

Mehdia – French Briefing

French Morocco Nov 1942

Background.

Time now 0600hrs 9<sup>th</sup> Nov.

The Allied invasion of North West Africa began yesterday.

The Americans had stormed ashore demanding that we surrender meekly to them. Well, after being defeated by the Boche and being pushed around by the British, after losing Syria, Madagascar, and having to submit to the Japanese in Indo-China, the Americans will find we French have been pushed too far. The Honour of France demands we at least fight for our land and our honour.

You are the commander of the Rabat relief force, tasked with reinforcing the defences at Port Lyautey. Yesterday you encountered American forces south of Port Lyautey near Mehdia, occupying road blocks. After skirmishing late yesterday, you have driven in the light forces. You are now prepared to advance at first light and drive the Americans back. Your forces have closed up and they are listed below. You have heard bazaar rumours that the American landings were a complete mess. The scattered nature of the forces you encountered yesterday suggest confusion and lack of co-ordination among these Americans. You hope it is so!

### **Entry Point**

All French forces enter from the south, the Rabat edge. They may be mounted in Citroen trucks, 2 per coy or one per MMG or Mortar. You know from yesterday's skirmishing the Americans are trying to hold the crossroads and the road to the beach. (US deployment area is north of the dotted line.)

**Ground** The areas beyond the contour lines are either rocky or rough as indicated. The floor of the valley, where the road lies, is open.

### **Special note**

You noticed yesterday that the Americans seem to have a lot of artillery. Even small groups seemed to have a lot of artillery support. One of your men claims the shells landing were in fact being fired from a piece of pipe that one of the Americans was holding on his shoulder, but you have dismissed that as impossible. However, you have decided to be wary in the face of such firepower.

**All forces are experienced.**

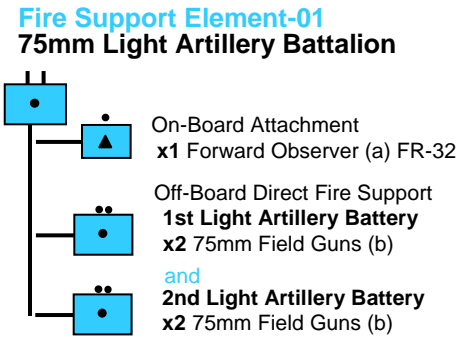
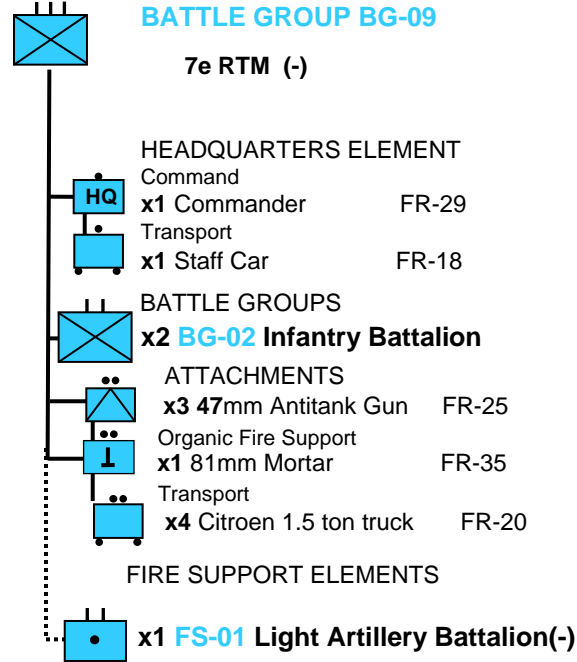
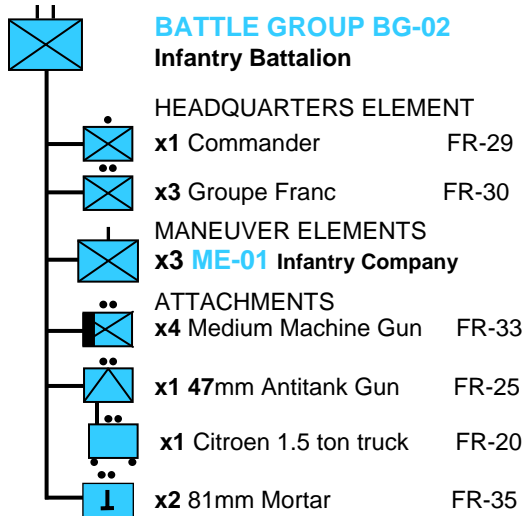
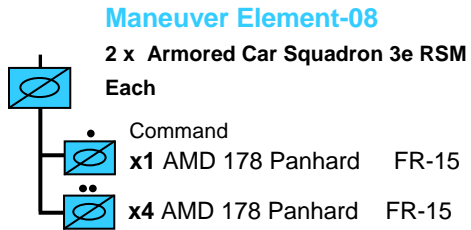
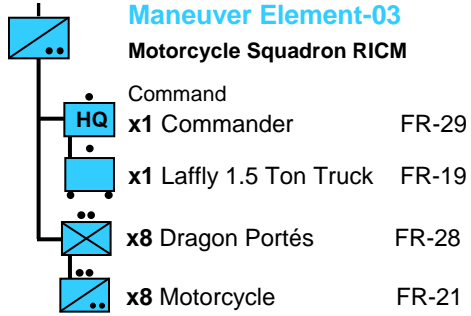
**Game length** – 20 turns

**Victory conditions,**

**Decisive Victory** disperse the roadblock and exit 4 ME, one of which must be armour (either R-35 or P178) off the board on the Port Lyautey road.

**Minor Victory:** Exit two ME and at least 4 armoured vehicles(R-35 or P178) off the Port Lyautey edge of the board.

Every thing else is either a draw or an American minor or decisive victory.



(a) The forward observer may be attached to any maneuver element. Use the German Call for Fire table.  
 (b) Small template. Indirect Fire weapon rating:  
 -1 vs. V, 0 vs. T, G, sV

