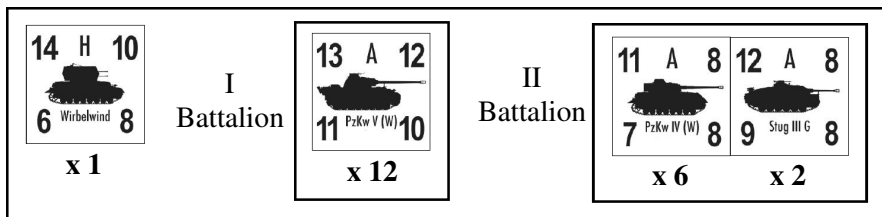




German 116th Panzer Division

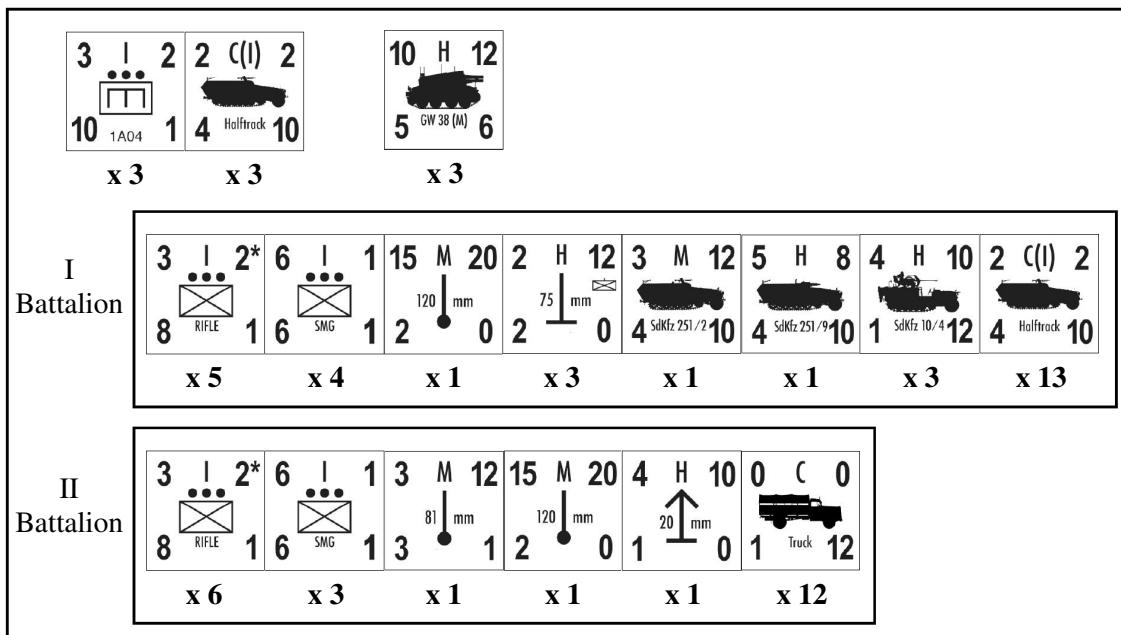
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16th
Panzer
Regiment

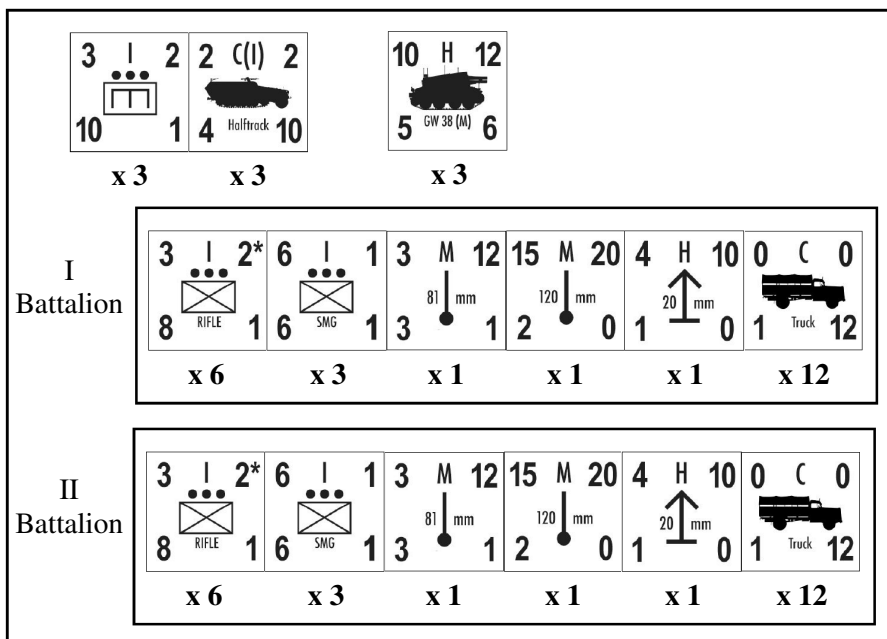


Some of the tank shortages in II Battalion were filled in with assault guns.







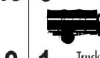





60th
Panzer
Grenadier
Regiment













156th
Panzer
Grenadier
Regiment






146th
Panzer
Artillery
Regiment

I Battalion	40 (H) 32  5 Wespe 8	60 (H) 24  6 Hummel 8	4 H 10  1 SdKfz 10/4 12	II Battalion	40 (H) 32  2 105 mm 0	0 C 0  1 SdKfz 8 10	4 H 10  1 20 mm 0	0 C 0  1 Truck 12
	x 2	x 1	x 1		x 2	x 2	x 1	x 1
III Battalion	60 (H) 36  2 150 mm 0	50 (H) 80  2 170 mm 0	0 C 0  1 SdKfz 8 10	4 H 10  1 20 mm 0	0 C 0  1 Truck 12			
x 1	x 1	x 2	x 1	x 1				






116th
Panzer
Recon
Battalion

2 H 4  2 SdKfz 222 10	2 H 4  2 SdKfz 231/8 16	5 H 8  2 SdKfz 233 14	3 M 12  4 SdKfz 251/2 10	4 H 10  1 SdKfz 10/4 12
x 3	x 2	x 1	x 1	x 1
3 I 2*  8 RIFLE 1	3 I 2  10 1	13 A 6  2 75 mm 0	2 C(I) 2  4 SdKfz 250/1 12	2 C(I) 2  4 Halftrack 10
x 6	x 1	x 1	x 3	x 5






228th
PanzerJager
Battalion

16 A 12  11 Pz.Jd IV/70 8	13 A 6  2 75 mm 0	0 C 0  1 Truck 12
x 3	x 3	x 3

281st
Panzer
Flak
Battalion

15 A 20  1 88 mm 0	0 C 0  1 SdKfz 8 10	6 H 12  1 37 mm 0	0 C 0  1 Truck 12	14 H 10  1 SdKfz 7/1 10
x 3	x 3	x 2	x 2	x 2

675th
Panzer
Pioneer
Battalion

3 I 2  10 1	3 M 12  3 81 mm 1	0 - 0  32 4 1/2" Bridge 0	2 C(I) 2  4 Halftrack 10	0 C 0  1 Truck 12
x 9	x 1	x 1	x 3	x 8

The 116th Panzer Division was another victim of the Falaise Pocket, being essentially destroyed in that battle. The division was rebuilt and fought in the battle for Aachen after which it was pulled out of the line and rebuilt for the Ardennes offensive. The 116th had early success against the 28th Infantry but was caught in a traffic jam caused by several blown bridges and finally stalled at Hotton. In mid-January, the 116th covered the withdrawal of the forward German survivors, just escaping the cutting off of the bulge by the 2nd and 11th U.S Armored Divisions. Like most of the Panzer divisions involved in the Ardennes Offensive, the 116th was never built up to full strength again after this battle.