



AUSTRALIAN ARMY 1940-41

THE AUSTRALIAN RIFLE PLATOON

The Australian Imperial Forces was built again in 1940. They were sent and fought on the North Africa theater, with the British against the Axis forces. The A.I.F. were trained and equipped by the British army. After the Japanese attacks on the Australian homeland they were sent back to the mother country and started to be fought with the local militia, against the new enemy. This army rules represented the Australian situation in 1940 and 41 in North Africa and the first battles in the pacific.

All A.I.F. units were professional troops in North Africa and count as Regular troops. The Australian militia in New Guinea are green and counted: -6

AIF Platoon Force Rating

Regular: 0

Command Dice: 5

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS	
Lieutenant, Senior Leader, with pistol	
Sergeant, Senior Leader, with SMG	
2" MORTAR TEAM	
2" mortar with two crew	
BOYS AT RIFLE TEAM	
Boys AT rifle with two crew	
SECTION ONE TO THREE	
Corporal, Junior Leader, with Thompson SMG or rifle	
LMG TEAM	RIFLE TEAM
Bren gun with three crew	Six riflemen

Special Rules:

All Australian troops are stubborn.

AUSTRALIAN SUPPORT LIST
LIST ONE
Medical Orderly
Engineer Mine Clearance Team, 3 men
Engineer Wire Cutting Team, 3 men
Engineer Demolition Team, 3 men
Adjutant
Minefield
Roadblock
Barbed Wire
Entrenchments for one Team
Add a second LMG to a gun group, or add a shot gun and a Jungle Carbine to one Team
LIST TWO
Boys AT rifle Team, 2 men
2" mortar Team, 2 men
Pre-Game Barrage
LIST THREE
Universal Carrier with Team and <i>Junior Leader</i>
Engineer Flamethrower Team, 3 men
Sniper Team
Dingo Scout Car with <i>Junior Leader</i>
LIST FOUR
Engineer Section with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Regular Infantry Section with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Forward Observer and 3" mortar battery
40mm Bofors Gun, 5 crew with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Regular Vickers MMG on tripod mount, 5 crew
37mm Bofors Anti-Tank gun with five crew and <i>Junior Leader</i>
2 pounder Anti-Tank gun with five crew and <i>Junior Leader</i>
Staghound with <i>Junior Leader</i>
LIST FIVE
M3 Stuart Light Tank with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Matilda Mk II with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Recce Section of two Universal Carriers, three crew each. <i>One Junior Leader</i>
LIST SIX
M3 Lee with <i>Junior Leader</i>

Most of the support options on the list will be self-explanatory and their qualities covered by the National Arsenal Table.



2" MORTAR TEAM

The 2" mortar has only three rounds of High Explosive ammunition, the rest being all smoke rounds. It has no theoretical minimum range, but at under 12" the crew would normally use their rifles for reasons of their own safety. However, if using a 2" mortar to fire on a target under 12" roll a D6 for each hit achieved. On a roll of 3 to 6, the shrapnel from the round has hit the target *Unit*, the enemy will dice for the Hit Effect as normal. On a roll of 1 or 2, the shrapnel from the round has hit the mortar *Team*, they must roll for the Hit Effect on Table 6.

SINGLE UNIVERSAL CARRIER

This has a crew of three men armed with a Bren Gun **OR** Boys anti-tank rifle and a *Junior Leader*.

UNIVERSAL CARRIER RECONNAISSANCE SECTION

Two Universal carriers commanded by a single *Junior Leader*. These have a three-man crew in each armed with a Bren, a Boys Anti-Tank rifle or a 2" mortar.

3" MORTARS WITH FOO

With just two mortars present in the battalion, an Australian mortar bombardment covers a square area 10" by 10" with the aiming point at the centre.

THE AUSTRALIAN ARSENAL TABLE

The Arsenal Table covers a wide range of Australian support options. For infantry weapons and some armoured vehicle armament see *The Master Arsenal Table*. The Australian use the British national characteristics as listed below, and additionally they are stubborn.

FIVE ROUNDS RAPID!

The Australian soldier is taught to love his rifle and the mantra that delivery of fast, accurate fire is the key to success. When a Leader is attached to a rifle Team and uses two or more Command Initiatives to activate that Team, he may add that many D6 to the Team's firing dice to reflect his controlling their rapid fire.

CONCENTRATED FIRE

The Bren gun was a reliable and popular weapon, but in truth it was too accurate to be an ideal light support weapon. As a result, the Australians used its accuracy to good effect by concentrating their fire on a specific target and, effectively, sniping with the light machine gun.

When a Leader is attached to a Bren Team and uses two Command Initiatives, the Team may focus their fire against one enemy Team, even when other Teams are present within 4" of the target.

STUBBORN TROOPS

This is a new rating in Chain of Command. Stubborn troops in Close Combat ignore any Shock inflicted **during combat**, i.e. they do not ignore Shock inflicted prior to combat.



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TANKS					
VEHICLE	ARMOUR	A.P.	H.E.	SPEED	NOTES
M3 Stuart Light Tank	4	5	3	FAST	-
A12 Matilda II	7	5	1	SLOW	No Hull MMG
M3 Lee Tank	5	5 - 7	3 - 6	AVERAGE	Ratings for Turret and Hull
CARRIER & HALFTRACKS					
VEHICLE	ARMOUR	A.P.	H.E.	SPEED	NOTES
Universal Carrier	2	-	-	FAST	Low profile, smal
SCOUT, RECONNAISSANCE & ARMoured VEHICLE					
VEHICLE	ARMOUR	A.P.	H.E.	SPEED	NOTES
Dingo Scout Car	2	0	MG	WHEELED	Single MG
Staghound	3	5	3	WHEELED	-
ANTI - TANK GUNS					
ANTI - TANK WEAPONS	A.P.		H.E.		NOTES
40mm AA Bofors Gun	5		6		-
37mm Anti-Tank gun	5		3		-
2 Pounder Anti-Tank gun	5		1		-
Boys AT rifle	3		1		-
INFANTRY WEAPONS					
WEAPON	FIRE POWER	CLOSE	EFFECTIVE	NOTES	
Jungle carbine	1	0 - 12"	13 - 48"	Re-roll any 1's	
Shot Gun	2	0 - 6"	7 - 18"	Re-roll any 1's	

