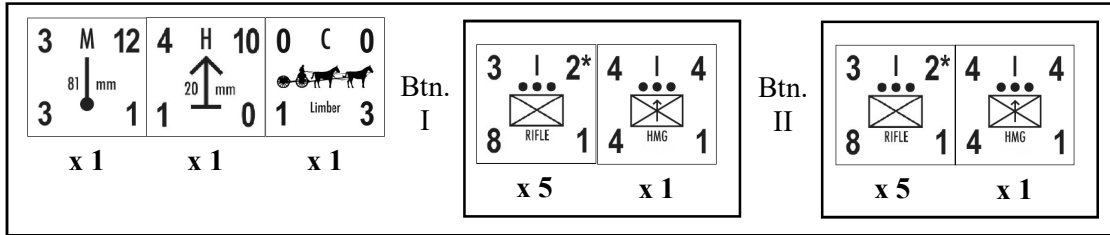




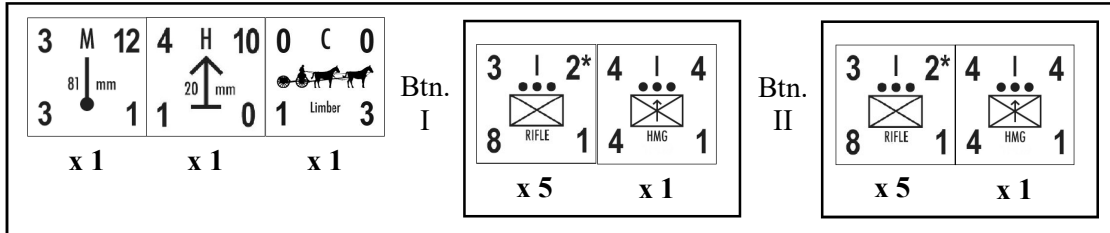
German 59th Grenadier Division

September 17, 1944

1034th Grenadier Regiment

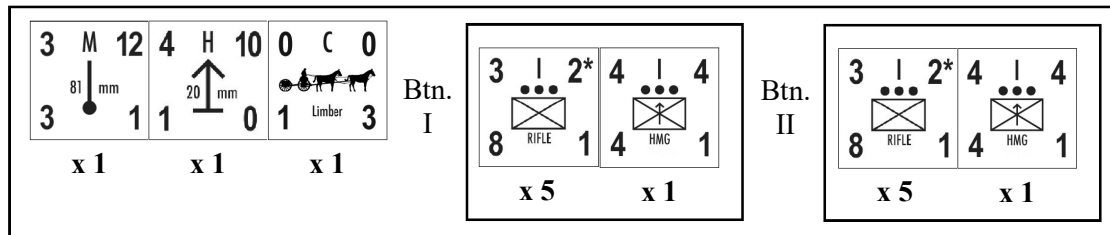


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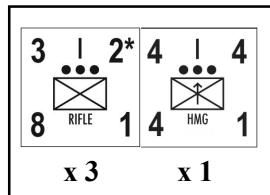


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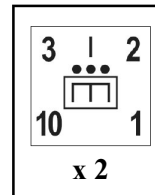


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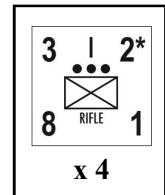


This battalion all mounted on bicycles.

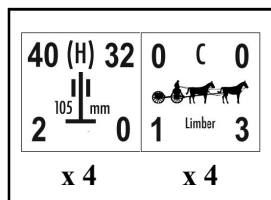
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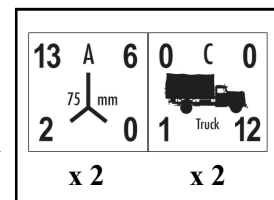
59th Ersatz Battalion



159th Artillery Battalion



159th Pzgr Battalion



The 59th Division had been battered in the retreat across France and the defense of western Holland. It was able to escape entrapment, along with much of the 15th Army, and was being moved east by train, with the forward elements arriving in Best and most of the rest detraining in Boxtel the day before the surprise airborne landing by the 101st just a few miles east of there. The presence of a portion of this division in Best was a surprise to the 101st, who thought the town was largely undefended.

Over the next several days, the 59th acted as a thorn in the 101st plans but was only ever committed piecemeal on any attack. On Day 4, part of the division was involved in an attack attempting to cut the XXX Corps route at Veghel. Although the assault on the town failed, the highway to the north and south was temporarily cut.