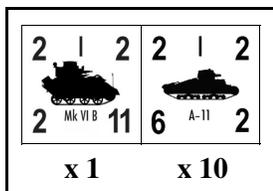


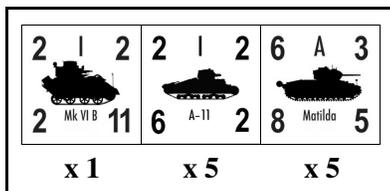
British Armored Battalions

May 10, 1940

4th
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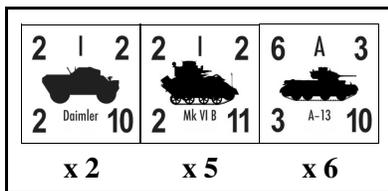
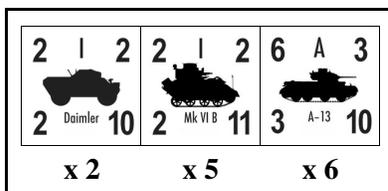
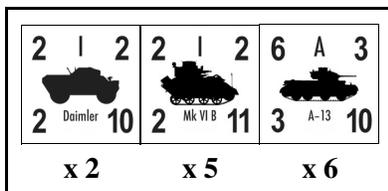
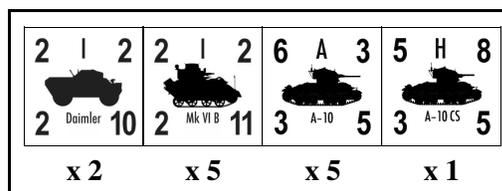
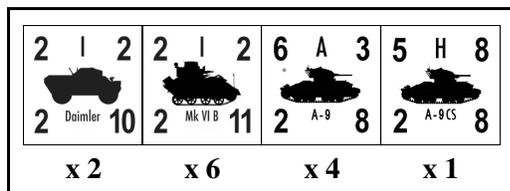


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The 4th and 7th Tank Battalions of the 1st tank Brigade operated as independent formations in this campaign and were equipped with infantry tanks with the mission of operating in support of the infantry. Elements of the 4th and 7th Battalions took part in the counter-attack at Arras where some of the Matilda's in the 7th Battalion were loaned to the 4th Battalion. Total tanks from these 2 battalions at Arras were 60 A-11's and 16 Matilda's, which in PB/PL would be 12 counters of A-11 and 3 counters of Matilda.

Pieces of the British 1st Armored Division began trickling over on May 17th. Most of the division did not arrive in time (or at all) for the campaign. Two brigades of tanks (2nd and 3rd Armored Brigades) did manage to be deployed. Each brigade should have had 3 tank regiments but only two arrived for the 3rd Armored Brigade. Each regiment was supposed to consist of all cruiser type tanks but there weren't yet enough in existence to equip them all so about half of the strength was filled out with the obsolete MkVI B's. The rest was filled with A-9, A-10, and A-13's though in exactly what mix, I haven't been able to tell for sure. There were a total of 134 MkVI B's, 24 A-9's, 31 A-10's, and 95 A-13's. If they were organized into regiments keeping like types together, the five regiments would probably look like this:



Note: a British tank "regiment" was equivalent in size to a battalion in other armies.

It is possible (and maybe probable) that given the hectic nature of the campaign that tanks were throw nilly-willy into these regiments as they arrived and that the regiments are more mixed than this. I would consider these a starting point. You may mix them up as you wish but the total numbers of each type of tank in the formations above match the totals we know to have been sent to France for the 1st Division.