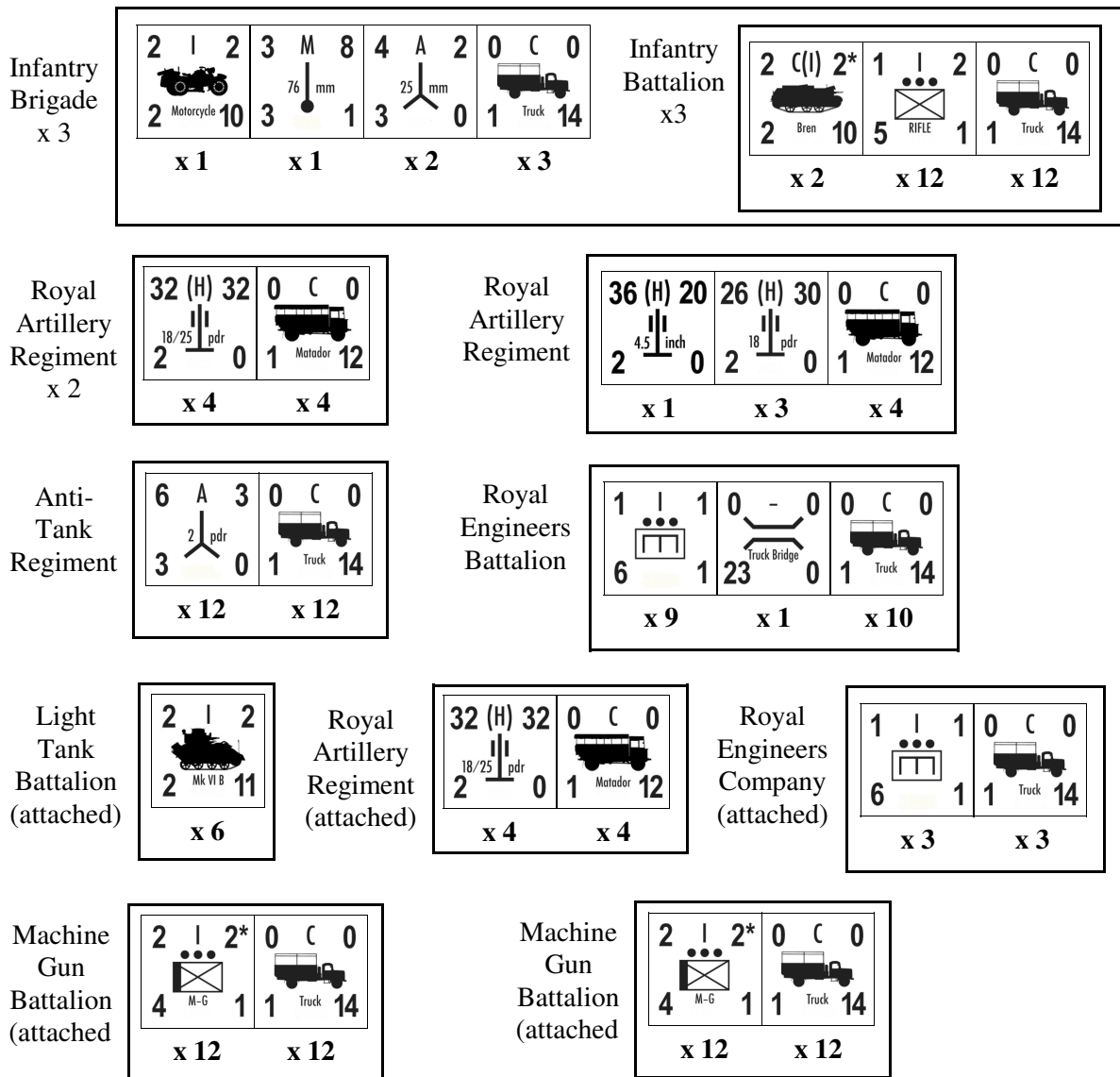


British 51st Highland Infantry Division

May 10, 1940



The 51st Highland Infantry Division had been deployed in the Saar region near the Maginot Line since April and was under the command of the Colonial Army Corps in the French 3rd Army. During the battle for France, the division fought seperated from the rest of the BEF. Falling back into northern France, they were left defending a front four times longer than normal for a division. One infantry brigade was detached and managed to escape to Dunkirk while the other two were trapped at Saint-Valéry-en-Caux and forced to surrender on June 12, spending the rest of the war in captivity. The Division was later rebuilt by converting it's sister division, the 9th Highlanders, into the 51st. The brigade which escaped was merged into this division. The newly reformed 51st Highland Division went on to take part in many battles, including El Alamein, the Normandy landings, and the crossing of the Rhine River.