

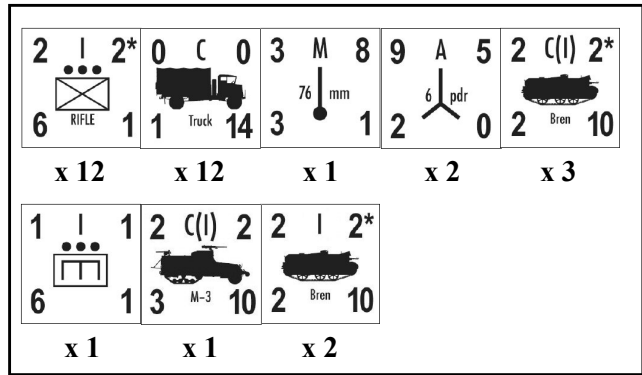


British 53rd Infantry Div. (Welch)

September, 1944

71st
Infantry
Brigade

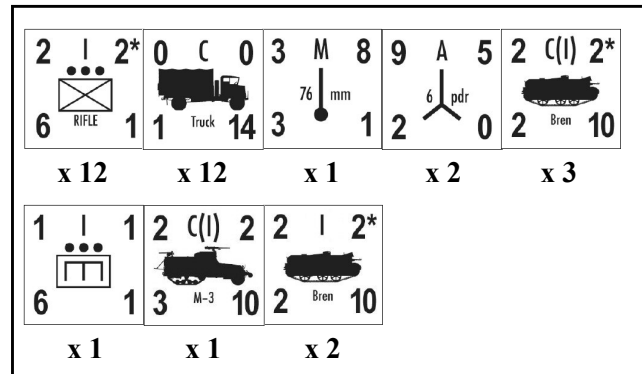
Infantry
Battalion
x 3



Infantry Battalions are the 1st Highland Light Infantry, the 1st Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry, and the 4th Royal Welch Fusiliers.

158th
Infantry
Brigade

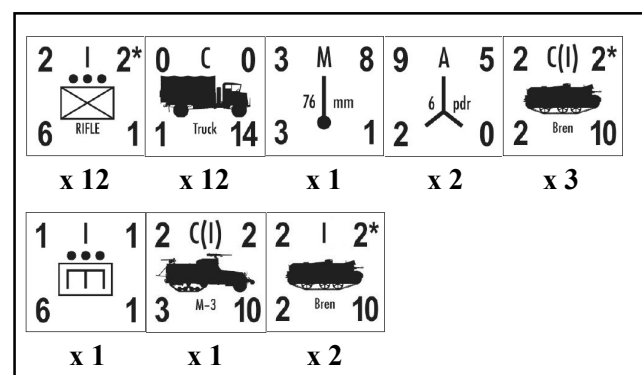
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Infantry Battalions are the 1/5 Welch Rtg, the 1st East Lancashire, and the 7th Royal Welch Fusiliers.

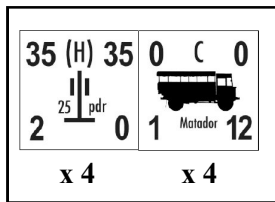
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Infantry
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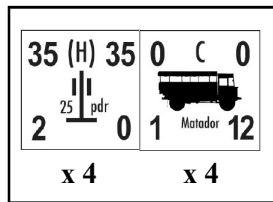


Infantry Battalions are the 2nd Monmouthshire, the 4th Welch, and the 6th Royal Welch Fusiliers.

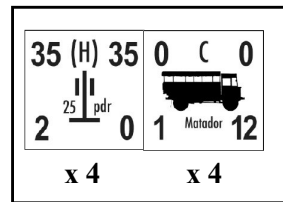
81st
Field
Regiment
Royal
Artillery



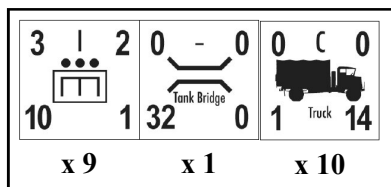
83rd
Field
Regiment
Royal
Artillery



133rd
Field
Regiment
Royal
Artillery





44, 282, 555
Field
Companies
Royal
Engineers




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1st
Machine Gun
Battalion
Manchester
Regiment

2 I 2*	10 M 17	2 I 2*
	107 mm	
4 M-G 1	2 0	2 Bren 10
x 9	x 4	x 13



71st
Anti-Tank
Regiment
Royal
Artillery

9 A 5	0 C 0
6 pdr	
2 0	1 Truck 14
x 12	x 12

53rd
Reece
Regiment

2 I 2*	3 M 8	9 A 5	2 I 2*	2 A 1	2 I 4	3 A 5
	76 mm	6 pdr				
6 RIFLE 1	3 1	2 0	2 Bren 10	2 LP Carrier 10	3 Humber SC 15	3 Daimler 16
x 3	x 1	x 2	x 6	x 6	x 3	x 3

116th
Light
Anti-Aircraft
Regiment

4 H 10	0 C 0	8 H 12
20 mm		
1 0	1 Truck 14	1 Morris C9B AA 12
x 3	x 3	x 6

The 53rd was mobilized on September 1, 1940 on the same day Germany invaded Poland as a 2nd Line division, duplicated from the 38th Welsh Division. After the fall of France, the division was sent to protect Northern Ireland from German invasion. In 1942, the 53rd was sent to southern England and on June 28, 1944, it was finally sent overseas to Normandy. The 53rd was heavily engaged in the fighting in France, suffering almost 4000 casualties by the end of August.

After the advance across France, the division was involved in Market-Garden as part of the XII Corps attack on the left flank of the advance.