

# Late War Hungarians (Hungary 1944-45)

By the late part of the war, the Hungarian Army had undertaken a number of reforms, based on the lessons learns from its 1943 humiliation in Russia.

Whilst outnumbered, the Hungarians benefit from access to some German armour, and their own weapons development has started to bear fruit.

# THE PUSKAS (RIFLE) PLATOON

A Regular force could represent the majority of the Royal Hungarian Army, including the Border Guards. A Green force may represent militia levy or defenders of the Budapest pocket.

#### PLATOON FORCE RATING:

Regular: 0 Green: -5

Command Dice: 5 for Regular, 4 for Green

# **PLATOON HEADQUARTERS**

Hadnagy (2<sup>nd</sup> Lt), Senior Leader with pistol

Főtörzsőrmester (Platoon Sergeant), Senior Leader with Danuvia SMG

# **SQUADS ONE TO THREE**

Tizedes (Corporal), Junior Leader with Danuvia SMG

| Dalluvia Sivid      |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| LMG TEAM            | RIFLE TEAM     |
| 31M Solothum        | 5 riflemen     |
| Golyószóro LMG with | 1 man with SMG |
| 2 crew              |                |
| 2 riflemen          |                |

# **HUNGARIAN SUPPORT LIST**

#### LIST ONE

Barbed wire

Entrenchments for one *Team* 

Kubelwagen, no gun or crew

**Medical Orderly** 

Minefield

Single Compound Charge or similar

Two Panzerfausts, for one Squad

Utász (Engineer) Demolition Team, 3 men

Utász (Engineer) Mine Clearance *Team*, 3 men

Utász (Engineer) Wire Cutting *Team*, 3 men

# **LIST TWO**

20mm 36M Solothum Anti-Tank rifle *Team*, 2 crew

44M Kézi Páncéltörő Veto (60mm

Panzerschreck) *Team*, 2 crew

50mm 39M Gránátveto mortar *Team*, 2 crew

Pre-game barrage

Roadblock

# LIST THREE

35M Fiat Ansaldo Tankette with *Junior Leader* 37mm 36M (PaK 36) Anti-Tank gun with *Junior* 

38M Toldi I or II with *Junior Leader* 

47mm 36M (FRC 1931) Anti-Tank gun with 5 crew and *Junior Leader* 

Flamethrower Team, 3 men

Sniper *Team* 

#### **LIST FOUR**

37mm 36M (PaK 36) Anti-Tank gun with Stielgranate ammo, 5 crew and *Junior Leader* 

38M Toldi IIa with Junior Leader

39M Csaba Armoured Car with Junior Leader

40M Turán I with Junior Leader

40mm 36M Bofors AA gun with 5 crew and

Junior Leader

50mm 38M (PaK 38) Anti-Tank gun with 5 crew and *Junior Leader* 

Forward Observer and 81mm mortar battery

Regular infantry squad with Junior Leader

Schwarzlose 7/31M MMG with 5 crew

Utász (Engineer) Squad with Junior Leader

#### **LIST FIVE**

40M Nimród AA with Junior Leader

44M Buzogányvető "Mace thrower" with 3 crew

75mm 40M (PaK 40) Anti-Tank gun with 5 crew and *Junior Leader* 

# **LIST SIX**

80mm L45 M29/38 AA gun with 5 crew and *Junior Leader* 

#### **LIST SEVEN**

41M Turán II with Junior Leader

#### **LIST EIGHT**

Panzer IV H with Junior Leader

Panzerjäger 38t Hetzer with Junior Leader

StuG III Ausf G with Junior Leader

#### LIST NINE

40/43M Zrínyi II with Junior Leader

#### LIST TEN

Panzer V Panther with *Junior Leader* 

Panzer VI Tiger I with Junior Leader

# **HUNGARIAN NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS**

#### **ELITE OFFICERS**

The Hungarian Army had highly trained officers, backed by the cultural and military heritage of being the bulwark of Christendom against invasions from the East for many hundreds of years.

To represent this, when an officer uses two command initiatives to remove shock from a *Team* that they are attached to, they may choose to remove an additional point.

# **SONS OF THE HUSSARS**

The mounted Hussars were considered reckless, almost fearless warriors, renowned for harassing enemy skirmishers and overrunning artillery positions. These traditions have been inherited by the Hungarian armoured formations, with aggression and bravery making up for any deficit in technology.

To represent this, some vehicles benefit from extra movement when moving 'flat-out'. Average speed vehicles must move a total of 1" extra (not per die), and Fast vehicles, a total of 2" extra.

#### **SUPPORT OPTIONS**

### **MACE THROWER**

A dual rocket-propelled, shaped charge launcher, typically mounted on captured Soviet wheeled machine gun mounts. Its translation is approximately "mace thrower".

It can fire two types of warhead, the "Buzogány" (mace) anti-tank round that could penetrate 300mm of armour, and the "Zápor" (shower, rainfall) anti-personnel round. Maximum range is 2,000m, though effective range is capped at around 1,200m.

It has a crew of three, but does not have a gun shield. It suffers from back-blast and has limited ammunition (three), but may re-supply from a friendly *Jump-Off* point.

#### **50MM MORTAR TEAM**

The 50mm mortar has no smoke rounds and only fires High Explosive ammunition. It has a minimum range of 12", but closer than that the crew may use their rifles.

# Hungarian Arsenal

| ARMOURED VEHICLES  |        |      |      |         |                              |              |
|--------------------|--------|------|------|---------|------------------------------|--------------|
| VEHICLE            | ARMOUR | A.P. | H.E. | SPEED   | Notes                        | SUPPORT LIST |
| 35M Fiat Ansaldo   | 3      | -    | 4    | Average | Twin MG, Small, Low profile, | 3            |
|                    |        |      |      |         | No turret                    |              |
| 38M Toldi I        | 3      | 3    | 1    | Fast    | Co-ax MG only                | 3            |
| 38M Toldi II       | 4      | 3    | 1    | Fast    | Co-ax MG only                | 3            |
| 38M Toldi IIa      | 4      | 4    | 2    | Fast    | Co-ax MG only                | 4            |
| 40/43M Zrínyi II   | 7      | 8    | 10   | Average | Top MG only                  | 9            |
| 40M Nimród AA      | 4      | 5    | 7    | Fast    | Open top                     | 5            |
| 40M Turán I        | 5      | 4    | 2    | Fast    | Hull and co-ax MG            | 4            |
| 41M Turán II       | 5      | 7    | 6    | Fast    | Hull and co-ax MG            | 7            |
| Hetzer             | 7      | 9    | 5    | Average | Hull MG only, Low profile    | 8            |
| Panzer IV H        | 7      | 9    | 5    | Average | Hull and co-ax MG            | 8            |
| Panzer V Panther A | 9      | 12   | 5    | Fast    | Hull and co-ax MG            | 10           |
| Panzer VI Tiger I  | 8      | 12   | 7    | Slow    | Hull and co-ax MG, Slow      | 10           |
|                    |        |      |      | _       | turret, Heavy armour         |              |
| StuG III Ausf G    | 7      | 9    | 5    | Average | Top MG only, Low profile     | 8            |

| Scout & Armoured Cars |   |   |   |         |                |   |
|-----------------------|---|---|---|---------|----------------|---|
| VEHICLE               | ARMOUR A.P. H.E. SPEED NOTES SUPPORT LI |   |   |         | SUPPORT LIST   |   |
| 39M Csaba             | 2                                       | 3 | 4 | Average | Turret MG only | 4 |

| Anti-Tank Guns                                  |      |      |              |  |  |  |
|---|------|------|--------------|--|--|--|
| Anti-Tank Weapons                               | A.P. | H.E. | SUPPORT LIST |  |  |  |
| 20mm 36M Solothum AT rifle                      | 3    | 1    | 2            |  |  |  |
| 37mm 36M (PaK 36) AT gun                        | 5    | 3    | 3            |  |  |  |
| 37mm 36M (PaK 36) AT gun with Stielgranate ammo | 7    | 3    | 4            |  |  |  |
| 40mm 36M Bofors AA gun                          | 5    | 7    | 4            |  |  |  |
| 47mm 36M (FRC 1931) AT gun                      | 5    | 4    | 3            |  |  |  |
| 50mm 38M (PaK 38) AT gun                        | 7    | 4    | 4            |  |  |  |
| 75mm 40M (PaK 40) AT gun                        | 9    | 5    | 5            |  |  |  |
| 80mm L45 M29/38 AA gun                          | 10   | 7    | 6            |  |  |  |

| Infantry Anti-Tank Weapons |      |      |       |        |        |      |  |
|----------------------------|------|------|-------|--------|--------|------|--|
| WEAPON                     | 0-6" | 6-9" | 9-18" | 18-24" | 24-48" | H.E. |  |
| Panzerfaust 30/patrone     | 11   | 11   | -     | -      | -      | 2    |  |
| Panzerfaust 60             | 11   |      | 11    | -      | -      | 2    |  |
| Panzerfaust 100            | 11   |      |       | 11     | -      | 2    |  |
| 44M Kézi Páncéltörő Veto   | 7    |      |       | 7      | 7      | 2    |  |
| (60mm Panzerschreck)       |      |      |       |        |        |      |  |
| 44M Mace Thrower           | 14   |      |       | 14     | 14     | 5    |  |