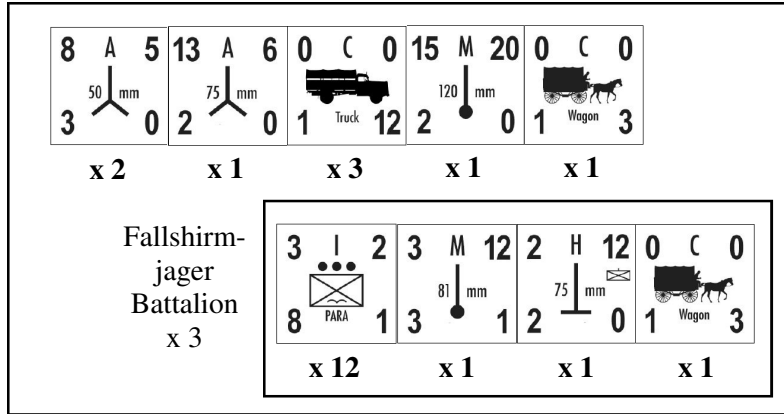


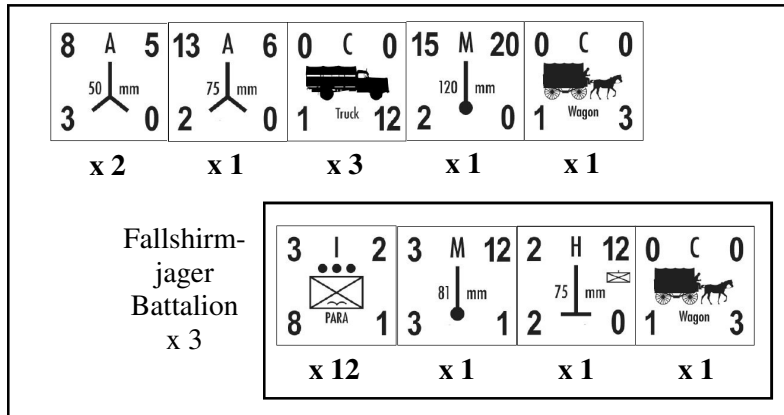
# German 5th Fallschirmjaeger Div.

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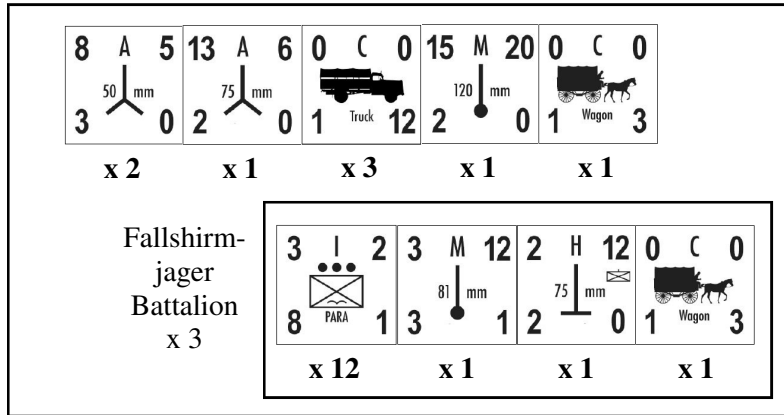
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Regiment



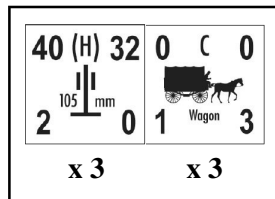
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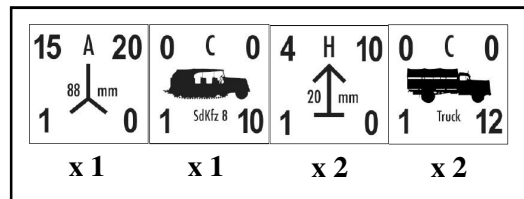
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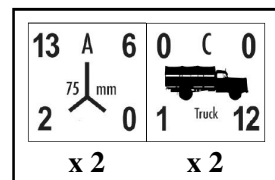
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Artillery  
Regiment



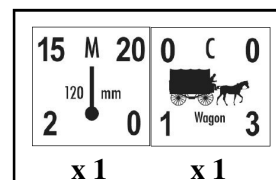
5th  
Fallschirm.  
Flak  
Battalion



5th  
Fallschirm.  
Panzer-  
Jager  
Battalion



5th  
Fallschirm.  
Heavy  
Mortar  
Battery



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5th  
Fallshirm.  
Pioneer  
Battalion

3 I 2 10	3 M 12 81 mm 1	0 - 0 "B" Bridge 23	0 C 0 Truck 12
x 6	x 1	x 1	x 1

5th  
Fallshirm.  
Recon  
Battalion

3 I 2* 8 RIFLE	3 M 12 81 mm 1	0 C 0 Wagon 1	0 3
x 6	x 1	x 7	

11th  
Assault  
Gun  
Brigade  
(attached)

12 A 8	8
9 Stug III G	8
x 4	

The 5th Fallschirmjäger was a division full of misfits and command problems when it was assigned to the Ardennes campaign. Their highly decorated commanding officer, Ludwig Heilmann, known as “King Ludwig”, was not liked by his subordinate officers. In addition, most of the enlisted men were recently acquired inexperienced Luftwaffe personnel. Despite these problems and an erratic performance (overlapped some other division boundaries and one regiment got involved in the fight at Wiltse against orders), the 5th Fallschirmjägers were the only German formation which accomplished all of its objectives for the battle. It advanced nearly to Bastogne and captured all the towns along the way it was supposed to, thus covering the southern flank and helping to isolate Bastogne. The division then bitterly resisted Patton’s counteroffensive and retreated back grudgingly until finally reduced to a single Kampfgruppe.