

CHAIN OF COMMAND

ROMANIA 1941

THE INFANTRY PLATOON

The Romanian Infantry Platoon is large in terms of manpower but woefully underequipped for modern warfare, relying on captured enemy equipment for SMGs and anti-tank weapons. Falling naturally into the Allied camp, as they had been in the Great War, the Romanians found that an accident of geography pushed them into the Axis, especially once the Soviets invaded and seized Basarabia in 1939.

Romanian infantry count as Regular or Green.

PLATOON FORCE RATING:

Regular: +1

Green: -4

Command Dice: 5

PLATOON HEADQUARTERS	
Locotenant, <i>Senior Leader</i> , with pistol	
Sergeant Major, <i>Junior Leader</i> , with rifle	
RIFLE TEAM	
Three riflemen with sniper upgrade option (see List Two)	

SECTIONS ONE TO THREE		
Sergeant, <i>Junior Leader</i> , with rifle		
LMG TEAM	RIFLE TEAM	RIFLE TEAM
ZB M1930 or M1937 LMG Three crew Three riflemen	Five riflemen	Five riflemen

ROMANIAN SUPPORT LIST

LIST ONE

Satchel Charge
Two Molotov Cocktails
Sapper Mine Clearance <i>Team</i> , 3 men
Sapper Wire Cutting <i>Team</i> , 3 men
Sapper Demolition <i>Team</i> , 3 men
Minefield
Barbed Wire
Entrenchments for one <i>Team</i>
One captured PPD-40 SMG to allocate to a Leader
Captain Priest

LIST TWO

Roadblock
Motorcycle Reconnaissance <i>Team</i>
Upgrade Platoon HQ rifle <i>Team</i> to a Sniper <i>Team</i>
Sapper Tank Defence <i>Team</i> , 3 men

LIST THREE

AT gun with 5 crew and a <i>Junior Leader</i>
Schwarzlose M1907/192 MMG with five crew
Pre-Game barrage
60mm mortar team, four crew and a <i>Junior Leader</i>
Forward Observer <i>Team</i> with Brandt 81mm mortar battery off-table.

LIST FOUR

37mm Bofors AT Gun with 5 crew and a <i>Junior Leader</i>
40mm Bofors AA Gun with 5 crew and a <i>Junior Leader</i>
Renault R35 with <i>Junior Leader</i>
Regular Rifle section with <i>Junior Leader</i>

LIST FIVE

47mm L53 AT gun with 5 crew and a <i>Junior Leader</i>
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Most of the support options on the list will be self-explanatory and their qualities covered by the National Arsenal Table.

MOLOTOV COCKTAILS

In the absence of any proper anti-tank weapons, the Romanians relied on providing their own impromptu weapons for this task. If selected from List One these should be allocated to specific sections before the game

ROMANIAN NATIONAL CHARACTERISTICS

BASARABIA E ROMÂNIA!

The Romanians viewed the restoration of the province of Basarabia, taken from them by the Soviet Union in 1940, as a Holy Crusade and the conquest of the territory of Transnistria, including the port of Odessa, as the creating of a România Mare: a Greater Romania. During fighting in these regions the Romanians will add +2 to their Force Morale roll. When outside these areas they were less enthusiastic and will apply a -2 to the roll.

LEAD BY EXAMPLE

With a predominantly peasant soldiery and a small middle class from which to draw their junior officers, the Romanians were hide-bound by their lack of leadership and initiative within their corps of NCOs. To a degree this was a product of a long term military relationship with France where the system was dominated by an over-reliance on the junior officers making tactical decisions. To reflect this doctrinal embracement of the importance of central command, the Romanian Sergeant Major is rated as a Junior Leader, although he is able to influence any troops within the Platoon.

begins. If a Sapper Tank Defence Team is select from List Two this will be made up of three men, each with a single molotov cocktail and will operate as a Tank Hunter Team.

How the weapon works is detailed in Section 9.3.4, *Tank Hunters*.

MOTORCYCLE RECONNAISSANCE TEAM

The Romanians lack of armoured cars meant they relied heavily on motorcycles for reconnaissance duties, encouraging men owning such vehicles to serve with them. The reconnaissance *Team* here is made up of three men crewing a single ZB M1937 LMG with a Caporal *Junior Leader*. They are equipped with three motorcycles. Motorcycles operate as wheeled vehicles but re-roll any 1's rolled.

CAPTAIN PRIEST

With the rank and file made up of largely simple peasant folk, the presence of a Priest at the front could have a significant effect on the force morale. A force selecting a Captain Priest as a support option will be blessed before going into action and will add +1 to its Force Morale roll.

60MM MORTAR TEAM

The 60mm Brandt mortar has both smoke and H.E. rounds. It has a minimum range of 24" and no maximum range limit. At shorter ranges the crew can use their rifles.



THE ROMANIAN ARSENAL TABLE

The Arsenal Table below covers a wide range of Romanian support options. For Romanian infantry weapons see Table Four, *The Master Arsenal Table*

ROMANIAN ARSENAL TABLE					
ARMoured VEHICLES					
VEHICLE	ARMOUR	A.P.	H.E.	SPEED	NOTES
R-1	2	-	MG	Fast	
R-2	4	5	3	Slow	
Renault R35	5	3	3	Slow	No Hull MG
ANTI-TANK GUNS					
ANTI-TANK WEAPONS	A.P.		H.E.		
Bofors 37mm AT gun	5		3		
47mm L53 AT gun	6		4		
Bofors 40mm AA gun	5		6		

