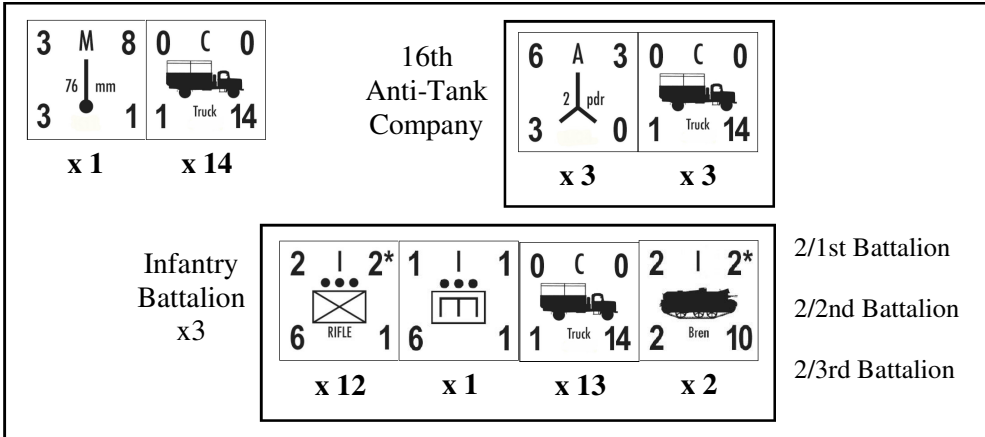




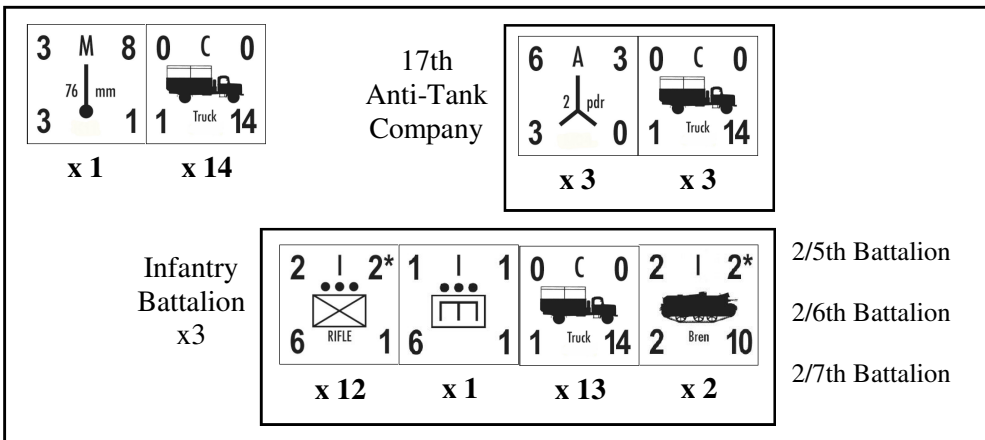
Australian 6th Infantry Division

December, 1940

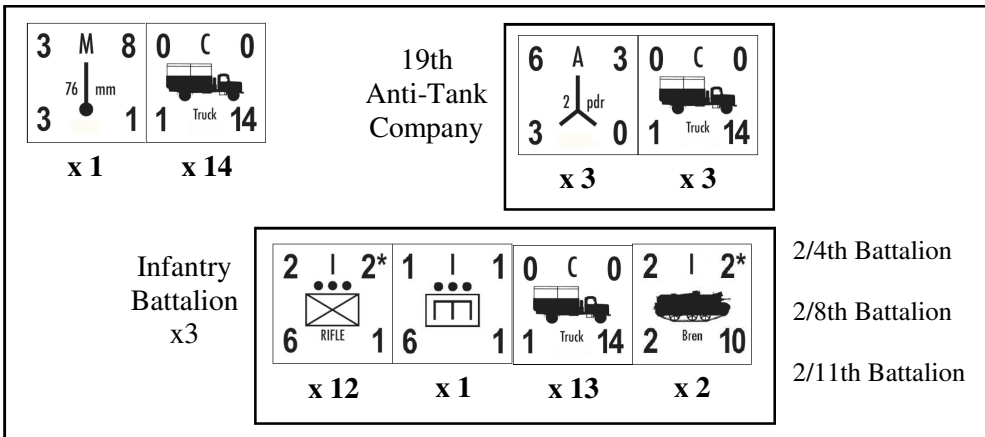
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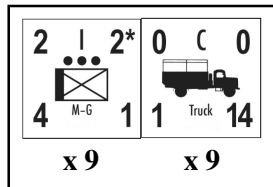
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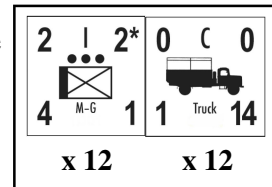


1st Btn, Royal
Northumberland
Fusiliers
(-)
(attached)




Transferred
from 4th
Indian in
January

1st Cheshire
Machine
Gun
Battalion




Attached
from Corps
troops in
January


2/1st
Royal
Australian
Artillery
Regiment

32 (H) 32	0 C 0
18/25 pdr	
2 0	1 Matador 12
x 4	x 4



2/2nd
Royal
Australian
Artillery
Regiment

32 (H) 32	0 C 0
18/25 pdr	
2 0	1 Matador 12
x 4	x 4



2/3rd
Royal
Australian
Artillery
Regiment

26 (H) 30	36 (H) 20	0 C 0
18 pdr	4.5 inch	
2 0	2 0	1 Matador 12
x 3	x 1	x 4

2nd Royal
Australian
Engineer
Battalion

3 I 2	0 C 0
	
10 1	1 Truck 14
x 9	x 9

6th Cavalry
Regiment

2 A 1	2 I 2
	
2 LP Carrier 10	2 Mk VI B 11
x 6	x 4

The Sixth Division was the first division raised by Australia in WWII (the first five served in WWI) and the first to see combat in the war. It was to be deployed as part of the BEF in France but the war there ended before it could arrive and it was detoured to North Africa instead. In January, during Operation Compass, the division was swapped for the 4th Indian which was withdrawn. The tough Australians then pursued the Italians along the coast road for hundreds of miles, taking thousands of prisoners along the way.