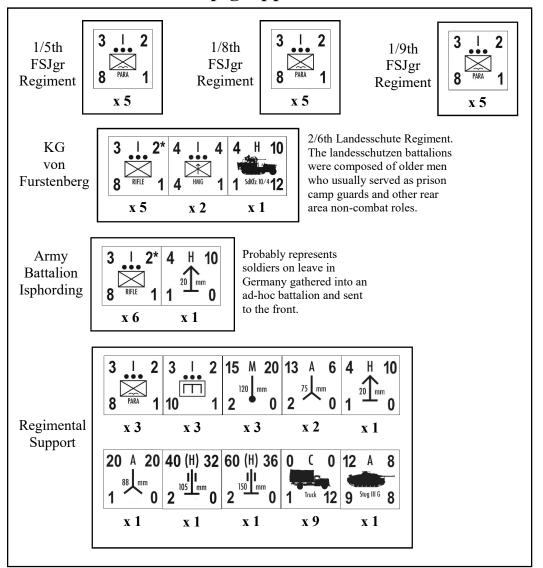
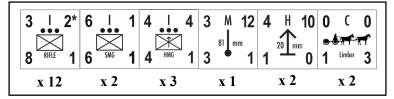
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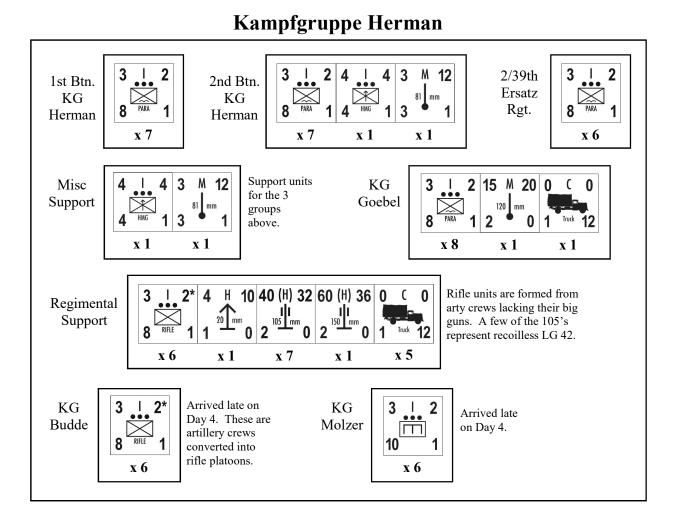


Kampfgruppe Greschick



This is a guess at the composition and strength of KG Greschick as it had been in action for a couple days already.

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Day 4 finally saw a more concerted German effort against the American line in the Groesbeek Heights area. Three Kampfgruppes were dispatched in a major bid to defeat the 82nd Airborne. In the north, KG Becker, mostly 3rd Fallschirmjager, was ordered to capture Beek and then drive west into the outskirts of Nijmegen. In the center, KG Greschick, containing elements of the ZBV 406 Division, was to overrun the American drop zones, take Groesbeek and continue driving west to the canal. In the south, the job of KG Herman, composed mostly of elements of the 5th Fallschirmjager, was to drive to the Maas-Waal Canal, and then continue north, capturing or destroying the bridges and cutting off the XXX Corps main road route. It was an ambitious plan that nearly worked. All three groups made good initial progress and captured their early objectives. In the center, Groesbeek was taken and then lost to a vigorous counterattack by the All Americans. In the end, the overall plan was a near run thing, but the exhausted Paras were able to just barely hold the line, backed by British tanks of the Sherwood Rangers and the Coldstream Guards, which had only just arrived at Nijmegen.