1.1 INTRO

This is an excerpt from my Serafimovich campaign showing some of the forces involved in the Stalingrad area in 1942. They're as accurate as I can make them although I'm always looking for more hard info.

Any questions – ping me on FB or on the TFL CoC forum under the name Sackatatties.

THE FORCES INVOLVED

ELEMENTS OF THE ITALIAN CELERE DIVISION

The Italians use a Bersaglieri company (with 3 Platoons) from the 3rd Bersaglieri Regiment of the Celere division. This is used throughout the campaign. The Celere also had support from the attached German 578th Infantry Regiment. To reflect this the Italian player has the option to substitute one Italian platoon for a German Infantry platoon at the start of the campaign (see 5.2).



ITALIAN ARMIR 3RD BERSAGLIERI (Russia - August 1942)



Italy began the Second World War with 12 Bersaglieri regiments of three battalions each. Over the preceding years

the Army had resisted suggestions to dilute their quality, and recruits continued to be of above-average size and stamina, endured intense physical training and had to qualify as marksmen. 3rd Bersaglieri was part of the 3rd Motorcycle Division *Armedio Duca d'Aosta* and served on the Russian front from August 1941 until it was all but destroyed in December 1942.

The Italians have 1 motorcycle and 2 Bersaglieri platoons for this campaign. The same platoon may not be used in consecutive battles.

The Italian forces may substitute a single German Platoon from the 578th Infantry Regiment for one of the Bersaglieri platoons at the start of the campaign.

National Characteristics

SAVOIA!

The battle cry of the House of Savoy was the signal to hurl grenades and assault the enemy. To reflect this, when a Senior Leader attached to a Team or Squad uses two Command Initiatives, he may lead a charge against any enemy within 12" preceded by a hail of grenades. Roll 1D6,

subtracting 1 if the enemy is in light cover, 2 if in hard cover. On a roll of 1 or 2, one hand grenade has hit the target unit; on 3 or 4, two grenades hit; on 5 or 6, three grenades hit the target. Roll for the effect of these and the Team or Squad may then move with up to 3D6 to try to initiative Close Combat.

GRUPPO MITRAGLIATORI

It was Italian tactical doctrine that the *Commandante di Squadra*, the Squad *Sergente*, regulate the control of the machine gun group. Whenever the Sergente uses 2 Command Initiatives to activate the LMG team to shoot, 1 firepower die is added for each CI spent.

SUPERIOR REGULARS

Bersaglieri of the ARMIR are rated as Superior Regulars which means whenever a single 6 is rolled on the command dice a pip is added to the CoC die.

MOTOR TRANSPORTABLE PLATOON [66]

Force Rating: Regulars: -3; Superior Regulars: -1

Command Dice: 5

| BERSAGLIERI AUTOPORTATI PLATONE | | | | | |
|---|------------|--|--|--|--|
| HEADQUARTERS | | | | | |
| Tenente, <i>Senior Leader</i> , with Pistol | | | | | |
| SQUADRAS ONE TO THREE | | | | | |
| Sergente, <i>Junior Leader,</i> with Rifle | | | | | |
| BREDA 30 TEAM RIFLE TEAM | | | | | |
| LMG 3 crew, | | | | | |
| 1 Rifleman | 7 Riflemen | | | | |

MOTORCYCLE PLATOON [69]

Force Rating: Regulars: -3; Superior Regulars: -1

Command Dice: 5

| BERSAGLIERI MOTOCICLISTI PLATONE | | | | |
|--|-------------------|--|--|--|
| HEADQUARTERS | | | | |
| Tenente, Senior Leader, with Pistol | | | | |
| SQUADRAS ONE TO FOUR | | | | |
| Sergente, <i>Junior Leader,</i> with Rifle | | | | |
| BREDA 30 TEAM RIFLE TEAM | | | | |
| LMG 3 crew | 3 crew 4 Riflemen | | | |

Motorcycles

When deployed dismounted, troops are placed on-table without their motorcycles. For each dismounted motorcycle squad in your force you roll 1d6 before the Patrol Phase begins. On a score of 4 to 6 you gain one free Patrol Phase move with any of your markers. This is in addition to any scenario-specific rules regards bonus patrol moves, however, a force may never have more than six free patrol phase moves.

Mounted motorcycle troops use the following rules:

- Mounting or dismounting requires one complete Normal Move action - no shooting allowed;
- 2) Motorcycle move like infantry adding 2" per D6 used. They may not move tactically if mounted!
- When firing at mounted m/c riders count them as Green targets for effect (regardless of their actual quality);
- 4) Mounted motorcycle troops may not initiate close combat;
- 5) If moving 'At The Double' or after any Close Combat, each motorcycle team takes two Shock when mounted;
- 6) Motorcycles roll 4 Dice for moving at the double when mounted.

SUPPORT LIST

| 3011 OK1 El31 | |
|--|--|
| ITALIAN SUPPORT LIST | |
| LIST ONE | |
| Satchel Charge | |
| Medical Orderly | |
| 2x Beretta SMGs (maximum 1 per section) | |
| Engineer Mine Clearance Team, 3 men | |
| Engineer Wire Cutting Team, 3 men | |
| Engineer Demolition Team, 3 men | |
| Minefield | |
| Barbed Wire | |
| Entrenchments for one Team or Section | |
| Adjutant | |
| Car, no crew | |

LIST TWO

Flamethrower Team, 2 crew

Brixia 45mm mortar Team, two crew

Pre-Game Barrage

Roadblock

LIST THREE

Solothurn 20mm ATR Team, three crew

Sniper Team

Cannone da 65/17 with five crew and a Junior Leader

Mitragliera Oerlikon da 20mm with 5 crew

M35 or M37 MMG on tripod mount, 5 crew

Fiat Ansaldo L3/35 with Junior Leader

LIST FOUR

Cannone da 47/32 with 5 crew and Junior Leader

Engineer Section with Junior Leader

Regular Bersaglieri squad with Junior Leader

Forward Observer and 81mm mortar battery

LIST FIVE

Scout Squad with Junior Leader

Autoblinda AB41 with Junior Leader

L6/40 with Junior Leader

Semovente 47/32 with Junior Leader

Cannone da 75/39 with 5 crew and Junior Leader

L3/35 Laflamme with Junior Leader

Transport only vehicles, such as the car are simply vehicles which come with no crew. Men need to be allocated to drive these.



1.1.1.1 Support choice restrictions

Items in **Red** may only be purchased once per scenario.

Items in **Blue** may only be purchased when defending on tables 4 and 5.

Normal scenario restrictions also apply.

SCOUT SQUAD

An Italian Scout squad is made up of one Junior Leader and twelve riflemen. A scout squad may move with 2D6 and then assume a Tactical stance when activated by a Leader using two Command Initiatives.

FLAMETHROWERS

The M35 and M40 infantry flamethrower teams are two men strong. The Italian flamethrower has a maximum range of 6". Italian flamethrower tanks have a maximum range of 12".

BRIXIA M35 45MM MORTAR

The Italian 45mm mortar is very accurate and as such adds +1 when firing at any target in line of sight. However, the mortar rounds have poor fragmentation and as a result do not reduce cover by one level. The Italian 45mm mortar has H.E. and smoke rounds available. However, only three smoke rounds may be fired by each mortar in any game.

TWIN MACHINE GUNS

The twin machine guns on Italian AFVs fire with a firepower factor of 8 to represent the enhanced firepower.

ITALIAN HAND GRENADES

Italian hand grenades depended on and impact the force of impact-based detonation system which proved unreliable in action. To reflect this, they roll with a -1 to hit their target. This does not affect the **SAVOIA!** rule.

Breda 30 LMG

Having the reputation of being 'the worst weapon of the war' the Breda LMG suffered from

multiple design deficiencies which affected its rate of fire and reliability. This LMG has a firepower rating of 5d rather than 6d.

REFERENCES

- "Manuale di regolamenti per i corsi di allievo ufficiale di complemento", Roma 1938-XVI gives the Bersglieri rifle platoon of 3 squads (each with 12 men and 1 LMG);
- 2) "Prima serie di aggiunte e varianti all'Addestramento della fanteria. Vol I " for the fusilier organization;
- 3) "Manuale per il graduato di fanteria e sue specialità and Nozioni di organica per i corsi allievi ufficiali di complement" for the Alpini;
- 4) Italian Armour in Russia:
 - a. III "San Giorgio" Fast Tank Group: from summer 1941 to spring 1942, 4 troops of 61 L3 tanks;
 - b. LXVII Armoured Bersaglieri
 Battalion: from spring 1942 to
 winter 1943, 2 companies of 31
 L6 tanks;
 - c. XIII/14° "Alessandria Light Motorcycle" Squadron: from spring 1942 to winter 1943, 2 troops of 19 47mm Semoventi.

| Italian Arsenal Table | | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|---------|------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| Armour | | | | | | | | | |
| Vehicle | Armour | A.P. | H.E. | Speed | Notes | | | | |
| L3/35 | 2 | - | MG | Average | Twin Hull MG, Small | | | | |
| | | | | | Small, Co-Ax MG, No | | | | |
| L3/35 Laflamme | 2 | Flame | Flame | Slow | Turret, Ronson | | | | |
| L6/40 | 3 | 4 | 6 | Average | Small, Co-ax MG | | | | |
| Autoblinda AB41 | 3 | 4 | 6 | Wheeled | Co-ax MG, Rear hull MG | | | | |
| Semovente 47/32 | 3 | 6 | 3 | Average | Small, no MG, Open top | | | | |
| | | Wea | pons | | | | | | |
| Weapon | A.P. | | H.E. | | | | | | |
| Cannone da 65/17 Field Gun | 3 | | 5 | | | | | | |
| Cannone da 47/32 AT Gun | 6 | | 4 | | | | | | |
| Cannone da 75/39 AT Gun | 8 | | 6 | | Pak 97/38 | | | | |
| Mitragliera Oerlikon da 20mm | 4 | | 6 | | | | | | |
| Solothurn Antitank rifle | 4 | | 1 | | | | | | |



ELEMENTS OF THE 154TH RIFLE DIVISION

The Soviets start with three 1942 Rifle Platoons. The same platoon cannot fight in contiguous battles. See 5.4.



The Soviet force represents a company from the 154th Rifle Division, 21st Army, under the command of Colonel Jakov Fokanov.

National Characteristics are the same as those listed in the main rule book for a Soviet Force: *Uhraaaah!*, *Wrath of the Gods* and *Razvedchiki*

WRATH OF THE GODS

The Soviet Army is unable to provide close artillery support for her forces during battle, but can prepare the way with an initial barrage of notable severity.

This affects the pre-game barrage support option for the soviets. Enemy *Units* attempting to deploy onto the table in the first *Turn* roll with a -1 on their dice (i.e. a unit requires a 5 or a 6 to deploy rather than 4,5,6).

UHRAAAAH!

As the Red Army infantry closed with the enemy supported by MMG's and tanks the last push would be made with an overwhelming assault. At their leader's command, the soldiers would charge the enemy, their bayonets fixed and their battle-cry rising over the battlefield. These wave attacks were effective when they caught the enemy by surprise or without proper support



weapons but many times they made little or no gain for terrible cost in men.

A Soviet Senior Leader may by using all his Command Initiatives order all the Squads and Teams within his Command Distance that haven't been activated yet in that Phase, to assault the enemy. Any troops so activated will move with 4D6 straight towards their chosen enemy, each squad dicing for its own movement.

They halve their Shock for the Movement purposes (rounding up). Any Squad or Squads which gets within 4" from enemy initiates Close Combat.

RAZVEDCHIKI

Soviet Scout *Teams* drawn from the sections can move with 1D6 or 2D6 and assume a *Tactical* stance at the end of their movement.

Standard Rifle Platoon

Rating: Green: -5, Regular: 0

Command Dice: 5 when Regular, 4 when

Green

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Leytenant, Senior Leader, with pistol

SQUADS ONE TO FOUR

Serzhant, Junior Leader, with SMG One LMG with three crew Seven riflemen

Note that it's debatable whether the infantry platoons ever reached a book strength of 4 squads or were more commonly made up of 3 squads. Therefore, the soviet player has the option of using 3 squads per platoon rather than 4. If this option is taken the ratings drop to:

Rating (3 Squads): Green: -7, Regular: -3.

The choice of green or regular and 3 or 4 squads per platoon is made before the campaign starts. The choice is then fixed for the duration of the campaign.

Support Options

| SOVIET SUPPORT LIST | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| LIST ONE | | | | | | |
| 2 x SVT-40 Semi-Automatic Rifles | | | | | | |
| Engineer Mine Clearance Team, 3 men | | | | | | |
| Engineer Wire Cutting Team, 3 men | | | | | | |
| Engineer Demolition Team, 3 men | | | | | | |
| Medic | | | | | | |
| Satchel charge | | | | | | |
| Minefield | | | | | | |
| Barbed Wire | | | | | | |
| Entrenchments for one Section or Weapon | | | | | | |
| Jeep, or amphibious car, no crew | | | | | | |
| Commissar or Adjutant | | | | | | |
| LIST TWO | | | | | | |
| Roadblock | | | | | | |
| RM38 50mm mortar Team, 3 men | | | | | | |
| Flamethrower Team of three men | | | | | | |
| PTRD AT rifle, 2 crew | | | | | | |
| Pre-Game Barrage | | | | | | |
| LIST THREE | | | | | | |
| Sniper Team | | | | | | |
| M1910 Maxim MMG, 5 crew | | | | | | |
| M1937 45mm anti-tank gun with 5 crew and | | | | | | |
| Junior Leader | | | | | | |
| LIST FOUR | | | | | | |
| DSHK 12.7 HMG with five crew | | | | | | |
| Engineer Squad with Junior Leader | | | | | | |
| Regular Infantry Squad with Junior Leader * | | | | | | |
| 76.2mm Infantry gun M1927 with five crew | | | | | | |
| and a Junior Leader | | | | | | |
| M42 45mm anti-tank gun with five crew and | | | | | | |
| Junior Leader | | | | | | |
| BA64 armoured car with Junior Leader | | | | | | |
| BA-6 or 10 armoured car with Junior Leader | | | | | | |
| T70 with Junior Leader | | | | | | |
| T26 with 45mm gun with Junior Leader | | | | | | |
| Valentine III with Junior Leader | | | | | | |
| Matilda II with Junior Leader | | | | | | |
| LIST FIVE | | | | | | |
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| LIST FIVE (Continued) | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| M3 Stuart with Junior Leader | | | | | |
| 57mm Zis 2 anti-tank gun, 5 crew | | | | | |
| T60 with Junior Leader | | | | | |
| BT-5 with Junior Leader | | | | | |
| BT-7 with Junior Leader | | | | | |
| BT-7A with Junior Leader | | | | | |
| LIST SEVEN | | | | | |
| M3 Grant with Junior Leader | | | | | |
| KV1s with Junior Leader | | | | | |
| T-34 M1940-41 76mm with Junior Leader | | | | | |
| LIST EIGHT | | | | | |
| KV1e with Junior Leader | | | | | |
| LIST TEN | | | | | |
| KV2 with Junior Leader | | | | | |

^{*} If a tank is selected as a support option, this may be a tank rider SMG squad.

Transport only vehicles, such as the car are simply vehicles which come with no crew. Remember, you will need to allocate men to drive these. These are as described in the main rules.

Support choice restrictions

Items in **Red** may only be purchased once per scenario.

Normal scenario restrictions also apply.

SVT-40 SEMI-AUTOMATIC RIFLES

There is much debate about the prevalence of these semi-automatic rifles in Soviet ranks. What is clear is that at the outbreak of Barbarossa the Red Army were partially through the process of re-equipping with this weapon. The outbreak of war saw that process end and the older but better known Mosin Nagant M1889/30 used as the standard weapon for most of the war.

To reflect the partial issue of the SVT-40 up to two men in each squad may be issued with these weapons. Men firing with these weapons dice as for normal bolt action rifles but re-roll any 1's rolled.

M39 50MM MORTAR

The Soviet 50mm light mortar is only equipped with H.E. ammunition and cannot fire smoke.

COMMISSAR

A Commissar may be deployed from a JoP on a CD roll of 3 and may be activated on a Command Dice roll of 5. If the player activates the Commissar, he does not increase his Chain of Command tally by one.

When activated a Commissar moves as normal. If attached to a squad he may move with that squad without being activated himself. He counts as two men for morale purposes when considering Shock levels and one man in any Close Combat. A Commissar does not fire or crew weapons.

In the desperate struggle to save the great Communist Revolution it may sometimes be necessary to make unpleasant sacrifices in order to defeat fascism. A Commissar may remove 1D6 points of Shock from a single *Squad* or *Team* by making an example of a backsliding revisionist traitor who is encouraging the promulgation of anti-revolutionary thoughts. To do this he will shoot dead one man in the squad. Roll a D6 to see how many points of shock are immediately removed from that squad. On a roll of 6 the man shot as an example will be the Squad Leader.

Alternatively, the soviet player can interpret the commissar's role as that of an Adjutant, as his main role was motivation and tended to be from company level rather than platoon level.

Either a Commissar OR an Adjutant can be used during the campaign. Not both.

Position of the 21st Army - August 1942



| Soviet Arsenal Table | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|--------|------|------|---------|---------------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Armoured Vehicles | | | | | | | | |
| Vehicle | Armour | A.P. | H.E. | Speed | Notes | | | |
| T26B | 3 | 5 | 4 | Average | No Hull MG, Rear MG | | | |
| BT5/BT7 | 3 | 5 | 4 | Fast | No Hull MG | | | |
| ВТ7А | 3 | 4 | 6 | Fast | No Hull MG | | | |
| T60 | 4 | 4 | 6 | Average | Low Profile, No Hull MG | | | |
| T70 | 5 | 5 | 4 | Average | Low Profile, No Hull MG | | | |
| T34 M1941 | 7 | 7 | 5 | Fast | | | | |
| KV1s | 8 | 7 | 5 | Average | Rear MG, Heavy Armour | | | |
| KV1e | 10 | 7 | 5 | Slow | Rear MG, Heavy Armour | | | |
| KV2 | 8 | 8 | 13 | Slow | Rear MG, Heavy Armour, Slow Turret | | | |
| BA6/BA10 | 3 | 5 | 4 | Wheeled | Small | | | |
| BA64 | 2 | - | MG | Wheeled | Small, No Hull MG, open turret. | | | |
| Valentine III | 6 | 5 | 1 | Slow | No Hull MG | | | |
| Matilda II | 7 | 5 | 1 | Slow | No Hull MG | | | |
| M3 Stuart | 4 | 5 | 3 | Fast | | | | |
| M3 Lee | 5 | 5/7 | 3/6 | Average | Turret/Hull | | | |
| | | | | | | | | |
| Weapon | A.P. | | H.E. | | | | | |
| M1927 76mm Infantry Gun | 4 | | 6 | | | | | |
| 45mm AT Gun M32, 37 and 38 | 5 | | 4 | | | | | |
| 45mm AT Gun M42 L66 | 6 | | 4 | | | | | |
| 57mm ZiS 2 AT Gun | 8 | | 4 | | | | | |
| PTRD Antitank rifle | 3 | | 1 | | | | | |

1.2 ALTERNATIVE RUSSIAN RIFLE PLATOON TO&E

The 04/200-216 platoon from March 1942 is used in the campaign.

However.....

The Soviet platoon organization was rather adhoc and chaotic in 1940–1942 when divisions were having to be replaced or rebuilt on a regular basis. In 1942 there were 4 different platoon organisations in use depending on when the Rifle Division was created. It wasn't until early 1943 when the divisional attrition rate had stabilized that an attempt was made to standardize the platoons throughout the Soviet Army.

As for how many of these were achieved in practice is anyone's guess. Records are scarce but I think it's safe to assume that the platoons never met these quotas (especially in hardware) until early 1943. The August 1942 organisation being the most representative for this campaign.

Differences between divisions continued to exist for the rest of the war but mostly at the higher level. Guards having extra MG and mortar support for example.

The following information is largely from Steven Zaloga's Companion to the Red Army 1939-45

From what I can surmise the platoon organisations were as follows:

1.2.1 September-1939: 04/20-38 **Rating:** Green: -3, Regular: +2

Command Dice: 5 Regular, 4 Green

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Leytenant, Senior Leader, with pistol

SQUADS ONE TO FOUR

Serzhant, Junior Leader, with Rifle One LMG with three crew Eleven riflemen

Note that the Rifle grenades quoted in some sources were from the pre-war TO&E.

1.2.2 Post Winter War: 04/100-18

Rating: Green: -5, Regular: 0

Command Dice: 5 when Regular, 4 when

Green

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Leytenant, Senior Leader, with pistol

MORTAR TEAM

50mm mortar, 4 crew

SQUADS ONE TO FOUR

Serzhant, Junior Leader, with Rifle One LMG with three crew Two Riflemen SVT 40s Six riflemen

1.2.3 April-1941: 04/400-17 **Rating:** Green: -3, Regular: +3

Command Dice: 5 when Regular, 4 when

Green

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Leytenant, Senior Leader, with pistol

MORTAR TEAM

50mm mortar, 4 crew

SQUADS ONE TO FOUR

Serzhant, Junior Leader, with SMG

1 SMG

Two LMGs with three crew

Three riflemen SVT 40s

Note that this was never achieved in practice being replaced by 04/600-616.

1.2.4 July-1941: 04/600-616 **Rating:** Green: -5, Regular: 0

Command Dice: 5 when Regular, 4 when

Green

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Leytenant, Senior Leader, with pistol

MORTAR TEAM

50mm mortar, 4 crew

SQUADS ONE & TWO

Serzhant, Junior Leader, with SMG One LMG with three crew Seven riflemen

SQUADS THREE & FOUR

Serzhant, Junior Leader, with SMG One SMG Nine riflemen

Note: only 2 out of 3 platoons had 50mm mortars.

1.2.5 December-1941: 04/750-769 **Rating:** Green: -4, Regular: +1

Command Dice: 5 when Regular, 4 when

Green

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Leytenant, Senior Leader, with pistol

MORTAR TEAM

50mm mortar, 4 crew

SQUADS ONE to THREE

Serzhant, Junior Leader, with SMG One LMG with three crew Seven riflemen

SQUAD FOUR

Serzhant, Junior Leader, with SMG One SMG Nine riflemen 1.2.6 March-1942: 04/200-216 **Rating:** Green: -5, Regular: 0

Command Dice: 5 when Regular, 4 when

Green

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Leytenant, Senior Leader, with pistol

SQUADS ONE to FOUR

Serzhant, Junior Leader, with SMG One LMG with three crew Seven riflemen

1.2.7 July-1942: 04/300-316 **Rating:** Green: -5, Regular: -1

Command Dice: 5 when Regular, 4 when

Green

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Leytenant, Senior Leader, with pistol

SQUADS ONE to FOUR

Serzhant, Junior Leader, with SMG One LMG with three crew

5 riflemen

1.2.8 December-1942: 04/550-562 **Rating:** Green: -3, Regular: +2

Command Dice: 5 when Regular, 4 when

Green

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Leytenant, Senior Leader, with pistol

HEAVY SQUADS ONE & TWO

Serzhant, Junior Leader, with SMG

Two LMG with three crew

Three riflemen SVT 40

One rifleman

SQUADS THREE & FOUR

Serzhant, Junior Leader, with SMG

One LMG with three crew

Four riflemen SVT 40

Three riflemen

1.2.9 August 1943: 04/550

Rating: Green: -7, Regular: -3

Command Dice: 5 when Regular, 4 when

Green

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Leytenant, Senior Leader, with pistol

SQUADS ONE to THREE

Serzhant, Junior Leader, with SMG One LMG with three crew

7 riflemen

July 1944: Baltic Front reduced to 10 man sections.

1.2.10 July 1944: 04/550 (Baltic Front)

Rating: Green: -7, Regular: -3

Command Dice: 5 when Regular, 4 when

Green

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Leytenant, Senior Leader, with pistol

SQUADS ONE to THREE

Serzhant, Junior Leader, with SMG

One LMG with three crew

6 riflemen

THE 578TH INFANTRY REGIMENT



The 578th Infantry Regiment was a Swabian unit formed near Lake Constance and had been operating in the Serafimovich area as part of the 4th Panzer

Army since June 1942. With the arrival of the Celere Division it was detached from the 305th Infantry Division and attached to the Italians. It continued to operate along with Celere until it was returned to the 305th on August 4, 1942. The sector was then occupied by the 3rd Battalion 208th Infantry Regiment belonging to the 79 Infantry Division.

The 578th suffered heavy losses in fighting for Serafimovich; HQ - Staff Group 78%; 13./IR 578: 60%; 14./IR 578: 62%; I./ IR 578: 45%; II./ IR 578: 38% III./ IR 578: 26%. It was disbanded in December 1942.

The Italian forces may replace one of their platoons with a German 1942 Infantry platoon at the start of the campaign. It uses the following platoon organization and support options.

INFANTRY PLATOON

This force makes up a 1942 Heer platoon for Operation Blue. This force is rated as *Regular*. National Characteristics are the same as those listed in the main rule book for a German Force: *Maschinengewehr* and *Handgranaten!*

Force Rating: Regular +0 Command Dice: 5

| Torce Nating. Regular 10 command Dice. 5 | | | | | |
|---|------------|--|--|--|--|
| PLATOON HEADQUARTERS | | | | | |
| Unterfeldwebel, Senior Leader, machine-pistol | | | | | |
| MORTAR TEAM | | | | | |
| le. GrW36 5cm Mortar Team, 3 men | | | | | |
| SQUADS ONE TO THREE | | | | | |
| Obergefreiter, Junior Leader, machine pistol. | | | | | |
| LMG TEAM | RIFLE TEAM | | | | |
| MG34 3 crew, 1 rifleman | 5 riflemen | | | | |
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| | GERMAN SUPPORT LIST |
|-------|--|
| | LIST ONE |
| One | Compound Charge |
| Med | ical Orderly |
| Engir | neer Mine Clearance Team, 3 men |
| Engir | neer Wire Cutting Team, 3 men |
| Engir | neer Demolition Team, 3 men |
| Mine | efield |
| Barb | ed Wire |
| Kube | elwagen (no crew, no weapon) |
| Entre | enchments for one Team/Section |
| Adju | |
| | LIST TWO |
| Road | lblock |
| Panz | erbusche 38/39 Team, two crew |
| Panz | erknacker Team, four men |
| Pre-0 | Game Barrage |
| Le. G | irW36 5cm Mortar Team, 3 men |
| Seni | or Leader |
| | LIST THREE |
| Pion | eer flamethrower Team, three men |
| Snipe | er Team |
| sPzB | 41 2.8cm heavy AT rifle and three |
| crew | |
| | z 221 or 223 with Junior Leader |
| | 4 on tripod mount with 5 crew |
| | 6 3.7cm anti-tank gun with 5 crew |
| | Junior Leader |
| Sakt | z 251/1A-C, no crew, MG34 mounted LIST FOUR |
| Dian | |
| | eer squad with Junior Leader |
| | IG with five crew and a Junior Leader |
| | vard Observer with 8cm mortar battery 8 5cm anti-tank gun with 5 crew |
| | Junior Leader |
| una s | LIST FIVE |
| Regu | llar Rifle squad with Junior Leader |
| | z 222 with Junior Leader |
| | 30 or Flak 38 2cm L55 AA gun with |
| | crew and Junior Leader |
| Panz | er 38(t) E-G with Junior Leader |
| | E-J with Junior Leader |

LIST FIVE (Continued)

Pz.IV D with Junior Leader

Pak 40 anti-tank gun with five crew and Junior Leader

LIST SIX

Panzer IV E-F1 with Junior Leader

StuG III A-E with Junior Leader

Marder II with Junior Leader

LIST EIGHT

sIG33 15cm IG with five crew and a Junior Leader

Support choice restrictions

Items in **Red** may only be purchased once per scenario.

Items in **Blue** may only be purchased when defending on table 4 and 5.

Normal scenario restrictions also apply.

Support Options

These are the same as in the core rulebook with the following exceptions:

50MM MORTAR TEAM

The 50mm mortar has only H.E. rounds; no smoke being provided. It has a minimum range of 12", but for targets closer than that the crew may use their rifles.

SATCHEL CHARGE

The satchel charge is shown on Table Seven, Hand-Held Anti-Tank Weapons. The charge may be used once by any Section on the table when commanded by the Senior Leader commanding the platoon who is, we assume, carrying it with him up to that point.

| Arsenal Table | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|
| Armoured Vehicles | | | | | | | | |
| Vehicle | Armour | A.P. | H.E. | Speed | Notes | | | |
| SdKfz 221 | 2 | - | MG | Wheeled | No Hull MG, open turret, small | | | |
| SdKfz 222 | 2 | 4 | 6 | Wheeled | No Hull MG, open turret, small | | | |
| Pz38(t) E-G | 5 | 5 | 3 | Average | | | | |
| StuG III A-E | 5 | 5 | 6 | Average | Low Profile, Exposed top MG | | | |
| Pz III E-F | 4 | 5 | 3 | Average | Twin Co-ax (FP8) | | | |
| Pz III G | 4 | 6 | 4 | Average | | | | |
| Pz III H-J | 5 | 6 | 4 | Average | | | | |
| Pz IV D | 4 | 5 | 6 | Average | | | | |
| Pz IV E-F1 | 5 | 5 | 6 | Average | | | | |
| Marder II | 3 | 9 | 5 | Average | Hull Pintel MG only, Open body | | | |
| SdKfz 250/251-1 | 2 | - | MG | Fast | Low profile, open body | | | |
| | , and a | Anti Tank V | Veapons | | | | | |
| Weapon | A.P. | | H.E. | | | | | |
| PaK 40 anti-tank gun | | 9 | | 5 | | | | |
| PaK 38 5cm anti-tank gun | 7 | | 4 | | | | | |
| PaK36 3.7cm anti-tank gun | 5 | | 3 | | | | | |
| le18. 7.5cm Infantry Gun | 4 | | 6 | | | | | |
| sIG33 15cm Infantry Gun | 8 | | 13 | | | | | |
| sPzB41 2.8cm heavy AT rifle | 5 | | 2 | | | | | |
| Panzerbusche 38/39 AT rifle | 3 | | 1 | | | | | |