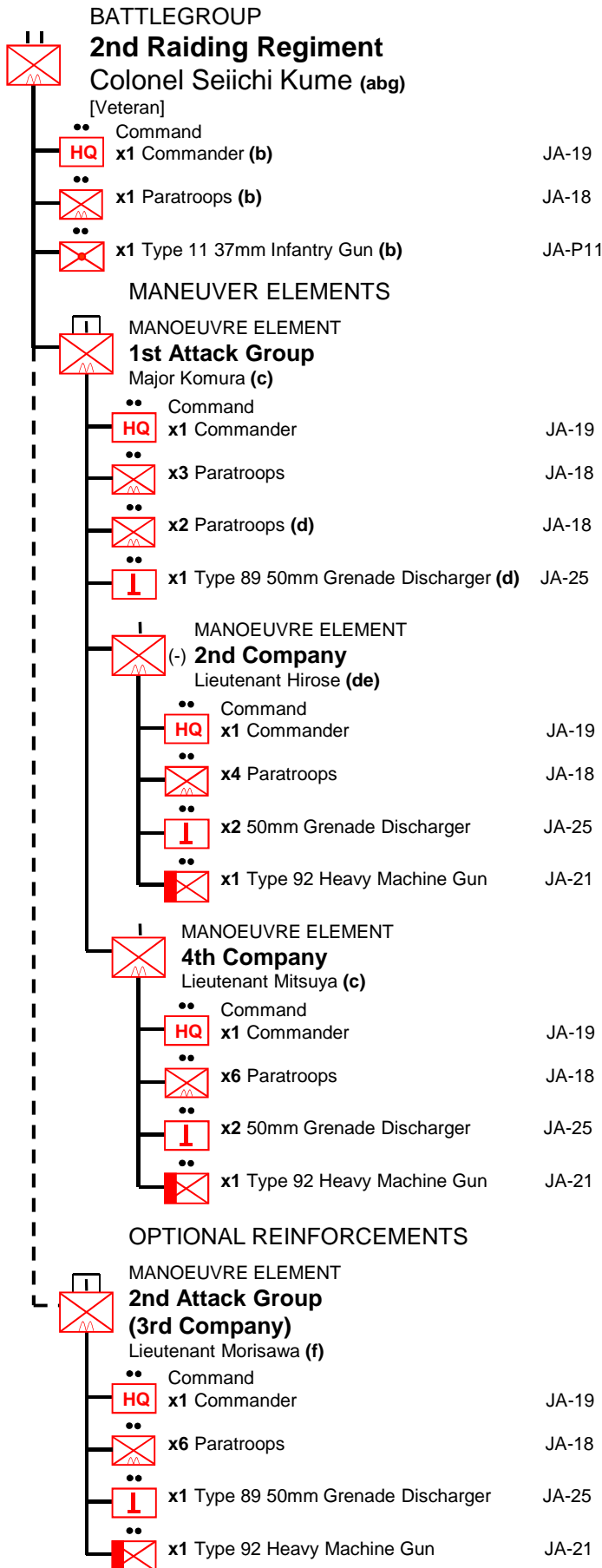


The Palembang Assault, 14th February 1942 – Japanese Order of Battle



(a) 2nd Raiding Regiment was not the first choice unit for the Palembang assault. 1st Raiding Regiment was originally allocated to the operation, but its transport ship, the *Meiko Maru*, caught fire and sank in transit to the theatre of operations, resulting in the loss of the regiment's equipment. The operation was therefore allocated to the brand-new 2nd Raiding Regiment at the last minute, even though the regiment had not finished forming. For this reason, 2nd Raiding Regiment in this scenario is classed as 'Veteran', whereas a Japanese airborne unit might normally expect to be classed as 'Élite'.

(b) Colonel Kume's group was crash-landed into the jungle by transport aircraft, along with the battalion's 37mm infantry gun section. In reality, this group did not arrive at P1 for a full 24 hours. However, I include it here as an optional reinforcement (see Optional Scenario Rules).

(c) Major Komura was the regimental 2IC and was in command of the assault on Air Landing Ground P1. He landed to the southeast of the airfield, along with the bulk of the regimental headquarters, Lt Mitsuya's 4th Company and a platoon from 2nd Company **(d)**.

(d) Lt Mizumo's platoon from 2nd Company is reinforcing Major Kimura's headquarters group, but may be re-attached to Lt Hirose's 2nd Company whenever the Japanese player wishes (but note that starting strengths and percentage losses will need to be re-calculated).

(e) Lt Hirose's 2nd Company lands west of the airfield.

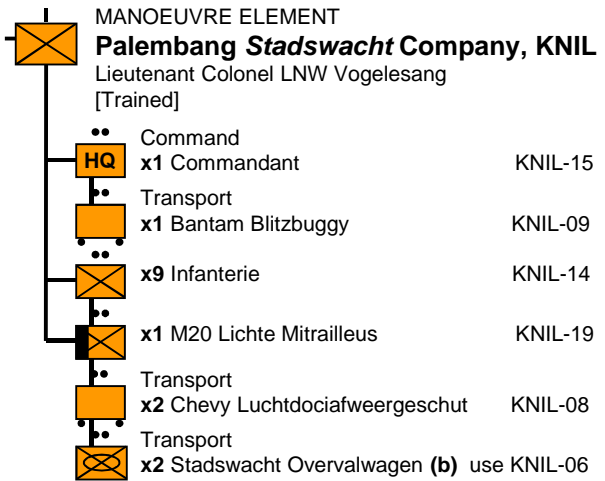
(f) The 2nd Attack Group, consisting of Lt Morisawa's 3rd Company, was dropped directly onto the airfield during the following day. I include it here as an optional scenario balancing force (see Optional Scenario Rules).

(g) The regiment's 1st Company was landed at the Palembang oil refineries, beyond the Musi River to the south, and is not included in this scenario.

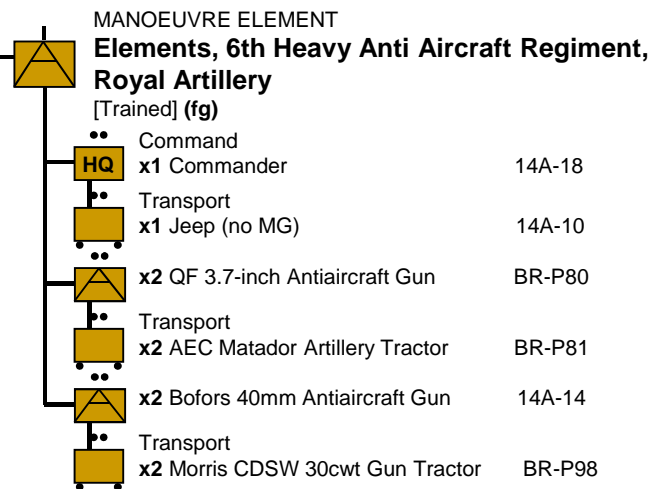
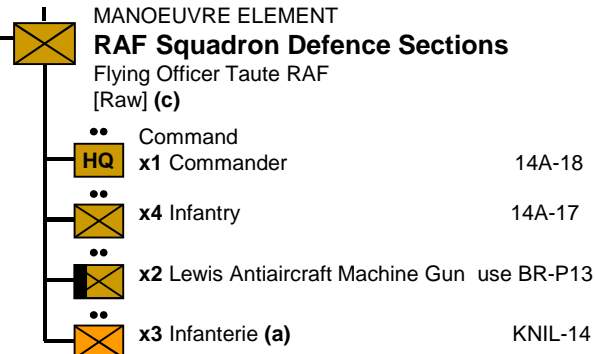
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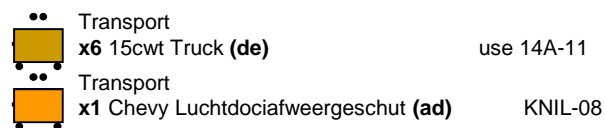
REINFORCEMENTS



MANOEUVRE ELEMENTS



ATTACHMENTS



(a) These were native Indonesian troops in Dutch KNIL service and attached to the RAF defence forces for P1.

(b) The AFVs assigned to the Palembang Stadswacht Company are described in various sources as 'armoured cars'. However, the only AFVs in Sumatra were militia-type *Overvalwagen*, which looked somewhat like wheeled Sdkfz 251s. There are no models available in 15mm, so we use QRF's regular army Braat Overvalwagen model.

(c) These RAF Defence Sections were formed from men drawn from 242, 258 & 605 Squadrons RAF, who were armed and given rudimentary infantry training.

(d) These trucks, in addition to being general transport elements, also represent the unarmed airfield personnel that are to be evacuated from P1.

(e) These RAF trucks were almost certainly not four-wheel drive, so do not apply the +1 Bog-Down modifier as shown on card 14A-11.

(f) While sources agree on the number of Bofors 40mm guns at P1 (six, in two groups of three each = x2 models total), they differ as to the number of 3.7-inch guns. A full battery would have eight guns (x4 models), but sources state variously four, six or eight guns at P1. What is certain, is that they were split into two troops (as were the Bofors guns), so I have opted for a conservative x2 models total. Feel free to add up to x2 more 3.7s if you wish.

(g) The 3.7-inch Heavy AA Battery at P1 was either 12 HAA Bty or 15 HAA Bty, Royal Artillery (the two batteries were split between P1 & P2), with the 3rd HAA Battery and the 6th HAA Regimental Headquarters being assigned to the defence of Singapore. The Bofors guns came from either 78 LAA Bty or B Troop 89 LAA Bty, which were attached to 6th HAA Regt and similarly split between P1 & P2. They appear to have reported to the HAA Battery commander at P1, so I have grouped them under the same battery ME.

