
BOLT ACTION ERRATA

We have compiled a list of errata for Bolt Action dealing with the various rules questions that have arisen including corrections of points values. We have not thought it worthwhile to correct minor typographical or layout errors except where these might affect the reading of the rules. We have also not dealt with any representational queries along the lines of "Why does such and such a tank have such and such a value?" as these are matters of judgement within the parameters of the game and not mistakes within the rules as such. No doubt we shall expand upon this list over time and add clarifications where players feel the need.

BOLT ACTION RULEBOOK

PAGE 39: COVER

In the Soft or Hard Cover rules, the third sentence should start with:

It includes infantry units, artillery or soft-skins...

PAGE 39: COVER

Add to end of final paragraph, add the following text:

If a target benefits from both soft cover and hard cover, only apply the hard cover modifier, for a -2 penalty on the roll to hit.

PAGE 45: WEAPONS CHART

Replace 'Medium Automatic Cannon' with 'Heavy Automatic Cannon'. Repeat on page 214 in the Summary section.

PAGE 51: TEAM

Add to end of final paragraph:

Note that this rule only applies to team weapon units, i.e. to units that comprise a team weapon, and not to infantry squads that also include a team weapon. If an infantry squad's team weapon is destroyed, surviving loaders simply revert to ordinary members of the squad.

PAGE 53: HE (HIGH EXPLOSIVE).

Replace first paragraph as follows:

The HE rule refers to weapons that can fire a High Explosive shot. Some weapons, for instance antitank guns, can fire either antitank shots (using the Pen value indicated) or HE shots. The player must declare which type of shot the weapon is firing as he declares the target. Some weapons can only fire HE shots and their

Pen value is indicated as HE. When shooting against infantry, artillery, or soft-skin vehicles, a hit scored by an HE shell is multiplied into a number of hits as indicated by the bracketed die or dice value shown on the weapons chart. For example, HE D6 will result in from 1 to 6 hits on the target, HE 2D6 gives 2-12 hits, and so on. When fired against an armoured target, HE shots are not multiplied in this manner; instead a single hit is resolved in the same way as with other weapons.

PAGE 54: MULTIPLE LAUNCHER

Change the fourth sentence of the paragraph to read:

Roll a die to hit for the target and a separate die for each unit within 6" of the target.

PAGE 58: MEASURE RANGE AND MOVE

Second paragraph. Replace sentence beginning 'In both these cases...' with the following:

Troops making an assault are also allowed to move through rough ground as they do so; however, in this instance their move is reduced to normal pace (6"). In all these cases an assault is permitted and a run order is allowed, even though a run order is not normally possible when crossing obstacles or moving over rough ground.

PAGE 81, VEHICLES AND OFFICERS.

The header will be changed to 'Vehicles and HQ units'. Also the following line is going to be added to the paragraph:

The same is true for a Medic's special ability, which does not work while the Medic is being transported.

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PAGE 87: DAMAGE RESULTS ON ARMoured TARGETS.

Add under table of results:

When an armoured vehicle is hit by an HE shell, do not roll for multiple hits and instead roll once to penetrate using the Pen value of the shell (see p53).

PAGE 88: TARGET REACTS

Change second sentence to read:

This is worked out in the same way as reactive shooting against infantry assaults, and takes place at any point the reactor wishes during the vehicle's move more than 6" away from the target.

PAGE 88: CLOSE QUARTERS.

Add to end of first paragraph:

Even fanatic units are destroyed outright if they fail this test.

PAGE 93: TRANSPORT VEHICLES.

The last paragraph of the Role of Transports entry should be modified to read as follows:

Weapons mounted on transport vehicles can only be fired if the vehicle is carrying a unit whose members act as weapon crew – each weapon being fired needs one man to operate it. If the vehicle has no passengers, it cannot fire any of its weapons.

PAGE 96: RECCE.

Change first sentence of paragraph beginning 'Recce vehicles are allowed...' to read:

Once per turn Recce vehicles are allowed to react to an enemy shooting or assaulting them by making an escape move.

PAGE 97: RECCE

Add final paragraph:

Recce vehicles are not allowed to execute an escape move if they are towing.

PAGE 135: PANTHER

Special Rules: delete '3' in final line (font error)

PAGE 136: JAGDPANZER IV

Special Rules: delete '3' in final line (font error)

PAGE 153: 3-INCH ANTI-TANK GUN

Crew: 4 men

PAGE 154: M4 SHERMAN 75MM

Cost: 234pts (Veteran)

PAGE 156: M7 PRIEST

Delete last sentence of text 'Although built on a Sherman body....defence value 7+.'

PAGE 166: QF 17 POUNDER

Cost: 140pts (Regular)

PAGE 167: SHERMAN

HE - instead of causing D2 HE hits an HE shell causes D6 hits (75mm tank guns)

PAGE 169: CHURCHILL

HE – instead of causing D2 HE hits an HE shell causes D6 hits (75mm tank guns)

PAGE 171: SCOUT CAR

Cost: 96pts (Veteran)

PAGE 181: T34/76

Cost: 234pts (Veteran)

ARMIES OF GERMANY

PAGE 37, 20MM FLAKVIERLING 38.

Add the following:

Options

- May add a gun shield for +5 points.

PAGE 38, 37MM FLAK 36.

Add the following:

Options

- May add a gun shield for +5 points.

PAGE 62-63, SD.KFZ 250/9.

This vehicle is not Open-topped. The Special rule will be deleted. The points values are correct.

ARMIES OF THE UNITED STATES

PAGE 25 RANGER SQUAD. THE 'RANGERS LEAD THE WAY!'

Change Special Rule to:

Rangers lead the way! Units of Rangers are allowed to make a Run move after both sides have finished set-up, but before the first turn of the game. During this move, the unit cannot assault enemy units, and cannot be targeted by enemies in Ambush.

PAGE 26: US MARINES SQUAD (MID- /LATE-WAR)

Weapons line should be changed to:

Weapons: M1 Garand rifles

PAGE 32, LIGHT ARTILLERY (M1A1) AND MEDIUM ARTILLERY (M2A1).

Add the following:

Options

- May add a gun shield for +5 points.

PAGE 37: CULIN HEDGEROW CUTTER BOX-OUT

The second paragraph should be changed to:

Any tank that has the option of adding a Culin hedgerow cutter may do so for +10 points per model. A tank so equipped...

ARMIES OF GREAT BRITAIN

PAGE 24: PARATROOP SECTION

The following Option and Special rule should be added:

- The entire squad may be mounted upon bicycles or welbikes for +1 pt per man

Bicycle/Welbike-mounted infantry: These follow the same rules as infantry, except when moving entirely on a road, in which case they double their Run move to 24" (this move cannot be used to assault). In addition, the first time they receive any order other than Run, or if they receive a pinning marker, they dismount and abandon their bicycles for the rest of the game – replace the models with models on foot.

PAGE 69. RAIDERS! SELECTOR

The anti-tank team entry will be changed as follows:

0–1 Anti-tank team: Boys anti-tank rifle team, PIAT team.

PAGE 77. BURMA SELECTOR

The anti-tank team entry will be changed as follows:

0–1 Anti-tank team: Boys anti-tank rifle team, PIAT team.

PAGE 80. NORMANDY SELECTOR

The Infantry sections entries will be changed to:

2 Infantry sections: Regular Infantry sections (mid-/late-war), Inexperienced Infantry sections, Veteran Infantry sections (late-war), Paratroop sections, Commando sections.

0–4 Infantry sections: Regular Infantry sections (mid-/late-war), Inexperienced Infantry sections, Veteran Infantry sections (late-war), Paratroop sections, Commando sections.

ARMIES OF THE SOVIET UNION

PAGE 28: SIBERIAN SQUAD.

The Cost is incorrect. It should be as follows:

Cost: Regular Infantry 50 pts or Veteran Infantry 65 pts

PAGE 75 ONWARDS.

Starting from page 75 (Battle of Stalingrad theatre selector), the KV-8S tank will be added to all theatre selectors that include a KV-8 tank.

ARMIES OF THE FRANCE AND THE ALLIES

PAGE 100: INEXPERIENCED PARTISAN SQUAD.

The option to make the Inexperienced Partisan squad Shirkers at -3pts per model will be deleted. (Partisans cannot be shirkers, otherwise they simply wouldn't have joined the partisans, would they?)

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

TROOP QUALITY

CAN YOU TAKE VETERAN MEN WITH INEXPERIENCED OFFICERS (OR ANY SUCH MIX OF MEN AND OFFICER WITHIN AN OFFICER HQ)?

No you can't - the idea is that the HQ unit is either veteran, regular or inexperienced - so any further men added are the same level of experience as the unit.

BASED ON THE ANSWER ABOVE, PRESUMABLY THIS APPLIES ACROSS THE BOARD AND NO UNIT MAY BE OF MIXED STATUS (THOUGH OF COURSE A TRANSPORT, BEING A SEPARATE UNIT WITH ITS OWN ORDER DICE, MAY BE OF DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE TO ITS SQUAD). CORRECT?

Correct.

SET-UP AND ARMY DISCLOSURE

WHEN EXACTLY DO I GET TO SEE THE OPPONENT'S ARMY? BEFORE OR AFTER BEGINNING THE SCENARIO'S SET UP (IT'S IMPORTANT IN CHOOSING WHETHER TO BE THE ATTACKER OR THE DEFENDER)? AND CAN I SEE THE OPPONENT ARMY LIST?

The opponents should show the opponent their army (including the army list) and explain what all of their models are before beginning the scenario set-up. Of course players might agree to do this afterwards instead, to simulate a 'surprise encounter' with an unknown enemy force.

HIDDEN SET-UP

IF THE SCENARIO BEING PLAYED MEANS THAT THERE ARE NO ENEMY ON THE TABLE DURING SET-UP, CAN ALL OF MY UNITS SET-UP HIDDEN AS THEY ARE 'OUT OF SIGHT' OF ALL ENEMIES ANYWAY?

Yes, they can (and we suggest they do!). However, remember that being Hidden simply means that the enemy's to hit penalties if your unit's in cover are increased, so if your units is not in cover, being hidden does not help it all, and it can be shot at without any additional penalties!

ORDER TESTS

IF A UNIT ROLLS A PANIC RESULT ON THE FUBAR CHART AND IS REALLY CLOSE TO THE EDGE, DOES IT MOVE OFF THE TABLE?

No, units cannot move out of the gaming area unless the scenario includes rules on how to do so. So, a unit that rolls a Panic result will flee along the table edge trying to get as far as possible from the closest visible enemy unit.

COVER

DO HARD AND SOFT COVER 'STACK'?

No - cover is either hard or soft.

DO ENEMY INFANTRY, ARTILLERY AND SOFT SKINS COUNT AS SOFT OR HARD COVER?

Soft cover, just like friendly ones.

RANGE AND CASUALTIES

IF UNITS FIRE AT A UNIT AND THEIR RANGE CAN ONLY TOUCH ONE FIGURE, HOW IS THE DAMAGE ROLLED? CAN YOU ONLY HIT THIS ONE GUY FOR SEVERAL HITS OF DAMAGE, OR DO THE DAMAGE ROLLS "SHOWER" THROUGH TO THE REST OF THE UNIT, EVEN IF THEY ARE OUT OF RANGE?

When firing, you target a unit, not individual models, so as long as the shooting models are in range of at least one model in the target unit, they can fire. If they score a hit and damage, casualties can come from any model in the target unit. This is because bullets don't suddenly stop in mid-air!

HE

DOES THE HE PEN BONUS APPLY TO ALL HITS CAUSED BY A HE WEAPON, INCLUDING MULTIPLE HITS AGAINST INFANTRY AND SOFT TARGETS, OR DOES THE PEN BONUS ONLY APPLY TO SINGLE HITS AGAINST ARMoured VEHICLES?

HE weapons' Pen bonuses are always added to the roll to damage against all units, regardless of type – both to the single hit inflicted against armoured targets, and to each of the multiple hits inflicted on infantry and soft targets.

WHEN YOU DETERMINE WHETHER A BUILDING IS DESTROYED WHEN AN HE SHELL HITS A UNIT INSIDE IT, IS IT THE NUMBER OF HITS ACTUALLY INFLICTED ON THE UNIT (I.E. AFTER HALVING THEM FOR DOWN ETC.) OR THE NUMBER CAUSED BY THE SHELL BEFORE HALVING THE HITS IF THE UNIT GOES DOWN?

It's the number caused by the shell (i.e. the actual 2D6 or 3D6 roll), before halving if the unit goes Down – in other words, whether the men inside the building are standing or lying down makes little difference to the building's chances of collapsing.

FLAMETHROWERS

IF A FLAMETHROWER TEAM THAT IS PART OF A UNIT RUNS OUT OF FUEL, IS THE FLAMETHROWER MAN REMOVED OR REPLACED WITH A RIFLEMAN?

The man with the flamethrower is removed, and any loaders turn into normal riflemen, as per the to 'team weapons' errata.

IF A MULTI-STOREY BUILDING IS SET ON FIRE BY A FLAMETHROWER AND THERE ARE UNITS ON THE UPPER FLOORS, WHAT HAPPENS TO THEM?

Those units also must immediately leave the building, 'disembarking' from the building as if they were on the ground floor – it's amazing how fast you move to get out of a burning house!

ASSAULTS

DO ASSAULTING MODELS HAVE TO TAKE THE MOST DIRECT PATH OR CAN THEY USE THE INITIAL 12" DISTANCE TO MOVE AROUND OBSTACLES? SPECIFICALLY, CAN THEY GO AROUND WALL TO ASSAULT THE UNIT RATHER THAN DIRECTLY ACROSS IT.

You measure the distance taking into account the fact your unit might have to move round impassable terrain – like a tank that's in the way, or a house, or potentially a high wall - and then if the unit is within the distance (generally 12" for an infantry unit) the assault goes in. So 'most direct' might involve going around things. However, you can't circumvent an obstacle as you move in order to avoid the fact that the unit you are assaulting is sheltering behind that same obstacle! In practice you will sometimes find that you have to

place individual attacker models over or straddling a defended obstacle just to fit them in, but that doesn't affect the status of the defending unit and the combat is resolved simultaneously.

WHEN INFANTRY ASSAULT INFANTRY BOTH SIDES REMOVE ALL PIN MARKERS ONCE IN BASE-TO-BASE CONTACT. IS THE SAME THEN TRUE FOR INFANTRY ASSAULTING VEHICLES?

It works the same way as the infantry - i.e. all pins go once combat is initiated.

IF AN INFANTRY UNIT ASSAULTS A VEHICLE THAT HAS PIN MARKERS, DOES THE VEHICLE LOSE THE PIN MARKERS? AND THE INFANTRY? AND WHAT ABOUT CASES WHEN A VEHICLE ASSAULTS INFANTRY OR ANOTHER VEHICLE, WHO LOSES THE PIN MARKERS? EVERYONE? NOONE?

These questions arise from the fact that the close quarters rules for vehicles do not state clearly how they interact with the 'All or Nothing' rule on page 59. We pondered this situation and we decided that we are going to implement the following solution. The general rule is that **in all cases of assaults involving vehicles, the assaulting side loses its pin markers after making contact with the target, while the assaulted side does not lose their pin markers.** This is because in all of these assaults, the attacker is actually doing the fighting, while the defender is just passively suffering the effects of the assault and not fighting back at all.

So:

- when infantry assaults a vehicle, they lose their pin markers (they got over their tank fear and charged in!), while the vehicle does not lose its pin markers (the crew if anything is even more terrified!).
- when a vehicle assaults infantry, it loses its pin markers (the crew very much enjoying driving over those pesky infantrymen), while the target infantry does not lose their pin markers (desperately trying to run from a charging behemoth is even worse if your squad is already suppressed and demoralised).
- when a vehicle assaults another vehicle, this is very similar to the situation above, where the rammer is being aggressive and the target is just bracing for impact... and possibly getting very scared for the sudden terrible impact.

DOES AREA TERRAIN COUNT AS AN OBSTACLE FOR THE PURPOSES OF ASSAULT BEING RESOLVED SIMULTANEOUSLY?

No it doesn't.

VEHICLES

IF A PINNED VEHICLE FAILS AN ORDERS TEST, IT REVERSES AT ITS BASIC RATE. PRESUMABLY FOLLOWING THE REVERSE MOVES RULE?

Yes, exactly as described on page 82. Recce vehicles capable of reversing at Run speed can freely choose whether to do so or simply reverse at full Advance move.

WHAT HAPPENS IF A VEHICLE FUBARS AND PANICS?

Treat this exactly the same as if it had failed an order test.

IF AN IMMOBILISED TANK FUBARS AN ORDER TEST AND MUST PANIC AND SO MAKE A RUN MOVE, WHAT HAPPENS?

It simply goes Down.

ON PAGE 88 IT SAYS THAT IF A TANK ASSAULTS A UNIT AND THEY FAIL THEIR TEST THEY ARE REMOVED AS IF SURRENDERING, ETC, AND IF THEY PASS THE TANK CAN CONTINUE ON TO ANOTHER UNIT IF ONE IS IN RANGE. CAN THE TANK ATTACK A SECOND UNIT IF ONE IS IN RANGE IF THE FIRST IS DESTROYED OR DOES IT END ITS MOVE AS SOON AS A UNIT IT ATTACKS IS DESTROYED/REMOVED? ALSO, DOES THIS RULE APPLY ONLY TO TANKS OR TO ALL ARMoured VEHICLES WITH A DAMAGE VALUE OF AT LEAST 8+?

The tank continues its move until it runs out of movement or the player decides to stop the move (which must be at least half of the allowed move!). It can assault any and all units along this move, regardless of whether they are destroyed or not. This applies to anything with DV 8+ or more.

SOME VEHICLES HAVE TWO OR MORE WEAPONS MOUNTED SIDE-BY-SIDE ON THE SAME MOUNT, LIKE THE FOUR HMGS ON AN AMERICAN M16 ANTI-AIRCRAFT CARRIAGE, OR THE TWO MMGS IN THE TURRET OF AN ITALIAN M11/39. AS VEHICLES CAN FIRE ALL WEAPONS AT DIFFERENT TARGETS, CAN I FIRE EACH ONE OF THESE WEAPONS AT A DIFFERENT TARGET?

No, when the structure of the vehicle and the way the weapons are mounted make it very obvious that the weapon system is designed so that all of the weapons were firing at a single target, like in the examples mentioned above, those weapons must be fired at the same target and cannot split fire. Only weapons mounted on separate mounts can split fire, like for the example you could fire the coaxial machine gun or main gun of a Sherman against one target, the hull mounted machine gun against a separate (or the same) target, and the pintle-mounted .50 cal on the turret against another (or the same) target.

IF A RECCE VEHICLE FAILS AN ORDER TEST AND HAS ENEMIES IN THEIR FRONT ARC, MUST THEY REVERSE STRAIGHT BACKWARDS OR MUST THEY MANOEUVRE IN ORDER TO PUT THE MAXIMUM DISTANCE BETWEEN THEMSELVES AND THE ENEMY? AND AT WHAT SPEED CAN/MUST THEY REVERSE?

If a recce vehicle fails an Order test and has enemies to its front arc, it must reverse straight back, just like any other vehicle, and cannot manoeuvre. This reverse is a full move – so 12" for wheeled recce vehicles or 9" for tracked ones.

TRANSPORT VEHICLES

IF A TRANSPORT VEHICLE IS INEXPERIENCED, AND THE PASSENGER UNIT IS REGULAR, DOES THE -1 APPLY TO FIRING THE WEAPON SINCE THE REGULARS ARE DOING THE FIRING?

It is the transported unit that is doing the firing (or 'acting as weapon crew' to quote the rulebook), so it is their troop quality that decides whether the penalty applies or not. So, if the transported unit is Regular or Veteran, no penalty applies to the vehicle's weapons fire, even if the vehicle itself is Inexperienced. If the transported unit is Inexperienced, the -1 to hit penalty applies to the vehicle's weapons fire, even if the vehicle itself is Regular or Veteran.

IF A TRANSPORT VEHICLE IS PINNED, WHICH MORALE DO YOU USE – THAT OF THE VEHICLE OR THAT OF THE PASSENGERS?

When you activate the vehicle, you use the vehicle's Morale. You use the passengers' Morale when you activate them to order them to Advance/Run in order to disembark.

IF A TRANSPORT VEHICLE CARRYING PASSENGERS SUFFERS ADDITIONAL PINNING MARKERS FROM A DAMAGE RESULT, ARE THE ADDITIONAL PINNING MARKERS ADDED TO THE TRANSPORTED UNIT TOO?

Yes, just as normal – any pinning markers gained by the transporting vehicle are also gained by the transported unit.

IF A TRANSPORT IS TOWING A GUN IS IT ASSUMED THE GUN CREW ARE BEING TRANSPORTED AS WELL, DOES THAT COUNT AS CREWED SO THE TRANSPORT'S GUN BE FIRED?

Yes, the gun crew acts as the transport's weapons crew.

DOES A JEEP THAT IS UPGRADED WITH AN MMG OR HMG AND SO LOSES TRANSPORT CAPACITY STILL COUNT AS A TRANSPORT FOR THE PURPOSES OF BEING REMOVED IF CLOSER TO AN ENEMY THAN A FRIEND?

Yes, it is still removed if closer to an enemy than a friend.

DOES SUCH A JEEP ALSO LOSE THE CAPACITY TO TOW A LIGHT ANTI-TANK GUN?

Yes, it cannot tow anything any more, as the anti-tank gun crew cannot be transported.

IF JEEPS THAT ARE UPGRADED TO MG STATUS ARE NO LONGER TRANSPORTS FOR ANY PURPOSES, THEN HOW MANY ARE ALLOWED PER PLATOON AND WHAT FORCE SELECTOR SLOT WOULD THEY TAKE UP?

The jeep is still selected in the platoon as a transport for an infantry unit, but then loses its transport capacity. That infantry unit cannot then select another transport – effectively its 'transport slot' has been taken by the 'MG jeep'.

DOES A KÜBELWAGEN REALLY REMAIN CAPABLE OF TRANSPORT WHEN UPGRADED WITH A MMG (WHILE JEEPS DO NOT)?

Yes, it does remain capable of transport.

MORTARS, SPOTTERS AND OBSERVERS

ASSUME THAT A MORTAR FIRES AGAINST A TARGET IT CANNOT SEE (ON THE OTHER SIDE OF A HILL, FOR EXAMPLE) BECAUSE ITS SPOTTER CAN SEE IT INSTEAD, AND THE MORTAR HITS THE TARGET. IN THE FOLLOWING TURN, IT SHOULD NOW HIT THAT TARGET ON 2+, BUT BEFORE THE MORTAR FIRES, THE SPOTTER IS KILLED. CAN THE MORTAR STILL FIRE AGAINST THE TARGET? IF SO, DOES IT STILL HITS ON 2+?

By the letter of the rule, the target is no longer visible, so the mortar can no longer shoot at it. In terms of the 'story', you can imagine that the mortar crew have seen some other, more immediately threatening targets and decided to switch their fire onto them rather than keep firing in a zone where they were previously told there was enemy activity by their spotter.

IF THE SCENARIO BEING PLAYED DOES NOT HAVE A CLEAR 'HALF OF THE TABLE' WHERE CAN I SET UP MY SNIPERS/OBSERVERS/SPOTTERS?

Anywhere on the table that is not within an enemy set-up zone or within 12" of an enemy unit.

IF THE ARTILLERY FORWARD OBSERVER IS KILLED DOES THAT CANCEL OUT THE EFFECT OF THEIR ARTILLERY?

No, it does not. Once the token is in place, the FO model is irrelevant from the point of view of the artillery or smoke barrage arriving – simply follow the instructions on the appropriate chart.

IF, ON THE ARTILLERY BARRAGE CHART, I ROLL A RESULT OF 1 OR A RESULT OF 4+ AND THE ARTILLERY BARRAGE ARRIVES, IS THE TOKEN REMOVED AND THE PROCESS STOPS, OR DO I KEEP ROLLING ON THE CHART FOR THE REST OF THE GAME?

Once the artillery barrage arrives, the process stops and no further rolls are made. Only the result 2-3 on the chart mean that you must keep rolling in following turns.

HOW DO YOU RESOLVE AN ARTILLERY BARRAGE AGAINST A UNIT IN A BUILDING?

This is resolved in the same way as described above for Air Strikes, measuring all ranges to the building itself. The only difference is that, if the unit is hit by a heavy howitzer (on a result of 6), treat this in the same way as a unit hit by a heavy howitzer that is firing indirect fire against the unit, following the rules for indirect fire hitting units in buildings (see page 103 of the Bolt Action rulebook).

Units in bunkers suffer the additional pinning markers from artillery barrages as normal, but do not suffer any actual damage.

IF A TWO-MAN UNIT SUFFERS A CASUALTY AS A RESULT OF A PRELIMINARY BOMBARDMENT, DOES IT HAVE TO TAKE A MORALE CHECK?

Yes.

AIR SUPPORT

DO HITS FROM GROUND ATTACK AIRCRAFT ACT AS HE AGAINST VEHICLES? IN OTHER WORDS, ARE THEY A SINGLE ROLL WITH THE GIVEN PEN VALUE OR DO THEY DO 3D6 HITS WITH THE PEN VALUE?

Just like HE, they inflict a single hit with the Pen value given.

HOW DO YOU RESOLVE AN AIR STRIKE AGAINST A UNIT IN A BUILDING?

Ah, this is a complex and thankfully fairly rare situation, but it does indeed need some explanation. As the Air Strike rules are generic, you cannot know for sure whether the warplane is firing HE or simply automatic cannons and machine guns at the target, which complicates matters with the Shooting at Buildings rules. So, the following points should clarify how to resolve an air strike against

- FAOs can call air strikes against units in buildings in the same way as firing a heavy weapon – i.e. they just need line of sight to the building itself.
- When the plane arrives, pin markers are placed around as normal, measuring ranges from the building itself. After pinning markers have been placed, the unit inside the building is hit automatically by the plane, just as if it was in the open.
- The Extra Protection rule does apply, regardless of the type of plane attacking (and thankfully this means it's better to be in the building than outside!).
- If the plane inflicts 12 or more hits (before halving for units that are Down, but after applying flak modifiers) on the target, the building collapses, as described on page 103 of the BA rulebook.

Units in bunkers suffer the additional pinning markers from air strikes as normal, but do not suffer any actual damage.

MEDICS

SAY THAT A UNIT IS SHOT AT AND SUFFERS FOUR CASUALTIES FROM SMALL ARMS FIRE. DOES THE MEDIC ROLL ONE DIE FOR EACH CASUALTY, POSSIBLY SAVING FOUR GUYS' LIVES, OR ROLL ONE DIE, POSSIBLY SAVING 1 GUY'S LIFE?

The Medic rolls one dice for each casualty caused – Medics are that good!

FLAK

DO FLAK-CAPABLE UNITS USE THEIR HE DICE TO DETERMINE THE ACTUAL NUMBER OF HITS SCORED BY A SUCCESSFUL HIT ON AN AIRSTRIKING PLANE?

Yes – the number of hits scored is multiplied by the HE value, much like in the case of a hit against a soft-skinned vehicle.

IS THE -2 TO HIT INCOMING PLANES WITH FLAK IN ADDITION TO NORMAL MODIFIERS OR INSTEAD OF THEM?

The -2 is in addition to all other modifiers, which apply as normal.

DO YOU FIRST REDUCE THE NUMBER OF HITS SUFFERED BY THE UNIT TARGET OF AN AIR STRIKE BECAUSE OF THE EFFECTS OF FLAK, AND THEN HALVE THE REMAINING HITS IF THE UNIT GOES DOWN, OR VICEVERSA?

You first apply the effects of the flak, reducing the total number of hits caused by the attack, and then, if the unit is/goes Down, halve the total.

MULTIPLE WEAPONS

IF A WEAPON HAS MULTIPLE BARRELS (E.G. QUAD BARRELS) DO YOU ROLL ONCE TO HIT, THEN FOUR DICE TO DETERMINE THE ACTUAL HITS, OR ROLL FOUR DICE TO HIT (ONE FOR EACH BARREL)?

Actually, you roll a number of dice equal to the shots fired by each barrel, multiplied by the number of barrels. For example, a German 20mm Flakvierling has 4 light automatic cannons. Each cannon fires 2 shots, so when you fire this weapon, you roll 8 dice. Then of course, every hit you score is multiplied again, as each shot has the HE (D2) rule! Another example is the US M16 MGMC's quad-mounted HMG, which dishes out 12 shots every time you fire it! Ouch!

FORCE SELECTION

DOES A 'FREE' UNIT TAKE UP A FORCE SELECTION SLOT? OR COULD A BRITISH PLAYER WITH TWO REINFORCED PLATOONS FIELD THREE ARTILLERY OBSERVERS? IF NOT DOES THAT MEAN THE RUSSIAN 'FREE' SQUAD COUNTS TOWARDS THE MAXIMUM 5 PER PLATOON?

The free units are additional to the Selectors. In both cases it's +1 per army, not per platoon.

THE GUIDELINES TO FORCE SELECTION SOMETIMES CONTRADICT THE FORCE SELECTION RULES (E.G. GUIDELINES SAY A CAPTAIN CAN BE FIELDIED IN PLACE OF A LIEUTENANT, ONE HEAVY WEAPON PER THREE INFANTRY SQUADS, BEST IF NO MORE THAN ONE FORWARD OBSERVER, MAXIMUM OF ONE TANK, LIGHT ARMOUR, ARTILLERY PER THREE INFANTRY SQUADS, ETC.). IS THE FORCE SELECTION RULES SECTION THE ONE WE SHOULD FOLLOW AND ARE THE GUIDELINES MERELY 'DEVELOPERS' THOUGHTS RATHER THAN ACTUAL RULES?

The Guidelines are developer's notes and intended to help out players who do not wish to use the Selectors.

ON PAGE 65 OF THE UNITED STATES ARMY BOOK, IN THE ANZIO SELECTOR, THE INFANTRY OPTIONS ARE LISTED AS:

"INEXPERIENCED INFANTRY SQUADS, REGULAR INFANTRY SQUADS, RANGER SQUAD, PARATROOPER SQUAD."

IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN PLURAL (SQUADS) AND SINGULAR (SQUAD) A TYPO? DOES IT MEAN WE CAN MIX SQUAD SKILL LEVELS? ARE WE ONLY ALLOWED 1 RANGER SQUAD OUT OF THE 4?

It is indeed a typo. They should all be in plural, as in any reinforced platoon you can mix experience levels and number of squads. When a selector limits a squad to a maximum number, it does state so.

MISCELLANEOUS

CAN MEDICS, FORWARD OBSERVERS AND SPOTTERS ZOOM AROUND MERRILY IN OTHERWISE UNOCCUPIED ARMED TRANSPORTS FIRING THE GUN(S) THEREON WILLY-NILLY AND IN A RATHER GAMEY FASHION?

Yes, they can. But, if you do so – you are officially a bad person and your negative karma will soon be manifest in atrocious dice rolls.

THERE DOESN'T SEEM TO BE ANYTHING, OTHER THAN A SENSE OF REASONABLENESS, TO PREVENT INFANTRY OPERATING A FIXED TEAM WEAPON FROM ASSAULTING. IS THIS INTENTIONAL? SHOULD MEDIUM AND HEAVY MORTAR CREWS, MMG AND HMG CREWS BE ABLE TO ASSAULT? AS THEY MAY NOT FIRE DURING AN ADVANCE ORDER, IS THAT MEANT TO IMPLY THEY CANNOT RUN AND SO CANNOT ASSAULT?

There is absolutely nothing stopping them from assaulting – you can assume they leave their weapon behind and assault, only to recover it later (assuming they survive the fighting). In general, this is not going to happen very often, as they are normally much better off firing their weapon at the enemy (in the case of machine gun teams), or simply running away from enemies that got too close (in the case of mortar teams).

IS IT INTENDED THAT SNIPERS MAY SHOOT AT UNITS INSIDE BUNKERS AT NO EXTRA PENALTY?

Yes, obviously through the bunker's firing slits.

CAN A UNIT ENTER THE BOARD AND IMMEDIATELY MOVE OFF AGAIN IN THE SAME TURN (COULD BE VERY HANDY FOR OUTFLANKERS IN ENVELOPMENT FOR INSTANCE)?

It is possible, though it is a very risky tactic, as the outflanking unit would need to wait until at least turn 5 before entering and immediately leaving the table. This might mean failing the Order test to enter the battle and counting as destroyed instead (see the answer above about 'bad people and dice roll karma')!

As the unit has to enter the table before it can leave it, any enemy unit in Ambush can still shoot the outflanking unit as it enters the table and just before it leaves – place all of the outflanking models at the edge of the table, as they enter, resolve the Ambush fire and then, if the outflanking unit has survived the Ambush fire, it may continue its move and leave.

IF A UNIT HAS AN OPTION TO UPGRADE FROM NORMAL INFANTRY TO ANY OF THE ABOVE MODES OF TRANSPORTATION, AND THE PLAYER PAYS THE POINT TO UPGRADE THE SQUAD, DOES THAT MEAN THAT THE UNIT AUTOMATICALLY GETS THE SPECIAL RULES RELATED WITH THAT MODE OF TRANSPORTATION?

Yes, if a unit is upgraded with mounts (normally horses) or motorbikes, it gets the Cavalry or Motorbikes rules on page

71 of the rulebook. If upgraded with bicycles, it gets the Bicycles rules (see for example page 21 of the Armies of Germany book).

IS IT REALLY INTENDED THAT A PANZER IV COSTS ONLY 5 PTS MORE THAN A STUG III? THEY HAVE THE SAME GUN AND SAME ARMOUR BUT THE PANZER HAS A TURRET AND AN EXTRA MMG WHICH ARE SURELY WORTH MORE THAN 5 POINTS.

In the case of expensive vehicles, points values are sometime rounded up or down to the nearest 5, so it is possible that in this case the two vehicles were further apart in cost, but the rounding up/down process has by chance brought them so close together that the difference may not seem enough. In other words, the Panzer IV might have been two points more expensive and the Stug might have been two points cheaper, which would have made the real difference more like 10 points, but the rounding up/down process might have caused them to be only 5 points apart.

ARMIES OF GREAT BRITAIN

CAN THE FREE REGULAR ARTILLERY FORWARD OBSERVER FROM THE ARTILLERY SUPPORT SPECIAL RULE (PAGE 17) BE UPGRADED TO VETERAN BY PAYING THE DIFFERENCE IN POINTS? PARTICULARLY IN THE MARKET GARDEN SELECTOR, WHERE IT IS MANDATORY (IF POSSIBLE).

No, the free Observer is included in the army as normal, but cannot be upgraded, not even in Market Garden.

ARMIES OF IMPERIAL JAPAN

IF I MOUNT MY SENIOR JAPANESE OFFICER ON A HORSE, CAN I MOUNT ANY OF HIS ATTENDANTS ON HORSES AS WELL?

No, the option can only be taken by an officer without any attendants.