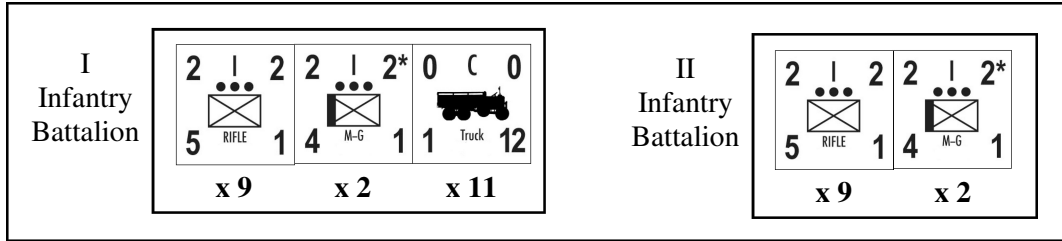




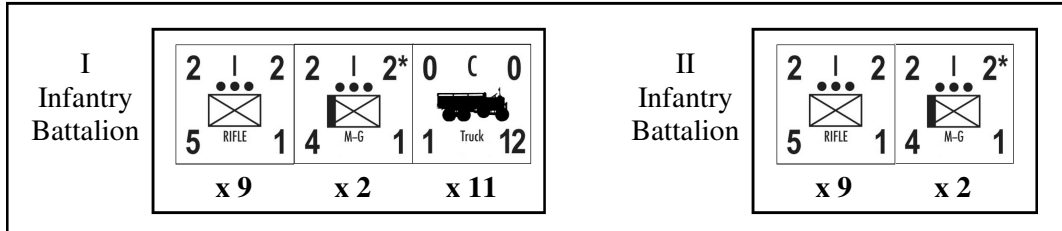
Italian 17th Mot. Infantry Division (*Pavia*)

March, 1941

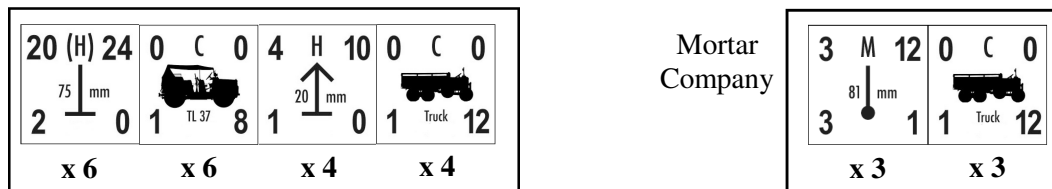
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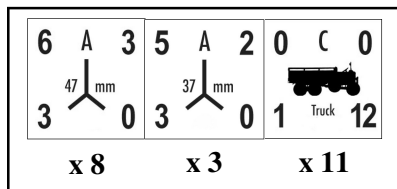
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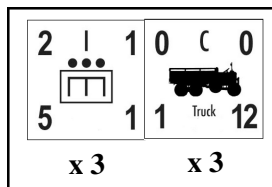
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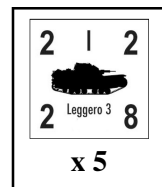
Anti-Tank
Battalion



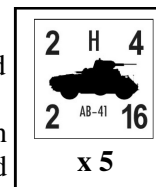
17th
Mixed
Engineer
Battalion



5th
Light
Tank
Battalion
(attached)



6th
Armored
Car
Battalion
(attached)



The Pavia Division had been raised and shipped to North Africa to serve as part of the Libyan garrison. During Rommel's offensive, the Pavia Division attacked up the coastal road skirmishing with the 9th Australian rearguard all the way to Tobruk. The Pavia Division then participated in the siege of Tobruk until the town was finally relieved in November. The Pavia Division continued to serve in North Africa until finally destroyed at El Alamein in November of 1942. Though technically a motorized division, the Italians were chronically short on transport and only had enough trucks to transport half the infantry battalions.