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(b) Early 1980s: The Motor Rifle Regiment of 11th Tank Division was reorganised and re-equipped with BMP. Change to Motor Rifle Regiment (Tracked) (BG CWHU-05).

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Mid-1980s: In 4th & 8th Motor Rifle Divisions, replace x1 Motor Rifle Regiment (Wheeled) with a Motor Rifle Regiment (Tracked) (BG CWHU-05).

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(d) Hungarian units could be supported by Soviet Army assets and vice versa. As mentioned above, all Front assets were provided by the Soviets (see Soviet TO&Es).

(e) Lots and lots of engineering assets that are probably outside the scope of this game.

(f) I am not absolutely certain that the Hungarians followed the Soviet practice of holding a large Independent Tank Battalion in each Motor Rifle Division. If they did, it was probably only the case in 4th & 8th Motor Rifle Divisions.

(g) May replace Mi-4 ‘Hound’ Utility Helicopter with: Mi-8 ‘Hip C’ Transport Helicopter CWWP-118

(h) May replace Mi-24 ‘Hind A’ Attack Helicopter with: Mi-24 ‘Hind D’ Attack Helicopter CWWP-122

(i) The Hungarian 37th Air Assault Battalion was Hungary’s only airborne unit. It was organised as a Soviet Independent Air Assault Battalion.

(j) In 9th, 15th & 17th Motor Rifle Divisions: Replace Divisional SAM Batteries with Divisional Antiaircraft Batteries (ME CWHU-20).
Battlegroup CWHU-03

Independent Tank Brigade

Command
- x1 T-55 K 100mm Command MBT (ab) CWWP-03
- Forward Air Controller
- x1 Forward Observer CWWP-115
- Transport/Recce
- x1 D-442 MRP FUG OP Vehicle use CWWP-56

Manoeuvre Elements
- ME CWHU-03
  - x3 Independent Tank Battalion
- ME CWHU-12
  - x1 Reconnaissance Company
- ME-CWHU-14
  - x1 Antiaircraft Company
- ME CWHU-15
  - x1 Engineer Company (Tank)

Fire Support Elements
- FSE CWHU-03
  - x1 Field Artillery Battalion

(a) Late 1980s: Replace T-55 with:
  - T-72 MK 125mm Command Main Battle Tank (b) CWWP-11

(b) Command tanks (i.e. ‘K’ variants) do not have AAMGs and may not therefore conduct AA fire.

Battlegroup CWHU-04

Tank Regiment 1980s (ad)

Command
- x1 T-55 K 100mm Command MBT (ab) CWWP-03
- Forward Air Controller
- x1 Forward Observer CWWP-115
- Transport/Recce
- x1 D-442 MRP FUG OP Vehicle use CWWP-56

Battlegroups
- BG CWHU-09
  - x1 Motor Rifle Battalion (Wheeled) (c)

Manoeuvre Elements
- ME CWHU-01
  - x3 Tank Battalion (a)
- ME CWHU-12
  - x1 Reconnaissance Company
- ME CWHU-15
  - x1 Engineer Company (Tank)
- ME CWHU-14
  - x1 Antiaircraft Company (e)

(a) Hungary was very slow in modernising her tank force. In 1982, Hungary had only a single battalion of T-72 (within 11th Tank Division). By 1986 that had increased to a full Tank Regiment. By 1989, the 11th Tank Division and the 1st Tank Brigade seem to have been fully-equipped with T-72. : May therefore replace T-55 in these units/years with:
  - T-72 MK 125mm Command Main Battle Tank (b) CWWP-11

(b) Command tanks (i.e. ‘K’ variants) do not have AAMGs and may not therefore conduct AA fire.

(c) From early 1980s: In 11th Tank Division, 4th Motor Rifle Division and 8th Motor Rifle Division, may replace Motor Rifle Battalion (Wheeled) with Motor Rifle Battalion (Tracked) (BG CWHU-08).

(d) Hungarian Tank Regiments did not have a Regimental Artillery Group.

(e) In 9th, 15th & 17th Motor Rifle Divisions: Delete Antiaircraft Company.
(a) As previously discussed, BMPs were only adopted during the 1980s and only within the 11th Tank, 4th Motor Rifle and 8th Motor Rifle Divisions. Until then, all Hungarian Motor Rifle Regiments were wheeled (BG CWHU-06).

(b) Late 1980s: It is possible that the Tank Battalion of the 11th Tank Division’s Motor Rifle Regiment converted to T-72 along with the rest of the division (though this is not confirmed).

(c) As previously discussed, one Motor Rifle Regiment each in 11th Tank, 4th Motor Rifle and 8th Motor Rifle Divisions converted to BMPs during the 1980s (see BG CWHU-05).
BATTLEGROUP CWHU-07
Reconnaissance Battalion (a)

Command
x1 Commander CWWP-103
Transport/Recce
x1 D-442 FUG Scout Car (b) CWWP-56

MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS
ME CWHU-07
x2 Heavy Reconnaissance Company
ME CWHU-08
x1 Scout Car Company

ATTACHMENTS
Recce
x2 D-442VS FUG NBC Recce Vehicle use CWWP-56

(a) Specific details of Hungarian Recce Battalion organisation are extremely difficult to track down, so this TO&E requires further research.

(b) May replace command D-442 FUG Scout Car with: D-994Z PK PSzH Command Vehicle use CWWP-51

BATTLEGROUP CWHU-08
Motor Rifle Battalion (Tracked)

Command
x1 Commander CWWP-103
Transport
x1 BMP-KSh Command Vehicle CWWP-65

MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS
ME CWHU-04
x3 Motor Rifle Company (Tracked)

ATTACHMENTS
Organic Fire Support
x4 M-43 120mm Mortar CWWP-113
Transport
x4 GAZ-66 Medium Truck CWWP-87

BATTLEGROUP CWHU-09
Motor Rifle Battalion (Wheeled)

Command
x1 Commander CWWP-103
Transport
x1 D-994Z PK PSzH Cmd Vehicle use CWWP-51

MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS
ME CWHU-05
x3 Motor Rifle Company (Wheeled)

ATTACHMENTS
Organic Fire Support
x4 M-43 120mm Mortar CWWP-113
Transport
x4 GAZ-66 Medium Truck CWWP-87

(a) In 11th Tank, 4th Motor Rifle and 8th Motor Rifle Divisions: Replace AT-3 ‘Sagger’ teams with: AT-4 ‘Spigot’ ATGM Team CWWP-97

BATTLEGROUP CWHU-10
Motor Rifle Battalion (Lorried)

Command
x1 Commander CWWP-103
Transport
x1 UAZ-469 Light Utility Vehicle CWWP-86

MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS
ME CWHU-06
x3 Motor Rifle Company (Lorried)

ATTACHMENTS
Organic Fire Support
x4 M-43 120mm Mortar CWWP-113
Transport
x4 GAZ-66 Medium Truck CWWP-87

x3 AT-3 ‘Sagger’ ATGM Team CWWP-96
Transport
x1 GAZ-66 Medium Truck CWWP-87
**BATTLEGROUP CWHU-11**

Independent Air Assault Infantry Battalion

- **HQ**
  - x1 Commander
  - x1 BMD U Airborne Command Vehicle

**MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS**

- ME CWHU-09
  - x1 Air Assault Infantry Company
- ME CWHU-10
  - x2 Parachute Infantry Company

**ATTACHMENTS**

- Organic Fire Support
  - x4 M-43 120mm Mortar
- Transport
  - x4 GAZ-66 Medium Truck
  - x2 AT-4 ‘Spigot’ ATGM

(a) The AT-4 ‘Spigot’ ATGMs were normally allocated directly to the Parachute Companies. The Air Assault Company had its own organic ATGMs, mounted on its BMDs.

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**BATTLEGROUP CWHU-12**

Antitank Battalion

- **HQ**
  - x1 Commander
  - x1 UAZ-469 Light Utility Vehicle

**MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS**

- ME CWHU-11
  - x3 Antitank Gun Company

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**MANOEUVRE ELEMENT CWHU-01**

Tank Battalion (Tank Regiment)

- **Command**
  - x1 T-55 K 100mm Command MBT (ac) CWWP-03
  - x12 T-55 100mm MBT (ab) CWWP-03

(a) The Hungarians purchased a steady trickle of T-72 MBTs throughout the 1980s. By 1982 11th Tank Division had re-equipped one of its battalions with T-72. By 1986 this had increased to a full regiment. By 1989 the entire division had been re-equipped with T-72, as had the independent 1st Tank Brigade. May therefore replace T-55 tanks with:

  - T-72 M 125mm Main Battle Tank (c) CWWP-11

(b) Hungarian Tank Battalions generally operate as single MEs. However, one company of x4 tanks may be detached from each Tank Battalion as a separate ME (designate one tank as the Company Commander).

(c) Regimental and Battalion Command Tank (‘K’) variants do not have AAMGs and may not therefore conduct antiaircraft fire.

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**MANOEUVRE ELEMENT CWHU-02**

Tank Battalion (Motor Rifle Regiment)

- **Command**
  - x1 T-55 K 100mm Command MBT (ac) CWWP-03
  - x17 T-55 100mm MBT (ab) CWWP-03

(a) In Late 1980s: The Tank Battalion of 11th Tank Division’s Motor Rifle Regiment might have upgraded its tanks along with the division’s Tank Regiments. May therefore replace T-55 tanks in this regiment only with:

  - T-72 M 125mm Main Battle Tank (c) CWWP-11

(b) Hungarian Tank Battalions generally operate as single MEs. However, one company of x6 tanks may be detached from each Tank Battalion as a separate ME (designate one tank as the Company Commander).

(c) Regimental and Battalion Command Tank (‘K’) variants do not have AAMGs and may not therefore conduct antiaircraft fire.

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**MANOEUVRE ELEMENT CWHU-03**

Independent Tank Battalion

- **Command**
  - x1 T-55 K 100mm Command MBT (ac) CWWP-03
  - x16 T-55 100mm MBT (ab) CWWP-03

(a) Late 1980s: Replace T-55 tanks in 1st Tank Brigade with:

  - T-72 M 125mm Main Battle Tank (c) CWWP-11

(b) Hungarian Tank Battalions generally operate as single MEs. However, one company of x4 tanks may be detached from each Tank Battalion as a separate ME (designate one tank as the Company Commander).

(c) Regimental and Battalion Command Tank (‘K’) variants do not have AAMGs and may not therefore conduct antiaircraft fire.

(d) Late 1980s: Fifth company added. Increase to x20 tanks plus x1 command tank.
**MANOEUVRE ELEMENT CWHU-04**

*Motor Rifle Company (Tracked)*

- **HQ**
  - x1 Commander
  - x1 SA-7 ‘Grail’ SAM Team
  - x6 to x9 Early Motor Rifles (3 RPG) (ab)
- **Transport**
  - x4 BMP-1 Infantry Combat Vehicle

(a) Hungary suffered continual recruitment problems, due partly to the deep unpopularity of army service (many young men would declare all manner of medical problems to avoid the draft), but mainly due to the fact that ever since 1956, the Hungarian government had actively tried to avoid having to spend vast sums on a large standing army. These recruitment problems, allied to the tiny internal capacity of the wheeled D-994 PSzH-IV armoured personnel carrier, meant that Hungarian Motor Rifle platoon strength was very weak, with only 4-6 men per squad. It is debatable as to whether this situation improved when the marginally roomier BMP was introduced.

(b) Hungary did not keep pace with Soviet advances in infantry squad weapons.

**MANOEUVRE ELEMENT CWHU-05**

*Motor Rifle Company (Wheeled)*

- **HQ**
  - x1 Commander
  - x1 SA-7 ‘Grail’ SAM Team
  - x6 Early Motor Rifles (3 RPG) (ab)
- **Transport**
  - x4 D-994 PSzH-IV APC

(a) The tiny internal capacity of the wheeled D-994 PSzH-IV armoured personnel carrier meant that Hungarian Motor Rifle platoon strength was very weak, with only 4-6 men per squad. Although there were still nine squads in the company, I’ve dropped the strength by one-third to reflect the low overall strength of the unit.

(b) Hungary did not keep pace with Soviet advances in infantry squad weapons.

**MANOEUVRE ELEMENT CWHU-06**

*Motor Rifle Company (Lorried)*

- **HQ**
  - x1 Commander
  - x1 SA-7 ‘Grail’ SAM Team
  - x6 to x9 Early Motor Rifles (3 RPG) (ab)
- **Transport**
  - x4 GAZ-66 Medium Truck

(a) As with BMP-mounted Motor Rifles, it is debatable as to whether using trucks would lead to a larger squad/platoon strength.

(b) Hungary did not keep pace with Soviet advances in infantry squad weapons.

**MANOEUVRE ELEMENT CWHU-07**

*Heavy Reconnaissance Company (a)*

- **HQ**
  - x1 Command/Recce
  - x2 PT-76 76mm Amphibious Light Tank (b)
- **Recce**
  - x2 Early Motor Rifles (1 RPG)
  - x2 D-442 FUG Scout Car (c)
  - x1 T-55 100mm Main Battle Tank (d)
  - x1 PK Light Machine Gun
  - x1 Dnepr M-750M Motorcycle Combination

(a) I have only the sketchiest idea of how Hungarian recce units were organised. However, I do know that a dismountable element was carried by recce FUGs and that PT-76s remained in use until the end of the 1980s.

(b) It is possible that in the Recce Battalion of 11th Tank Division, PT-76s were replaced with BMPs, as they had been in other Warpac armies. May therefore replace PT-76 Light Tanks with: BMP-1 73mm Infantry Combat Vehicle

(c) May replace D-442 FUG Scout Cars with: D-994 PSzH-IV

(d) Late 1980s: It is possible that in the Recce Battalion of 11th Tank Division, the T-55s were upgraded along with the rest of the division’s tanks. May therefore replace T-55 with: T-72 M 125mm Main Battle Tank

**MANOEUVRE ELEMENT CWHU-08**

*Scout Car Company (a)*

- **HQ**
  - x1 Command/Recce
  - x1 D-442 FUG Scout Car (b)
- **Recce**
  - x6 Early Motor Rifles (2 RPG)
  - x6 D-442 FUG Scout Car (b)

(a) I have only the sketchiest idea of how Hungarian recce units were organised. However, I do know that a dismountable element was carried by recce FUGs.

(b) May replace D-442 FUG Scout Cars with: D-994 PSzH-IV
Air Support

The Hungarian Army Air Force had the following aircraft deployed in the ground-attack role:

- Su-17 – 2x Squadrons
- MiG-17 – 1x Squadron

By 1987, one of the ground-attack squadrons had converted to Su-25 and by 1989 the whole Hungarian Attack Regiment had been converted.

In the air defence role (which could be pressed into service as ground attack if necessary) they had the following aircraft:

- MiG-21 – 8x Squadrons
- MiG-23 – 1x Squadron

(one source states that three of the nine Air Defence Fighter Squadrons were MiG-23)
Divisional Artillery Battalions were equipped with the M-38 122mm Howitzer, rather than the more modern D-30.

(a) Sources are evenly split on the organisation of the Hungarian Army Artillery Brigade: Half state that the brigade had a battalion of BM-21 MRLs, while the other half state that it had two battalions of M-46 130mm long-range guns.