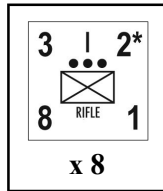


Arnhem Day 1

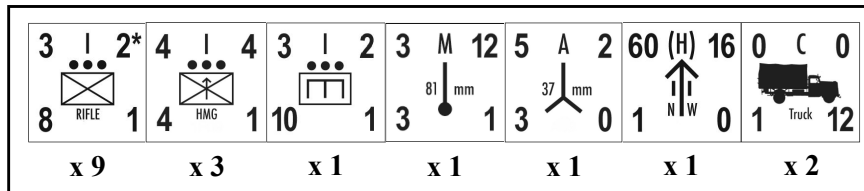
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KG
Spindler



Elements of the 19th and 20th SS Panzer Grenadier regiments of the 9th SS Panzer Division without any heavy support weapons

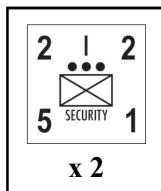
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Kraft



16th SS Ersatz battalion.

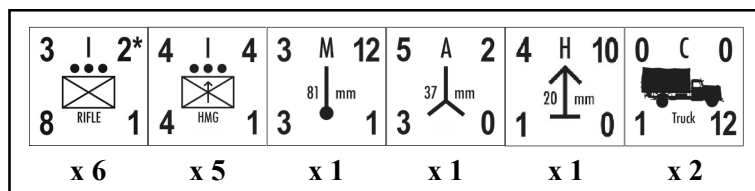
This force blocked the two northern routes on Day 1 between the 1st Airborne landing sites and Arnhem, with Spindler in the north and Kraft in the south. These forces stopped Gough's special jeep squadron and the 1st and 3rd Parachute battalions from making it into Arnhem. The Germans were not able to deploy all the way south to the Lower Rhine in time though, thus allowing Frost's 2nd Battalion to slip around them and make it to the bridge at Arnhem.

KG
Weber



Luftwaffe signal company converted to rifle company

KG
Helle



SS Wachte, rear area battalion organized and trained to respond to parachute drops.

These 2 groups attacked the British landing area from the northwest on Day 1 and put pressure on the 1st Airborne from the very beginning. Helle took serious casualties in the attempt.