

French Army Order of Battle

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Introduction

Since the end of the Cold War, the change in the international scene has shown French headquarters the necessity of changing the French army structure and goals. The need to maintain a large force of troops facing a potential threat coming from the Warsaw Pact is no longer necessary in the modern era. The technical evolution of weapon systems show that a smaller force using professional troops is more useful than a larger force relying on conscripts. The first Gulf War, along with the Kosovo conflict, clearly displayed to the French HQ its limits in projecting French troops around the world.

The first consequences are:

- The creation of a professional army.
- A pause in the French conscription system. The word pause is important; the conscription system is not totally scrapped. It can be reestablished at any time in case of a major crisis (scenario of 'type 6' following NATO definitions).
- The elimination of all existing reserve regiments. The role of the reserves in the national defense concept is redefined. No longer will reserves make up separate units; rather they will be deeply integrated within professional regiments such as the 5th company. The legal status of the reservist is created with a specific engagement contract.
- Reserves will be mobilized to replace professional troops in rear areas if a conflict occurs. Reserve units will also be mobilized in the peacekeeping process against terrorism. Mainly they will be used in a security role, for example patrolling the main railway stations and airports, as defined in the VigiePirate plan.

At the end of the restructuring, the French Army size has decreased from 550,000 to somewhere close to 280,000 soldiers. This figure includes the Gendarmerie Nationale, which has three main roles in France:

- Judiciary policing like any civil police;
- Maintenance of law and order;
- Defense of French territory in case of crisis: Defense Opérationnelle du Territoire. In this case the Gendarmerie will be in charge of mobilizing the first and second level reserves forces for protection of so called sensitive points (nuclear power plants, power supply lines, airports, railway stations, dams, etc).

The goal by 2015 is to have an army with the following composition

Army:

136,000 mil + 34,000 civ, 85 regiments split into 15 brigades
Main equipment: 420 MBTs Leclerc, 350 light armoured tanks, 180 helicopters

Navy:

45,500 mil + 11,000 civ
81 ships, incl 2 Aircraft Carriers
total: 234,000 tons

Air Force:

63,000 mil + 7,000 civ
300 Rafales
52 transport aircraft
84 helicopters

Gendarmerie:

95,600 mil + 2,300 civ

The French army must be ready to project up to 50,000 soldiers abroad in military operations. For a better understanding, most of the French regiments are equivalent to classical bataillons with the exception of the armoured one with 80 tanks, which counts as two armoured bataillons

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They are no more division-level sized units in France; the highest level is now the brigade.

The French Army is split into:

- 2 heavy armored brigades: 2ème and 7ème brigades blindées
- 2 light armored brigades: 9ème brigade légère blindée de marine, 6ème brigade légère blindée
- 2 mechanized brigades: 1ère et 3ème brigades mécanisées
- 1 Parachute brigade: 11ème brigade parachutiste
- 1 mountain infantry brigade: 27ème brigade de montagne
- 1 airmobile brigade: 4ème brigade aéromobile
- 2 logistical brigades: 1ère et 2ème brigades logistique
- 4 specialised combat support brigades: Artillery Brigade, Engineer Brigade, Intelligence brigade, Signal Brigade

2ÈME BRIGADE BLINDÉE

2ème brigade blindée HQ

2ème brigade blindée Recon company
2ème brigade blindée AT company
6/12ème Régiment de Cuirassiers (80 tanks Regiment)
2ème Régiment de Dragons (53 tanks Regiment)
16ème Groupement de Chasseurs (Heavy Mechanized Regiment)
Régiment de Marche du Tchad (Heavy Mechanized Regiment)
13ème Régiment du Génie (Armored Engineer Regiment)
1er Régiment d'Artillerie de Marine (Armored Artillery Regiment)

7ÈME BRIGADE BLINDÉE

7ème brigade blindée HQ:
7ème brigade blindée Recon company
7ème brigade blindée AT company
1/2ème Régiment de Chasseurs (80 tanks Regiment)
5ème Régiment de Dragons (53 tanks Regiment)
152ème Régiment d'Infanterie (Heavy Mechanized Regiment)
35ème Régiment d'Infanterie (Heavy Mechanized Regiment)
19ème Régiment du Génie (Armored Engineer Regiment)
8ème Régiment d'Artillerie (Armored Artillery Regiment)

1ÈRE BRIGADE MECANISÉE

1ère brigade mécanisée HQ
1ère brigade mécanisée Recon company
1ère brigade mécanisée AT company
501/503ème Régiment de Char de Combat (80 tanks Regiment)
1er Régiment de Tirailleurs (Heavy Mechanized Regiment)
1er Régiment d'Infanterie (Heavy Mechanized Regiment)
3ème Régiment du Génie (Mechanised Engineer Regiment)
40ème Régiment d'Artillerie (Armored Artillery Regiment)

3ÈME BRIGADE MECANISÉE

3ème brigade mécanisée HQ
3ème brigade mécanisée Recon company
3ème brigade mécanisée AT company
1/11 ème Régiment de Cuirassiers (80 tanks Regiment)
92ème Régiment d'Infanterie (Heavy Mechanized Regiment)
126ème Régiment d'Infanterie (Heavy Mechanized Regiment)
31ème Régiment du Génie (Mechanised Engineer Regiment)
68ème Régiment d'Artillerie (Armored Artillery Regiment)

9ÈME BRIGADE LÉGÈRE BLINDÉE DE MARINE

9ème Brigade Légère Légère de Marine HQ
9ème Brigade Légère Légère de Marine Recon company
9ème Brigade Légère Légère de Marine AT company
1er Régiment d'Infanterie de Marine (48 Wheeled Tanks Regiment)

Régiment de Char de Marine (48 Wheeled Tanks Regiment)
2ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Marine(Light Mechanized Regiment)
3ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Marine(Light Mechanized Regiment)
6ème Régiment du Génie (Light Mechanised Engineer Regiment)
68ème Régiment d'Artillerie (Artillery Regiment)

6ÈME BRIGADE LÉGÈRE BLINDÉE

6ème Brigade Légère Légère HQ
6ème Brigade Légère Légère Recon company
6ème Brigade Légère Légère AT company
1er Régiment de Spahis (48 Wheeled Tanks Regiment)
1er Régiment Etranger de Cavalerie (48 Wheeled Tanks Regiment)
2ème Régiment Etranger d'Infanterie (Light Mechanized Regiment at 5 combat companies)
21ème Régiment d'Infanterie de Marine(Light Mechanized Regiment)
1er Régiment Etranger du Génie (Light Mechanised Engineer Regiment at 5 Engineers companies)
68ème Régiment d'Artillerie (Artillery Regiment)

11ÈME BRIGADE PARACHUTISTE

11ème brigade parachutiste HQ
1er Régiment de Hussards Parachutistes (36 Wheeled Tanks Airborne Regiment)
1er Régiment de Chasseurs Parachutistes (Airborne Infantry)
2ème Régiment Etranger Parachutiste (Airborne Infantry)
3ème Régiment Parachutiste d'Infanterie de Marine (Airborne Infantry)
8ème Régiment Parachutiste d'Infanterie de Marine (Airborne Infantry)
35ème Régiment Parachutiste d'Artillerie (Airborne Artillery Regiment)
17ème Régiment de Génie Parachutiste (Airborne Light Mechanised Engineer Regiment)

27ÈME BRIGADE D'INFANTERIE DE MONTAGNE

27ème Brigade d'infanterie de montagne HQ
27ème Brigade d'infanterie de montagne Reco company
4ème Régiment de Chasseurs (36 Wheeled Tanks Regiment)
7ème Bataillon de Chasseurs Alpins (Mountain Infantry Regiment)
13ème Bataillon de Chasseurs Alpins (Mountain Infantry Regiment)
27ème Bataillon de Chasseurs Alpins (Mountain Infantry Regiment)
2ème Régiment Etranger du Génie (Mountain Light Mechanised Engineer Regiment)
93ème Régiment d'Artillerie de Montagne(Mountain Artillery Regiment)

BRIGADE FRANCO-ALLEMANDE (Member of the German 10 Panzer Division)

brigade franco-allemande HQ (German and French)
110ème Régiment d'Infanterie (French Light Mechanized Regiment)
Jäger Bataillon 292 (German Light Mechanized Bataillon)
Panzerartilleriebataillon 295 (German Armored Artillery Regiment)
Panzerpionierkompanie 550 (German Armored Engineer Company)
Bataillon de soutien (German/French Support and supply Bataillon)

4ÈME BRIGADE AEROMOBILE

1er Régiment d'hélicoptères de combat
3ème Régiment d'hélicoptères de combat
5ème Régiment d'hélicoptères de combat
6ème Régiment d'hélicoptères de combat

BRIGADE LOGISTIQUE 1 (Partial)

121ème Régiment du train (Transportation Regiment)
511ème Régiment du train (Transportation Regiment)
516ème Régiment du train (Tank Transportation Regiment)
601ème Régiment de circulation routière (Military Police traffic management oriented)

BRIGADE LOGISTIQUE 2 (Partial)

503ème Régiment du train (Transportation Regiment)
515ème Régiment du train (Transportation Regiment)
517ème Régiment du train (Tank Transportation Regiment)

BRIGADE D'APPUI SPECIALISE D'ARTILLERIE

1er Régiment d'Artillerie (MLRS)
12ème Régiment d'Artillerie (MLRS)
402ème Régiment d'Artillerie (HAWK SAM)
57ème Régiment d'Artillerie (SPSAM/MPSAM)
58ème Régiment d'Artillerie (SPSAM/MPSAM)
54ème Régiment d'Artillerie (MPSAM)

BRIGADE D'APPUI SPECIALISE DU GÉNIE (Engineering Brigade)

1er régiment du génie (Engineer Regiment specialized in obstacles crossing)
2ème régiment du génie (specialized in Forces deployment)
5ème régiment du génie (Non Fighting Engineer Regiment Engineer specialized in heavy works)
28ème groupe géographique – (Geographical groupment, non fighting)
groupe de défense nucléaire, biologique et chimique (NBC groupment non fighting)

BRIGADE D'APPUI SPECIALISE DU RENSEIGNEMENT (Intelligence Brigade)

2ème Régiment de hussards (see comment)
44ème Régiment de transmissions (Signal Regiment)
54ème Régiment de transmissions (Signal Regiment)
61ème Régiment d'artillerie (Drone Regiment)
Groupe de recherche et d'investigation (see comment)

This is an indirect fighting unit. This brigade is in charge of collecting information using deep infiltration in ENI territory (2 Rgt Hussards and the Groupe de recherche et d'investigation), or managing drones (61 RA) and monitoring communications the 2 signal regiments.

GENERAL TO&E FOR FRENCH UNITS

The TO&E is issued from the organic structure of French Brigades as published by the CDES: "Commandement de la doctrine et de l'enseignement militaire supérieur". Commandement in charge of French military doctrine and of the Teaching to Military Higher Education. TO&E modifications could be introduced for some specific regiments. These will be indicated in the TO&E.

Along with unit's descriptions, following the "->" I will add the unit's TOAW definition.

BRIGADE HQ (ALL BRIGADES)

Composition: One Headquarter unit

Brigade HQ section could be split in 2 -> 2 Command Group
4 defense Squad -> Assault AT+ Squad
2 VBL Scout
20 VAB -> 20 VAB APC
1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Truck
2 7,65MG -> 2 Medium MG
1 12,7 MG -> 1 Heavy MG
15 different size transport vehicules -> 15 Trucks

BRIGADE RECON COMPANY (HEAVY AND LIGHT ARMORED, MECHANISED)

Composition : 1 Command and Support Section + 3 Reco Antitank Sections + 1 Radar Section

Command and Support Section

1 Command Group,
3 Support Squad
3 VAB APC
1 Peugeot P4-> 1 Light Armored Truck
2 VBL -> 2 VBL Scout
1 VAB génie -> 1 VAB APC
1 Diver Engineer squad -> 1 engineer squad
4 different size transport vehicules -> 4 trucks

Reco Antitank Section

2 12,7 MG -> 2 Heavy MG
2 VBL Milan -> 2 VBL Milan SPATGM
6 VBL -> 6 VBL Scout
2 Eryx or APilas AT rockets -> 2 AT+ team

1 transport vehicles -> 1 trucks

Radar Section

4 VAB PC -> 4 VAB APC

4 VBL Rasit -> 4 VBL Scout

BRIGADE ANTI-TANK COMPANY (HEAVY AND LIGHT ARMORED, MECHANISED)

Composition : 1 Command and support Section + 5 Antitank Sections

Command and Support Section

1 Command Group,

2 Support Squad

1 VAB HOT

3 12,7 MG -> 3 Heavy MG

2 VBL PC -> 2 VBL Scout

1 Peugeot P4-> 1 Light Armored Truck

6 different size transport vehicles -> 6 trucks

Antitank Section

3 VAB HOT

2 VBL Scout

1 transport vehicle -> 1 trucks

80 TANKS REGIMENT (HEAVY ARMORED and MECHANISED BRIGADES)

composition: a Headquarter squadron, a regimental level squadron for supply and repair, 2 armored bataillons.

In each armored bataillon there are one "HQ and logistical squadron" and 3 tanks squadron.

A tank squadron in composed of 1 command & supply platoon, 1 infantry combat platoon, 3 tank platoons

For the 1/2 Régiments de Chasseurs replace the Leclerc MBT by the AMX30B2 (10/2003)

Headquarter Squadron

1 Leclerc

1 HQ -> 1 command group

8 support squads

6 VAB -> 6 VAB APC

1 command VBL -> 1 VBL Scout

11 Peugeot P4 -> 11 Light Armored Truck
20 different size transport vehicles -> 20 trucks
6 motorcycles -> 1 motorcycle squad – inside the Headquarter there is a specific reco platoon with :
8 VBL -> 8 VBL Scout
3 12,7 MG -> 3 Heavy MG
3 Apilas squad -> 3 AT+ Team
1 truck

Supply and Repair Squadron

6 repair Tanks -> ??????
6 VAB -> 6 VAB APC
11 Peugeot P4 -> 11 Light Armored Truck
36 different size transport vehicles -> 36 trucks
13 maintenance squad -> 13 support squads

Armored Bataillon

Composition: one "HQ and logistical squadron" and 3 tanks squadrons.

Armored bataillon HQ and Logistical Squadron

1 Leclerc
1 HQ -> 1 command group
8 support squads
6 VAB -> 6 VAB APC
1 command VBL -> 1 VBL Scout
11 Peugeot P4 -> 11 Light Armored Truck
20 different size transport vehicles -> 20 trucks
6 motorcycles -> 1 motorcycle squad – inside these Btn Headquarter there is too a specific reco platoon with :
8 VBL -> 8 VBL Scout
3 12,7 MG -> 3 Heavy MG
3 Apilas squad -> 3 AT+ Team
1 truck

Tank Combat Squadron

Composition : one "HQ and supply" platoon 3 tank platoons, one infantry combat platoon

HQ and Supply Platoon

1 Leclerc
2 VAB -> 2VAB APC
1 command VBL -> 1 VBL Scout
2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Truck
3 support squad
7 different size transport vehicles -> 7 trucks
2 motorcycles -> For the 2 Bataillon 1 motor squad

Tank Platoon

4 Leclerc

Infantry Combat Platoon

3 VAB -> 3 VAB IFV

3 combat squad -> 3 Assault AT+ squad

1 VBL -> 1 VBL Scout

53 TANKS REGIMENT (HEAVY ARMORED & MECHANISED BRIGADES)

Composition : 1 HQ and support Squadron, 1 Supply and repair Squadron and 4 Tanks squadrons

For the 5ème Régiment de Dragons replace the Leclerc MBT by the AMX30B2 (10/2003)

HQ & Support Squadron

1 Leclerc

1 HQ -> 1 command group

10 support squads

6 VAB -> 6 VAB APC

2 command VBL -> 2 VBL Scout

18 Peugeot P4 -> 18 Light Armored Truck

27 different size transport vehiculese -> 27 trucks

6 motorcycles -> 1 motorcycle squad – inside the Headquarter there is a specific reco platoon with :

8 VBL -> 8 VBL Scout

3 12,7 MG -> 3 Heavy MG

3 Apilas squad -> 3 AT+ Team

1 truck

Supply and Repair Squadron

4 repair Tanks -> ??????

4 VAB -> 4 VAB APC

13 Peugeot P4 -> 13 Light Armored Truck

21 different size transport vehicules -> 21 trucks

13 maintenance squad -> 13 support squads

Tank Squadron

Same composition as 80 tanks regiment

48 WHEELED TANKS REGIMENT (All LIGHT ARMORED BRIGADES)

Composition : 1 HQ and support Squadron and 4 Tanks squadrons

HQ & Support Squadron

1 HQ -> 1 command group
13 VAB -> 10 VAB APC + 3 VAB IFV
3 protection squads -> 3 Assault AT+ Squad
3 VBL -> 3 VBL Scout
17 Peugeot P4 -> 17 Light Armored Truck
47 different size transport vehicles -> 47 trucks
4 motorcycles -> 1 motorcycle squad
30 support squads

Wheeled Tank Combat Squadron

Composition : one "HQ and supply" platoon 4 tank platoons

HQ and Supply Platoon

2 VAB -> 2VAB APC
1 command VBL -> 1 VBL Scout
2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Truck
3 support squads
4 different size transport vehicules -> 4 trucks
2 motorcycles

Tank Platoon

3 AMX-10RC
3 VBL Scout
One Apilas Team -> 1 AT+Team
1 equipe reco -> 1 Reconnaissance Assault Team
1 12,7 MG -> 1 Heavy MG
1 truck

36 WHEELED TANKS REGIMENT (MOUNTAIN AND AIRBORNE BRIGADES)

Composition : 1 HQ and support Squadron and 3 Tanks squadrons 1 Reco and Anti-Tank Squadron (ERIA)

HQ and Support Squadron

1 HQ -> 1 command group
13 VAB -> 10 VAB APC + 3 VAB IFV
3 protection squads -> 3 Assault AT+ Squad
3 VBL -> 3 VBL Scout
18 Peugeot P4 -> 18 Light Armored Truck
49 different size transport vehicles -> 49 trucks

4 motorcycles -> 1 motorcycle squad
27 support squads

Wheeled Tank Combat Squadron

Composition : one "HQ and supply" platoon 4 tank platoons

HQ and Supply Platoon

3 VAB -> 3 VAB APC
1 command VBL -> 1 VBL Scout
2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Truck
3 support squads
4 different size transport vehicles -> 4 trucks
2 motorcycles

Tank Platoon

3 ERC-90
3 VBL Scout
One Apilas Team -> 1 AT+Team
1 equipe reco -> 1 Reconnaissance Assault Team
1 12,7 MG -> 1 Heavy MG
1 truck

Reco and Anti-Tank Squadron

Composition :one "HQ and supply" platoon 4 Reco & anti-tank platoons

HQ and Supply Platoon

2 VAB -> 2 VAB APC
1 command VBL -> 1 VBL Scout
2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Truck
2 support squads
5 different size transport vehicles -> 5 trucks
2 motorcycles

Reco & Anti-tank Platoon*

4 VBL -> 4 VBL Scout
4 VBL Milan-> 4 VBL Milan SPATGM
2 equipe reco -> 2 Reconnaissance Assault Team
2 12,7 MG -> 2 Heavy MG
1 truck

* for the 4ème Régiment de Chasseurs 2 véhicules articulés chenillés (Bv206) could be added

HEAVY MECHANIZED REGIMENT (HEAVY ARMORED AND MECHANISED BRIGADES)

Composition : 1 HQ and support Company, 4 Combat Company and 1 Combat Support Company

HQ and Support Company

1 HQ -> 1 command group
1 AMX 10 ICV
12 VAB -> 12 VAB APC
2 VBL PC -> 2 VBL Scout
4 12,7 MG -> 4 Heavy MG
12 Peugeot P4 -> 12 Light Armored Truck
20 support squads
56 different size transport vehicles -> 56 trucks

Combat Company

Composition : 1 HQ and support section, 3 Combat sections, 1 Combat support section

HQ and Support Section

1 AMX 10P -> 1 AMX 10 ICV
4 12,7 MG -> 4 Heavy MG
1 VBL PC -> 1 VBL Scout
5 different size transport vehicles -> 5 trucks
1 motorcycle
2 support squad

Combat Section

4 AMX 10P -> 4 AMX 10 ICV
3 Assault squad -> Assault AT+ Squad
2 ACCP team (AT rocket) -> 2 AT+Team

Combat Support Section

1 7,62 MG -> 1 Medium MG
1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Truck
1 AMX 10 Milan -> 1 AMX 10 ICV Milan SPATGM
1 AMX 10P -> 1 AMX 10 ICV
1 Milan team -> 1 Milan ATGM
1 Sniper team -> 1 Reconnaissance Rifle Team

Combat Support Company

Composition : 1 HQ and support section, 1 mortar section, 1 AT Section, 1 Reco section

HQ and Support Section

4 12,7 MG -> 4 Heavy MG
1 VBL PC -> 1 VBL Scout
1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Truck
1 VAB PC -> 1 VAB APC
2 support squads
5 different size transport vehicles -> 5 trucks
1 motorcycles

Mortar Section

2 VAB -> 2 VAB APC
2 VBL PC -> 2 VBL Scout
4 Peugeot P4 -> 4 Light Armored Truck
6 tracked 81 mm Mortar -> 6 81mm Mortar
6 VAB mounted 120 mm mortar -> 6 VTM 120 SP Mortar
2 trucks

AT Section

3 AMX 10P Milan -> 3 AMX 10 ICV Milan SPATGM
3 Milan team -> 3 Milan ATGM
2 7,62 MG -> 2 Medium MG
2 VBL PC -> 2 VBL Scout

Reco Section

2 VBL Milan-> 2 VBL Milan SPATGM
3 ACCP team (AT rocket) -> 3 AT+ team
8 VBL -> 8 VBL Scout
5 Reco Team -> 5 Reconnaissance Assault Team

LIGHT MECHANIZED REGIMENT (LIGHT ARMORED, MECHANISED, MOUNTAIN, AIRBORNE BRIGADES)

Warning: some TO&E differences are present see * & **

composition : 1 HQ and support Company, 4 Combat Company and 1 Combat Support Company

HQ and Support Company

1 HQ -> 1 command group
12 VAB -> 12 VAB APC
2 VBL PC -> 2 VBL Scout
4 12,7 MG -> 4 Heavy MG
12 Peugeot P4 -> 12 Light Armored Truck

20 support squads
5 motorcycles -> 1 motorcycle squad
46 different size transport vehicles -> 46 trucks

Combat Company

Composition : 1 HQ and support section, 3 Combat sections, 1 Combat support section

HQ and Support Section

1 VAB PC -> 1 VAB APC
4 12,7 MG -> 4 Heavy MG
1 VBL PC -> 1 VBL Scout
1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Truck
5 different size transport vehicles -> 5 trucks
1 motorcycle
2 support squad

Combat Section

4 VAB P -> 4 VAB APC
3 Assault squad -> Assault AT+ Squad
2 ACCP team (AT rocket) -> 2 AT+Team

Combat Support Section

1 7,62 MG -> 1 Medium MG
1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Truck
1 VAB Milan
1 VAB 20mm Gun -> 1 VAB IFV
1 Milan team -> 1 Milan ATGM
1 Sniper team -> 1 Reconnaissance Rifle Team

Combat Support Company see *

Composition : 1 HQ and support section, 1 mortar section, 1 AT Section, 1 Reco section

HQ and Support Section

4 12,7 MG -> 4 Heavy MG
1 VBL PC -> 1 VBL Scout
1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Truck
1 VAB PC -> 1 VAB APC
2 support squads
5 different size transport vehicles -> 5 trucks
1 motorcycles

Mortar Section

2 VAB -> 2 VAB APC
2 VBL PC -> 2 VBL Scout
4 Peugeot P4 -> 4 Light Armored Truck
6 tracked 81 mm Mortar -> 6 81mm Mortar
6 VAB mounted 120 mm mortar -> 6 VTM 120 SP Mortar
2 trucks

AT Section

3 VAB Milan
3 team Milan -> 3 Milan ATGM
2 7,62 MG -> 2 Medium MG
2 VBL PC -> 2 VBL Scout

Reco Section

2 VBL Milan-> 2 VBL Milan SPATGM
3 ACCP team (AT rocket) -> 3 AT+ team
8 VBL -> 8 VBL Scout
5 Reco Team -> 5 Reconnaissance Assault Team

* FOR AIRBORNE REGIMENT THIS TO&E COULD BE USED IN CASE OF AIR
TRANSPORTATION

Combat Support Company

HQ and Support Section

no change

Mortar Section

6 Peugeot P4 -> 6 Light Armored Truck
7 VAB -> 7 VAB APC
6 tracked 120 mm Mortar -> 6 120mm Mortar

AT Section

8 peugeot P4
6 Milan Unit -> 6 Milan ATGM

Reco Section

10 Peugeot P4 -> 10 Light Armored Trucks
2 Milan Unit -> 2 Milan ATGM
3 7,62 Mg -> 3 medium MD
3 12,7 Mg -> 3 Heavy MG
6 Reco Team -> 6 Reconnaissance Assault Team

**** Special consideration for specific regiments**

The 4ème Régiment de Chasseurs

Add 2 Bo206 in the Combat Support Company -> Reco

The global number of Trucks claimed for the whole regiment is 117

The 7ème Bataillon de Chasseurs Alpin

Replace VAB by 24 Bo206 for the Regiment for one of the combat company

The global number of Trucks claimed for the whole regiment is 115

The 2ème Régiment Etranger d'Infanterie

This light mechanized regiment has 5 combat companies

ARMORED/MECHANISED/LIGHT MECHANISED ENGINEER REGIMENT
(HEAVY & LIGHT ARMORED, MECHANISED, MOUNTAIN INFANTRY, AIRBORNE
BRIGADES)

Only difference is in the number of Armored and mechanised combat companies

Armored Regiment: Composition 1 HQ and Logistic company, 1 Engineer support Company, 2
Engineer Armored Companies, 1 Engineer Mechanised Company

Mechanised Regiment: Composition 1 HQ and Logistic company, 1 Engineer support Company, 1
Engineer Armored Company, 2 Engineer Mechanised Companies

Light Mechanised Regiment: Composition 1 HQ and Logistic company, 1 Engineer support Company,
4 Engineer Mechanised Companies

WARNING : The 1er Régiment Etranger du Génie use 5 Engineer Mechanised Companies

Mountain Infantry Engineer Regiment: composition 1 HQ and Logistic company, 1 Engineer support
Company without amphibious bridging section, 3 Engineer Mechanised Companies

HQ and Logistic Company

1 HQ -> 1 command group

10 VAB -> 10 VAB APC

20 Peugeot P4 -> 20 Light Armored Truck

30 support squads

55 different size transport vehicules -> 55 trucks

The logistic company has a specific reco and link section with:

1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Truck

10 VAB -> 10 VAB APC

1 engineer squad
6 Reco Team -> 6 Reconnaissance Assault Teams

Engineer Support Company

Composition: 1 command and support section, 1 ground management section, 1 "Help to the deployment" section, 1 obstacles section, one amphibious ferry/bridging section, one bridging section

Command and Support Section

2 supply squads
3 Peugeot P4 -> 3 Light Armored Trucks
6 different size transport vehicles -> 6 trucks

Ground Management Section

1 Peugeot P4 -> 3 Light Armored Trucks
3 different size transport vehicles -> 6 trucks
2 Engineer squads managing cranes, dump trucks and 6 self-depositing trails trucks

Help to the Deployment Section

No Fighting group. It is in charge of managing Power Supply, Water and all the infrastructure for the Fighting brigade

Obstacles Section

1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Trucks
3 different size transport vehicles -> 3 trucks
3 Engineer squads using destruction and zone management engines -> 6 tracked Earth mover

Amphibious Ferry/Bridging Section

1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Truck
5 different size transport vehicles -> 5 trucks
6 EFA, Self propeling ferry/bridging engine -> 6 amphibious bridging
6 ferry bridging squads

Bridging Section

1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Truck
7 different size transport vehicles -> 7 trucks
6 ferry bridging squad
6 self moving brige units -> 6 Tracked Bridge Carrier

Engineer Armored Company

Composition : 1 command and supply section, 4 Armored Engineer Combat sections

Command and Supply Section

2 VAB -> 2 VAB APC
2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Truck
2 support squads
11 different size transport vehicles -> 11 trucks

Armored Engineer Combat Section

1 VAB -> 1 VAB APC
1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Truck
1 transport vehicle -> 1 truck
3 EBG based on AMX30 -> 3 Armored Engineer Vehicle
1 engineer squad

Engineer Mechanised Company

Composition : 1 command and supply section, 3 Mechanised Engineer Combat sections, 1 support section

Command and Supply Section

1 VAB -> 1 VAB APC
2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Truck
2 support squads
12 different size transport vehicles -> 12 trucks

Support Section

1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Truck
1 VAB Genie -> 1 VAB APC
4 transport vehicle -> 4 truck
6 multi role engineering vehicle -> 6 tracked Earth mover
2 engineer squads

Mechanised Engineer Combat Section

1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Truck
3 VAB Genie -> 3 VAB APC
2 engineer squads
1 transport vehicle -> 1 truck

SPECIALIZED BRIDGING ENGINEER REGIMENT (ENGINEER SUPPORT BRIGADE)

Composition : 1 command and supply Company, 2 Self-Motorized Amphibious Bridge Company, 1 Fixed Bridge Company, 1 mining Company

Command and Supply Company

1 HQ -> 1 command group
2 VAB -> 2 VAB APC
20 Peugeot P4 -> 20 Light Armored Truck
11 12,7 MG -> 11 Heavy MG
30 support squads
66 different size transport vehicles -> 66 trucks
The logistic company has a specific reco and link section with:
1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Truck
10 VAB -> 10 VAB APC
3 12,7 MG -> 3 Heavy MG
1 engineer squad
6 Reco Team -> 6 Reconnaissance Assault Teams

Self-Motorized Amphibious Bridge Company

Composition: 1 command and support section, 3 Self-Motorized Amphibious Bridge Section

Command and Support Section

1 VAB -> 1 VAB APC
2 supply squads
3 Peugeot P4 -> 3 Light Armored Trucks
3 12,7 MG -> 3 Heavy MG
10 different size transport vehicles -> 10 trucks

Self-Motorized Amphibious Bridge Section

1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Trucks
19 different size transport vehicles -> 19 trucks
2 12,7 MG -> 2 Heavy MG
10 Self propelling ferry/bridging engine -> 10 amphibious bridging
6 ferry bridging squads

Fixed Bridge Company

Composition : 1 command and support section, 1 Equipment Section, 2 Fixed Bridge sections

Command and Support Section

1 VAB -> 1 VAB APC
2 supply squads
3 Peugeot P4 -> 3 Light Armored Trucks
3 12,7 MG -> 3 Heavy MG
10 different size transport vehicles -> 10 trucks

Equipment Section

1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Trucks
10 different size transport vehicules -> 10 trucks
6 multi role engineering vehicle -> 6 tracked Earth mover
5 engineer squads

Fixed Bridge Section

1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Trucks
13 different size transport vehicules -> 13 trucks
2 ferry bridging squads

ARMORED ARTILLERY (HEAVY ARMORED AND MECHANISED BRIGADES)

Composition : 1 command and support Battery, 1 Operation management Battery, 4 Firing Battery

Command and Support Battery

1 HQ -> 1 command group
28 VAB -> 28 VAB APC
21 Peugeot P4 -> 21 Light Armored Truck
1 AUF-1 GCT 155mm SP Gun
2 20mm AA Gun
25 support squads
92 different size transport vehicules -> 92 trucks

Operation Management Battery

This company is mainly made of Radar and Artillery fire observation and direction vehicules
In a TOAW ACOW point of view it is difficult to integrate them
15 Peugeot P4 -> 15 Light Armored Truck
12 Non Armed Artillery Observation AMX-10 -> ?? I'm tempted to convert them in VBL scout as they highlight the regiment fire so it will make 12 VBL scout
10 VAB -> 10 VAB APC
21 different size transport vehicules -> 21 trucks

Firing Battery

Composition : 1 command and supply section, 1 reco section, 2 firing section, 1 AA section

Command and Supply Section

2 support squad
3 Peugeot P4 -> 3 Light Armored Trucks
7 different size transport vehicules -> 7 trucks

Reco Section

1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Trucks
3 VAB -> 3 VAB APC
1 truck
2 Reconnaissance Assault Teams

Firing Section

1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Trucks
1 VAB -> 1 VAB APC
1 truck
4 AUF-1 GCT 155mm SP Gun

AA Section

1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Trucks
9 different size transport vehicles -> 9 truck
2 20mm AA Gun

MOTORIZED ARTILLERY (LIGHT ARMORED, MOUNTAIN INFANTRY & AIRBORNE BRIGADES)

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Composition: 1 command and support Battery, 1 Operation management Battery, 3 Firing Battery

Command and Support Battery

1 HQ -> 1 command group
11 VAB -> 11 VAB APC
21 Peugeot P4 -> 21 Light Armored Truck
1 AUF-1 GCT 155mm SP Gun
2 20mm AA Gun
25 support squads
84 different size transport vehicles -> 84 trucks

Operation Management Battery

As for Armored Artillery, this company is mainly made of Radar and Artillery fire observation and direction vehicles. In a TOAW COW point of view it is difficult to integrate them

15 Peugeot P4 -> 15 Light Armored Truck
12 Non Armed Artillery Observation VAB -> ?? I'm tempted to convert them in VBL scout as they highlight the regiment fire so it will make 12 VBL scout
8 VAB -> 8 VAB APC
17 different size transport vehicles -> 17 trucks

Firing Battery

Composition : 1 command and supply section, 1 reco section, 2 firing section, 1 AA section

Command and Supply Section

2 support squad
3 Peugeot P4 -> 3 Light Armored Trucks
4 different size transport vehicles -> 4 trucks

Reco Section

2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Trucks
3 VAB -> 3 VAB APC
2 Reconnaissance Assault Teams

Firing Section

1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Trucks
2 VAB -> 2 VAB APC
5 truck
4 155mm ER Gun

AA Section

1 Peugeot P4 -> 1 Light Armored Trucks
6 different size transport vehicles -> 6 trucks
2 20mm AA Gun

MLRS ARTILLERY (ARTILLERY SUPPORT BRIGADE)

Composition : 1 command and support Battery, 3 Firing Battery, 1 Radar Battery, 1 Maintenance Battery

Command and Support Battery

1 HQ -> 1 Command Squad
25 Support Squad
33 Peugeot P4 -> 33 Light Armored Trucks
45 different size transport vehicles -> 45 trucks

Firing Battery

Composition : 1 command and supply section, 2 firing section,

Command and Supply Section

2 Support Squad
3 Peugeot P4 -> 3 Light Armored Trucks
7 different size transport vehicles -> 7 trucks
1 12,7 MG -> Heavy MG

Firing Section

2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Trucks
1 transport vehicles -> 1 trucks
1 12,7 MG -> Heavy MG
4 LRM -> 4 MLRS 227mm SPMRL

Radar Battery

12 Peugeot P4 -> 12 Light Armored Trucks
13 different size transport vehicles -> 13 trucks
1 12,7 MG -> 1 Heavy MG
4 COBRA Radar -> ??

Maintenance Battery

7 Peugeot P4 -> 7 Light Armored Trucks
46 different size transport vehicles -> 46 trucks
1 12,7 MG -> 1 Heavy MG
15 Support Squad

HAWK SAM ARTILLERY (ARTILLERY SUPPORT BRIGADE)

composition : 1 command and support Battery, 1 Hawk Operation management Battery, 3 Firing Battery, 1 Maintenance Battery

Command and Support Battery

2 HQ -> 2 Command Squad
10 Support Squad
14 Peugeot P4 -> 14 Light Armored Trucks
16 different size transport vehicles -> 16 trucks

Hawk Operation Management Battery

As for Armored Artillery, this company is mainly made of Radar and fire direction vehicles. In a TOAW ACOW point of view it is difficult to integrate them

Firing Battery

Here I will consider the Battery itself as a whole
6 Peugeot P4 -> 6 Light Armored Trucks
40 different size transport vehicles -> 40 trucks
7 12,7 MG -> 7 Heavy MG
6 Launcher HAWK V3 -> 6 IHAWK SAM
4 Anti Tank rocket team -> 4 AT+ team

2 Reco Team -> 2 Reconnaissance Assault Team
2 Support Squad

Maintenance Battery

10 Peugeot P4 -> 10 Light Armored Trucks
13 Support Squad
32 different size transport vehicules -> 32 trucks

ROLAND/MISTRAL SAM ARTILLERY (ARTILLERY SUPPORT BRIGADE)

composition : 1 command and support Battery, 2 Roland Firing Battery, 2 Mistral Firing Battery

Command and Support Battery

2 HQ -> 2 Command Squad
30 Support Squad
28 Peugeot P4 -> 28 Light Armored Trucks
80 different size transport vehicules -> 80 trucks
12 12,7 MG -> 12 Heavy MG
4 7,62 MG -> 4 Medium MG
3 Anti Tank rocket team -> 3 AT+ team

Roland Firing Battery

Composition : 1 command and supply section, 3 Roland firing section

Command and Supply Section

2 Support Squad
2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Trucks
5 different size transport vehicules -> 5 trucks
1 12,7 MG -> 1 Heavy MG
1 Anti Tank rocket team -> 1 AT+ team

Roland Firing Section

2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Trucks
1 VAB PC -> 1 VAB APC
3 different size transport vehicules -> 3 trucks
1 12,7 MG -> 1 Heavy MG
3 7,62 MG -> 3 Medium MG
1 Anti Tank rocket team -> 1 AT+ team
4 AMX 30 Roland SPSAM
4 VAB IFV (20mm gun)
1 Reco Team -> 1 Reconnaissance Assault Team

Mistral Firing Battery

Composition : 1 command and supply section, 3 Mistral firing section

Command and Supply Section

2 Support Squad
2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Trucks
5 different size transport vehicles -> 5 trucks
1 12,7 MG -> 1 Heavy MG
1 Anti Tank rocket team -> 1 AT+ team

Mistral Firing Section

2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Trucks
13 different size transport vehicles -> 13 trucks
1 7,62 MG -> 1 Medium MG
1 Anti Tank rocket team -> 1 AT+ team
6 Mistral fire teams -> 6 Mistral MPSAM

CAROL/MISTRAL SAM ARTILLERY (ARTILLERY SUPPORT BRIGADE)

composition : 1 command and support Battery, 2 Carol Firing Battery, 2 Mistral Firing Battery
CAROL is acronym for Aerotransportable Roland Battery, The roland system is installed on a truck

Command and Support Battery

2 HQ -> 2 Command Squad
23 Support Squad
24 Peugeot P4 -> 24 Light Armored Trucks
80 different size transport vehicles -> 80 trucks
12 12,7 MG -> 12 Heavy MG
4 7,62 MG -> 4 Medium MG
3 Anti Tank rocket team -> 3 AT+ team

Carol Firing Battery

Composition : 1 command and supply section, 3 Carol firing section

Command and Supply Section

2 Support Squad
2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Trucks
5 different size transport vehicles -> 5 trucks
1 12,7 MG -> 1 Heavy MG
1 Anti Tank rocket team -> 1 AT+ team

Carol Firing Section

3 Peugeot P4 -> 3 Light Armored Trucks
8 different size transport vehicules -> 8 trucks
4 7,62 MG -> 4 Medium MG
4 Roland SPSAM -> Roland 2 SAM
4 VAB IFV (20mm gun)
1 Reco Team -> 1 Reconnaissance Assault Team
1 Anti Tank rocket team -> 1 AT+ team

Mistral Firing Battery

Composition : 1 command and supply section, 3 Mistral firing section

Command and Supply Section

2 Support Squad
2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Trucks
5 different size transport vehicules -> 5 trucks
1 12,7 MG -> 1 Heavy MG
1 Anti Tank rocket team -> 1 AT+ team

Mistral Firing Section

2 Peugeot P4 -> 2 Light Armored Trucks
13 different size transport vehicules -> 13 trucks
1 7,62 MG -> 1 Medium MG
1 Anti Tank rocket team -> 1 AT+ team
6 Mistral fire teams -> 6 Mistral MPSAM

LOGISTICAL BRIGADE BL1 & BL2

This TO&E is partial. The tank transport regiments are not included here (it concerns the 503ème and 516 Régiment du Train)

601ème Régiment de Circulation (Military Police)

Composition : 1 command and support squadron, 5 Circulation Squadron, 1 reserve circulation squadron

Command and Support Squadron

2 HQ -> 2 Command Groups
12 Peugeot P4 -> 12 Light Armored Trucks
2 VBL Scout

15 Support Squads
4 12,7 MG -> 4 Heavy MG
50 different size transport vehicles -> 50 Trucks

Circulation Squadron

20 Peugeot P4 -> 20 Light Armored Trucks
9 Military Police Squads
3 Motorcycle Squads
9 VAB APC
1 Support Squad
9 different size transport vehicles -> 9 Trucks

Reserve Circulation Squadron

29 Peugeot P4 -> 29 Light Armored Trucks
9 Military Police Squad
3 Motorcycle Squads
1 Support Squad
9 different size transport vehicles -> 9 Trucks

121ème, 511ème, 515ème, 517ème Régiment du Train

Each regiments has the same structure and must be considered as a whole

2 HQ -> 2 Command Groups
45 Peugeot P4 -> 45 Light Armored Trucks
9 Military Police Squads
3 Motorcycle Squads
2 VBL Scouts
22 Support Squad
9 VAB APC
290 different size transport vehicles -> 290 Trucks

4th AEROMOBILE BRIGADE AT NOW (10/2003)

1er Régiment d'Hélicoptères de Combat

EHR 10 x SA.342M1 Gazelle Viviane
EHAP 10 x SA.341F2 Gazelle Canon
EHA 1 10 x SA.342M Gazelle HOT
EHA 2 10 x SA.342M Gazelle HOT
EHM 1 8 x SA.330Ba Pumas
EHM 2 8 x SA.330Ba Pumas
EHM 3 9 x AS.532UL Cougars
EHM 4 9 x AS.532UL Cougars
EHOR 4 x AS.532UL Cougar Horizon

3ème Régiment d'Hélicoptères de Combat

EHR 10 x SA.342M1 Gazelle Viviane
EHAP 1 10 x SA.342L1 Gazelle Mistral
EHAP 2 10 x SA.341F2 Gazelle Canon
EHA 1 10 x SA.342M1 Gazelle HOT/Viviane
EHA 2 10 x SA.342M1 Gazelle HOT/Viviane
EHM 1 9 x SA.330Ba Pumas
EHM 2 9 x SA.330Ba Puma

5ème Régiment d'Hélicoptères de Combat

EHR 4 x SA.342M1 Gazelle Viviane
8 x SA.342M Gazelle HOT
EHAP 7 x SA.342L1 Mistral
4 x SA.341F2 Canon
EHA 1 9 x SA.341M1 Gazelle Viviane/HOT
EHA 2 8 x SA.342M Gazelle HOT
EHM 1 9 x SA.330Ba Pumas
EHM 2 9 x SA.330Ba Pumas
EHM 3 9 x SA.330Ba Pumas

6° RHC Le 6ème Régiment d'Hélicoptères de Combat

EHR 10 x SA.342M1 Gazelle Viviane
EHAP 1 10 x SA.341F2 Gazelle Canon
EHAP 2 10 x SA.342L1 Gazelle Mistral
EHA 10 x SA.342M1 Gazelle Viviane/HOT
EHM 9 x SA.330Ba Pumas
EHA = Escadrille d'Hélicoptères d'Attaque
EHAP = Escadrille d'Hélicoptères d'Appui Protection
EHM = Escadrille d'Hélicoptères de Manoeuvre
EHOR = Escadrille d'Hélicoptères d'Horizon
EHR = Escadrille d'Hélicoptères de Reconnaissance

AEROMOBILE BRIGADE IN FUTURE (2005)

1er Régiment Helicoptère de Combat

Eurocopter Tiger, 10/10
SA-341 Gazelle, 10/10
Heavy Transport HH, 24/24
Light Recce HH, 10/10

2eme Régiment Helicoptère de Combat

Eurocopter Tiger,20/20
SA-342 Gazelle,20/20
Heavy Transport HH,12/12
Light Recce HH,10/10
Support Squad,0/1

3ème Régiment Hélicoptère de Combat

Eurocopter Tiger,20/20
SA-342 Gazelle,20/20
Heavy Transport HH,12/12
Light Recce HH,10/10

1 Régiment Hélicoptère de transport

Eurocopter Tiger,10/10
Heavy Transport HH,48/48