

(a) Major General C Maltby, GOC Hong Kong Fortress, initially divided his forces into two brigades, divided geographically into Mainland Brigade, defending Kowloon, the New Territories and the 'Gin Drinkers' Line', and 'Island Brigade', defending Hong Kong Island. When the keystone of the defences, the Shing Mun Redoubt, fell with hardly a whimper on 9th December, the Mainland Brigade was soon out-manoeuvred and was evacuated to Hong Kong Island on 12th December. Maltby then reorganised his forces into Eastern and Western Brigades.

BG-BRHK02

Western Brigade

Brigadier J Lawson



BATTLEGROUPS



BG-BRHK04

2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots

Lieutenant Colonel S White



BG-BRHK06

2nd Battalion, 14th Punjab Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel G Kidd



BG-BRHK08

1st Battalion, The Winnipeg Grenadiers

Lieutenant Colonel JLR Sutcliffe



BG-BRHK02

(-) 1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel HWM Stewart (a)

ELEMENTS, HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS:



ME-BRHK06

3 (Eurasian) Company, HKVDC

Major EG Stewart



ME-BRHK05

4 (Chinese) Company, HKVDC



ME-BRHK05

5 (Portuguese) Company, HKVDC



ME-BRHK05

7 Company, HKVDC



ME-BRHK05

3 (Coastal) Battery, HKVDC

(Ap Lei Chau Island)



ME-BRHK12

Engineer Field Company, HKVDC

Captain KS Robertson



ME-BRHK08

Armoured Car Platoon, HKVDC

Lieutenant MG Carruthers



ME-BRHK09

Recce Platoon, HKVDC

Lieutenant R Edwards



ME-BRHK11

2 ('Hugheseliers') Ind Plt, HKVDC

Major Paterson



ME-BRHK11

ATTACHED ELEMENTS FROM:

Motor Machine Gun Platoon, HKVDC

Captain John Wray

ELEMENTS, HONG KONG & SINGAPORE ROYAL ARTILLERY:



12 Coastal Regiment, HKSRA



ME-BRHK15

17 Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery, HKSRA

Lieutenant FH Fairclough



FSE-BRHK01

2 Mountain Battery, HKSRA



FSE-BRHK02

4 Medium Battery, HKSRA



FSE-BRHK02

25 Medium Battery, HKSRA



ATTACHED ELEMENTS FROM:

965 Defence Battery, HKSRA

OTHER ELEMENTS



ME-BRHK16

22 Fortress Field Company, Royal Engineers



ME-BRHK16

40 Fortress Field Company, Royal Engineers



ME-BRHK17

Royal Marine Detachment, HMS Tamar

Major C Farrington



ME-BRHK17

Royal Naval Detachment, HMS Thracian

Commander AL Pears



ME-BRHK18

Hong Kong Dockyard Defence Corps (HKDDC)

Major D Campbell

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(b) HQ, A, C & Z Companies only.

BG-BRHK03

Eastern Brigade

Brigadier C Wallis



BATTLEGROUPS



BG-BRHK07
5th Battalion, 7th Rajput Regiment
Lieutenant Colonel J Cadogan-Rawlinson



BG-BRHK09
1st Battalion, The Royal Rifles Of Canada
Lieutenant Colonel WJ Home



ELEMENTS FROM BG-BRHK02
(-) **1st Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment**
Lieutenant Colonel HWM Stewart (a)

ELEMENTS, HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS:



ME-BRHK05
1 Company, HKVDC
Captain AH Penn



ME-BRHK05
2 (Scottish) Company, HKVDC
Major HR Forsyth



ME-BRHK07
6 (Portuguese (AA)) Company, HKVDC



1 (Coastal) Battery, HKVDC
(D'Aguillar)



2 (Coastal) Battery, HKVDC
(Bluff Head)



4 (Coastal) Battery, HKVDC
(Pak Sha Wan)



ME-BRHK13
5 (Anti-Aircraft) Battery, HKVDC
(Sai Wan)



ME-BRHK10
1 (Stanley) Ind Plt, HKVDC
Lieutenant Fitzgerald

ELEMENTS, HONG KONG & SINGAPORE ROYAL ARTILLERY:



8 Coastal Regiment, HKSRA



ME-BRHK15
7 Anti-Aircraft Battery, HKSRA



ME-BRHK15
18 Anti-Aircraft Battery, HKSRA



FSE-BRHK01
1 Mountain Battery, HKSRA



FSE-BRHK02
3 Medium Battery, HKSRA



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965 Defence Battery, HKSRA

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(b) B & D Companies only.

BG-BRHK04

2nd Battalion, The Royal Scots

Lieutenant Colonel S White



	Command	
	x1 Commander	14A-18
	Transport	
	x1 Staff Car	BR-P
	x2 Bren/Lewis AA Machine Gun (a)	use 14A-22
	Transport	
	x1 Morris MWD 15cwt Truck (b)	14A-11

MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS

	ME-BRHK01	'A' Company – Captain 'Potato' Jones
	Command	
	x1 Commander	14A-18
	x9 Infantry (1 Boys ATR)	14A-17
	x1 2-inch Mortar (d)	14A-24
	ME-BRHK01	'B' Company – Captain Richardson (KIA Golden Hill)
	Command	
	x1 Commander	14A-18
	x9 Infantry (1 Boys ATR)	14A-17
	x1 2-inch Mortar (d)	14A-24
	ME-BRHK01	'C' Company – Captain Rose (KIA Golden Hill)
	Command	
	x1 Commander	14A-18
	x9 Infantry (1 Boys ATR)	14A-17
	x1 2-inch Mortar (d)	14A-24
	ME-BRHK01	'D' Company – Captain Pinkerton
	Command	
	x1 Commander	14A-18
	x9 Infantry (1 Boys ATR) (c)	14A-17
	x1 2-inch Mortar (d)	14A-24

	ME-BRHK02	Carrier Platoon
	Captain AMS Slater-Brown	
	Command/Recce	
	x1 Commander	14A-18
	Transport/Recce	
	x1 Universal Carrier (MG)	14A-08
	Recce	
	x3 Bren Light Machine Gun	14A-22
	Transport/Recce	
	x3 Universal Carrier (MG)	14A-08

ATTACHMENTS

	Organic Fire Support	
	x3 3-inch Mortar (d)	14A-25
	Transport	
	x3 Morris MWD 15cwt Truck (b)	14A-11
	x2 Assault Pioneer (no flamethrower)	14A-19
	Transport	
	x1 Morris MWD 15cwt Truck (b)	14A-11

(a) Use the Bren card but apply an AA rating of

(b) Use the CMP 15cwt card 14A-11, but do not apply the +1 bog-down modifier.

(c) 'D' Company suffered roughly a platoon's worth of casualties at Golden Hill during the battles for the 'Gin Drinkers' Line' on the Mainland, so reduce the Infantry strength to x6 for subsequent battles on Hong Kong Island.

(d) There was already a shortage of mortar ammunition in the garrison armouries, even before the Canadians of 'C' Force arrived in Hong Kong. To add to the problems, the Canadians had been embarked with no mortar ammunition, having been ordered to draw their ammunition from the garrison. After the Canadian arrival the garrison was down to just seventy rounds for each 3-inch Mortar and far fewer for each 2-inch Mortar.

(e) The Royal Scots suffered a severe crisis of confidence and leadership during the Gin Drinkers' Line battles, particularly in the immediate aftermath of the loss of the Shin Mung Redoubt. Therefore I would class them as 'Raw' for this part of the campaign. Once they had been evacuated to Hong Kong Island they seemed to recover their form and fought extremely hard. Therefore class as 'Trained' for the island battles.

BG-BRHK05

1st (MG) Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel HWM Stewart



Command
HQ
 x1 Commander 14A-18
 Transport
 x1 Staff Car BR-P

MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS



ME-BRHK03 'A' Company

Command
HQ
 x1 Commander 14A-18
 Transport
 x1 5cwt Light Utility Vehicle BR-P
 x6 Vickers Medium Machine Gun 14A-23
 Transport
 x3 Morris MWD 15cwt Truck (b) 14A-11



ME-BRHK03 'Z' Company

Command
HQ
 x1 Commander 14A-18
 Transport
 x1 5cwt Light Utility Vehicle BR-P
 x6 Vickers Medium Machine Gun 14A-23
 Transport
 x3 Morris MWD 15cwt Truck (b) 14A-11



ME-BRHK03 'B' Company

Command
HQ
 x1 Commander 14A-18
 Transport
 x1 5cwt Light Utility Vehicle BR-P
 x6 Vickers Medium Machine Gun 14A-23
 Transport
 x3 Morris MWD 15cwt Truck (b) 14A-11



ME-BRHK03 'C' Company

Command
HQ
 x1 Commander 14A-18
 Transport
 x1 5cwt Light Utility Vehicle BR-P
 x6 Vickers Medium Machine Gun 14A-23
 Transport
 x3 Morris MWD 15cwt Truck (b) 14A-11



ME-BRHK03 'D' Company

Command
HQ
 x1 Commander 14A-18
 Transport
 x1 5cwt Light Utility Vehicle BR-P
 x6 Vickers Medium Machine Gun 14A-23
 Transport
 x3 Morris MWD 15cwt Truck (b) 14A-11

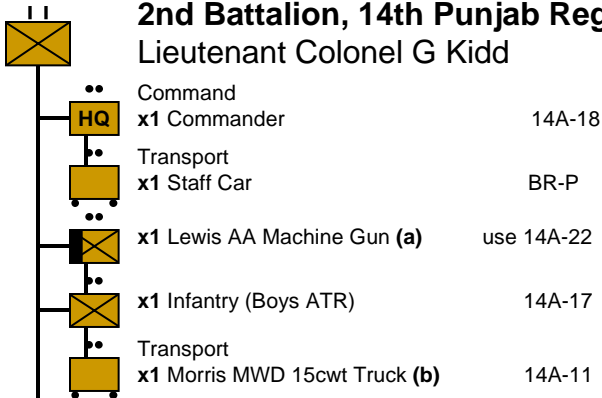
(a) Unlike MG Battalions in other theatres and periods of WW2, the 1st Middlesex at Hong Kong was not split up as individual platoon attachments to infantry battalions. Each company of the 1st Middlesex fought as an integral whole and were often found fighting on when their supporting infantry battalions had pulled back. The battalion was initially split in half, divided between Eastern and Western Brigades, holding the line of pillboxes along the northern shore of Hong Kong Island, losing many men as the pillboxes drew the attentions of Japanese artillery firing from Kowloon over open sights. Once the Japanese had gained a bridgehead, the Middlesex fell back to the west. Its machine guns fired over a million rounds, inflicting hundreds of casualties on the invaders and preventing them from breaking Western Brigade's line, often fighting on alone as at Leighton Hill.

(b) Use the CMP 15cwt card 14A-11, but do not apply the +1 bog-down modifier.

BG-BRHK06

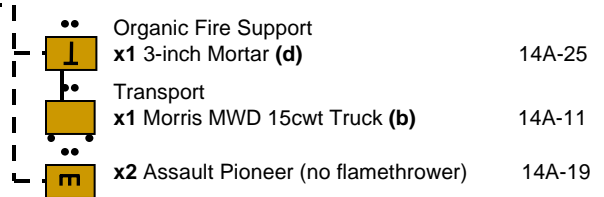
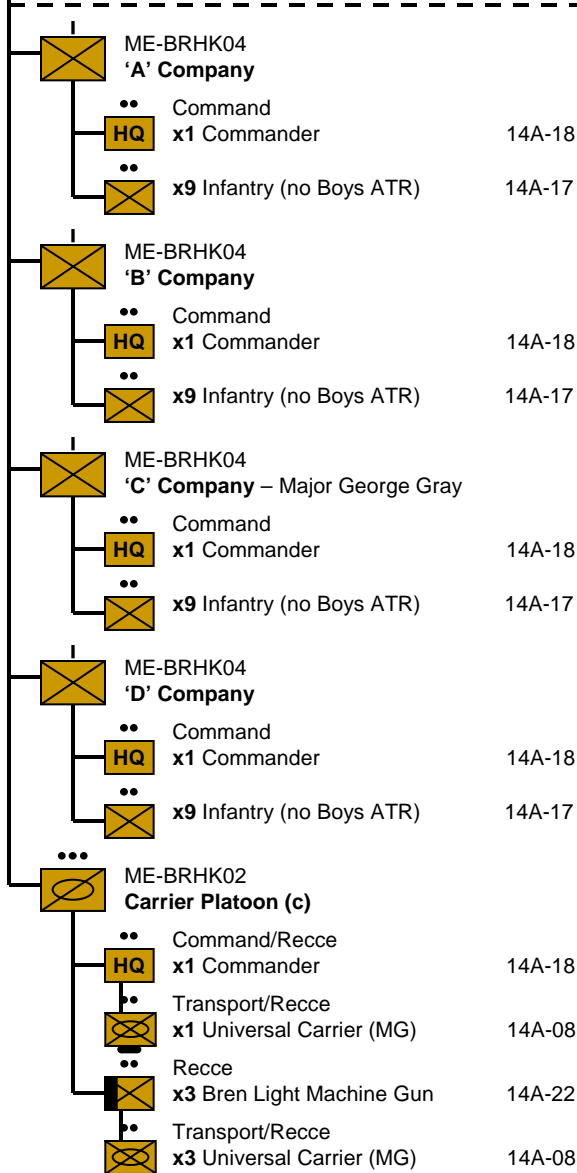
2nd Battalion, 14th Punjab Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel G Kidd



MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS

ATTACHMENTS



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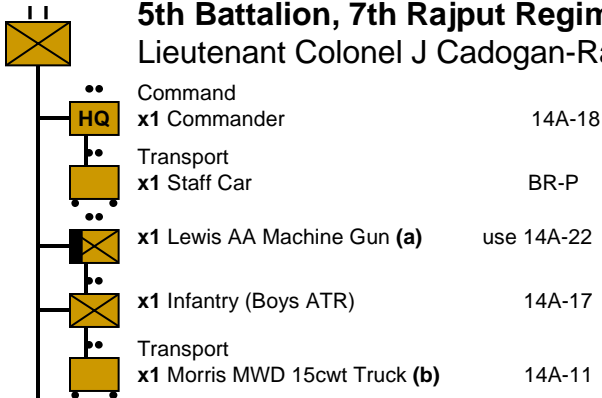
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BG-BRHK07

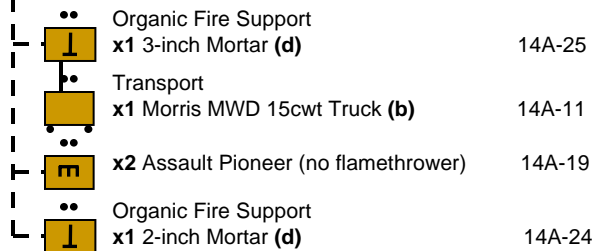
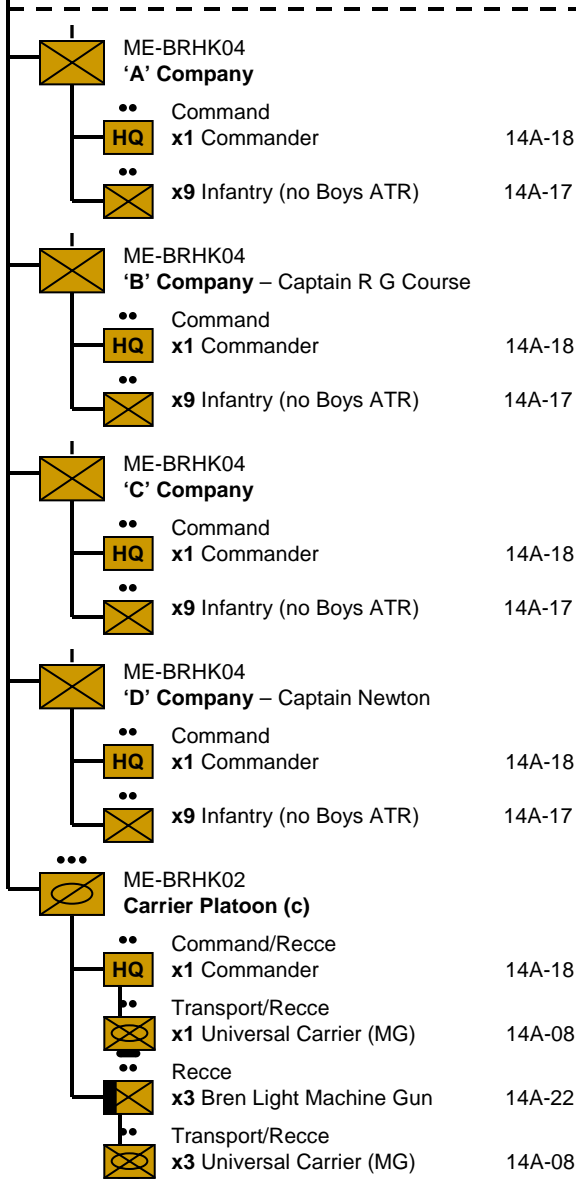
5th Battalion, 7th Rajput Regiment

Lieutenant Colonel J Cadogan-Rawlinson



MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS

ATTACHMENTS



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BG-BRHK08

1st Battalion, The Winnipeg Grenadiers

Lieutenant Colonel JLR Sutcliffe











-  Command
x1 Commander 14A-18
-  x2 Infantry (2 Boys ATR) 14A-17
-  x2 Lewis AA Machine Gun (a) use 14A-22





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


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MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS



-  ME-BRHK01
'A' Company – Major AB Gresham
 -  Command
x1 Commander 14A-18
 -  x9 Infantry (1 Boys ATR) 14A-17
 -  x1 2-inch Mortar (b) 14A-24

-  ME-BRHK01
'B' Company
 -  Command
x1 Commander 14A-18
 -  x9 Infantry (1 Boys ATR) 14A-17
 -  x1 2-inch Mortar (b) 14A-24

-  ME-BRHK01
'C' Company
 -  Command
x1 Commander 14A-18
 -  x9 Infantry (1 Boys ATR) 14A-17
 -  x1 2-inch Mortar (b) 14A-24

-  ME-BRHK01
'D' Company – Captain AS Bowman
 -  Command
x1 Commander 14A-18
 -  x9 Infantry (1 Boys ATR) 14A-17
 -  x1 2-inch Mortar (b) 14A-24

ATTACHMENTS




-  Organic Fire Support
x1 3-inch Mortar (b) 14A-25
-  x2 Assault Pioneer (no flamethrower) 14A-19

BG-BRHK09

1st Battalion, The Royal Rifles Of Canada

Lieutenant Colonel WJ Home











-  Command
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-  x2 Infantry (2 Boys ATR) 14A-17
-  x2 Lewis AA Machine Gun **(a)** use 14A-22





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MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS



-  ME-BRHK01
'A' Company – Major Young
 -  Command
x1 Commander 14A-18
 -  x9 Infantry (1 Boys ATR) 14A-17
 -  x1 2-inch Mortar **(b)** 14A-24

-  ME-BRHK01
'B' Company – Major Macauley
 -  Command
x1 Commander 14A-18
 -  x9 Infantry (1 Boys ATR) 14A-17
 -  x1 2-inch Mortar **(b)** 14A-24

-  ME-BRHK01
'C' Company – Major Bishop
 -  Command
x1 Commander 14A-18
 -  x9 Infantry (1 Boys ATR) 14A-17
 -  x1 2-inch Mortar **(b)** 14A-24

-  ME-BRHK01
'D' Company – Major Parker
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 -  x9 Infantry (1 Boys ATR) 14A-17
 -  x1 2-inch Mortar **(b)** 14A-24

ATTACHMENTS

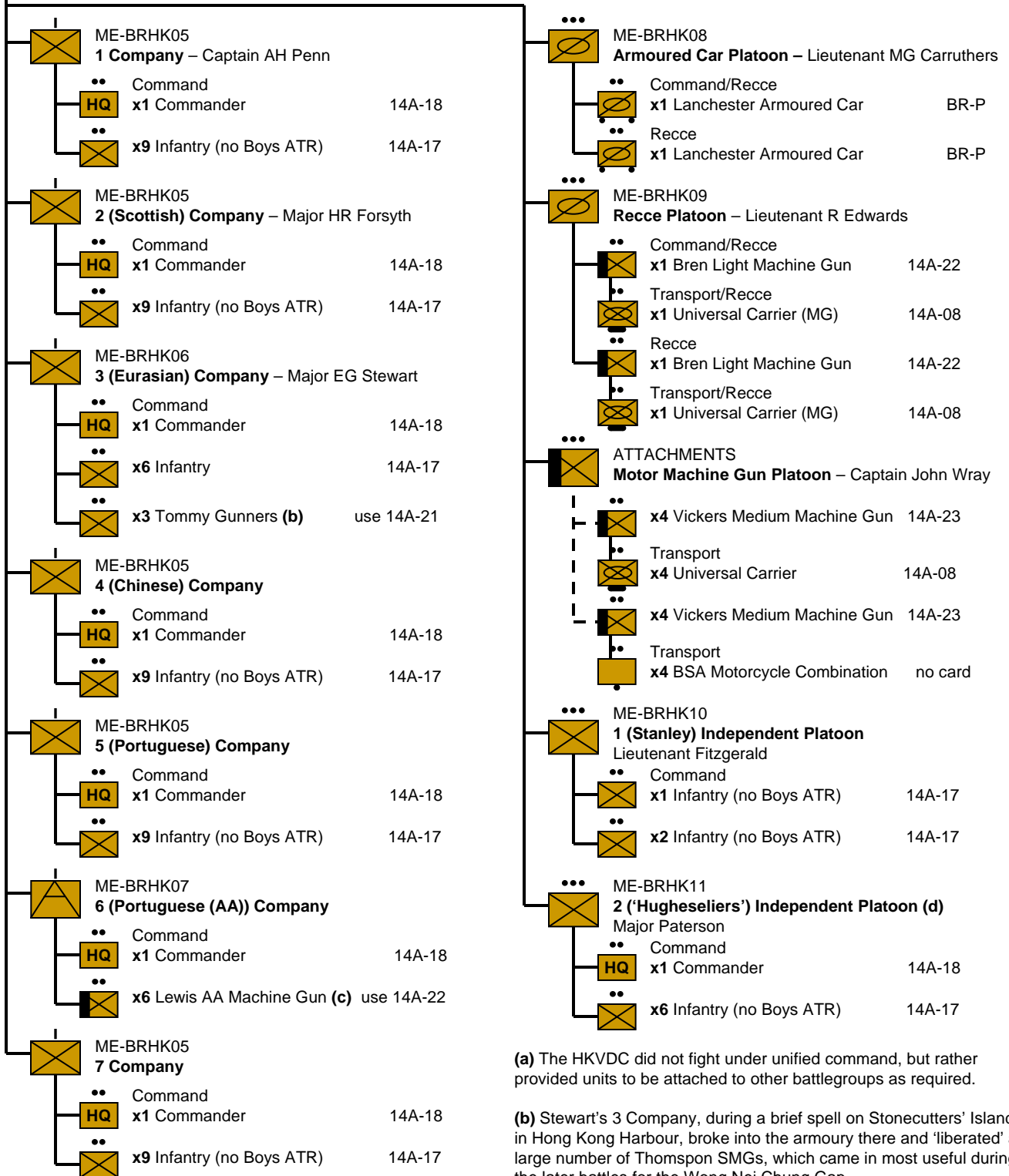
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Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps (a)

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MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS



(a) The HKVDC did not fight under unified command, but rather provided units to be attached to other battlegroups as required.

(b) Stewart's 3 Company, during a brief spell on Stonecutters' Island in Hong Kong Harbour, broke into the armoury there and 'liberated' a large number of Thompson SMGs, which came in most useful during the later battles for the Wong Nei Chung Gap.

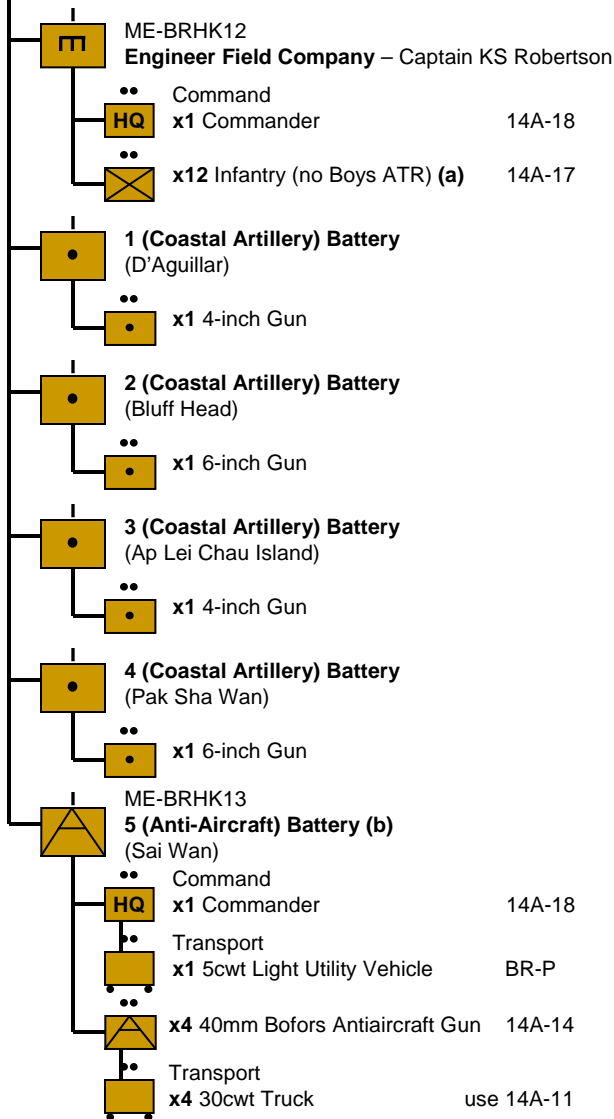
(c) Use Bren LMG stats, with an AA rating of

(d) The 'Hughseliers' were a unit of WWI veterans formed by one Colonel Hughes. A further nickname for them was 'Methuseliers' owing to their advanced years! Nevertheless, the Hughseliers fought tenaciously at Victoria Power Station and held it to the last man.

Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps

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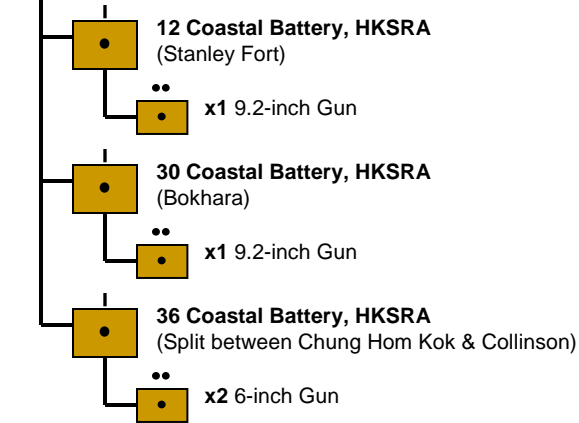
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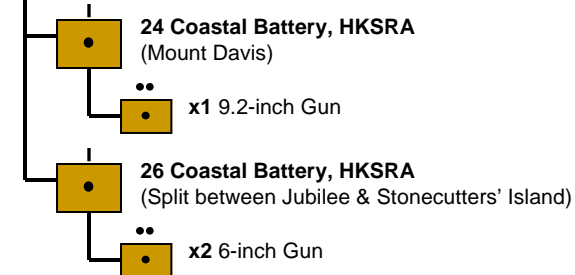
(a) May conduct engineering tasks.

(b) This unit is somewhat conjectural. All I know is that it was mobile and had 'guns' rather than MGs (one gun is recorded as being knocked out by Japanese artillery fire). I don't know what type, nor how many guns it had, so feel free to make your own guesses!

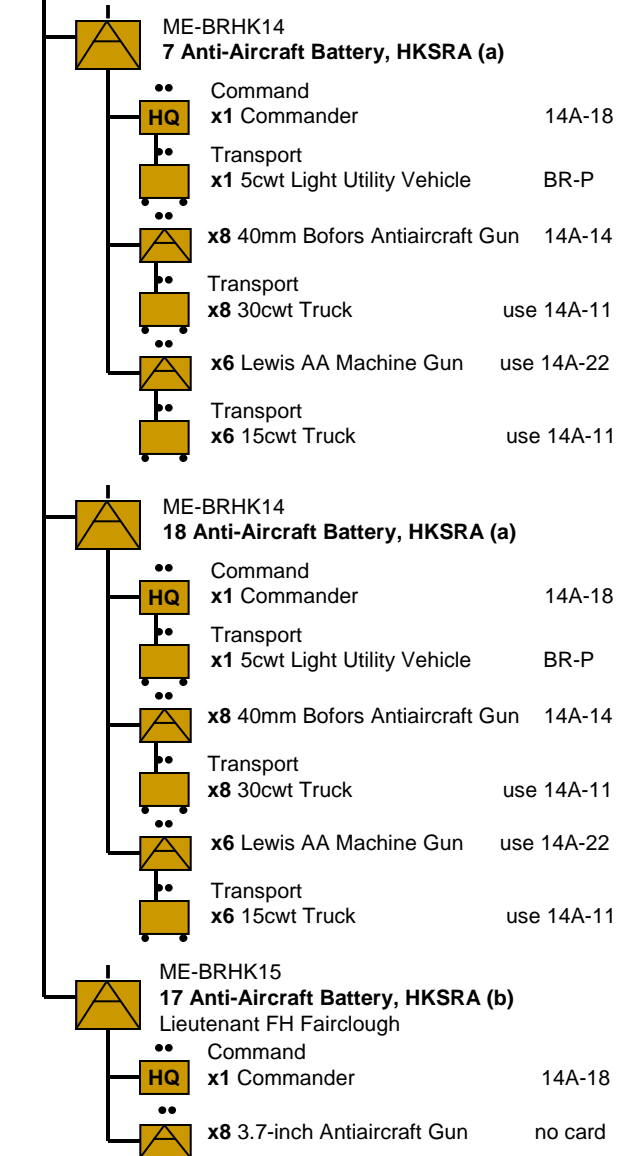
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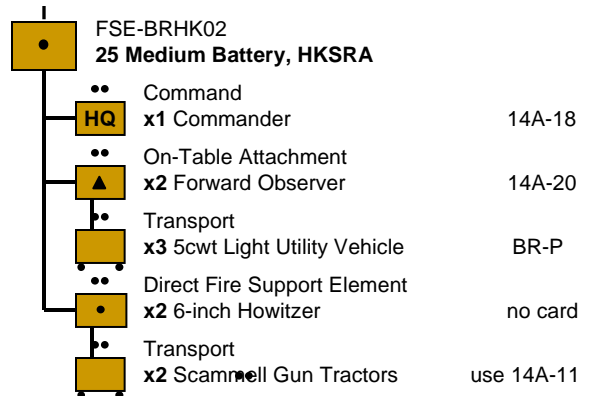
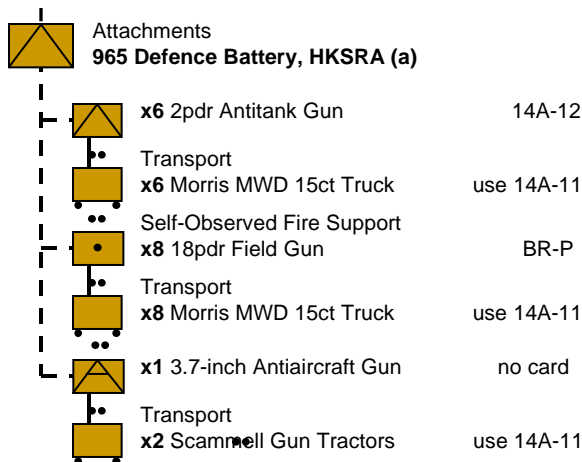
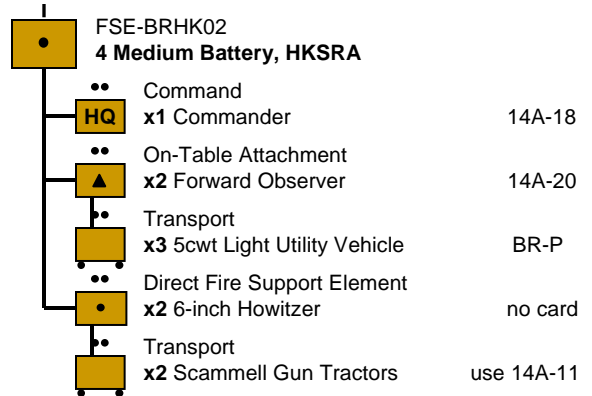
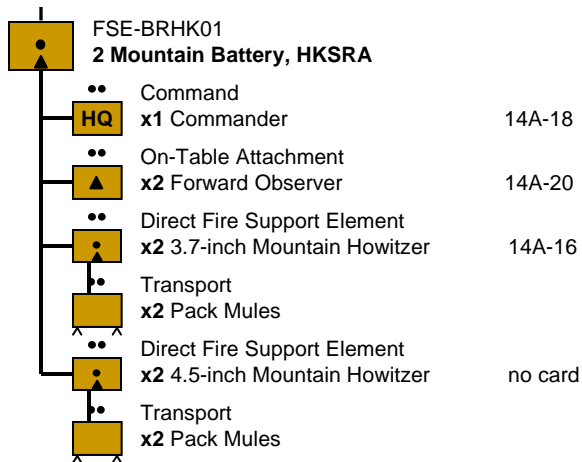
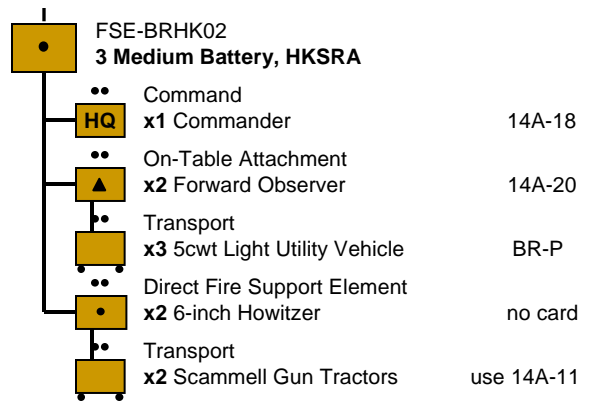
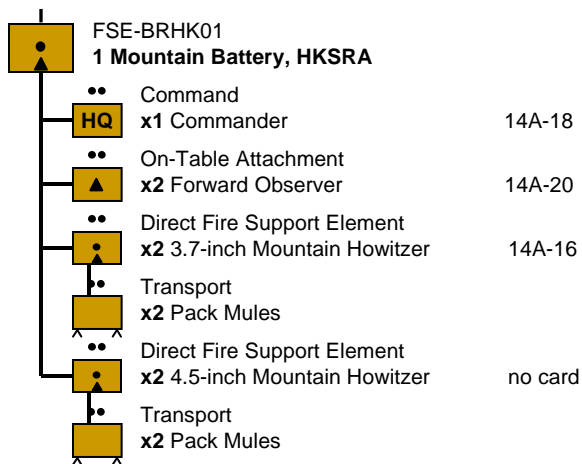


5 Anti-Aircraft Regiment, HKSRA

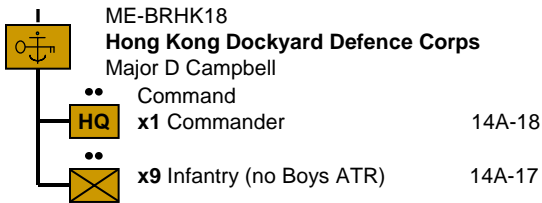
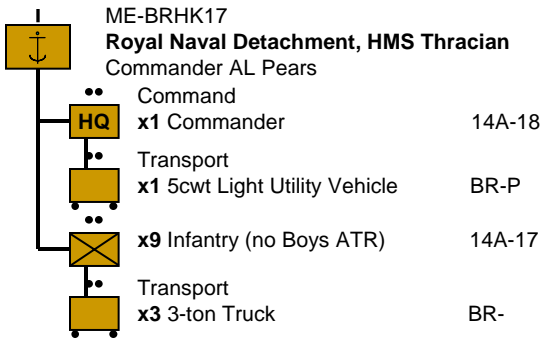
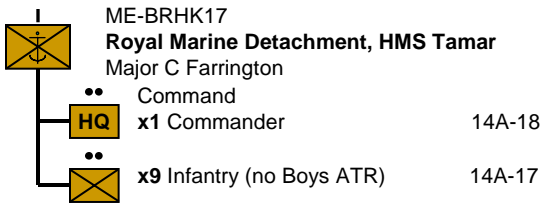
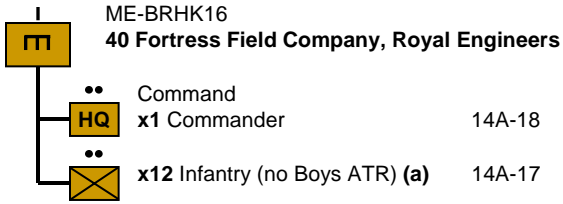
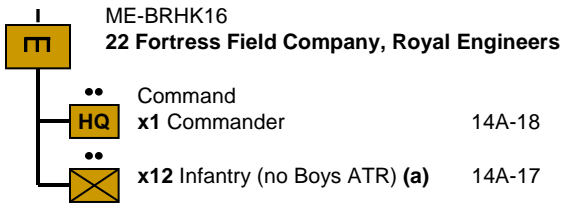


(a) These battery organisations are largely conjectural. They certainly had Bofors and Lewis Guns, though some Bofors guns may have been fixed rather than mobile. There were three troops per battery.

(b) This battery had four troops. It seems to have been fixed rather than mobile.



(a) 965 Battery was an independent unit, divided into three troops, designed to engage landing craft on the beaches. One troop of **x2** 2pdrs and **x2** 18pdrs was deployed in the south at Stanley. Another troop was deployed in the north-west of the island and also had the 3.7-inch AA detachment. The remaining troop was deployed in the north of the island and also included an extra two detachments of 18pdrs (WWI-era Mk Is, normally used for ceremonial duties). Some of these northern 18pdrs were placed inside pillboxes. In game terms, 965 Battery is deployed as direct attachments to other units. Note that the 18pdrs do not have FOs and may therefore only engage targets within line-of-sight (though may engage them indirectly).



Unit Qualities

Experienced

1st Middlesex
1, 2 & 3 Companies, HKVDC
Armoured Car & Recce Platoons, HKVDC

Trained

2nd Royal Scots (on Hong Kong Island)
2/14th Punjab
5/7th Rajput
Winnipeg Grenadiers
Royal Rifles Of Canada
All elements of HKVDC not mentioned elsewhere
HKSRA Batteries
Royal Marines
Royal Engineers

Raw

2nd Royal Scots (on Mainland)
4, 5, 6 & 7 Companies, HKVDC
Royal Naval Detachment
HKDDC