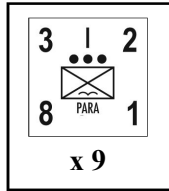


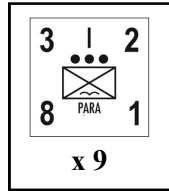
Kampfgruppe Walther

September 17, 1944

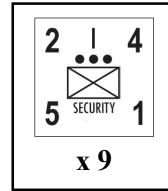
1st
Kerutt
Battalion



2nd
Stephan
Battalion

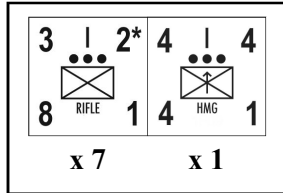


6th
Luftwaffe
Penal
Battalion

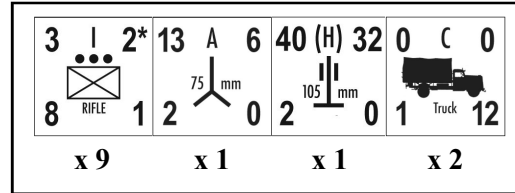


HQ and much of the rest of this battalion destroyed in the opening XXX Corps barrage.

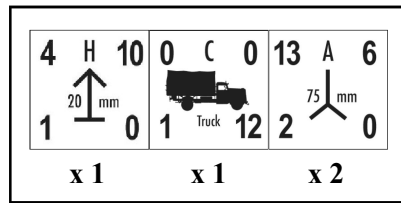
SS
Richter
Battalion



SS
Segler
Battalion

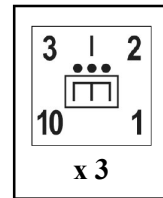


18th
Fallschirmjäger
Battalion

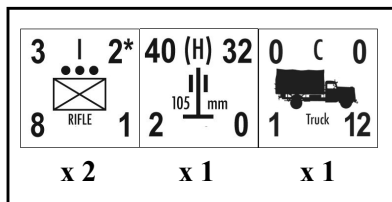


75 AT represent Russian 76.2mm guns firing German ammunition. This battalion was destroyed in the opening XXX Corps barrage.

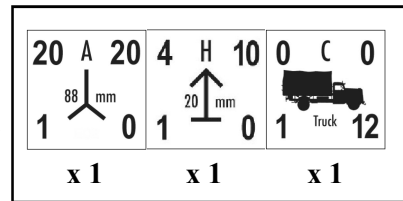
SS
Pioneer
Company



Artillery
Group
Krause



10th SS
Flak
Battalion



559th
Heavy
PJgr
Battalion



The retreat across France had left the German Army in the west broken and scattered. These formations constituted the initial front line at the border of Holland in the middle of September and consisted of a motley collection of units from the SS and regular German army organized into a Kampfgruppe and charged with defending the initial stretch of the XXX route to Eindhoven. This group suffered many casualties from the opening artillery barrage but recovered enough to limit the advance of the Irish Guards to the capture of Valkenswaard, only half the distance to the Day 1 goal of Eindhoven.