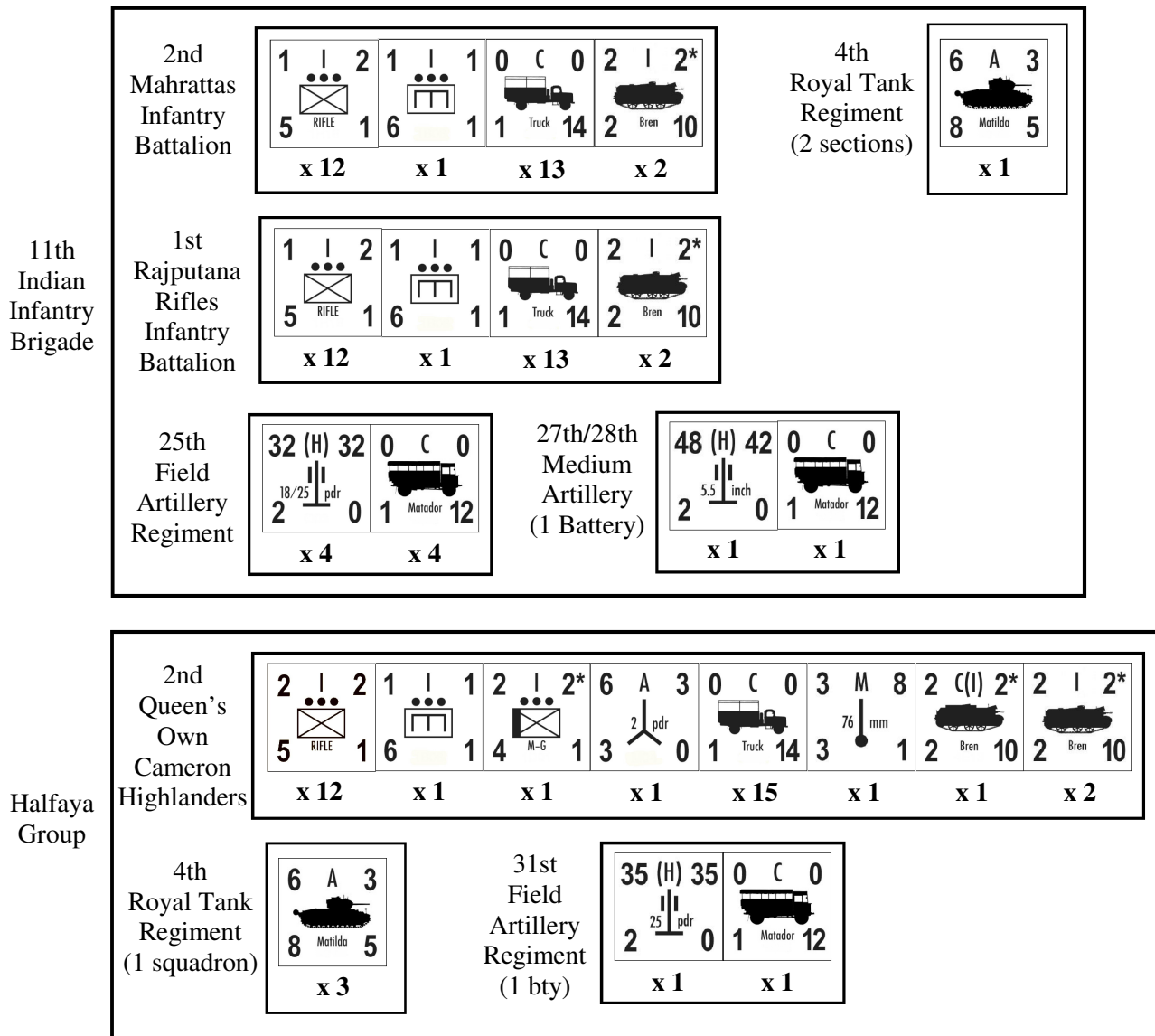


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The 11th Indian Brigade was given the job of advancing up the coast road and attacking Halfaya Pass from the low end while a battalion of Highlander infantry with tank support would attack from the top. Artillery support for both groups was good but nearly all of the Matildas from both groups were lost early in the assault to anti-tank mines and anti-tank guns. Though they were surrounded and low on supplies, the stubborn Germans defending the pass refused to budge and the attack was abandoned on the third day.