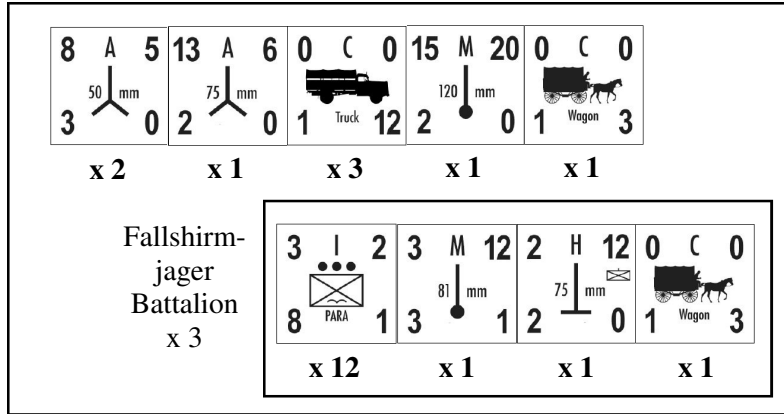


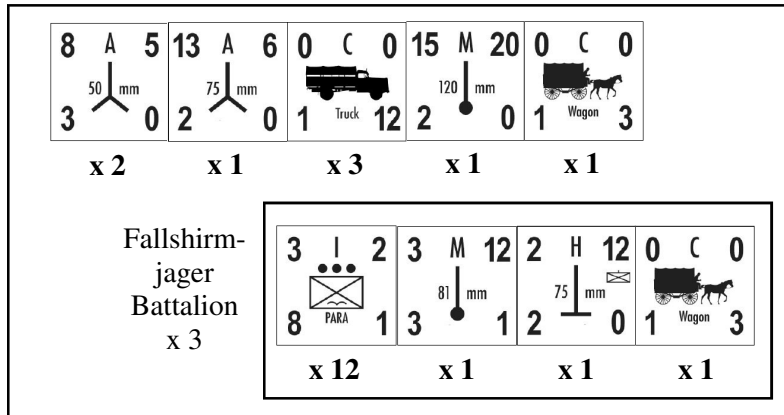
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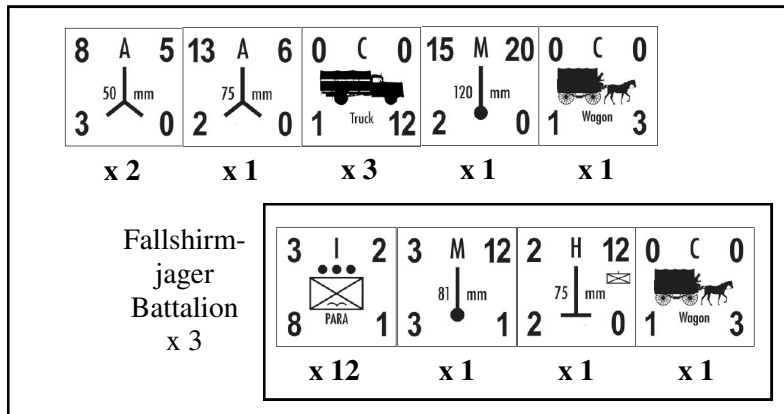
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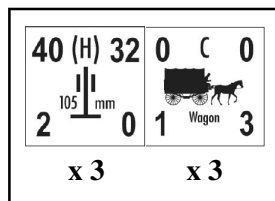
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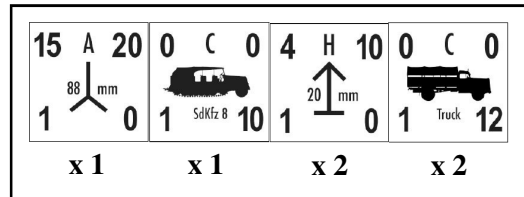
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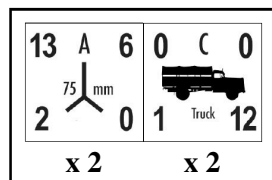
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Fallschirm.
Artillery
Regiment



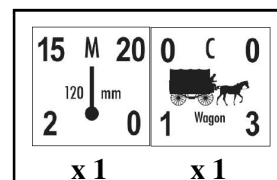
5th
Fallschirm.
Flak
Battalion



5th
Fallschirm.
Panzer-
Jager
Battalion



5th
Fallschirm.
Heavy
Mortar
Battery



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5th
Fallshirm.
Pioneer
Battalion

3 I 2 10	3 M 12 81 mm 1	0 - 0 "B" Bridge 23	0 C 0 Truck 12
x 6	x 1	x 1	x 1

5th
Fallshirm.
Recon
Battalion

3 I 2* 8 RIFLE	3 M 12 81 mm 1	0 C 0 Wagon 3
x 6	x 1	x 7

11th
Assault
Gun
Brigade
(attached)

12 A 8
9 Stug III G 8
x 4

The 5th Fallschirmjäger was a division full of misfits and command problems when it was assigned to the Ardennes campaign. Their highly decorated commanding officer, Ludwig Heilmann, known as “King Ludwig”, was not liked by his subordinate officers. In addition, most of the enlisted men were recently acquired inexperienced Luftwaffe personnel. Despite these problems and an erratic performance (overlapped some other division boundaries and one regiment got involved in the fight at Wiltse against orders), the 5th Fallschirmjägers were the only German formation which accomplished all of its objectives for the battle. It advanced nearly to Bastogne and captured all the towns along the way it was supposed to, thus covering the southern flank and helping to isolate Bastogne. The division then bitterly resisted Patton’s counteroffensive and retreated back grudgingly until finally reduced to a single Kampfgruppe.