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THE ARAB-ISRAELI WARS MINIATURES GAME

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ON FATE OF A NATION

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During the time that *Fate of a Nation* has been out, players have asked questions about the game. The questions and their answers have been gathered into this document. Please note that this is an on-going project. To help players who have read earlier versions of *Our Man in Beirut*, new material is marked with a line in the left margin. — Phil Yates, Game Designer

### FORCES, FORMATIONS, UNITS, AND TEAMS

What's a Magach Team? Is it a single vehicle or a group of vehicles?

*There are four levels in Fate of a Nation:*

- *Force - everything you have in the game (a Force card is where you find Support Units).*
- *Formation - an Israeli or Jordanian company, or Egyptian or Syrian battalion, the core of your Force (a Formation card tells you which Units you can have in the Formation).*
- *Unit - an Israeli or Jordanian platoon, or Egyptian or Syrian company, the smallest grouping of stuff (a Unit card tells you what Teams are in the Unit and what their characteristics are).*
- *Team - a single playing piece, either a single vehicle or a fire team of infantry.*

What is an Artillery Unit?

*It is a Unit with a weapon capable of firing a Bombardment, i.e. one with a ROF of Artillery or Salvo.*

### COMMAND

If a team ended its Movement so that it was In Command at the end of the Movement Step, does it remain In Command until its next Movement Step?

*Yes. In Command is defined by its position at the end of the Movement Step.*

The Command Leadership rules give re-rolls if the Formation Commander is close enough and in Line of Sight. Do friendly teams block Line of Sight for command?

*No. Ignore friendly teams when determining Line of Sight for Command purposes.*

Can my Formation Commander give Command Leadership re-rolls if his tank is Bailed Out?

*Yes. Whether the Formation Commander is Bailed Out or not has no effect.*

Most Command Leadership re-rolls require the Formation Commander to be close to the Unit Leader. However, when Remounting a Bailed Out tank, the rules say the tank itself has to be close to the Formation Commander. Is this right?

*Yes it is. If the Formation Commander wants to motivate a Bailed Out tank to Remount, they have to be close to that tank, rather than the Unit Leader.*

Does the Command Leadership re-roll apply to the Remount test needed when a Bailed Out Tank is Bailed Out again?

*Yes. It applies to all Remount tests for any reason.*

### MOVEMENT

Some Movement Orders only affect teams in Line of Sight of the Unit Leader. Do friendly teams block Line of Sight for Movement Orders?

*No. Ignore friendly teams when determining Line of Sight for Movement Orders.*

If my Unit fails a Blitz Move movement order, does it have to Move, or can it remain where it is and Go to Ground?

*It doesn't have to Move. However, if it Shoots, it must shoot with the +1 penalty.*

When a team moves using a Blitz Move movement order, do they follow all the normal Movement rules? Are they actually moving?

*Yes. A team using a Blitz Move movement order doesn't suddenly teleport to the new location. It moves 4"/10cm as normal,*

*following all the rules for moving. Then, once it has finished its movement, it no longer counts as having moved.*

*This means that it must take any Cross tests necessary, roll to cross Minefields as usual, and leaves any Foxholes it has dug behind.*

If I move through several pieces of Difficult Terrain, do I have to take a Cross check for each of them?

*Yes.*

If I moved into a wood last turn (and took my Cross check then), do I need to take another Cross check this turn to move out of it?

*Yes. If you start your Movement in Difficult Terrain, you need to take a Cross check at that time.*

If a Unit Leader issues a Cross Here order, can they use it to cross multiple pieces of Difficult Terrain?

*Yes they can. Any team from the Unit crossing any of the Difficult Terrain within 6"/15cm of where the Unit Leader crossed will benefit.*

Does a Dig In or Mine Clearing movement order prevent teams that are not digging foxholes or clearing mines from moving?

*No. Teams that are not using the Movement Order can act as they wish.*

Can a team move through a friendly team?

*No. The Moving Through Gaps rule applies. If the gap isn't big enough, then you can't move through it.*

*Remember, Infantry ignore their base when using this rule, so can move through pretty small gaps, and Tanks Teams can easily move through them.*

Can my models end their movement on top of other models?

*No.*

## TRANSPORT

What is a Transport Unit?

*A Transport Unit is one that has the Passengers special rule.*

If a Unit is being carried as Passengers, can they use the Blitz Move movement order to Dismount?

*Yes, as long as all the rules for Dismounting (such as you can't do it after the Transport has moved) are obeyed.*

Can a Passenger Dismount using a Shoot and Scoot movement order from a Transport vehicle that did not move in the previous Movement Step?

*No. You can only Mount and Dismount in the Movement Step.*

Can I use a Movement Order to Dismount my infantry from a Transport after it has moved?

*No. Teams cannot Dismount after their Transport has moved.*

Can a Transport take or dispute an Objective?

*No they can not.*

Can Passengers in a Transport take or dispute an Objective?

*Yes they can.*

The Unit Transport rule requires that a Transport Attachment's Unit Leader remain within 6"/15cm of the Infantry Unit's Leader. What happens if the Transport Attachment's Unit Leader can't do this?

*Then the Transport Attachment has to be Sent to the Rear (see page 45 of the rulebook).*

Does the Unit Transport rule apply to the Formation HQ transports?

*Yes. They must remain near the Formation Commander.*

## SHOOTING

Why does a heavy Gun team like an 122mm howitzer have a Moving ROF of 1 when it doesn't have a Tactical speed?

*When it is Pinned Down it shoots using its Moving ROF rating, getting only one shot. Likewise, at the start of a Meeting Engagement, if the 122mm howitzer belongs to the first player, it will shoot as moving, i.e. using its Moving ROF, so it will get one shot in this case as well.*

My Magach tank has two machine-guns. The .50 cal AA MG has ROF 3, while the other only has ROF 1. Why is that?

*Adding more machine-guns after the first has diminishing returns. The first machine-gun has the most effect, while each additional machine-gun adds a smaller increment.*

## ROTATE TO FACE

Do all Teams need to rotate to face? What about Infantry teams that have an all-round field of fire?

*All Teams, including Infantry teams, need to rotate to face their target.*

*The purpose of the rule is to make it look like your toy soldiers are actually shooting at their target, so they need to turn to face them.*

After rotating to face my target, other enemy teams are now in my field of fire. Can I shoot at them now?

*No. You determine your field of fire before you pick your target. The rotation does not change this.*

What do I do if there isn't enough space to rotate a team to face the target?

*If the team can rotate by moving slightly away from the obstacle, then do so. Otherwise, it just rotates as far as it can and shoots anyway.*

## CONCEALMENT

Do the general Concealment rules for Tall terrain apply to Hills and Buildings? Is my tank concealed simply by being on a hill?

*Hills and Buildings do not follow the rules for Tall Terrain as they have their own rules for Concealment.*

Infantry teams that are stationary in Flat Terrain are Concealed. Teams in Short Terrain are Concealed unless the team looking at them is on a Hill or other high ground. Is an Infantry team that is stationary in Short Terrain Concealed to a team looking at it from a Hill?

*Yes. While the Hill cancels the benefit of the Short Terrain (essentially making it the same as Flat Terrain), it doesn't make stationary Infantry teams any more visible. They are still Concealed.*

## GONE TO GROUND

Is there any benefit to having my teams Gone to Ground if I'm not Concealed?

*No. Only teams that are Concealed benefit from the additional +1 to be hit (taking the bonus from +1 to +2) for being Gone to Ground.*

So why can my teams be Gone to Ground in the middle of an open field?

*Suppose you have a tank behind a hedge. It doesn't want to shoot or move, so is Gone to Ground. To teams looking at it from across the hedge, it is Concealed, so gets the +2 bonus to be hit for being Concealed and Gone to Ground.*

*On the other hand, a team that is behind the hedge looking at it will see it sitting in the open in the middle of the field, without concealment. In this case, there is no benefit from being Gone to Ground, and the team shoots at it with no penalty.*

Can my Tank teams be Gone to Ground?

*Yes. Infantry, Gun, and Tank teams can all be Gone to Ground. In the case of a Tank team, this represents the crew finding the best concealment available and doing things like covering their tank in branches to make it harder to see.*

## LINE OF SIGHT

Do the general Line of Sight rules for Tall terrain apply to Hills and Buildings?

*No. The specific Line of Sight and Concealment rules for Hills cover the special case of Hills.*

If I have a team on a high hill trying to shoot at a team on the far side of a low building, can it do so?

*The only way to answer that is to get down to the level of the model and see if there is a Line of Sight over the building to the opposing team.*

A shooting team has line of sight to a window into a building containing several infantry teams. Which ones can I shoot at?

*You can't shoot through walls, so you'll need to see the target team through a door or a window to be able to hit it.*

*The Terrain Table has a bit of an oddity where it says that doors and windows are Short Terrain while the walls they are in are Tall Terrain. It makes more sense to view the doors and windows as Tall Terrain too.*

*That means that you'll be able to see any teams in the building that you have line of sight to through a door or a window, and that are within 2"/5cm of the door or window.*

*The converse applies for teams looking out of the building at your troops too.*

If I fire Smoke at a team in the upper storey of a building, where do I place the Smoke Marker?

*On the ground in front of the building.*

Can a team in the upper storey of a building see over the Smoke Marker?

*No. Smoke is Tall Terrain and cannot be seen over.*

## MIXED TARGETS

My tanks are shooting at a unit of three enemy tanks, one standing in the open, one concealed at the edge of a wood, and one out of sight behind the woods. What score do I need to hit them if they are within 16"/40cm and have a Is Hit On number of 3+?

*If your tanks target the tank in the open, they'll need 3+ to hit. They could target the tank in the woods (needing 4+ as it is Concealed), but would normally gain little from doing so.*

I've just scored three hits rolling 3, 3, and 5. How are my hits allocated? Which hits can I allocate to the tank in the woods? Can I allocate hits to the tank behind the woods?

*The score you rolled to get the hit has no impact on how the hits are allocated. Think of it this way. The hardest part of hitting a target on the modern battlefield is finding it without being hit first. A lone tank sitting in the open is a dead giveaway. Where there's one, there'll be more. Now that you know where the enemy are, it's a lot easier to find the rest of the unit that's trying to hide.*

*So, in game terms, having figured out where the enemy is, you've scored three hits. The first hit has to go to the target tank, and all hits have to be allocated to valid targets, so the tank behind the woods can't be hit. That leaves two more hits to be allocated. They have to be allocated evenly, so one has to go to the tank in the woods, leaving you the choice of which of the two will take the second hit.*

Does a Passenger in a vehicle destroyed by a Brutal weapon like the 105mm main gun of a Sho't tank re-roll its save?

*Yes. Passengers of a Destroyed vehicle need to make an Infantry Save, and Brutal forces them to re-roll any Infantry Saves.*

What if the transport vehicle was Destroyed by a Repeat Bombardment (which also requires any Infantry teams that it hits to re-roll successful Saves)?

*Yes. The Repeat Bombardment also forces the Passengers to re-roll their Infantry Saves.*

## MISTAKEN TARGET

You have to assign one of the hits from a shooting team to the team that it was targeting. Does this restriction also apply to the opponent when they use the Mistaken Target rule?

*No. It is possible to use the Mistaken Target rule to swap hits between the target team and a team that had no hits assigned, resulting in the targeted team not having any hits on it.*

## BULLETPROOF COVER

Does an Infantry team need to be immediately behind a stone wall or similar bulletproof terrain to be in Bulletproof Cover?

*No. So long as it is Concealed by the bulletproof terrain, it is in Bulletproof Cover and the opponent needs to make a Firepower test to Destroy it.*

## KILLING COMMANDERS

If my Formation Command team is Destroyed, but succeeds in switching to a Team from another Unit, does the Formation HQ Unit still exist?

*Since the Formation HQ Unit is defined as the Formation Command team (and possibly other teams as well), and the Formation Commander still exists, the HQ Unit still exists.*

If my Formation Commander was Destroyed, but switched to a Team from another Unit, does that Unit count the Team taken by the Formation Commander as being Destroyed?

*No. That Team is simply no longer part of the Unit. The Unit continues on with one less Team.*

What if the Unit no longer has any Teams left because the Formation Commander switched to the last Team in the Unit? Is the Unit Destroyed?

*A Unit that has no Teams left is not a Unit, so yes, it is Destroyed.*

## FIRING MISSILES

Can a Pinned Down Infantry team with a moving ROF of '-', such as an AT-3 Sagger or Soviet SA-7 Grail team shoot at all while Pinned Down?

*No they can't.*

Can an Infantry missile team with a Moving ROF of '-', such as an AT-3 Sagger or Soviet SA-7 Grail team shoot after a Blitz Movement Order?

*Yes they can, as long as they don't Move in their normal movement.*

Can the above Infantry missile team shoot if they fail to make an attempted Blitz Movement order?

*Yes they can, but suffer normal +1 to hit penalty.*

## ANTI-AIRCRAFT SHOOTING

If a Tank Team shooting at aircraft is at the very edge of a wood, does it see the aircraft unconcealed, as it would an enemy tank?

*Yes, terrain works the same for aircraft as for any other team, with the exception that all Short Terrain and any Tall Terrain more than 4"/10cm from the ground Team is ignored.*

If my Anti-aircraft team is in the middle of a wood, can it still shoot at aircraft?

*Yes, although the Aircraft will be Concealed. Nothing ever blocks Line of Sight to Flying Aircraft. Presumably the Anti-aircraft Unit is set up in a small clearing.*

Does Smoke ever block Line-of-Sight to and from Flying Aircraft?

*No, however it does provide Concealment. Smoke is in effect treated as Tall Terrain for the purpose of Line-of-Sight to Flying Aircraft, meaning if within 4"/10cm of anti-aircraft team or target, but is still just Smoke for Concealment.*

## AA IN THE ENEMY TURN

What ROF do Anti-aircraft weapons use when shooting at Aircraft in the enemy turn?

*They use their full ROF. If shooting in their own turn, this is whatever ROF they would normally have, Moving ROF or Halted ROF depending on whether they moved if Dedicated AA, otherwise 1 die.*

*In the enemy turn, the fire with their best ROF. That is normally their Halted ROF, but if they have no Halted ROF, that will be their Moving ROF, but once again, with ROF 1 if they are not Dedicated AA.*

Anti-aircraft weapons shooting in the enemy turn shoot immediately before the Aircraft shoots. Can you be more specific?

*As it says, the AA weapon shoots immediately before the Aircraft, so whenever the player declares that they are going to shoot with their Aircraft, the AA player can jump in and try to shoot them down first. You can wait to shoot your Aircraft until after your tanks have knocked out the enemy AA weapons if you want to, which would limit the amount of AA fire they would take.*

If my Anti-aircraft weapon shot in my previous turn, can it shoot at an Aircraft in the enemy turn?

*Yes it can. You don't need to predict when enemy Aircraft will appear. However, once it shoots at an Aircraft in the enemy turn, it cannot shoot in its own next turn.*

If my Anti-aircraft weapon shoots at an Aircraft in the enemy turn, can it shoot at another Aircraft Unit later in the same turn?

*No. Once it has shot, that weapon can't shoot again for the rest of the enemy turn and your next turn.*

If I shoot part of my Unit at one enemy Aircraft Unit immediately before it shoots, can I shoot the rest of the Unit at another enemy Aircraft immediately before it shoots later in the enemy turn?

*Yes. Each time you react to an enemy Aircraft Unit that is about to shoot by shooting at it. In effect, this triggers a mini Shooting Step for your AA Unit. You go through the normal shooting sequence, including declaring targets for those teams that will shoot. When the next enemy Aircraft Unit is about to shoot, you declare targets for any AA weapons that have not yet shot this turn, and so on as each enemy Aircraft Unit prepares to shoot.*

If my Anti-aircraft weapon shoots at an Aircraft in the enemy turn, the rules say the Weapon cannot shoot in Defensive Fire or Assault in its next Assault step? How does that affect a Team?

*If the weapon cannot shoot, the Team can fire its other weapons in Defensive Fire. For example, a T-54 shoots its 12.7mm AA MG at some Mirages, then is assaulted by some enemy infantry. It can shoot its MG in Defensive Fire, but not its 12.7mm AA MG.*

*However, because one of its weapons shot at an Aircraft in the enemy turn, the T-54 cannot Assault in its next Assault Step.*

My Anti-aircraft team fires during the enemy turn at some aircraft, then doesn't do anything in their own next turn, are they Gone to Ground in the next enemy turn?

*No, it effectively grabbed its shooting from its own next turn.*

*The basic concept is it can't be Gone to Ground if it shot in or since its last turn.*

If it is Night and my Anti-aircraft weapon shoots at an Aircraft in the enemy turn, does the enemy need to roll on the Night Vision Table to see it?

*No. It will be visible at night until the beginning of the next enemy turn.*

## ARTILLERY

Mortars like the M3D 120mm don't have a direct-fire line. Does that mean that they can only fire bombardments?

*Yes it does.*

If my Artillery Battery fails to Range In, can it Shoot with direct fire? Can it still be Gone to Ground?

*No. It fired ranging shots for the Bombardment, preventing it from Shooting and revealing its position.*

An Artillery Battery started with game with its Ranged In marker on the table. Does it force enemy teams to re-roll their Saves using the Repeating Bombardments rule on the first turn.

*Yes it does. It is firing on its existing Ranged In marker, so it is a Repeated Bombardment.*

I have an Artillery Battery that is firing a Repeat Bombardment. I also have another Artillery Battery that I want to Range In on a new target. Can I use the same team as the Spotting team for both Bombardments?

*Yes you can. However, although the Repeat Bombardment automatically Ranges In on its first attempt, that still counts as the Spotting Team's first Ranging In attempt. You can then use the Spotting team's second (and third if necessary) attempt to Range In the other Artillery Battery.*

Can I do it the other way around, with the Spotting team Ranging In the new Artillery Bombardment first?

*Yes you can. However, if the Spotting team doesn't Range In the new Bombardment by their second attempt, they won't be able to Spot for the repeat Bombardment as their third attempt will be taken up still trying to Range In the new Bombardment.*

My Spotting team is Ranging In two Repeat Bombardments, then attempting to Range In a third Artillery Battery. How does this work?

*Each time they Range In uses up one of their attempts, so they'd use the first two attempts Ranging In the repeat Bombardments, leaving their third attempt to try to Range In the third Artillery Battery.*

A Spotting team must have Line Of Sight to the Aiming Point when Ranging In. Do friendly teams block Line of Sight for spotting?

*No. Ignore friendly teams when determining Line of Sight for Spotting purposes.*

## **SMOKE BOMBARDMENTS**

If I'm attempting to fire a Smoke Bombardment (and it's a once per game option) and fail to Range In, can I try again later?

*Yes you can. Until you actually fire the Smoke Bombardment, you still have the ammunition stocks to try again.*

Can I use an existing Ranged In marker from a previous turn to fire a Smoke Bombardment without needing to Range In again?

*Yes you can.*

## **ASSAULTS CHARGE INTO CONTACT**

An Infantry team has Contacted the enemy if 'its front edge is as close as it can get to the enemy team' or 'its front edge is as close as it can get to another Infantry team from its own Unit that is directly in Contact with an enemy team.' What does the phrase 'as close as it can get' mean?

*This phrase is used to cover all the physical things that can prevent a team from being placed physically in contact with another, such as a wall or hedge between them, or even irregularities in the table surface. Basically, if you can't fit them any closer together than they are, then they are in Contact.*

If my Infantry team doesn't have enough movement to physically touch the enemy team, but moves as close as it can given its charge move, is it in Contact?

*No. It is still not as close as it can possibly get to the enemy team, so it is not in Contact.*

If I can just get a corner of my team into Contact is that enough?

*No. The rules require the front edge to be in contact, not a corner.*

Do I have to Contact the front edge of the enemy team, or can I contact it anywhere?

*You can Contact any part of the enemy team with the front edge of your team, the front, side, or rear of its base, or even a corner of its base.*

Do I need to be square to the enemy team's base when I Contact them?

*No. You stop when you Contact them, and may or may not be square on to them at that point.*

My teams need to be within 4"/10cm to Charge into Contact. Does that allow an Infantry team that is 4"/10cm behind another Infantry team that charged to charge as well?

*Yes. As long as its 4"/10cm move brings it into Contact with the enemy (whether directly or through a fellow Infantry team), it can charge.*

Can a Tank contact the enemy by moving into contact with another tank that is in Contact with the enemy?

*No. Only Infantry teams can Contact the enemy through a friendly team, and only if that friendly team is also an Infantry team.*

Do I have to Charge into Contact with the closest enemy team?

*No you don't. You can Charge into Contact with any enemy team that is close enough, but you must take the shortest route to Contact that team.*

If an enemy team Charged into Contact with the rear of my team, is that team in Contact with the team

that Charged it when I Counterattack? Does the team move when Charging into Contact?

*If an enemy team is in Contact with your team, then your team is already in Contact with that enemy team. That means that it does not move when Charging into Contact.*

## **DEFENSIVE FIRE**

We are changing how Defensive Fire forces back Armoured Tank teams. The rule now reads:

If all the Assaulting teams are Armoured Tank teams, they only Fall Back if two or more of them (or all of them if fewer) are Bailed Out or Destroyed by Defensive Fire, regardless of the number of hits they take.

*This means that all Armoured Tank teams, even those with Top Armour 0, require two vehicles to be Bailed Out or Destroyed to prevent them from assaulting.*

If my Infantry teams are stationary in Flat Terrain, and therefore Concealed, can they use the Sneaking Up on Tanks rule to prevent the Tank teams that they are Assaulting from performing Defensive Fire?

*No. The Infantry must be Concealed by Short or Tall Terrain.*

Does getting Pinned Down by something like being hit by a Minefield force my assaulting Unit to Fall Back and end the assault?

*No. The only thing that forces you to Fall Back is taking a sufficient number of hits from Defensive Fire. A single hit that Pins Down a Unit will not do that.*

If a tank charges a gun with the Forward Firing rule from slightly off to the side, it will hit the front at an angle and, because a small part of the tank is behind the front of the gun, it will now technically be out of the gun's Field of Fire, preventing the gun from shooting in Defensive Fire. Is this right?

*While it is technically correct, it makes no sense as it would essentially prevent Forward Firing guns from shooting in Defensive Fire in most situations.*

*A better interpretation of the rule is that if the tank was a valid target at the start of its Charge into Contact, and is still at*

*least partly in front of the gun's base when it makes Contact with a defending team, then the gun can shoot in Defensive Fire.*

Can the gun then use its Anti-tank rating against the tank's Side Armour rating when it counterattacks, or does it have to use the default Anti-tank 2 against Top Armour?

*Again, while the tank is not technically in its Field of Fire (the requirement for using the gun's Anti-tank rating), if the tank was in the gun's Field of Fire for Defensive Fire and still has at least part of the tank in front of the gun's base, then it should be in the gun's Field of Fire for this purpose as well.*

## **ASSAULT COMBAT**

If I have two teams in Contact with two enemy teams and both of enemy teams score hits, can I allocate both hits to the same team?

*No. You must spread the hits around if there are multiple teams that are eligible targets.*

If I have an Infantry team and a Tank team, both in Contact with an enemy rifle team and an enemy RPG team, can I allocate the RPG hit to the Infantry team and the rifle team's hit to the Tank team?

*Yes. Presumably the Infantry team were attempting to protect the Tank team from the RPG, and kept it away from the Tank team, but died in the process.*

My RPG-7 anti-tank teams have the Assault 6 special rule. What does this mean?

*It means that instead of hitting on a 5+ in Assaults like the larger AK-47 assault rifle teams, the small RPG-7 teams hit on a roll of 6.*

How do my infantry kill tanks in assaults?

*Infantry that hit a tank in an Assault may either use their normal Anti-tank rating against a tank's Side armour or Anti-tank 2 against its Top armour. Using weapons like the Blindicide can be very effective against lighter vehicles like the T-34, but have limited effect against heavy tanks like the IS-3. Against these infantry in the open can only endure and hope the tanks break off before the infantry's own determination to counter-attack fails.*

## **COUNTERATTACK**

I have passed my roll to Counterattack. Can I add additional teams into the Assault, or am I limited to those teams already involved?

*You are limited to those teams already involved in the assault. That means only the teams that originally assaulted on the attacker's side and those originally within 8"/20cm of them on the defender's side.*

If my defending Unit passes its Motivation test to Counterattack, can it Charge into Contact with teams from other Units on the attacking player's side?

*No. Neither player may bring additional teams into the assault. On the attacking player's side, only the teams that initially assaulted are in the fight. On the defender's side, only those within 8"/20cm of them at the start of the assault are in the fight.*

When my Unit Counterattacks, can I move teams that have been Contacted by the enemy?

*No. A team that is in Contact with the enemy, either because the enemy Charged into Contact with them, or because the team Charged into Contact with the enemy, cannot move. It is already in Contact with the enemy (because the enemy is in Contact with it), and must fight the enemy it is in Contact with before seeking out other targets.*

## **BREAKING OFF**

I have two Units ready to launch assaults on an enemy Infantry unit. My first Unit assaults and is forced to Break Off. My other Unit is within 6"/15cm of the victorious defending Infantry unit. Does it have to Break Off as well, or can it still launch its own assault?

*Only Units that were part of the assault can be forced to Break Off. Since you cannot assault with two Units at the same time, your second Unit cannot have been part of the assault, so does not need to Break Off.*

*Unless the defenders Consolidate away from your second Unit (so that it can no longer Charge into Contact), it can launch its own assault once the first is over.*

An enemy Tank Unit assaults my infantry and forces them to Break Off. I have tanks within 6"/15cm of the assaulting teams, do my tanks also need to Break Off?

*Yes they do. As the defender in the assault, all of your teams within 8"/20cm of an assaulting team are part of the assault. That makes your tanks part of the assault (and thus able to shoot in Defensive Fire) even though the assaulting tanks cannot directly attack them. So, when their infantry support falls back, they do too.*

My tanks failed their Counterattack test and are Breaking Off. Directly behind them there is a hedge, but just off to the side is a gate. Do they have to go back over the hedge and risk failing their Cross test and getting captured, or can they detour through the gate?

*The rules are deliberately somewhat soft on the matter. It would be silly to require the tank to cross the hedge if it could move a few millimetres to the side and go through the gate, for instance.*

*If a team can dodge an obstacle, it may if you want it to. Whichever choice you make, though, it must take the shortest path to do so.*

My troops are surrounded by enemy infantry when they need to Break Off. Can they move through the infantry to get away?

*If that is the shortest path to safety, then yes they can.*

When I assault troops in a building, do I have to go through the doors and windows?

*Yes. The walls are Impassable Terrain, so you can't move or fight through them.*

If I Counterattack against a team in a Minefield, do I risk getting hit by it?

*Yes, even if the models didn't move, they are still moving around in a minefield.*

## **CONSOLIDATION**

Can an Infantry Unit that is Pinned Down Consolidate towards visible enemy teams?

*Yes it can. The restriction against moving towards visible enemy teams while Pinned Down does not apply while Consolidating.*

## LAST STAND

The phrase 'only count teams that are In Command' under In Good Spirits in Unit Last Stand only refers to the second part of the rule that lists how many teams you need to be In Good Spirits if you've taken casualties, correct?

*Yes. Driving away from them doesn't make the morale effect of the casualties go away.*

My unit had three tanks at the end of my last Movement Step and they were all In Command. My opponent shot two of them, leaving just one alive. Are the two Destroyed tanks still In Command? Do they stop me from needing to take a Last Stand test?

*They aren't In Command, they're dead! The unit only has one tank In Command, so needs to take a Last Stand test.*

A Formation is In Good Spirits if it has two Units still in existence. Can the HQ be one of those?

*Yes it can, although it doesn't have to be.*

Do the Units need to be In Good Spirits to keep their Formation In Good Spirits?

*No, they just have to still be in existence.*

## AIRCRAFT

Are Aircraft Units subject to the normal rules for being In Command and Out of Command?

*Yes. They are Units, so all the Unit rules apply to them.*

Can Aircraft use Movement Orders?

*No they cannot. None of them are useful to Aircraft.*

## AIRCRAFT SHOOTING

If a Tank Team is right on top of a bare hill, does it count as concealed to aircraft as it would to an enemy tank?

*On a hill, a tank in a 'hull down' position behind the crest is using the hill as a form of Short Terrain in the same way it would use a wall to gain concealment, so it would not be concealed from Aircraft. On the other hand, if it was hiding behind the hill, it would be concealed.*

My Skyhawk is strafing a unit of BTR-60 armoured personnel carriers with its 30mm DEFA gun. Does it target one vehicle then allocate hits as usual?

*Yes it does. The hits are shared between the target and other teams from the platoon within 6"/15cm as normal.*

## AIRCRAFT BOMBARDMENTS

I want to use the bombs on my aircraft. Do they operate as a single combined Artillery Unit or as one Artillery Unit per aircraft?

*They are a single combined Artillery Unit, so the whole Unit gets one Salvo template with the appropriate number of weapons firing.*

What is the Danger Close distance for an Aircraft using a Salvo Template?

*It is 8"/20cm, the same as an Artillery Template.*

Can an Aircraft be a Spotting team for another Unit's Artillery Bombardment?

*No. An Aircraft cannot as it must Move every turn.*

## BUILDING A FORCE

How many of each Formation can I field?

*You may field as many of each Formation as you wish.*

If I take a Paratrooper Company, can I take an Magach Tank Platoon as Formation Support?

*Yes. You can take any compulsory (black) option from a company (aside from the HQ) as Formation Support.*

Can I take an Magach Tank Platoon Unit as part of an Magach Tank Company Formation, and then take another Magach Tank Platoon as Formation Support?

*No. You may not take a Unit of the same type (that is the same name) as you already have in your Force as Formation Support.*

If I take two Formations, can I take Support Units for both of them? Could I take two lots of aircraft for instance?

*No. You must choose a Force Diagram as the basis of your Force. This determines what Support is available to you. You*

*can take as many Formations as you like within this Force, but they all share the same Support.*

## MISSIONS

All infantry are in Foxholes at the start of the game. Does this include infantry that deployed in No Man's Land using the Spearhead rule?

*Yes it does.*

Can passengers in a Transport take or dispute an Objective?

*Yes they can.*

In missions like Free-for-All that have alternating deployment, can I 'deploy' my Aircraft to effectively skip my turn to deploy?

*No. Aircraft must be your last deployment after all other Units have been deployed.*

## HOLDING OBJECTIVES

The reprinted (Late War) rulebook has a change to how Holding Objectives works. The rule now reads:

You are Holding an Objective if you start your turn with a Tank, Infantry, or Gun team within 4"/10cm of an Objective, and end it with no opposing Tank, Infantry, or Gun teams within 4"/10cm of that Objective.

*This is the same method of taking and holding Objectives that was introduced in More Missions in 2017.*

## RESERVES

How do I work out my Reserves if I have spent less than the permitted maximum points on my force?

*The important point to remember is that you are allowed 60% of the permitted maximum points value on table at the start of a game with Reserves. So, if your force is smaller, it just means that your Reserves will be less than the remaining 40%.*

How do my troops arrive from Reserves? Can I just place them on the edge of the table and begin shooting?

*Teams arriving from Reserve move on from the edge of the table. Simply pick a point on the table edge and measure their movement from there.*

How does a Unit of Guns enter the table from Reserves if it doesn't have a Tactical speed?

*It must move onto the table at Dash speed. In addition, some Gun teams have a Tactical speed that is too slow to allow them to move onto the table, so they too need to move at Dash speed.*

Are Independent Teams (such as artillery observers) affected by the Deep Reserves special rule that restricts a player to one Tank Unit with Front armour 3 or more or one Aircraft Unit on table at the start of the game?

*No. They can be on the table in addition to the one Unit allowed by the Deep Reserves rule.*

Are Formation HQ Units affected by the Deep Reserves special rule?

*Yes. The restriction applies to all Units (apart from Independent teams), regardless of their function.*

My opponent has ended up with Infantry teams all along the area where my Reserves arrive, leaving no room for my Reserves to arrive without going within 2"/5cm of their teams. What happens to my Reserves?

*Since the battlefield doesn't suddenly end at the edge of the table, the obvious solution is to move some of the opposing teams back just enough to allow the Reserves on to the table so that they can try to fight their way through the infantry.*

## STRATEGIC WITHDRAWAL

When in the Starting Step do I withdraw a Unit in a game of Rearguard? Can I still withdraw it if it failed a Last Stand Check?

*Withdraw Units after Checking Victory Conditions. If a Unit is still on table at that point, you can withdraw it.*

## SPEARHEAD

When deploying a Unit in the area around a Spearhead Unit, what does the rule prohibiting placing the unit in a place that the Spearhead Unit cannot go mean?

*Units deploying around the Spearhead Unit need to be able to move from the Spearhead Unit's location to their deployment location. So you can't deploy your Unit across impassable terrain like a river or cliff.*

If my Spearhead Unit were armoured cars (which cannot enter a building), can I place an Infantry Unit in a building beside the Spearhead Unit?

*Yes. Although the armoured cars cannot actually enter the buildings, infantry following their spearhead can deploy in the buildings.*

## MINEFIELDS

When I place Minefields, can I overlap them to make a Unit trying cross them roll a Skill test for each Minefield?

*No. Teams also only roll one Skill Test to cross the Minefields safely. However, a Team who successfully removes a Minefield, only removes one, even if they are in several.*

When a team removes a Minefield (instead of Moving) using a Mine Clearing Order, is that Minefield removed right away or at the end of the Movement Step?

*It is removed immediately.*

When a team moves using a Blitz Move movement order, do they still need to take Cross tests and test to see if they got hit by a Minefield?

*Yes. All the normal movement rules apply while making a Blitz Move. The only difference is that once you've finished the Blitz Move, you don't count as having moved for things that happen afterwards.*

Can I deploy a Unit in a Minefield? If so, what happens?

*Yes you can. Presumably they are dug in with minefields surrounding their position, and the paths through the minefield that they use for supply and other necessary activities are too difficult to negotiate under fire.*

*The Unit is fine as long as it remains in its foxholes. However, if it moves or counterattacks if assaulted, it will have to test for casualties like any other Unit crossing a Minefield.*

If a Unit deployed in a Minefield, how does it go about clearing it?

*It moves 'into' the Minefield (i.e. out of its carefully prepared defences) testing to do so as normal. Then in the next turn (having moved into the Minefield on a previous turn as required by the rules), the Unit Leader issues a Mine Clearing order and the Minefield is removed.*

If I Counterattack against a team in a Minefield, do I risk getting hit by it?

*Yes, even if the models didn't move, they are still moving around in a minefield.*

# Book and Card Updates

This section has updates to the *Fate of a Nation* books and cards.

## ISRAELI FORCES

**Page 87 (FNI119):** An Anti-tank Jeep Platoon has a Tactical Speed of 6"/15cm.

**Page 97 (FNI138):** An Artillery Observer does not reduce to the score needed to Range in by 1.

**Page 98 (FNI139):** A Jeep (TOW) Platoon has a Tactical Speed of 6"/15cm.

## EGYPTIAN FORCES

**Page 117 (FNE119):** A BTR-60 Mech Company may also be fielded with a strength of:

19x AK-47 rifle teams, 3x *Blindicide teams*, 2x PKM LMG teams, and 14x BTR-60 for 11 points.

13x AK-47 rifle teams, 2x *Blindicide teams*, 2x PKM LMG teams, and 9x BTR-60 for 7 points.

**Page 118 (FNE122):** A BTR-152 Mech Company may also be fielded with a strength of:

19x AK-47 rifle teams, 3x *Blindicide teams*, 2x PKM LMG teams, and 14x BTR-152 for 10 points.

13x AK-47 rifle teams, 2x *Blindicide teams*, 2x PKM LMG teams, and 9x BTR-152 for 6 points.

**Page 123 (FNE133):** An M4 Sherman Tank Company has a Terrain Dash of 12"/30cm, a Cross-country Dash of 16"/40cm, and a Road Dash of 18"/45cm.

**Page 127 (FNE143):** An Artillery Observer does not reduce to the score needed to Range in by 1.

## SYRIAN FORCES

**Page 131:** The Artillery Observer card is FNS129.

**Page 139 (FNE113):** A BTR-60 Mech Company may also be fielded with a strength of:

19x AK-47 rifle teams, 3x *Blindicide teams*, 2x PKM LMG teams, and 14x BTR-60 for 12 points.

13x AK-47 rifle teams, 2x *Blindicide teams*, 2x PKM LMG teams, and 9x BTR-60 for 8 points.

**Page 140 (FNE116):** A BTR-152 Mech Company may also be fielded with a strength of:

19x AK-47 rifle teams, 3x *Blindicide teams*, 2x PKM LMG teams, and 14x BTR-152 for 10 points.

13x AK-47 rifle teams, 2x *Blindicide teams*, 2x PKM LMG teams, and 9x BTR-152 for 6 points.

**Page 144 (FNS123):** The 82mm Mortar Company is 1 point for 2x 82mm mortars or 2 points for 6x 82mm mortars.

**Page 146 (FNS126):** The AT-3 Sagger missile of a Sagger Anti-tank Company has Anti-tank 18.

**Page 147 (FNS129):** An Artillery Observer does not reduce to the score needed to Range in by 1.

## JORDANIAN FORCES

**Page 154 (FNJ105):** An M48 Patton Squadron HQ has a Remount rating of 4+.

**Page 154 (FNJ106):** An M48 Patton Tank Troop has a Morale rating of 5+.

**Page 157 (FNJ110):** An Anti-tank Jeep Platoon has a Tactical Speed of 6"/15cm.

**Page 158 (FNJ113):** An Infantry Platoon has a Morale rating of 5+.

**Page 161 (FNJ120):** An Artillery Observer does not reduce to the score needed to Range in by 1.

An Artillery Observer has the Scout special rule.

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