



## GERMAN SECURITY PLATOON

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### Landesschützen security platoons

Once it became clear that the conquest of the USSR would be a long slog, the Wehrmacht began to organise for a long-term occupation. Part of that was combatting the increasingly well-organised partisans in the army's rear areas.

Security divisions were raised. Often, they were equipped using captured enemy weapons, and training and discipline were highly variable.

### Platoon Force Rating

Green: -6

Command Dice: 4 plus phase dice

#### Platoon Headquarters

Leutnant, *Senior Leader*, with pistol

#### Squads One and Two

Obergefreiter, *Junior Leader*, with rifle

LMG Team

MG26(t) or 30(t) LMG, 2 crew. 1 rifleman

Rifle Team

5 riflemen

#### Squads Three and Four

Obergefreiter, *Junior Leader*, with rifle

8 riflemen



Many security units had older recruits armed with different weapons from front-line units

## GERMAN SECURITY PLATOON SUPPORT LIST

### List One

Satchel charge  
Car or truck  
Medic  
Adjutant  
Minefield  
Barbed wire  
Single Panzerfaust (from '44 onwards)  
Pioneer demolition team  
Pioneer wire clearing team  
Entrenchments for one team

### List Two

Roadblock  
5cm Mortar team, 2 men  
Anti-tank rifle team, 2 men  
Panzerknacker team, 4 men  
Upgrade all LMGs to MG34  
SMGs for all squad leaders and platoon commander  
Sniper team  
Pre-game Barrage  
Green Motorcycle route security team

### List Three

Green squad with LMG  
SdKfz 221 (MG)  
Flak 30 or 38 2cm AA gun, 5 crew plus JL  
Green MG34 SFMG, 5 crew  
Pak 36 AT gun, 5 crew plus JL

### List Four

Pioneer engineering squad  
Forward observer with 8cm mortar battery  
le.IG18 Infantry gun, 5 crew plus JL  
T-26 M1933 Beutepanzer  
SdKfz 221 (sPzB41)

### List Five

Somua S35 Beutepanzer  
BT-7 Beutepanzer  
SdKfz 222

## **NOTES:**

### **Troop Quality**

All troops and vehicles are green.

The platoon rolls four command dice, plus one “phase dice”. Use a different coloured dice for this. Only 5s and 6s on this dice are counted.

### **Motorcycle Security Team**

Three men mounted on one motorcycle with sidecar. Consists of 1x MG34 with three crew

### **Panzerknacker Team**

As per the main rulebook. Four men with three charges, three smoke grenades and one MG34. This is an “anti-tank weapons team”, to use any of the weapons including the LMG against non-vehicle targets requires a command from an SL as per 9.3.1

### **National Characteristics**

Use the standard German rules from the rulebook: “Machinengewehr” and “Handgranaten!”

## **MG26(t) and MG30(t)**

The German names for the Czech-built ZB 26 and ZB 30 light machine guns, these were the guns the British Bren were based on. Produced in large numbers from the captured Brno factory, many SS and security units were equipped with them, as MG34s and 42s were prioritised for front-line units.



They are a mag-fed LMG, but do not use the Bren “concentrated fire” special rule, instead benefitting from the German “maschinengewehr” rule, as this represents the tactical emphasis of the training rather than the technical aspects of the weapon.