

The Fallschirmjäger Battalion 1944-45

Creating the arguably best units of the Second World War

The Fallschirmjäger Infantry Battalion in early WW2 was a traditional paratrooper infantry unit but by the end of May 1941 they were no longer used as paratroopers. The invasion of Greece and particularly Crete caused heavy casualties for the Fallschirmjäger, and afterwards they were used as well trained and heavily equipped Infantry.

In mid-1944 They were no longer given paratrooper training and were trained as infantrymen. This training came with a new organisation and the infantry battalion became a very well equipped and well-trained unit. In the later years of the war, most Fallschirmjäger Divisions were rarely at full fighting strength with most regiments not even having any transport available, usually only 1 per division which was used to perform counter-attacks and offensive operations. By the end of the war most of the Kar98k rifles and MP40 submachine guns were being replaced by the more reliable FG42's and STG44's however not enough was produced to fully replace every weapon, so a variety were usually found spread out between the troops.

The Fallschirmjäger Late war Company pack that is produced by Anschluss Wargames is a realistic and excellent value product, with exactly the right number of figures, armed with the correct weapons, to create your company with no unnecessary or 'fantasy' poses.

Below you will find the structure of a full battalion from 1944 -1945. The composition of the forces that make up every sub formation, from company to section are to be found in the 'Stats' sheets. You will see that a Fallschirmjäger infantry half section in 1944 and 1945 was a fearsome force, and the weight of firepower in a platoon could easily overwhelm Allied infantry opposition.

You will see that points are provided for formations from battalion to platoon. This is a move away from previous Anschluss doctrine, and will give you a 'direction of travel' for the second edition of the 'War on the Ground' rules, which are slated for late 2024.

In the meantime, we hope that the information here will be of use to you.

Infantry Battalion (425 points):

- 1 Battalion HQ section (use Company HQ stats)
- 3 Infantry Companies
- 1 Heavy Weapons Company

Infantry Company (115 points):

- 1 Company HQ section
- 3 Infantry Platoons

- 1 AT Troop
- 1 Medium Mortar Section

Infantry Platoon (29 points):

- 1 Platoon HQ section
- 6 Infantry Half Sections, 3 with Sergeant NCO and 3 with Corporal assistant

AT Troop (12points):

- 4 Panzerschreck Teams

Medium Mortar Section (18 points):

- 3 81mm Mortar Half Section

Heavy Weapons Company (80points):

- 1 Company HQ Section
- 1 MMG Platoon
- 1 Medium Mortar Platoon
- 2 75mm Light Infantry Gun

MMG Platoon (37points):

- 1 Platoon HQ section
- 4 MMG sections

Medium Mortar Platoon (29points):

- 1 Platoon HQ section
- 4 81mm Mortar Half section

Range Up to...	Falschirmjager Infantry Platoon HQ Section 1944-45 (Effective 3)							
	50	100	200	300	600	800	1000	1200
Rifle + Assault Rifle	14	10	8	6	5	3	1	1
Panzerfaust (pen18)	9	14						

Composition – 1 Lieutenant, 1 Medic, 1 Radio, 1 Sergeant with FG42, 1-2 STG 44, 2-3 Rifles, 1 FG 42

Range Up to...	Falschirmjager Infantry ½ Section 1944-45 (Effective 3)								
	50	100	200	300	600	800	1000	1200	1800
Rifle + Assault Rifle + MMG	9	9	8	7	6	5	5	3	2
Panzerfaust (pen18)	9	14							

Composition – either: 1 Sergeant NCO with FG42, 1 MMG gunner and loader, 1 Rifle, 1 STG 44
 Or: 1 Corporal assistant with STG 44, 1 MMG gunner and loader, 1 Rifle, 1 FG42

Range Up to...	Falschirmjager Panzerschreck Team 1944-45 (Effective 3)		
	50	100	200
Panzerschrek(Pen18)	6	10	18

Composition – 1 Panzerschreck gunner and loader

Range Up to...	Falschirmjager 81mm Mortar ½ Section 1944-1945 (Effective 3)								
	50	100	200	300	600	800	1000	1200	1800
Rifle	5	3	3	2	2	1	2		
3" Mortar	-	7	7	7	7	7	7	5	5

Composition – 1 Corporal squad leader with STG 44, 1 Mortar gunner, loader and observer, 1-2 Rifle

Range Up to...	Falschirmjager Infantry Company HQ half section 1944-45 (Effective 3)								
	50	100	200	300	600	800	1000	1200	
Rifle + Assault Rifle	14	10	8	6	5	3	1	1	
Panzerfaust (pen18)	9	14							

Composition – 1 Captain, 1 Sergeant with FG42, 1 Medic, 1 Radio, 1-2 Stg 44, 2-3 Rifles, 1 FG 42

Range Up to...	Falschirmjager MMG/HMG Section 1944-45 (Effective 3)								
	50	100	200	300	600	800	1000	1200	1800
2 MMG/HMG + Rifles + Assault Rifle	16	16	14	12	10	9	8	5	4
Panzerfaust (pen18)	9	14							

Composition - 1 Sergeant with FG 42, 1-2 STG 44, 2-3 Rifles, 1 FG 42, 2 M/HMG Gunners and Loaders