

FOCUSED FIREPOWER

A WWII Wargame for Heroes

Japanese Forces

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Japanese Special Rules:

Military Swords (Gunto): The Officers in the Japanese forces carried Katanas, often ancient family heirlooms passed down through the generations from their Samurai ancestors. Japanese Officers equipped with a Katana gain an additional 'shot' when Point Shooting during Close Quarters Battle.

Code of Honour: The Japanese believed that it was a dishonour not to die for their country and Emperor. Surrender was not an option, and suicidal charges were common. As such, all Japanese units have the Fanatics special rule.

Japanese Standard Infantry Company

Company HQ: As with many aspects of Japanese military organisation, there are conflicting reports, so I have chosen to take the most commonly reported organisation for this list. It is noted in some reports that the Company HQ's runners were taken from the infantry sections; one man from each section. In the same reports, it is also indicated that the NCOs for Ordnance, Supply and Liaison are actually the NCOs from the HQ sections of the Rifle Platoons.

Rifle Company HQ - 1 per Company	Pts: 120	UMV: 3
Captain or 1st Lieutenant (CO)	Pistol, Gunto	
Warrant Officer (NCO)	Pistol	
Ordnance NCO	Pistol	
Supply NCO	Pistol	
Liaison NCO	Pistol	
10 Runners	Type 38 Rifles	
Medical Detachment*	Pts: 60 (15 Each)	UMV: Special
4 Medics*	Pistols	

*Medics may be attached to squads within the Company as desired, increasing that squad's UMV by +1.

Rifle Platoon - 3 per Company

Platoon HQ: Platoon HQs for the Japanese were very small, and may have even only consisted of a single Officer, with their NCO attached to the Company HQ.

Platoon HQ - 1 per Platoon	Pts:25	UMV: 2
2nd Lieutenant (CO)	Pistol, Gunto	
NCO	Pistol	

Infantry Sections: The sections in the Rifle Platoons of the Japanese Standard Infantry Company were larger than other nations forces. What the Japanese infantry lacked in equipment, they easily made up for in numbers.

LMG Squad - 3 per Platoon	Pts: 80	UMV: 1
Corporal (NCO)	Type 38 Rifle	
8 Troopers	Type 38 Rifles	
LMG Team - 1 Per Squad	+1 UMV if Gun Group is deployed independently	
Gunner & Loader	Type 96 LMG	
2 Troopers	Type 38 Rifles	

Grenade Discharger Squad - 1 per Platoon	Pts: 85	UMV: 1
Corporal (NCO)	Type 38 Rifle	
Discharger Team - 3 Per Squad	+1 UMV if Gun Group is deployed independently	
Gunner & Loader	Type 89 Grenade Discharger	
2 Troopers	Type 38 Rifles	