’ the card. Until you pay the points listed, the card has no effect at all. Once you pay the points, you then read the text and do whatever it says there. The cost of the card doesn’t actually give you anything aside from the ability to use the card, everything on the card with a cost still needs to be paid for.

Do I need to state which Formation or Unit the card applies to?
Yes. When you add a Formation or Unit Command Card to your Force, you must state which Formation or Unit it applies to.

What does something like “any Tank Company” mean?
Many cards are limited to a particular Unit or Formation, such as an M4 Sherman Tank Company. Only that specific Unit or Formation can use that card (so in this case a Veteran M4 Sherman Tank Company could not use that card. However, a card with any Tank Company could be used on any Formation that has ‘Tank Company’ as part of its name, so it could be used with wither type of M4 Sherman formation, or with an M5 Stuart Tank Company.

Can I use the same Command Card more than once?
Yes. Unless the card is marked as Limited, you can take that card in your force as many times as you like.

Can I use a Command Card from one book with a Force from another book?
A Unit or Formation can only use a Command Card from their own book. If a Formation or Unit is being used in a Force from another book, it uses the Command Cards from the book it is published in.

What does Title mean?
Title cards customise your force to reflect a particular division or other formation. You may only have one Title in your Force, although you can have multiple cards with the same Title.

What does Upgrade mean?
Upgrade cards fit your tanks and other Teams with extra equipment. A Team can only have one Upgrade card affecting it.

BUILD FORMATION CARDS
What do Build Formation cards do?
Build Formation cards either modify the ratings of every Unit in a Formation (as the British Guards Motor Company card does, since it lists Motor Company as the Formation affected), or give you a whole new Formation that you can buy (as the US Armored Recon Company card, which does not list a Formation to be modified, does). Some, like the US Engineer Combat Company card, do both by creating a new Formation, then specifying some additional rules for it.

What if they both change the Unit’s ratings? For instance can I use White Knees and Guards on the same Formation?
No, you may only use one Build card that modifies a Formation’s or Unit’s ratings on a Formation or Unit.

If a Command Card changes a Unit’s ratings by showing a rating block, do the exceptions from the original Unit Card still apply? For example, the SS Company card shows the Motivation rating of a Unit as Fearless with no exceptions.

Since the Unit originally had the Third Reich exception that made its Last Stand rating 3+, does the SS version now have an even better Last Stand rating?
No. The Command Card shows the new ratings of the Unit. There is no calculation or modification based on the old ratings.

What about cards like White Knees which does not display a new rating block, simply stating that the Skill rating is now 5+? Does that Unit still have Deadly Assault 3+ like the original Unit?
This is an older format of card. In this case, only the parts explicitly listed as being changed are changed. That means that a Unit that previously had Deadly Assault 3+ still has that.

COMMAND CARD FORMATIONS
If I use a Build command card to create a new type of Formation (such as the New Zealand Divisional Cavalry card that creates a mixed formation of Honey tanks and Universal Carriers), can I then use another Build command card to modify its ratings (such as the Scout Tanks card)?
Yes you can. In this case, the Honey Units would be affected by the Scout Tanks card, while the Universal Carrier Units would remain the same.

Most Formation HQs for these Formations are specified on the Command Card, so aren’t listed on cards that ratings (such as the HQ Honey tanks of the NZ Div Cav HQ,
which aren’t listed on the Scout Tanks card). Can I use these cards to upgrade my HQ as well?

Yes you can. You can use cards that apply to the source of the HQ’s team to upgrade the HQ. In this case the Honey tanks in the come from the Honey Armoured Troop card, so will be affected by the Scout Tanks card as it works on that Unit.

**FORMATION SUPPORT**

If a Unit that is only available as Support in a book also has a Command Card that creates a new Formation in which it is compulsory, can I then take the Unit as Formation Support or Allied Support in a different book as if it had been in a Formation in the book?

No. You may only take Formation Support from Formations in a book or on a Unit Card. You may not take Formation Support from a Formation that is created with a Command Card.

Can I take a Formation card for a Support Unit taken as Formation Support from that Formation. As an example, can I take a Motor Platoon as Support for my Grant Armoured Squadron, and use the Guards Motor Company card to make it into a Guards Motor Platoon?

Yes you can. Pay the cost for the Formation card as usual, but only apply the effect to the Unit.

What happens if the Formation card that I want to use with a Support Unit has a negative cost?

If the card has a negative cost (such as the British White Knees card), you do not get a discount since the price is for a whole Formation and you only have a single Unit, so you take the card at a cost of 0 points.

**ALLIED SUPPORT**

Can I use a Unit or Formation Command Card with an Allied Support Formation or Unit in my Force? As an example, could I take the above Guards Motor Platoon as an Allied Support Unit in my American Force?

Yes you can.

Can I use a Force Command Card like Pip Roberts with an Allied Support Formation in my American Force?

No. You can only use Force Command Cards with the Force you are fielding, in this case a US Force from Fighting First.

**DESTROYED LEADERS**

If a Unit Command Card gives the Unit Leader a bonus, does this still apply if the Unit Leader is Destroyed and replaced?

Yes. Any Unit Leader in that Unit gains that bonus.

What about Formation Commanders?

Do they retain their bonus after being Destroyed?

Yes. The benefits to the Formation Commander from a Formation Command Card remain, even if the Formation Command Team is Destroyed and switches to another team.

**RESERVES**

How are Command Cards included in the Reserves rule?

Force Command Cards are always included in the 60% of the force on table, since they are always in effect.

The base points for Formation Command Cards are included in the 60% of the force on table if any part of the Formation is included as they are in effect in that case. If a Formation Command Card has additional points per Unit or per Team, these are only included in the 60% of the force on table for the Units on table as they are in effect in that case.

Unit Command Cards are included in the 60% of the force on table if the Unit is included as they are in effect in that case.

The exception to this is that Command Cards with a negative value (such as the British White Knees card) are only part of the 60% of the force on table if all of the Units that are affected by the card are on the table.

**SPECIFIC CARDS**

The Pure Luck, Lucky, Hail Mary, and similar cards allow you to re-roll a die. Does this have to be your die or can you re-roll one of your opponent’s dice.

Since you can’t roll your opponent’s dice, you are limited to re-rolling your own dice with this card.

Can I use Lucky or similar cards to re-roll things like who attacks in a particular scenario or which particular Tiger Ace skill my unit has?

No. These cards can only be used to re-roll a die during the actual play of the game. You cannot use it to re-roll a die before the first turn or to determine the characteristics of a Unit.

The Diversionary Tactics, Artillery Expert, and Reconnaissance by Combat cards allow players to reposition Ranged In markers. Which order do they take effect?

Artillery Expert or Reconnaissance by Combat should be played first as this allows a player to move their Ranged In marker anywhere. Then when Diversionary Tactics is played, it allows their opponent to move it 6”/15cm from its new position.

The Fortify the Building card gives Infantry Teams in the building a 2+ Save. Does this apply to both sides?

Yes. Any Infantry Teams in the building, regardless of which side they are on, gain the 2+ Save.

**MODELLING VARIANTS**

Some command cards allow you to field your units as a different type of equipment, for example the 4.2-inch Chemical Mortars card allows an American player to field their Mortar Platoon with more firepower.

You can either field the normal models, just noting that they have the adjusted characteristics, or you can use special order models of the type they are being converted into. If you go with the special order models, they are based on the bases provided with them, even if they are different from the bases of the normal models.
BASING

SOVIET INFANTRY
The Rifle Company, Hero Rifle Company, Storm Group, and PTRD Anti-tank Company have 50mm mortar teams and PTRD AT rifle teams with three weapons mounted on a large base. What should I do if I have old 50mm mortar or PTRD AT rifle teams that are based differently?

You have a number of options:
• You could just keep using your old bases and space them out a bit more to match the new, larger bases.
• You could stick a large base under your existing base (or bases in the case of the 50mm mortars) to match the new basing.
• You could re-base the models on large bases.
• You could grab some of the awesome new sculpts and make some new weapons teams for your collection.

MOTORCYCLES
The Italians and Soviets have Command Cards that give Infantry Units motorcycles. How should I model this?

You have a number of options:
• The simplest option is to place the Command Card with the Unit to show your opponent that the Unit is mounted on motorcycles.
• If you are a modeller, you can purchase motorcycles from the Special Order range. As these are significantly larger than infantry, they are best based with two motorcycle and sidecar on a large base to replace a standard four-figure team on a medium base, or one motorcycle and sidecar on a medium base to replace a small two-figure team on a small base.

CAVALRY
The Soviets have Command Cards that give Infantry Units horses as cavalry. How should I model this?

You have a number of options:
• The simplest option is to place the Command Card with the Unit to show your opponent that the Unit is mounted on horses.
• If you are a modeller, you can purchase cavalry figures from the Special Order range. As these are significantly larger than infantry on foot, they are best based with four cavalry figures on a large base to replace a standard four-figure team on a medium base, or two cavalry figures on a medium base to replace a small two-figure team on a small base.
FOG OF WAR CARDS

When can Objective Cards that have Turn Counters be claimed? Can I claim it on the turn in which the last Turn Counter is removed?

Yes you can. You remove the Turn Counter at the start of the turn, the claim the Objective immediately.

Are turn counters removed at the start of both players' turns, or just turns of the player that placed it?

Just at the start of the turn of the player that placed it.

Can two Objectives be placed in the same place, one on top of the other and then claimed together?

Yes they can.

When placing cards that can't be placed close to your own deployment area, does the extension created by the Spearhead rule count?

No. The Spearhead rule is only in effect during deployment. After that it is no longer defined as the Spearhead teams could have moved in the meantime.

When do you play Hidden Objective cards?

At any time. You can play them in your turn or the opponent’s turn. However, you can’t play them after a die has been rolled, but before its effect is resolved.

Can you play an Objective card and at the start of a Starting Step, then claim it in the same Starting Step?

No you can’t. You must complete your turn before you can claim an Objective.

When do I win? Do I win immediately I score sufficient Victory Points, or do I have to wait until my Starting Step?

You must wait until your Starting Step to win.

Are the Objectives on the Line in the Sand card supposed to be arranged in a line?

Yes. The three Objectives are supposed to be arranged in a line, 12’/30cm apart, centred on the centre of the table.

Do I remove an Objective from Line in the Sand when I take it?

Yes. You remove the Objective when you hold it to score one point. The card is discarded once all three Objectives have been claimed.

There are two different cards labelled Precise Attack. Does this matter?

No. The labels on the cards have no effect on the game.

One of the Precise Attack cards gives you points for destroying units with the same name. Does the name have to be exactly the same or do units like Panzer III Tank Platoon and Panzer III (Mixed) Tank Platoon both count?

They have different names, so you’d need to pick one or the other.

The other Precise Attack card gives a different number of points for destroying Units of more or less than 9 points. How does this work in Early or Late War?

Treat the cut-off point as 135 points.

The Scout the Perimeter card requires a Spearhead Unit to score the points. How does this work in Early and Late War?

All Reconnaissance Platoons have the Spearhead rule (see page 68 of the rulebook).