



GERMAN SECURITY PLATOON

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Landesschützen security platoons

Once it became clear that the conquest of the USSR would be a long slog, the Wehrmacht began to organise for a long-term occupation. Part of that was combatting the increasingly well-organised partisans in the army's rear areas.

Security divisions were raised. Often, they were equipped using captured enemy weapons, and training and discipline were highly variable.

Platoon Force Rating

Green: -6

Command Dice: 4 plus phase dice

Platoon Headquarters

Leutnant, *Senior Leader*, with pistol

Squads One and Two

Obergefreiter, *Junior Leader*, with rifle

LMG Team

MG26(t) or 30(t) LMG, 2 crew. 1 rifleman

Rifle Team

5 riflemen

Squads Three and Four

Obergefreiter, *Junior Leader*, with rifle

8 riflemen



Many security units had older recruits armed with different weapons from front-line units

GERMAN SECURITY PLATOON SUPPORT LIST

List One

Satchel charge
Car or truck
Medic
Adjutant
Minefield
Barbed wire
Single Panzerfaust (from '44 onwards)
Pioneer demolition team
Pioneer wire clearing team
Entrenchments for one team

List Two

Roadblock
5cm Mortar team, 2 men
Anti-tank rifle team, 2 men
Panzerknacker team, 4 men
Upgrade all LMGs to MG34
SMGs for all squad leaders and platoon commander
Sniper team
Pre-game Barrage
Green Motorcycle route security team

List Three

Green squad with LMG
SdKfz 221 (MG)
Flak 30 or 38 2cm AA gun, 5 crew plus JL
Green MG34 SFMG, 5 crew
Pak 36 AT gun, 5 crew plus JL

List Four

Pioneer engineering squad
Forward observer with 8cm mortar battery
le.IG18 Infantry gun, 5 crew plus JL
T-26 M1933 Beutepanzer
SdKfz 221 (sPzB41)

List Five

Somua S35 Beutepanzer
BT-7 Beutepanzer
SdKfz 222

NOTES:

Troop Quality

All troops and vehicles are green.

The platoon rolls four command dice, plus one “phase dice”. Use a different coloured dice for this. Only 5s and 6s on this dice are counted.

Motorcycle Security Team

Three men mounted on one motorcycle with sidecar. Consists of 1x MG34 with three crew

Panzerknacker Team

As per the main rulebook. Four men with three charges, three smoke grenades and one MG34. This is an “anti-tank weapons team”, to use any of the weapons including the LMG against non-vehicle targets requires a command from an SL as per 9.3.1

National Characteristics

Use the standard German rules from the rulebook: “Machinengewehr” and “Handgranaten!”

MG26(t) and MG30(t)

The German names for the Czech-built ZB 26 and ZB 30 light machine guns, these were the guns the British Bren were based on. Produced in large numbers from the captured Brno factory, many SS and security units were equipped with them, as MG34s and 42s were prioritised for front-line units.



They are a mag-fed LMG, but do not use the Bren “concentrated fire” special rule, instead benefitting from the German “maschinengewehr” rule, as this represents the tactical emphasis of the training rather than the technical aspects of the weapon.