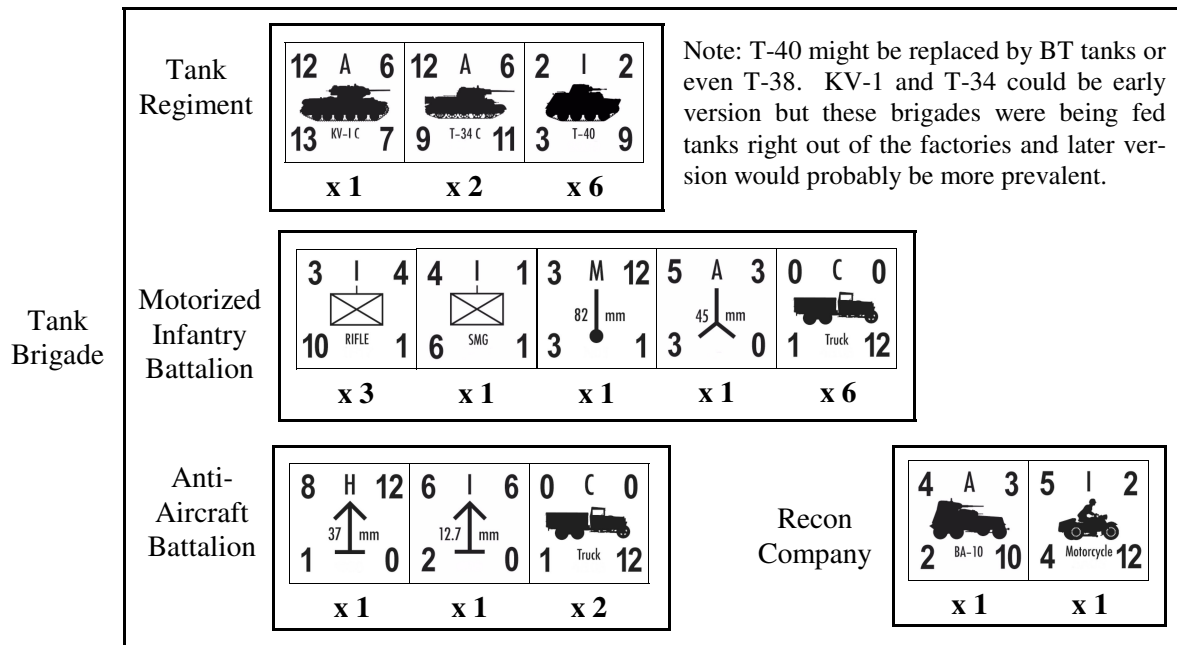


Russian Tank Brigade

August, 1941



In late July, Russian high command decided to create a new armored unit, the armored brigade. With less than 2000 men and less than 100 tanks, these were easily the smallest armored units created so far. Manpower was kept to a minimum and the small size made it easier for inexperienced officers to command them. Note that they have no artillery other than their mortars. The SMG unit represents a special “tank destroyer” company armed with flamethrowers and special demolitions.