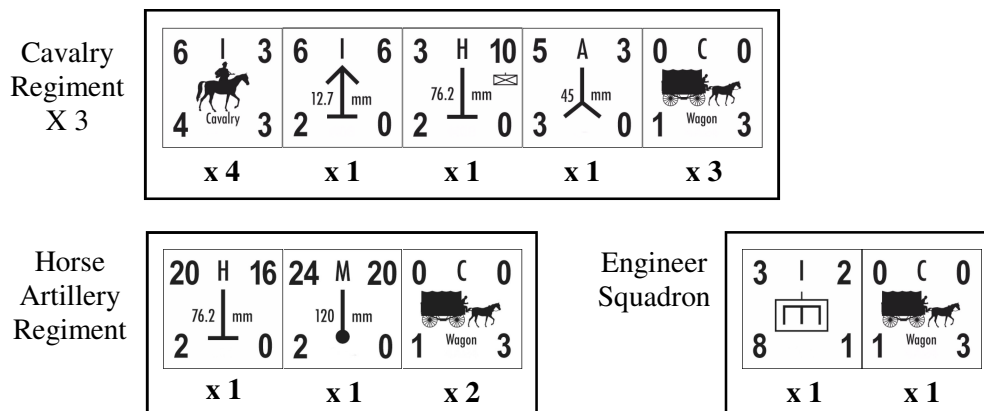


Russian Cavalry Division

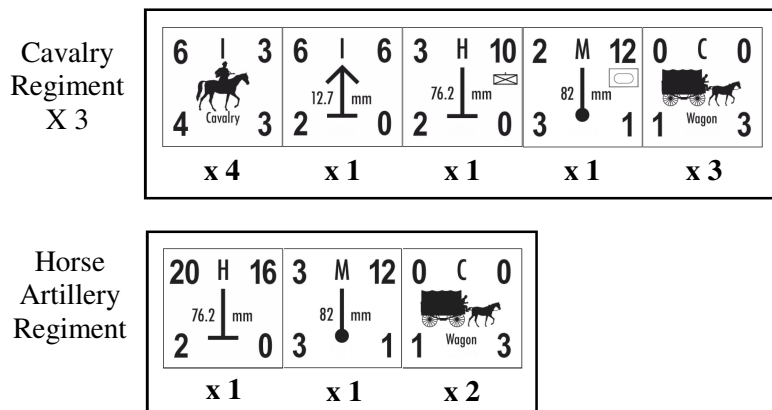
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Because of the major losses in mechanized forces so far in the campaign, it was decided to increase the cavalry forces dramatically. In order to do this, a new cavalry division organization was issued in July. All excess personnel were stripped away as were nearly all mechanized elements. From July to December, 78 of these little divisions were created. Because of the need to put what few tanks were left into tank units, these cavalry divisions lost their tank support, however a few independent divisions had an armored squadron attached consisting of either 1 x T-40 or 1 x BA-10.

Russian Light Cavalry Division

July, 1941



In the rush to get new cavalry divisions into the field, an even lighter unit was organized, called the Light Cavalry Division, sort of a successor to the mountain cavalry. Only six of these pared down divisions were formed and they were all gone within six months.