WEHRMACHT PANZER DIVISION: 1947

GENERATION: II AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 25 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 30%

Motorized Company: 3x TL1 Infantry/Truck,

1x <u>TL1</u> Infantry Support/Truck, 1x 8cm GrW34 Mortar(1)/Truck

Motorized

Support Company: 1x 88mm PAK43/SdKfz7,

1x 120mm GrW42 Mortar(2)/Truck, 1x Waffentrager/37mm Flak

Grenadier Company: 3x TL1 Infantry/SdKfz351/1,

1x SdKfz351/9, 1x SdKfz351/2(1), 1x <u>TL1</u> Infantry Support/Sdkfz351

Armored

Support Company: 1x SdKfz351/22, 1x SdKfz351/9,

1x SdKfz351/21,

1x TL1 Engineer Infantry/SdKfz351

Panzer Company: 4x Tank

Motorized Battalion: 1x TL1 Infantry HQ/Truck,

3x Motorized Company,

1x Motorized Support Company

Grenadier Battalion: 1x TL1 Infantry HQ/SdKfz351,

3x Grenadier Company,

1x Armored Support Company

Panzer Battalion: 1x Tank(HQ), 4x Panzer Co.,

1x Tank[R], 1x FlakPanzer

Artillery Battalion: 2x 105mm "Wespe"(3),

1x 150mm "Hummel"(3)

Motorized Regiment: 1x TL1 Infantry HQ/Truck,

2x Motorized Battalion, 1x sIG33/Pz38t "Bison", 1x Kubelwagon[R]

Panzer Brigade: 1x <u>TL1</u> Infantry GHQ/SdKfz251,

1x Panzer Battalion,1x Grenadier Battalion

Available Support Units: (One or more of these units, or

parts thereof, may appear in a particular action at your

discretion.)

Engineer Company: 3x <u>TL1</u> Engineer Inf./SdKfz351/7,

1x SdKfz351/2(2)

Recon Company: 6x SdKfz 350/9

Recon Company: 4x SdKfz 234/1, 1x SdKfz 234/4

Anti-Tank Company: 3x 88mm PAK 43/Sd 7

Heavy

Panzer Company: 3 x Pz V "Panther II"

or Pz VIB "Tiger II" or 1x "Maus" or 1x E-100

Flak Company: 2x 88mm Flak 36/Sd 7,

2x Flakpanzer

- 1. Available "Tanks" include: StuG IIIG, Pz IVG, Pz V "Panther", Pz V "Panther II", JagdPanther V, and JPz 38t "Hetzer".
- 2. Available "FlakPanzers" include FlakPanther "Coelion", "Wirblewind", and "Kugelblitz".
- 3. The "planned" 1946/1947 Panzer Division consisted of 1x Panzer Brigade, 1x Grenadier Regiment, and 1x Artillery Battalion.

WEHRMACHT VOLKSGRENADIER DIVISION: 1947

GENERATION: II AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 25 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 30%

Infantry Company: 3x Infantry,

1x Medium Machinegun

Infantry Support Co.: 1x 81mm Mortar(3)/Limber,

3x Medium Machinegun

Mortar Company: 1x 120mm Mortar(3)/Limber

Fusilier Company: 3x Infantry/Truck,

1x 81mm Mortar(1)/Truck, 1x Medium Machinegun/Truck

Engineer Company: 3x Engineer/Truck,

1x 81mm Mortar(1)/Truck

Panzerjäger Co.: 2x 75mm PAK.40/Truck

Flak Company: 3x 37mm Flak.37/Truck

Infantry Battalion: 1x Infantry HQ,

3x Infantry Company,

1x Infantry Support Company

Fusilier Battalion: 1x Infantry HQ/Truck,

3x Fusilier Company

Field Artillery Bn.: 1x Infantry(B) HQ/Horses,

3x 105mm FH.18M(3)/Limber

Medium Artillery Bn.: 1x Infantry(B) HQ/Horses,

3x 150mm sFH.36(3)/Limber

Panzerjäger/Flak Bn.: 3x Panzerjäger Company,

1x Flak Company

Schutzen Regiment: 1x Infantry GHQ,

2x Infantry Battalion, 1x Mortar Company

Artillery Regiment: 3x Field Artillery Battalion,

1x Medium Artillery Battalion

Volksgrenadier Div.: 3x Schutzen Regiment,

1x Artillery Regiment,

1x Panzerjäger/Flak Battalion,

1x Fusilier Battalion,1x Engineer Company

Notes:

1. One Infantry stand per company may be equipped with a man-packed PAR 'Rötkappchen' or 'Rochen' ATGM team.

2. The Fusilier battalion was usually the most active unit in the division, regularly called upon for anti-partisan sweeps, keeping road, railroad, and communication lines safe and running, and generally maintaining an army 'presence' between garrisons.

Support From Corps and Army

To knit these primarily Infantry units together into an integrated defense system, it was necessary to provide heavyweight support elements. These would be located at strategic points where enemy penetrations could be expected to give the system the solid 'punch' necessary to contain and limit these penetrations as much as possible, and to provide the basis for local counterattacks designed to seal them off from vital centers of commerce and administration.

WEHRMACHT CORPS SUPPORT: 1947

GENERATION: II AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 25 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 30%

Assault Pioneer Co.: 3x Pioneer

Machinegun Co.: 3x MMG

MG Battalion

Anti-Tank Company: 3x 75mm PAK 40-41/Truck

Assault Gun Brigade

Motorized Company: 3x Infantry/Truck

Motorized Company: 3x Infantry/Truck

Heavy Anti-Tank Co.: 3x StuG.IIIG, StuG.IV,

JgdPz.IV/L70, "Nashorn", or

"Hetzer"

Light Flak Company: 2x 20mm Flak.38/Truck or Limber,

1x 20mm Flak.38 (Quad)/Truck or

Limber

Heavy Flak Co.: 3x 88mm Flak.36/SdKfz.7

Pioneer Battalion: 1x Pioneer HQ,

3x Pioneer Company

MG Battalion: 1x Infantry HQ/Truck,

3x Machinegun Company, 1x MG Battalion Anti-Tank Co.

Assault Gun Bn.: 2x StuG.IIIG, StuG.IV or

JgdPz.IV/L70,

1x 105mm StuH.42 or

gdPz.IV/L70

Heavy Anti-Tank Bn.: 1x StuG.IIIG HQ,

3x Heavy Anti-Tank Company

Light Artillery Bn.: 1x Infantry HQ/Truck,

3x 105mm leFH.18(3)/Tractor

Medium Artillery Bn.: 1x Infantry HQ/Truck,

2x 150mm sFH.18(3)/Tractor

Heavy Artillery Bn.: 1x Infantry HQ/Truck,

1x 170mm K.18(1+),

2x 210mm M.18(1+)/Tractor

Light Rocket Bn.: 1x Infantry HQ/SdKfz.251/6,

3x 150mm Nebelwerfer(3)/Tractor or 3x 150mm Panzerwerfer.42(3)/

Tractor

Medium Rocket Bn.: 1x Infantry HQ/Truck,

3x 210mm Nebelwerfer(3)/Truck

Heavy Rocket Bn.: 1x Infantry HQ/Truck,

3x 300mm SdKfz.251C "Stuka zu Fuss"(3)

or 3x 300mm MRL(3)/Truck

Light Flak Battalion: 3x Light Flak Company

Heavy Flak Battalion: 3x Heavy Flak Company

Assault Gun Brigade: 1x Infantry GHQ/Truck,

2x Assault Gun Battalion, 1x Motorized Company, 1x Engineer/Truck

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1. Wheeled, tracked, or rail transport would be provided as required.

2. Available Tractors included the "Raupenschlepper Ost", SdKfz.7, and SdKfz.11.

3. Transport would be held in transport 'pools' made up of independent Corps Truck and Tractor Battalions.

WEHRMACHT ARMY SUPPORT: 1947

GENERATION: II AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 25 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 30%

Engineer Company: 3xEngineer

Ski Company: 3x Infantry/Skis (Winter Only)

'Brandenburg'

Shock Company: 3x SMG Infantry[R]

Panzerjäger Co.: 3x 75mm PAK.40/41

Heavy PanzerJäger

Company: 3x 88mm PAK.43

Heavy Panzerjäger

Company: 3x JagTiger

Artillery Battery: 1x 170mm K.18(2) or 210mm M.18

Artillery Battery: 1x 240mm K.3(1)

(Railroad or Static)

Assault Gun Battery: 2x Brummbar or SturmTiger

Heavy Panzer Co.: 3x Pz.VIA "Tiger I"

or Pz.VIB "Tiger II"

Mortar Company: 1x Infantry HQ,

3x 120mm Mortar(2)

Static

Artillery Battery: 1x 240mm vz.16(3)

Static

Artillery Battery: 1x 305mm/L12 vz.16(2)

Static Mortar: 1x 420mm "Gamma" Mortar

Flak Platoon: 1x 105mm Flak.39

Flak Platoon: 1x 37mm Flak.43 or 20mm Flak.38

- 1. Wheeled, tracked, or rail transport would be provided as required.
- 2. Independent Army Truck and Tractor Battalions would be available to serve as transport 'pools'.
- 3. Pz.VIA "Tiger Is" and Pz.VIB "Tiger IIs" would never form "mixed" units.
- 4. Static artillery units would be those mounted in permanent concrete and steel 'forts' deployed around vital facilities.
- 5. Great emphasis was placed on provision for organic anti-aircraft assets at all levels. As the war progressed, ever increasing numbers of Allied fighter-bombers (P-47s, Hawker 'Typhoons', and Sturmoviks), manned by ever more competent pilots became a constant threat to German tactical operations. Though jet technology reduced the effectiveness of Allied strategic bombing, their ability to integrate close air support with ground forces forced the Germans to divert a good deal of firepower to air defense.

WAFFEN SS FIELD DIVISION: 1947

GENERATION: II AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 25 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 30%

Tank Company: 3x Tank

PzGrenadier Co.: 3x Infantry,

1x Close Support Art. Vehicle(1),

1x 120mm Mortar(1)

PzGrenadier

Support Company: 3x Medium MG/SdKFz.351/16,

1x 120mm Mortar(2), 1x PzJäger Platoon, 1x Flak Platoon

PzGrenadier

Engineer Company: 3x Engineer, 1x 120mm Mortar(2),

1x PanzerJäger Platoon

Recon Company: 6x Armored Recon Vehicle[R]

Fusilier Company: 4x Infantry[R],

1x Light PanzerJäger[R]

Fusilier Support

Company: 1x Close Support Art. Vehicle(1),

1x 120mm Mortar(2), 1x Flak Platoon

Panzerjäger Co.: 3x Tank Destroyer/Assault Gun

Heavy Flak Co.: 3x Heavy Flak Platoon

Light Flak Company: 3x Light Flak Platoon

Engineer Company: 3x Engineer, 1x 81mm Mortar(1)

Light Flak Platoon: 1x Light Flak Stand

Panzer Battalion: 1x Tank HQ, 3x Tank Co,

1x Tank[R], 1x Light Flak Platoon,

1x Engineer

Grenadier Battalion: 1x Infantry HQ, 3x Grenadier Co.,

1x Grenadier Support Company

SS Reconnaissance

Battalion: 1x Infantry HQ, 2x Recon Co.,

1x Fusilier Company,

1x Fusilier Support Company

Field Artillery Bn.: 1x Infantry HQ,

2x Field Artillery Battery(2),

1x Light Flak Platoon

Med. Artillery Bn.: 1x Infantry HQ,

2x Medium Artillery Battery(2), 1x Schwerer Field Kanone Bttry(2),

1x Light Flak Platoon

Panzerjäger Bn.: 3x PzJäger Company

Flak Battalion: 3x Heavy Flak Company

Engineer Battalion: 3x Engineer Company

Panzer Regiment: 1x Tank GHQ, 1x Tank[R],

3x Panzer Battalion, 2x Light Flak Platoon

Grenadier Regiment: 1x Infantry GHQ,

3x PzGrenadier Battalion,

3x Infantry Gun(1), 1x PzGrenadier Engineer Co.

Artillery Regiment: 1x Light Artillery Battalion,

1x Medium Artillery Battalion, 1x Self-Propelled Artillery Bn.

SS Panzer Division: 1x Panzer Regiment,

1x PzGrenadier Regiment, 1x Artillery Regiment,

1x Recon Battalion, 1x Flak Battalion,

1x PanzerJäger Battalion, 1x Engineer Battalion

SS Grenadier

Division: 2x Grenadier Regiment,

1x Artillery Regiment, 1x Reconnaissance Battalion,

2x PanzerJäger Battalion,

1x Flak Battalion, 1x Engineer Battalion

- 1. In Panzer and Grenadier Divisions, armored carriers and tracked transport would be provided for all troops as needed.
- 2. In Grenadier Divisions, the Panzerjäger Battalions would be distributed among the six Grenadier Battalions, at one company each.
- 3. A wide variety of weapons would be fielded in the SS Divisions as these came 'on line' (See 'New Technology' below).

SS CORPS SUPPORT: 1947

GENERATION: II AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 25 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 30%

Machinegun Co.: 3xMMG, 1x 81mm Mortar

Assault Gun Co.: 2x Assault Gun,

1x Assault Howitzer

Panzerjäger Co.: 3x Panzerjäger

Heavy Panzerjäger

Company: 3x Heavy Panzerjäger

Light Flak Company: 3x Light Flak

Heavy Flak Co.: 3x Heavy Flak

Heavy Tank Co.: 3x Heavy tank

MG Battalion: 1x Infantry(B) HQ/Truck,

3x Machinegun Company, 1x PanzerJäger Company

Assault Gun Bn.: 1x Assault Gun HQ,

3x Assault Gun Company

Heavy Panzer Bn.: 1x Tank HQ,

3x Heavy Tank Company,

1x Mobile Flak

Panzerjäger Battalion: 3x Panzerjäger Company

Heavy Panzerjäger

Battalion: 3x Heavy Panzerjäger Company

Field Artillery Bn.: 1x Infantry HQ,

3x Field Artillery Battery(2)

Medium Artillery Bn.: 1x Infantry HQ, 3x Medium

Artillery Battery(2)

Heavy Artillery Bn.: 1x Infantry HQ,

3x Heavy Artillery Battery(2)

Light Rocket Bn.: 1x Infantry HQ,

3x Light Multiple Rocket Bttry(3)

Med. Rocket Bn.: 1x Infantry HQ,

3x Med. Multiple Rocket Bttry(3)

Heavy Rocket Bn.: 1x Infantry HQ,

3x Hvy Multiple Rocket Bttry(3)

Light Flak Battalion: 3x Light Flak Company

Heavy Flak Battalion: 3x Heavy Flak Company

Assault Gun Brigade: 1x Assault Gun GHQ,

2x Assault Gun Battalion, 1x MG Company, 1x Engineer

- 1. The Wehrmacht did not form "mixed" Battalions if this could be avoided (for maintenance and logistics reasons).
- 2. All Corps and Army Support assets would be provided with rail, wheeled, or tracked transport as necessary.
- 3. SS Divisions would have organic transport assets. SS Corps transport would come from dedicated Transport Battalions.
- 4. Great emphasis was placed on provision for organic anti-aircraft assets at all levels. As the war progressed, ever increasing numbers of Allied fighter-bombers (P-47s, Hawker 'Typhoons', and Sturmoviks), manned by ever more competent pilots became a constant threat to German tactical operations. Though jet technology reduced the effectiveness of Allied strategic bombing, their ability to integrate close air support with ground forces forced the Germans to divert a good deal of firepower to air defense.

FRENCH NORTH AFRICAN/LEVANTINE MECHANIZED DIVISION: 1947

GENERATION: I AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 40 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 30%

Dragons Portés

Company: 3x Infantry/Carrier,

1x MMG/Carrier

Armored Car

Company: 4x Armored Car

Reconnaissance

Company: 4x Infantry[R]/Carrier

Antitank Company: 3x Anti-Tank Gun

Tank Company: 4x Tank

Engineer Company: 3x Engineer/Truck

Anti-Aircraft

Company: 1x Light Anti-Aircraft Gun/Porté

Dragons Portés

Regiment: 1x Infantry HQ/Carrier,

4x Mechanized Infantry Company,

1x Tank Company,

1x 81mm Mortar/Carrier

Armored Regiment: 1x Tank HQ,

4x Tank Company,

1x Mechanized Infantry Company

Anti-Tank Regiment: 3x Anti-Tank Company

Reconnaissance

Groupe: 2x Armored Car Company,

2x Reconnaissance Company

Artillery Regiment: 1x Infantry HQ/Truck or APC,

3x Artillery(2)/Truck or Tractor

Engineer Battalion: 3x Engineer Company

Mechanized Brigade: 1x Armored Regiment,

1x Dragons Portés Regiment,

1x Artillery Regiment

Mechanized Division: 3x Mechanized Brigade,

1x Reconnaissance Groupe,1x Anti-Tank Battalion,1x Engineer Battalion,1x Anti-Aircraft Company

- 1. The above Table of Organization and Equipment is based on that of French colonial forces in the Indo-China War and the French army associated with NATO during its early years.
- 2. French carriers during this period might include trucks, various German vehicles built on license, or perhaps early versions of the Hotchkiss TT6 (used by the *Bundeswehr* during the 1950s and 60s as the Spz.10).
- 3. French Armored Cars might include the excellent AMD.178 (especially the 'G' variant armed with the 47mm mle.37). This vehicle served well into the 1960s.
- 4. French Tanks might include Somua S.35s upgunned to 75mm, German Pz.V Panthers built on license, captured Soviet T.34s, or perhaps the highly advanced AMX.13/75 which entered production right after WWII and actually entered service as early as 1953.
- 5. French Anti-Tank guns might include various German or Soviet types in addition to other 'home-grown' varieties.
- 6. Anti-Aircraft weapons could include various German types, as well as the ubiquitous Bofors 40mm (used by virtually everybody).
- 7. Artillery might include Schneider Mle.13s or other 105mm types (with various improvements).

US ARMOURED DIVISION: 1946

GENERATION: II AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 90 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 35%

Arm. Infantry Co.: 3x TL1 Infantry/M39,

1x TL1 Support(A),

1x 75mm M20 RcR/Jeep

Support Company: 1x 81mm M21(1+),

1x TL1 Support(A),

1x 105mm M7 "Priest"(1+),

1x Jeep/HMG[R]

Engineer Company: 3x <u>TL1</u> Engineer(A)/M39

Light Tank Company: 4x M24 Chaffee

Medium Tank Co.: 4x M4A3E8 Sherman "Easy-Eight"

Heavy Tank Co.: 4x M26E4 Pershing

Cavalry Troop[R]: 3x M8 Greyhound Armored Car,

4x Jeep/HMG

Tank Destroyer Co.: 3x M36 Slugger/Jackson,

2x TL1 Infantry(R)/M39

Arm. Infantry Bn.: 1x TL1 Infantry HQ/M39,

3x Armored Infantry Company,

1x Support Company

Engineer Battalion: 3x Engineer Company

Medium Tank Bn.: 1x M4A3E8 (HQ),

3x Medium Tank Company,

1x Light. Tank Company, 1x 105mm M4A3(1+), 1x 81mm M21(1+),

1x Jeep/HMG[R]

Heavy Tank Bn.: 1x M26E4 (HQ),

3x Heavy Tank Company,

1x Light Tank Company, 1x 105mm M45(1+),

1x 105mm M45(1+), 1x 81mm M21(1+), 1x Jeep/HMG[**R**] Cavalry Squadron:

1x M24 (HQ), 3x Cavalry Troop,

1x Light Tank Company, 4x 75mm M8 HMC(1)

Tank Destroyer Bn.:

3x Tank Destroyer Company,

1x Cavalry Troop

Med. Artillery Bn.:

3x 105mm M7 "Priest"(3)

or 105mm T28/T95

Anti-Aircraft Bn.:

6x 40mm M15 SPAA,

6x M16 MGMC

or 6x 40mm M19, 6x T77 SPAA

Division:

3x TL1 Infantry GHQ/Halftrack,

2x Med. Tank Battalion, 1x Hvy. Tank Battalion, 3x Arm. Infantry Battalion, 3x Artillery Battalion, 1x Cavalry Squadron, 1x Engineer Battalion,

1x Tank Destroyer Battalion, 1x Anti-Aircraft Battalion

Available Support Units: (One or more of these units or parts there of, may appear in a particular action at your

discretion.)

SP Heavy Artillery

Battalion: 3x 155mm M41

or 3x 240mm T92 or 3x 8" T93

Heavy Artillery Bn.: 3x 155mm M40 "Long Tom"(2)

Heavy Artillery Bn.: 3x 203mm M43(2)

"Super Heavy"

Tank Destroyer Co.: 3x T28/T95 GMC

Air Support: Any combination of WWII

fighter bombers. See *Micro-Armour*®: *The Game - WWII*.

Notes:

1. One stand in each Medium Tank Battalion may be a "Dozer" tank.

2. The proportion of Medium to Heavy Battalions may be reversed (1x Medium Battalion, 2x Heavy Battalion) if desired.

THE U.S.M.C & U.S. AIRBORNE IN WEHRMACHT '47®

The United States Marine Corps had only the very smallest role to play in the European Theater of Operations during World War II. However, since the world of Wehrmacht '47° is a hypothetical one, we have taken the opportunity of adding USMC forces to the European Theater just for the fun of it, and as a way of illustrating how the fighting elements of the Corps might have evolved to meet the challenges of performing opposed landings on the European shore. In addition, as long as we're at it, we have assumed that any Marine landings would be 'Combined Arms' operations including closely integrated participation by U.S. Army Airborne forces as well. If you're looking for historical examples of such cooperation between amphibious and airborne forces, a quick review of the Normandy landings should remind you the concept had already evolved considerably by 1944, and any study of 'Operation Varsity' in March of 1945 should give you a good idea how far combined Air-Land operations had evolved by then.

In the world of Wehrmacht '47°, the United States might be presumed to have pursued a 'Japan First' strategy. This, combined with the abandonment of atomic weapons as 'too dangerous and unpredictable' to use, and the joint Allied policy of 'Unconditional Surrender', led inevitably to an Allied invasion of the Japanese home islands in 1945 ("Operation Downfall"), followed by the eventual collapse of all Japanese resistance in 1946. This epic struggle between diametrically opposed cultures and philosophies was costly to both sides, whether measured in lives or treasure, to an extent unprecedented in all of human history. Ten million Japanese soldiers and civilians lost their lives, along with some five hundred thousand Allied troops. The numbers of wounded or missing nearly quadrupled this figure. The cost in materiel was just as staggering, with expenditures of bombs, shells, and other ordinance alone running well into hundreds of million of tons.

The effect on U.S. Marine Corps and U.S. Army Airborne tactics, training, and organization (since these troops bore the brunt of much of the initial combat along Japan's beaches), was profound as well. Marine Corps combat arms especially, after the campaigns on Tarawa, Saipan, Iwo Jima, Okinawa, and Kyushu, evolved along different lines from the rest of the world's military forces. The 1st Marine Division had earned the nickname "The Exterminators" by 1946, developing tactics aimed at rooting out deeply dug-in Japanese troops. A practice commonly known as 'Corkscrew and Blowtorch' became the basis for Marine Tactics in these final operations. The 'Corkscrew' was the famous 'bazooka' (later replaced by the recoilless rifle), which would be used to drive Japanese machine gunners and riflemen away from any firing ports or apertures in their fortifications, preventing them from firing on the assault teams. Once the Marines got close enough, out would come the 'Blowtorches' (Flamethrowers). These would drive the defenders deep

into the tunnels they had built to shelter them from just such an assault. The final act would be to pour aviation fuel down into the tunnels, set it alight, and seal the whole mess off with dynamite and bulldozers. In other words, the U.S. Marine Corps had become specialists in violent, close-range, assaults on fortified positions, reflected both in their organization and equipment. By 1947, therefore, the next page presents what the average Marine division might have looked like .

The standard Marine Infantry (Assault) Platoon would have consisted of three, thirteen-man squads armed with a mix of weapons including M.1 Garands, Thompson .45s or other SMGs, BARs, etc. In addition, large numbers of grenades and various other explosive devices would be routinely issued (especially incendiary types), and probably at least one Flamethrower. The basic Rifle Company might also include three 50cal. machineguns in a separate MG platoon and two-three 75mm Recoilless Rifles for support. Of particular note is the SMG platoon. This formation was originally conceived as a 'replacement' platoon, allowing the rifle squads to remain in action despite taking casualties, but evolved into something quite different in practice. It became a 'security' platoon, armed with an impressive array of automatic weapons with the mission of 'mowing down' any last-ditch Japanese suicide attacks before they could reach the Company HQ. The Infantry Companies would have been closely integrated with supporting tanks and artillery making them fearsome 'Shock Troops' capable of locating, pinning down, and 'exterminating' the enemy with ruthless efficiency. This, combined with the overwhelming power of U.S. Naval gunfire and carrier air-support made the U.S.M.C a force to be reckoned with.

U.S. Airborne Divisions, given the same parameters above would have evolved in parallel with U.S.M.C Divisions. Whereas the Marines evolved assault tactics aimed at rooting out and eliminating stubborn (even fanatic) resistance, Army Airborne doctrine stressed rapid deployment behind enemy lines by a combination of parachutes and gliders and the seizure (if possible) of some sort of landing strip for supply and reinforcement. This would be followed inevitably by enemy counterattacks aimed at re-establishing contact with their front line positions. The Airborne troops would then be tasked with establishing blocking positions to prevent this and hold these positions against all opposition until relieved by ground forces coming up in support. In pursuit of this mission, Airborne training stressed independence and individual initiative among small unit leaders, detailed preoperation briefings to clearly establish the mission and its objectives in the minds of the troops, and considerable attention to individual combat skills and physical fitness. The organization and equipment of Airborne formations,

therefore, evolved in support of this doctrine.

U.S. MARINE INFANTRY DIVISION: 1947

GENERATION: II AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 90 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 35

Rifle Company: 3x Assault Infantry,

1x SMG Infantry,

1x Heavy Machinegun,

1x 75mm M20 RcR

Tank Company: 3x M4A3E8 Sherman,

1x Sherman 'Crocodile'

Gun Company: 3x 105mm Pack Howitzer(1),

1x 75mm M20 RcR

Rifle Battalion: 1x Infantry HQ,

3x Rifle Company, 1x 81mm Mortar(3),

1x Infantry/Flamethrower

Armored Battalion: 1x M4A3 Sherman HQ,

3x Tank Company

Light Artillery Bn: 1x Infantry HQ/Truck,

3x 105mm M2A1(3)/Truck

Medium Artillery Bn: 1x Infantry HQ/Truck,

3x 155mm M1(2)/Tractor

Marine Regiment: 1x Infantry GHQ/Jeep,

3x Rifle Battalion,

1x Gun Company

Marine Division: 3x Marine Regiment,

1x Armored Battalion,

3x Light Artillery Battalion, 1x Medium Artillery Battalion **Common Division Assets**

1x Rocket Battery: @3x 4.5" M8 MRL(8)/Truck

15x Transport Platoon: @2x Truck

3x Pioneer Company: @4x Pioneer

3x "Seabee" Engineer Co: @4x Engineer

1x AmTank Battalion: @1x LVT-2 (HQ),

20x LVT-A1 or 16x LVT-A4(2)

2x AmTrac Battalion: @1x LVT-2 (HQ), 25x LVT-2

1x Recon Company: @2x Infantry[R],

2x Jeep/MMG**[R]**, 2x Jeep/HMG**[R]**

- 1. Marine "Assault" Infantry execute Close Assaults using the same rules as Combat Engineers.
- 2. One tank per company may be equipped with a "Dozer Blade".

U.S. ARMY AIRBORNE DIVISION: 1947

GENERATION: II AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 90 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 40

Para-Infantry Co: 3x Para-Infantry[R],

1x MMG[R]

Para-Support Co: 1x 81mm M.1 Mortar(3)[R],

1x HMG,

1x 75mm M20 RcR[R]

Glider Infantry Co: 3x Infantry[R], 1x MMG[R]

Glider Support Co: 1x 81mm M.1 Mortar(3)[R],

2x MMG[R], 1x HMG[R], 1x 75mm M20 RcR[R]/Jeep

Paratroop Battalion: 1x Para-Infantry HQ,

3x Para-Infantry Company, 1x Para-Support Company

Glider Infantry Bn: 1x Infantry HQ/0-1x Jeep,

3x Glider Infantry Company, 1x Glider Support Company

Paratroop Regiment: 1x Para-Infantry GHQ/Jeep,

3x Paratroop Battalion

Glider Infantry Regt: 1x Glider Infantry GHQ/Jeep,

3x Glider Infantry Battalion

Airborne Division: 2x Paratroop Regiment,

1x Glider Infantry Regiment

Common Division Assets

Anti-Tank Company: 3x 75mm M20 RcR/Jeep

Anti-Aircraft Company: 3x Quad 50cal. M55/Trailer

Recon Platoon: 1x Motorcycle Infantry[R],

2x Jeep/HMG[R]

2x Glider Artillery Bn: 1x Infantry HQ/Jeep,

4x 75mm M1A1 Pack Howitzer(2)/Jeep

2x Para-Artillery Bn: 1x Infantry HQ/Jeep,

3x 105mm M3A1(2)/ Weapons Carrier

1x Para-Engineer Co: 4x Para-Engineer

1-2x Glider Engineer Co: 4x Engineer

- 1. If deployed in a purely "Ground" role, all the division's components may be motorized.
- 2. The 'Weapons Carrier' mentioned above would be a .75 Ton Dodge 4x4 or similar prime mover.
- 3. All personnel stands are equipped to TL2 Standards.
- 4. Paratroops may be deployed using the parachute landing rules presented in the Scenario "A Costly Setback" included in the *Micro Armour*®: *The Game WWII* rulebook.

UNITED KINGDOM ARMOURED DIVISION: 1946

AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 90 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 30%

Infantry Company

(Motor Brigade): 3x TL1 Infantry/Truck

Support Company

(Motor Brigade): 1x 3" Mk1 Mortar Carrier(3),

> 1x 6lbr ATG/Truck, 1x TL1 Engineer/Truck,

1x TL1 Infantry(R)/Bren Carrier or Ram Kangaroo,

1x "Wasp" Flamethrower

Infantry Company

(Armored Brigade): 3x TL1 Infantry/M3 Halftrack

or Ram Kangaroo,

1x TL1 Infantry(R)/Bren Carrier

Support Company

(Armored Brigade): 2x TL1 Inf Support/Bren Carrier,

3x 6lbr/Windsor Carrier

4x TL1 Inf Support/Bren Carrier, Machinegun Co:

1x 4.2" Mk1 Mortar(2)/ Windsor Carrier

Engineer Company: 4x TL1 Engineer(A)/Truck

Tank Squadron: 4x Comet

> or 4x Sherman "Firefly" or 4x A41 Chieftain Mk.1

Armored Regiment

Recon Squadron[R]: 3x M24 Chaffee, 3x Staghound

Recon Squadron[R]: 1x M24 Chaffee,

1x Daimler "Dingo",

4x Cromwell or Challenger or Comet

Artillery Battery: 2x 25lbr Mk2(2)/Quad Tractor

Artillery Battery(SP): 2-3x 25lbr Sex ton(2)

Anti-Tank Company: 2x 17lbr ATG/Crusader Tractor,

1x 32lbr ATG/M3 Halftrack

Heavy Infantry

Support Squadron 3x A39 Tortoise Infantry Battalion

(Motor Brigade): 1x TL1 Inf. HQ/Truck, 4x Inf. Co.,

1x Support Co., 3x Jeep/LMG [R]

Infantry Battalion

(Armored Brigade): 1x TL1 Infantry HQ/M3 Halftrack

> or Ram Kangaroo, 4x Inf. Co., 1x Support Co., 1x "Wasp" Flamethrower,

1x Jeep/LMG [R]

Armored Regiment: 1x Comet or "Firefly"

or A41 Chieftain Mk.1 (HQ),

3x Tank Squadron,

1x Armored Rgt Recon Squadron

1x Cromwell (HQ), 3x Recon Sqd, Recon Regiment:

> 3x Daimler "Dingo" [R], 1x Cromwell/Dozer

Artillery Regiment: 3x Artillery Battery

3x Artillery Battery (SP) Artillery Rgt(SP):

Motor Inf Brigade: 1x TL1 Inf. GHQ/Truck, 3x Inf. Bn.,

> 1x MG Co., 1x Artillery Regt., 1x Anti-Tank Co., 1x Engineer Co., 2x 40mm L/60 "Bofors"/Truck

1x TL1 Inf. GHQ/Sherman ACV, Armored Brigade:

3x Armored Regt, 1x Infantry Bn,

1x Artillery Regt.(SP),

1x Anti-Tank Co., 1x Engineer Co.,

1x Centaur/Dozer, 1x Comet or "Firefly",

2x 40mm L/60 "Bofors"/Truck

or 2x "Skink"

Armored Division: 1x Armored Brigade,

1x Motor Infantry Brigade,

1x Recon Regiment

Air Support: Any combination of WWII fighter bombers or Gloucester Meteors. See Micro-Armour: The Game - WWII

- 1. 6lbr ATGs may use "Discarding Sabot" (APDS) ammunition if you like. Use the stats provided for the US 57mm M1 (APDS).
- 2. 6lbrs may be replaced by 3.7" "Burney" RcRs.
- 3. The "Windsor" carrier was an extended version of the Universal or "Bren" Carrier, designed for greater crew comfort.
- 4. M24s and Staghounds in Armored Recon Squadrons may be replaced by M5 Stuarts, "Recon" Stuarts, and/or M8 ACs.
- 5. Recon Squadrons may contain M5 "Stuart" Light Tanks and "Recon" Stuarts instead of M24s and Daimler "Dingos".
- 6. The Sherman ACV was a turretless "Armored Command Vehicle". Use the stats provided for the RAM "Kangaroo".
- 7. The Centaur/Dozer was a turretless tank with a bulldozer blade attached. Its performance was similar to the "Cromwell".
- 8. The 32lbr ATG was an experimental weapon that proved too heavy, too unwieldy, and insufficiently powerful to be mass produced. Two prototypes were built. One was scrapped and one sent to a museum. You may use 17lbrs instead.

SOVIET TANK DIVISION: 1945 ~ 1955

GENERATION: II AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 90 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 40%

Motor Infantry Co: 3x <u>TL1</u> Infantry/Truck

Engineer Co: 3x <u>TL1</u> Engineer

Recon Infantry Co: 3x <u>TL1</u> Motorcycle Infantry [R]

Machine Company: 2x <u>TL1</u> Infantry Support/Truck

Tank Company: 3x Medium Tank

Multiple Rocket

Launcher Company: 1x BM-14(8)

Anti-Aircraft

Machinegun Co: 3x <u>TL1</u> Infantry Support/Truck

Motorized

Infantry Battalion: 1x Infantry (HQ)/Truck,

3x Motor Infantry Company, 1x Machinegun Company, 1x 57mm M43/Truck,

1x 82mm M37 Mortar(3)/Truck

Recon Battalion: 1x <u>TL1</u> Infantry HQ/Truck,

3x Recon Infantry Company, 1x 82mm M37 Mortar(3)/Truck,

1x 57mm M43/Truck,

Engineer Battalion: 3x Engineer Company

Med. Tank Battalion: 1x Medium Tank (HQ),

3x Tank Company, 1x Medium Tank [R]

Heavy Tank Bn: 4x IS-III

Light Artillery Bn: 3x 76mm M42(2)/Truck

Artillery Battalion: 3x 122m M38(2)/Truck

Mortar Battalion: 4x 120mm M43 Mortar(3)/Truck

Assault Gun Bn: 4x Assault Gun, 1x GAZ (Jeep) [R]

Rocket Battalion: 3x BM-13(8), 1x 37mm M39/Truck

Anti-Aircraft Bn: 3x 37mm M39/Truck

Tank Regiment: 1x Medium Tank (GHQ),

3x Medium Tank Battalion, 1x Motor Rifle Battalion,

2x Ba-64 [R], 1x Assault Gun Bn, 1x 120mm M43 Mortar(3)/Truck, 1x Anti-Aircraft Machinegun Co

Heavy Tank Rgt: 1x Heavy Tank (GHQ),

2x Heavy Tank Battalion, 1x Assault Gun Battalion,

1x 120mm M43 Mortar(3)/Truck,

1x Ba-64 [R]

Motor Rifle Rgt: 1x <u>TL1</u> Infantry GHQ/BTR-40,

3x Motorized Infantry Battalion,

1x MediumTank Battalion,

1x Ba-64 **[R]**,

1x 82mm M37 Mortar(4)/Truck, 1x Light Artillery Battalion, 1x Anti-Aircraft Machinegun Co

Artillery Regiment: 3x Artillery Battalion

Mortar Regiment: 3x Mortar Battalion

Tank Division: 3x Tank Regiment,

1x Heavy Tank Regiment, 1x Motorized Rifle Regiment,

1x Mortar Regiment, 1x Artillery Regiment, 1x Engineer Battalion, 1x Recon Battalion, 1x Anti-Aircraft Battalion, 1x Rocket Battaliona

- 1. Available Medium Tanks include T-34/76s, T-34/85s, and T-44s.
- 2. Assault Guns include SU-100s, SU-122s, ISU-130s and ISU-152s.
- 3. Any quantity or combination of available combat aircraft is permissible.

SOVIET MECHANIZED DIVISION: 1945 ~ 1955

GENERATION: II AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 90 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 40%

Motor Rifle Co: 3x <u>TL1</u> Infantry/Truck

Submachine Gun Co: 3x Submachine Gun

Infantry(A)/BTR-40

Machinegun Co: 2x <u>TL1</u> Infantry Support/Truck

Recon Company: 3x <u>TL1</u> Motorcycle Infantry [R]

Engineer Company: 3x <u>TL1</u> Engineer(A)

Tank Company: 3x Medium Tank

Heavy Tank Co: 3x Heavy Tank

AA Machinegun Co: 3x <u>TL1</u> Infantry Support/Truck

Motor Rifle/SMG Bn: 1x TL1 Infantry HQ/BTR-40,

3x Motor Rifle or SMG Company, 1x Machinegun Company, 1x 82mm M37 Mortar(3), 1x 57mm M43/Truck

Recon Battalion: 1x <u>TL1</u> Infantry HQ/Truck,

2x Recon Company, 2x Ba-64 [R],

1x 82mm M37 Mortar(3)/Truck

Engineer Battalion: 3x Engineer Company

Tank Battalion: 1x Medium Tank (HQ),

3x Tank Company, 1x Medium Tank [R]

Hvy. Tank Battalion: 4x T10M or 4x JS-III or JS-IV

Assault Gun Bn: 4x SU-100, 1x GAZ (Jeep) [R]

Hvy Assault Gun Bn: 4x Heavy Assault Gun,

1x GAZ (Jeep)[R]

Light Artillery Bn: 3x 76mm M42(2)/Truck

Artillery Battalion: 3x 122mm M38 or M42(2)/Truck

Mortar Battalion: 4x 120mm M43 Mortar(3)/Truck

Rocket Battalion: 3x BM-13(8), 1x 37mm M39/Truck

Anti-Aircraft Bn: 3x 37mm M39/Truck

or 3x 37mm ZSU-37

Motor Rifle Rgt: 1x <u>TL1</u> Infantry GHQ/BTR-40,

3x Motor Rifle Battalion,

1x Tank Battalion,

1x Light Artillery Battalion, 1x Anti-Aircraft Machinegun Co, 1x 82mm M37 Mortar(4)/Truck,

1x Ba-64 [R]

Tank Regiment: 1x Medium Tank (GHQ),

3x Tank Battalion,

1x Submachine Gun Battalion, 1x 120mm Mortar(3)/Truck,

2x Ba64 [R],

1x Anti-Aircraft Machinegun Co

Hvy Tank Regiment: 1x Medium Tank (GHQ),

1x Heavy Tank Battalion, 2x Assault Gun Battalion, 1x Submachine Gun Battalion, 1x Anti-Aircraft Machinegun Co

Mortar Regiment: 3x Mortar Battalion

Artillery Regiment: 3x Artillery Battalion

Mechanized Div: 3x Motor Rifle Regiment,

1x Tank Rgt, 1x Heavy Tank Rgt, 1x Heavy Assault Gun Battalion, 1x Mortar Rgt, 1x Recon Bn, 1x Artillery Rgt, 1x Engineer Bn, 1x Anti-Aircraft Bn, 1x Rocket Bn

- 1. Available Medium Tanks include T-34/76s, T-34/85s, and T-44s.
- 2. Heavy Assault Guns include SU-122s, ISU-152s, and ISU-130s.
- 3. Any quantity or combination of available combat aircraft is permissible.

SOVIET RIFLE DIVISION: 1946 ~ 1947

GENERATION: II AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 90 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 40%

Rifle Company: 2x <u>TL1</u> Infantry(B),

1x82mm B-10 RcR,

1x <u>TL1</u> Infantry Support

Machinegun Co: 3x <u>TL1</u> Infantry Support

Recon Company: 2x Motorcycle Infantry [R],

1x TL1 Infantry(R)/BTR-40

Engineer Company: 3x <u>TL1</u> Engineer(A)

Tank Company: 3x Medium Tank

Rifle Battalion: 1x <u>TL1</u> Infantry(B) HQ,

3x Rifle Company,

1x Machinegun Company, 1x 82mm M37 Mortar(4),

1x TL1 Infantry Support/Truck,

1x 57mm M43/Truck

Recon Battalion: 1x <u>TL1</u> Inf(B) HQ/M3 Halftrack,

1x Tank Company, 3x Recon Co

Engineer Battalion: 3x Engineer Company

Tank Battalion: 1x Medium Tank (HQ),

4x Tank Company

Anti-Tank Battalion: 4x SU-100, 2x 100mm M44/Truck

Light Artillery Bn: 3x 76mm M42(2)/Truck

Artillery Battalion: 3x 122mm M42(2)/Truck

Mortar Battalion: 2x 160mm M160 Mortar(3)/Truck

Anti-Aircraft Bn: 3x 37mm M39/Truck

or 3x 37mm ZSU-37

Rifle Regiment: 1x <u>TL1</u> Infantry GHQ/Truck,

1x Ba-64 **[R]**, 3x Rifle Battalion, 1x 57mm M43/BTR-40, 1x SU-76, 1x Light Artillery Battalion, 1x 120mm M43 Mortar(3)/Truck

Artillery Regiment: 3x Artillery Battalion

Rifle Division: 3x Motor Rifle Rgt, 1x Tank Bn,

1x Artillery Rgt, 1x Recon Bn, 1x Anti-Tank Bn, 1x Mortar Bn, 1x Engineer Bn, 1x Anti-Aircraft Bn

- 1. One stand in each Infantry Company may contain an attached 82mm B-10 RcR team (MP).
- 2. The 57mm M43/BTR-40 ATG stand at regimental level may be replaced with an 85mm D-48/Truck.
- 3. Any quantity or combination of available combat aircraft is permissible.

FINNISH ARMOURED DIVISION

GENERATION: I AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 50 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 30%

Tank Company: 3-4x Tank

Motor

Infantry Company: 4x Infantry/Truck

Machinegun Company: 3x MMG/Truck

Support Company: 1x SMG Engineer/Truck,

1x 81mm M.38 Mortar(2) or 82mm M.37 Mortar(2)/Truck, 1x 50mm PAK.38 ATG/Truck or 75mm PAK.40 ATG/Truck

Anti-Aircraft Battery: 1-2x Swedish LVKV.40 AA/Truck

Medium

Artillery Battalion: 1x Infantry (HQ)/Truck,

3x 105mm FH.18(2)/Truck or 3x105mm M.37(2)/Truck

Heavy

Artillery Battalion: 1x Infantry (HQ)/Truck,

3x 150mm sFH.18(2)/Truck or 3x122mm M.38(2)/Truck

Tank Battalion: 2-3x Tank Company

Motor

Infantry Battalion: 1x Infantry (HQ)/Truck,

3x Motor Company, 1x Machinegun Company, 1x Support Company Assault Gun

Battalion: 1x Stug.IIIG (HQ), 9xStug.IIIG

Armored Brigade: 1x Pz.IVG (GHQ),

2x Tank Battalion

Motor

Infantry Brigade: 1x Infantry (GHQ)/Truck,

3x Motor Infantry Battalion, 1x 120mm M.40 Mortar(3)/Truck

Armored Division: 1x Armored Brigade,

1x Motor Infantry Brigade, 1x Assault Gun Battalion, 1x Anti-Aircraft Battery,

1-2x Medium Artillery Battalion, 1x Heavy Artillery Battalion

Note:

The division included a wide variety of tanks. One company per battalion would have been equipped with T.26s. The rest tended to be available in the following rough proportions:

Panzer IV - 20%, Soviet T.34s - 40%,

Soviet Heavy Armor - 20%, Pz.1/Pz.II/T.26/T.70 - 20%

The potential for Lend Lease Allied equipment would grow with time.

FINNISH INFANTRY DIVISION

GENERATION: I AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 50 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 35%

Infantry Company: 4x Infantry

Light Company: 4x Infantry or

SMG Infantry/Bicycles or Skis

Machinegun Co: 3x MMG

Support Company: 1x SMG Infantry/ATR,

1x 81mm M.38 Mortar(1+) or 1x82mm M.37 Mortar(1+), 1x 37mm Bofors ATG/limber or 1x37mm PAK.35 ATG/Limber

Infantry Battalion: 1x Infantry (HQ),

3x Infantry Company, 1x Machinegun Company, 1x Support Company

Light Infantry

Battalion: 1x Infantry (HQ)/Bicycles or Skis,

3x Light Company,

1x Machinegun Company

Infantry Regiment: 1x Infantry (GHQ),

2x Infantry Battalion,

1x 76mm M.27 IG(2)/Limber

Infantry Division: 3x Infantry Regiment,

1x Light Infantry Battalion

Additional Division Assets:

2xEngineer

Company: @4x Engineer

2xArtillery Battalion: @1x Infantry (HQ)/Horses,

3x 75mm M.22(2) or

3x 76mm Putilov M.02(2) or 3x 75mm M.36(2)/Limber

1xArtillery Battalion: @1x Infantry (HQ)/Horses,

3x 122mm M.38(2) or 3x 105mm M.37(2) or 3x 155mm M.17(2) or 3x 150mm M31(2) or 3x 152mm M.09(2) or 3x 152mm M.34(2)/Limber

Additional Corps Assets (Optional)

1x Recon Company: @3x Ba.10[R] or 3xBa.20[R]

3x Anti-Aircraft

Battery: @1x 40mm Bofors AA/Limber

9x Anti-Aircraft Battery:

@1x 20mm Madsen AA/Limber or 1x 20mm Flak.30 AA/Limber

1x Artillery Battalion:@1x Infantry (HQ)/Horses,

3x 8" M.1(2)/Truck

2x Artillery Battalion:@1x Infantry (HQ)/Horses,

2x 4.5" QF Mk.2(2)/Limber or 2x 152mm M.34(2)/Limber

3x Artillery Battalion:@1x Infantry (HQ)/Truck,

3x 75mm M.97(2)/Truck

2x Anti-Aircraft

Battery: @1x 3" 20cwt AA/Truck or Limber

ALLIED ARMIES OF THE 'THIRD WORLD'

In the world of Wehrmacht '47° as we have presented it, certain 'Turn-Key' events have led to world altering consequences. Nowhere is this more clear than in the potential composition of the 'Armies of the New World Order' taking part in the great multi-front Allied counteroffensive campaign of 1947-1948. These include soldiers serving in units of the *Union Africaine Centrale, Organización de Estados Hispánicos*, Alliance of Southeast Asian Nations, and the Confederated *Bharat* Republics.

Each of these armies, display their own distinct national personalities and cultural individuality, that had to be accommodated in the interest of making common cause against a common enemy. In the following hypothetical 'histories,' some of these national and cultural distinctions will be explored in the hope that you will find them both interesting and to provide additional potential scenario ideas.

ORGANIZACIÓN DE ESTADOS HISPÁNICOS (OEH)

After the defeat of the British Commonwealth in North Africa in 1942, Churchill and the men of Whitehall were forced to read the handwriting on the wall. Their erstwhile dominant position among the Allies was no longer to be taken for granted as the overwhelming power of American industry began to make itself felt. A tacit agreement was reached between British and American staff officers leading to an assumption of preeminence by the U.S. in Latin America and West Africa and British pre-eminence in Asia. In effect, the United States would see to the training, organization, and supply of the South American nations under its auspices, namely Brazil, Argentina, Mexico, Venezuela, and Columbia.

The whole thing began in 1933, when in President Roosevelt's inaugural speech, he stated his intention to establish a 'Good Neighbor Policy' between the United States and the rest of the Western Hemisphere. This policy was to bear fruit in World War II as first Brazil, and eventually the rest of Latin America (sometimes not so happily) came on board in a broad military and economic alliance aimed at exploiting the vast resources of the region in the interest of defeating the Axis. The fact that the alliance brought hitherto unprecedented prosperity to the region along with a concomitant rise in the area's international influence was not lost on the military and political leadership of the various countries involved. This would lead, in the end to a whole new series of problems, not the least of which was an inevitable upswing in surly nationalism and seemingly endless 'saber rattling'. Temporarily, however, the net result was a plus for the Allies.

The framework around which the Latin American alliance, known officially as the Organización de Estados

Hispánicos (or OEH) was laid down in a series of conferences held in Montevideo, Uraguay during 1939 and 1940. It established guidelines for the modernization and liberalization of the economies of the nations involved, the dropping of trade barriers, and establishment of various protocols for resolving disputes. The practical result was a functional military alliance harnessing the hitherto untapped manpower, agriculture, and industry of a rich and populous region.

The primary difficulty encountered, right from the beginning, was the language barrier. Spanish is, of course, the dominant language of the region, but Brazil proved to be difficult. Its language, Portuguese (actually a rather independent variant of Portuguese) meant that certain accommodations had to be made. Another difficulty encountered was the fact that the 'official' language wasn't necessarily the one spoken by the troops. Various native Indian tongues and dialects had to be taken into account and one of the most important aspects of the American training regimen was comprehensive primary education aimed at establishing universal literacy, for no other reason than to produce useable technical manuals and an effective communications system. These and many other difficulties were eventually overcome, however, and by 1945 the first OEH combat units began shipping out to various overseas assignments.

Organizationally, the OEH reflected the training, equipment, and tactical doctrine of its American mentors. Eventually, some twenty-eight infantry and four OEH armored divisions took the field in various capacities. Standard American TO&Es were in evidence throughout, with a few small variations to assuage national sensitivities. Performance on a national level

was not universally satisfactory, however. National rivalries were always cropping up, requiring diplomacy and tact on the part of the Alliance staff. Many American officers believed the whole affair would blow up in our faces eventually, but cooler heads generally prevailed. On an individual and tactical level, on the other hand, the Hispanic soldiers showed a remarkable ability to overcome physical hardship, displayed a stolid (sometimes reckless) courage, and good morale throughout. They were proud of their heritage, proud of their accomplishments, and rightfully proud of their combat record, especially in the savage battles for the Kanto plain on the Japanese main island of Honshu. There,

the term "los Héroes Hispánicos" (Hispanic Heroes) was coined by none other than George Marshal, a man not known for for his sentimentality.

Traditional Spanish military nomenclature was used on a regular basis in the OEH. Terms like *Lanceros* (Lancers), *Grenaderos* (Grenadiers), *Carabinieros* (Rifles), and various "Guards" were common as well as units named for individuals and important dates in national history (i.e. *Vigésimo-Quinto de Mayo* "May 25th" Argentine Independence Day). U.S. weapons and uniforms were standard.

UNION AFRICAINE CENTRALE (UAC)

Presidents Roosevelt and Truman were deeply opposed to European colonialism in general, an issue that created quite a bit of friction between the U.S. and its British ally during World War II. But this was as nothing compared to their disgust at the cruelty and corruption with which the French and Belgian colonial administrations ran their African colonies and mandates. Therefore; when the French government declared for the Axis leading Charles deGaulle to flee Nationalist persecution and form an opposition government in exile, the U.S. was quick to recognize that government and assist it in rallying both French and Belgian Africa against the Vichy regime. Using the OEH as a model, a conference was held in Monrovia, Liberia bringing together anti-colonial movements from Senegal, Nigeria, Côte d'Ivoire, Belgian Congo, Liberia, Ghana, and Chad, in 1941.

Bringing together so many varied cultures and ethnicities from across Equatorial Africa proved much more difficult than in Latin America. Fortunately, one of the few things the Central Africans had in common was the French language. Economically, the Union Africaine Centrale (UAC) was far less developed than Latin America, but this was largely overcome by a consuming desire on the part of all parties concerned to overcome and erase hundreds of years of racial repression and economic exploitation. The whole concept, however would probably never have gotten off the ground, without an act of moral courage on the part of President Truman unprecedented since Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation in 1862. This was the U.S. Civil Rights Act of 1945. Originally aimed at relieving the acute military manpower shortage resulting

from the invasion of the Japanese home islands, the act forbade discrimination in any branch of the U.S. military or civil service, and once the ball got rolling, it proved to be impossible to continue racial segregation in education, housing, or employment. Truman took a lot of heat for pushing this act through Congress, and no one was surprised when he was subjected to three separate assasination attempts between 1945 and 1948 and racially motivated rioting broke out in cities across the country. The real surprise came when he won the 1948 presidential election in the biggest political upset in modern memory, riding a groundswell of support from the new black electorate, northern industrial workers, and loyal veterans groups. The new face of American politics since the passage of the act went a long way toward making the Union Africaine Centrale not only a polical, but a military reality.

Like the OEH before it, UAC combat units were trained, equipped, and organized on the American model, but unlike the OEH, their armies were built around a core of colonial regulars and Foreign Legionaires, giving them a distinct advantage in discipline and tactical expertise. Once again, as in the OEH, traditional terms and customs were integrated into organization and training whenever possible. The main distinction between units would have been uniform issue. Bush hats were common among reconnaissance troops, while French 'Adrian' helmets were issued to many infantry units. Generally, however, American uniforms, equipment, and tactics dominated.

US PATTERN INFANTRY DIVISION: 1947+

GENERATION: II AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 90 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 30%

Infantry Company: 3x TL2 Infantry, 1xTL2 MMG,

1x 75mm M20 RcR/Jeep

Support Company: 1x 81mm M1(1+), 1xTL2 MMG,

1x Jeep/HMG[R]

Engineer Company: 3x TL2 Engineer/Truck

Cavalry Troop[R]: 3x M8 Greyhound Armored Car,

4x Jeep/HMG

Tank Destroyer

Company: 3x M36 Slugger/Jackson,

2x TL2 Infantry(R)/M39

Infantry Battalion: 1x TL2 Infantry HQ/Truck,

3x Infantry Company, 1x Support Company

Engineer Battalion: 3x Engineer Company

Cavalry Squadron: 1x M24 (HQ),3xCavalry Troop,

1xLight Tank Company, 4x75mm M8 HMC(1)

Tank Destroyer

Battalion: 3xTank Destroyer Company,

1xCavalry Troop

Field Artillery

Battalion: 3x105mm M1A2(2)/Truck or Tractor

Heavy Artillery

Battalion: 3x155mm M1(1)/Truck or Tractor

Anti-Aircraft

Battalion: 6x40mm Bofors AA

Infantry Division: 3xTL2 Infantry GHQ/Truck,

9xInfantry Battalion, 3xField Artillery Battalion, 1xHeavy Artillery Battalion, 1xCavalry Squadron, 1xEngineer Battalion, 1xTank Destroyer Battalion, 1xAnti-Aircraft Battalion

Available Support Units:

(One or more of these units or parts thereof, may appear

in a particular action at your discretion.)

Heavy Artillery

Battalion: 3x155mm M.1 "Long Tom"(2)/Truck

Heavy Artillery

Battalion: 3x203mm M.1 Howitzer(2)/Truck

Independent Tank

Battalion: (See U.S. Armored Division TO&E)

Air Support: Any combination of WWII

fighter-bombers. See

"Micro-Armour "The Game - WWII."

- 1. The three Infantry GHQs represent independent field Headquarters units around which mission-oriented Regimental Combat Teams would be organized on a semi-permanent basis.
- 2. Though originally attached only on an as needed basis, divisional tank battalions soon became a permanent fixture.
- 3. Sufficient motor transport would be available to lift the entire division by use of attached independent Truck Battalions.

CONFEDERATED BHARAT REPUBLICS (CBR)

As stated above, part of the tacit agreement between the United Kingdom and the United States as to the disposition of the Allied "Third World" armies was that the U.K. was to see to the organization, training, and equipment of the armies of the Alliance of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and the newly formed Confederated Bharat Republics or "CBR" ("Bharat" being the Hindi word used to describe whole of the Indian subcontinent). The founding of the CBR was not actually either supported or nurtured by the U.K. at all, but was rather a result of decades of meetings, demonstrations, strikes, and other political activities centered around one of the most important figures of the twentieth century, Mohandas Karamchand Ghandi (known as the Mahatma or "Great Soul").

From 1919 until his death in 1948, Mohandas Ghandi strode the Indian political stage as the principal hero and moving force in the great historical drama which culminated in the independence of his country. His actions changed the whole character of the Indian political scene, taking the reins of a fragmented anticolonial resistance movement and transforming it into a broadly based campaign for human rights and dignity based on non-violence and national unity. Probably his greatest achievements were his conversion of the Indian national Congress from a glorified debating society into a revolutionary army, bridging the gulf between the Anglicized intelligentsia and the nation's poverty-stricken masses.

Ghandi's movement never embraced the usual revolutionary pattern. Instead, he concentrated on what he believed were the nation's most basic needs, Hindu-Muslim cooperation, breaking the traditional "Caste" system, sexual equality, and a general reconstruction and revival of local "village" economy. In 1923 he wrote, "I am not interested in freeing India merely from the English yoke. I am bent upon freeing India from social and economic tyranny as well. The two must go together."

Things came to a head when in 1939, war broke in Europe, followed by the outbreak of general war in the Pacific in 1941. The evacuation from Dunkirk in 1940, the collapse of Eighth Army around Gazala in 1942, and the crushing British defeat at Alamein a few weeks later,

combined with the Japanese victory at Singapore to leave the United Kingdom nearly prostrate. Losses in trained manpower were completely beyond its capacity to replace. The fact that America was determined to pursue a "Japan First" policy only made things worse. Only the radical mobilization of every resource, both human and industrial, of the entire British Commonwealth could save them now. Ghandi, astute political genius that he was, was quick to take advantage of the situation. Mother India would rally to the support of Britain, but only on her own terms. Churchill was forced to swallow his pride (no mean feat) and agree to open negotiations for the establishment of an independent Indian confederation combining Muslims, Hindus, Punjabs, Bengalis, Mahrattas, and the rest of India's rich and diverse panoply of religious and ethnic communities would be welded into a loose confederation whose goal was complete liberation and political independence leading to real freedom and economic opportunity for the great mass of the people for the first time in the subcontinent's long and dramtic history.

More than any of the other new states created by the war against Axis expansion, the Indian Army (Bharat Rakshak) could look back on a long and glorious military tradition. Indian military skill and discipline were already legendary long before independence, so the building of an effective army was really a simple matter of training the necessary personnel and finding the necessary equipment needed to allow them to take the field. The CBR eventually deployed four full-strength armoured divisions and more than thirty infantry divisions, along with a respectable air force and navy, built and operated on the British model (but determined to learn from British mistakes). Tactical performance was universally excellent with many units exhibiting characteristics more attributable to professionals or even elite status. The Sikhs in particular must be singled out for this praise. Sikh tankers displayed a real aptitude for maneuver warfare and could be counted on to take advantage of any weakness on the part of the enemy, driving him relentlessly and never losing the initiative. Equipment and uniform reflected British standards with troops wearing both traditional turbans and steel helmets as they saw fit.

THE ALLIANCE OF SOUTHEAST ASIAN NATIONS (ASEAN)

The Alliance of Southeast Asian Nations (or ASEAN) was established primarily to integrate those military contingents and economic resources gathered from throughout Southeast Asia. Representing the former Dutch East Indies (Indonesia), Malaysia, Burma, Singapore, Hong Kong, and the many Pacific Island Nations (Fiji, Samoa, etc.) and including the large and well-equipped Australian and New Zealand Armies, ASEAN proved an effective and generally cooperative means of mobilizing the manpower and resources of a vast and diverse geo-political arena.

It is interesting to note that by official agreement, no Australian or New Zealander military forces were to be deployed anywhere on mainland Europe or Africa after 1942. This is understandable considering the frightful losses sustained by the ANZACs in the Western desert

during that fateful year. Another interesting note is the absence of both Thai and Phillipine contingents. The Phillipines were allowed to take the role of "Associate" members of ASEAN due to the terrible destruction wrought on their unfortunate land during a long and brutal Japanese occupation and subsequent Allied liberation, and the Thais simply refused to join. Much has been written concerning pro-Japanese sympathies in Thailand and it is understandable that this nation should refuse to join any sort of Anti-Japanese alliance.

Organization and equipment in ASEAN reflected British, Australian, and New Zealander standards, with British tanks and artillery predominating. ASEAN combat units may be deployed only in the Asia/Pacific Theater, never in Africa or Mainland Europe.

TABLE OF ORGANIZATION & EQUIPMENT

BRITISH PATTERN INFANTRY DIVISION: 1947+

GENERATION: II AIR SUPERIORITY RATING: 80 CLASS: CONSCRIPTS/PROFESSIONALS BASE DETERMINATION FACTOR: 35

Infantry Company: 3x TL2 Infantry

Engineer Company: 3x TL2 Engineer

Support Company: 1x 3" Mk-1 Mortar(3)/Truck,

1x TL2 Engineer, 1x TL2 MMG

Anti-Tank Company: 3x 17lbr ATG/Tractor

Tank Squadron: 5x Tank

Artillery Battery: 2x 25lbr "Mark/2"

Gun/Howitzer(2)/Truck

Infantry Battalion: 1x TL2 Infantry HQ,

4x Infantry Company, 1x Support Company

Armored Regiment: 1x Centurion Mk3 HQ,

1x Daimler AC, 3x Tank Squadron, 1x Centurion "Dozer"

Engineer Battalion: 3x Engineer Company

R.A. Anti-Tank

Regiment: 3x Anti-Tank Company

Artillery Regiment: 3x Artillery Battery

Infantry Brigade: 1x TL2 Infantry GHQ/Truck,

3x Infantry Battalion,

1x4.2" Mk-1 Mortar(3)/Truck,

1xEngineer Company

Infantry Division: 3xInfantry Brigade,

3xArtillery Regiment,

1xRoyal Art. Anti-Tank Regiment,

0-1xArmored Regiment

- 1. Sufficient motor transport would be available to lift the entire division by use of attached independent Truck Battalions or organic transport in designated Motorized Infantry Divisions.
- 2. Any available British tanks may be deployed in the divisional Armored Regiment with "Comets" and "Challengers" predominating.

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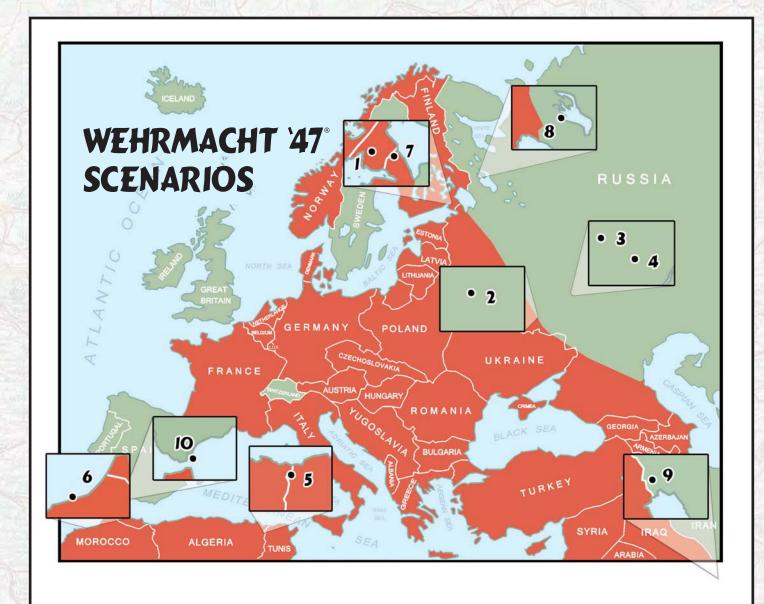
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