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**Infantry Brigade (Experienced)**

**HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT**
- **HQ**
  - x1 Commander
  - x1 Morris MWD 15cwt Truck

**BATTLE GROUPS**
- **2nd Battalion Royal Irish Fusiliers**
- **2nd Battalion Royal West Kents**
- **1st Battalion The Kings Own**
- **4th Battalion Royal East Kents**

**ATTACHMENTS**
- x2 AA Machine Gun
- x3 3" Mortar

**BRIGADE FIRE SUPPORT ELEMENTS**
- x2 Mortar Platoon
- x1 Field Artillery Battery

**LIBG-01**
- Infantry Battalion (-)
- **HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT**
  - **HQ**
  - x1 Commander
  - **MANEUVER ELEMENTS**
    - x3 Infantry Company

**BRIGADE**
- **LBBG-01**
  - Infantry Brigade
  - **HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT**
    - **HQ**
    - x1 Commander
    - **MANEUVER ELEMENTS**
      - x4 Infantry Company
  - **ATTACHMENTS**
    - x2 AA Machine Gun
    - x3 3" Mortar

**LIBG-01**
- Infantry Battalion (Raw)
- **HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT**
  - **HQ**
  - x1 Commander
  - **MANEUVER ELEMENTS**
    - x3 Infantry Company
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**LBME-01**
Infantry Company
- **HQ**
  - x1 Commander
  - x9 Infantry
- **Organic Fire Support**
  - x1 2" Mortar

**LBME-02**
Carrier Platoon (b)
- **HQ**
  - x1 Commander
  - x4 Recon infantry
- **Recon**
  - x4 Infantry

(a) May replace one or more Infantry with:
- Bren Light Machine Gun (BR-53)
- 2" Mortar (1 per platoon) (BR-55)
- Boyes ATR (BR-76)

(b) Transport was critically short on Leros and the carrier platoon had no organic transport.

**LBME-03**
Machine Gun Platoon (ab)
- **HQ**
  - x1 Commander
  - x2 Vickers Machine Gun

(a) The machine guns in the machine gun platoon may also operate as separate unit attachments to a maneuver element or headquarters element.

(b) Transport was critically short on Leros and the carrier platoon had no organic transport.

**LBME-04**
Antitank Troop (a)
- **HQ**
  - x1 Commander
  - x1 Morris MWD 15 cwt Truck
  - x2 2-pdr Antitank Gun
  - x2 Morris MWD 15 cwt Truck

(a) The towed antitank troop may also operate as separate unit attachments to a maneuver element or headquarters element.

**LBME-05**
Antiaircraft Troop (a)
- **Command**
  - x1 Commander
  - x1 Morris MWD 15 cwt Truck
  - x3 40mm Bofors Antiaircraft Gun

(b) The guns in the towed antiaircraft troop may also operate as separate unit attachments to a maneuver element or headquarters element.

**LBME-06**
Commando Troop
- **Command**
  - x1 Commando
  - x2 Commando

**LIME-01**
Compagnia Fucilieri (Infantry Co. ’39)
- **Command**
  - x1 Commander
  - x9 Gruppo Fucilieri
  - x3 Gruppo Mitragliatori
  - x1 45mm Mortar
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**LBFS-01**  
Mortar Platoon (a)

- **Command**  
  - x1 Commander  
  - BR-50

- **Transport**  
  - x1 Morris MWD 15 cwt Truck  
  - BR-43

- **On-Table Direct Fire Support**  
  - x2 4.2" Mortar  
  - BR-P46

  (a) The two mortars may also operate as separate off-board unit attachments to a maneuver element or headquarters element

**LBFS-02**  
Field Artillery Battery

- **On-board FO Attachment**  
  - x1 Forward Observer  
  - BR-52

- **Transport**  
  - x1 Morris MWD 15 cwt Truck  
  - BR-43

- **Command**  
  - x1 Commander  
  - BR-50

- **Transport**  
  - x1 Morris MWD 15 cwt Truck  
  - BR-43

- **On-Table Direct Fire Support**  
  - x2 25-pdr SP or Towed Howitzer  
  - BR-75

**Notes:**

a) The Royal East Kents (Buffs) have only 3 companies as A Company was lost with the sinking of *HMS Eclipse*.

b) Only B Company of the Royal West Kents was on Leros when the Germans attacked. The rest of the battalion was brought in by sea on subsequent nights.

c) 234 Brigade had more than its expected share of MG platoons. Identifying the parent battalion is difficult, but appears to have been 1st Battalion Cheshire Regiment. (or possibly 8th Battalion The Manchester Regiment)

d) It is possible that only one 4.2" mortar platoon was on Leros. If so treat the other as another MG platoon, as the total number of platoons seems right.

e) 234 Brigade’s other battalion (from Durham Light Infantry) was not involved on Leros.

f) The AT guns are from the brigade’s anti-tank company.

g) The AA guns are from 3rd Battery, 1st Light AA regt. RA.

h) The battery is manned by the 9th Royal Field Artillery Regt.

i) The Italian infantry garrison did not take part in the defence of Leros, but is included for historical “What if’s?”. The Italian coastal artillery did fight against the Germans.
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LGBG-01
Kampfgruppe Müller

**HEADQUARTERS ELEMENT (Veteran)**

- **Command**
  - x1 Commander
  - Transport
    - x1 Kubelwagen

**BATTLE GROUPS**

- 2nd Battalion 16th Infantry Regt (Experienced) LGBG-05
- 2nd Battalion 65th Infantry Regt (Experienced) LGBG-05
- 2nd Battalion 22nd Luftwaffe Field Regt (Trained) LGBG-04
- 3rd Battalion 440th Infantry Regt (Trained) LGBG-04
- 1st Battalion 2nd Fallshirmjaeger Regt (Veteran) LGBG-03

**ATTACHMENTS**

- 2nd Pioneer Company 22nd Pioneer Battalion (Veteran) LGME-03
- Coastal Raiding Company Brandenburg Division (Elite) LGME-02
- 3rd Light Flak Battery 22nd Flak Regt (Experienced) LGME-04
- 3rd Heavy Flak Battery 22nd Flak Regt (Experienced) LGME-05
- 3rd Battery 22nd Light Artillery Battalion (Experienced) LGFS-02
- 4th Battery 22nd Light Artillery Battalion (Experienced) LGFS-02

**Notes:**

(a) In addition to the forces of Kampfgruppe Müller, the Axis may also call upon the reserve formations of Army Group E.

(b) The bulk of the forces used come from 22 Luftlanding Division.

(c) Significant Luftwaffe support in the form of air to ground sorties are available. Air to ground co-operation was excellent, so allow all command stands to act as FAC’s.

(d) Leros being an island means that the usually off table fire support elements will probably have to be fielded on table, hence the prototype card numbers.
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LGBG-02
Army Group E Reserves

**BATTLE GROUPS**
- 2nd Battalion 1st Brandenburg Regt (Veteran) LGBG-06
- 3rd Battalion 1st Brandenburg Regt (Veteran) LGBG-06

**ATTACHMENTS**
- Fallshirmjaeger Company Brandenburg Division (Elite) LGME-01

LGBG-03
Fallschirmjaeger Battalion

**Command**
- x1 Commander GE-46

**MANEUVER ELEMENTS**
- LGME-01
  - x3 Fallschirmjaeger Company
  - x3 Heavy Machine Gun GE-50
  - x3 80mm Mortar GE-52
  - x2 105mm Recoilless Gun GE-66

LGBG-04
Infantry Battalion

**Command**
- x1 Commander GE-46

**MANEUVER ELEMENTS**
- x3 Infantry Company LGME-02

**ATTACHMENTS**
- x3 Heavy Machine Gun GE-50
  - Organic Fire Support
  - x3 80 mm Mortar GE-52
  - x1 Heavy Mortar Platoon LGFS-01

LGBG-05
Infantry Battalion (+)

**Command**
- x1 Commander GE-46

**MANEUVER ELEMENTS**
- LGME-01
  - x3 Infantry Company LGME-02

**ATTACHMENTS**
- x3 Heavy Machine Gun GE-50
  - x3 80 mm Mortar GE-52
  - x1 75mm leIG37 GE-38
  - Transport
  - x1 SdKfz 10 GE-29
  - x1 50mm PaK38 GE-40
  - Transport
  - x1 SdKfz 10 GE-29
  - x1 Heavy Mortar Platoon LGFS-01
  - Fire Support

LGBG-06
Infantry Battalion (-)

**Command**
- x1 Commander GE-46

**MANEUVER ELEMENTS**
- x3 Infantry Company LGME-02

**ATTACHMENTS**
- x3 80 mm Mortar GE-52
  - Fire Support
  - x1 Heavy Mortar Platoon LGFS-01
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LGME-01
Fallschirmjaeger Company
- Command
  - x1 Commander GE-46
- x9 Fallschirmjaeger GE-100
- x1 Heavy Machine Gun GE-50

LGME-02
Infantry Company
- Command
  - x1 Commander GE-46
  - x9 Infantry GE-44
  - x1 Heavy Machine Gun GE-50

LGME-03
Pioneer Company
- Command
  - x1 Commander GE-46
  - x9 Pioniere (3 w/Flame) GE-47
  - x1 Heavy Machine Gun GE-50
- Organic Fire Support
  - x1 80mm Mortar GE-52

LGME-04
Light Flak Battery
- Command
  - x1 SdKfz 10/4 20mm Flak H-Track GE-19
  - x1 SdKfz 10/4 20mm Flak H-Track GE-19

LGME-05
Heavy Flak Battery (-)
- Command
  - x1 Commander GE-46
  - Transport
    - x1 Kubelwagen GE-34
  - x2 88mm Flak 41 AA/AT Gun GE-42
  - Transport
    - x2 SdKfz 7 Prime Mover GE-31

LGFS-01
Heavy Mortar Platoon
- On-Map Organic Fire Support
  - x2 120mm Mortar GE-P40
  - Transport
    - x2 Light Truck GE-35

LGFS-02
Light Artillery Battery (-)
- On-Board Attachment
  - x1 Forward Observer GE-48
  - Transport
    - x1 Kubelwagen GE-34
- Command
  - x1 Commander GE-46
  - Transport
    - x1 Kubelwagen GE-34
- On-Map Direct Fire Support
  - Light Artillery Battery (-)
    - x2 105mm Howitzer GE-P17
  - Transport
    - x2 Medium Truck GE-36

LGME-06
Infantry Company
- Command
  - x1 Commander GE-46
  - x9 Infantry GE-44
  - x1 Heavy Machine Gun GE-50

LGME-07
Pioneer Company
- Command
  - x1 Commander GE-46
  - x9 Pioniere (3 w/Flame) GE-47
  - x1 Heavy Machine Gun GE-50
- Organic Fire Support
  - x1 80mm Mortar GE-52

LGFS-03
Heavy Mortar Platoon
- On-Map Organic Fire Support
  - x2 120mm Mortar GE-P40
  - Transport
    - x2 Light Truck GE-35

LGFS-04
Light Artillery Battery (-)
- On-Board Attachment
  - x1 Forward Observer GE-48
  - Transport
    - x1 Kubelwagen GE-34
- Command
  - x1 Commander GE-46
  - Transport
    - x1 Kubelwagen GE-34
- On-Map Direct Fire Support
  - Light Artillery Battery (-)
    - x2 105mm Howitzer GE-P17
  - Transport
    - x2 Medium Truck GE-36

LGME-08
Infantry Company
- Command
  - x1 Commander GE-46
  - x9 Infantry GE-44
  - x1 Heavy Machine Gun GE-50

LGME-09
Pioneer Company
- Command
  - x1 Commander GE-46
  - x9 Pioniere (3 w/Flame) GE-47
  - x1 Heavy Machine Gun GE-50
- Organic Fire Support
  - x1 80mm Mortar GE-52