1st Czechoslovak Independent Armoured Brigade Group 1944-1945

Battle Group CZ-01
1st Czechoslovak Independent Armoured Brigade Group
General Alois Liska

HQ
Headquarters Element

HQ Company
Command
x1 Cromwell IV 75mm Cruiser Tank BR-05
x3 Cromwell IV 75mm Cruiser Tank BR-05
x1 Covenanter Bridge Layer Tank no card

Fire Support Element
x1 Forward Observer BR-52

Transport
x1 Sherman OP Tank BR-30
x1 Forward Observer BR-52

Battle Group CZ-02
1st Armoured Regiment

Battle Group CZ-02
2nd Armoured Regiment

Manoeuvre Element CZ-04
Armoured Reconnaissance Squadron (a)

Battle Group CZ-03
3rd Armoured Regiment (a)

Battle Group CZ-04
Motor Battalion
Lieutenant Colonel J.Chvalkovsky

Manoeuvre Element CZ-07
Engineer Company

Antitank Battery

Manoeuvre Element CZ-08
Antitank Troop

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(added during siege of Dunkirk, Winter '44/'45)

Manoeuvre Element CZ-09

Fire Support Element CZ-01
Field Artillery Regiment

(a) The 3rd Armoured Regiment was formed during the siege of Dunkirk, in the Winter of '44/'45, using the men of the Armoured Recce Sqn as a cadre around which the new regiment could be formed.
Armoured Regiments

Battle Group CZ-02
1st & 2nd Armoured Regiments

Command
- 1 x Cromwell VII 75mm Cruiser Tank (BR-07)
- 1 x Cromwell VII 75mm Cruiser Tank (BR-07)
- 1 x Sherman Vc Firefly 17pdr Cruiser Tank (BR-03)

Fire Support Element
- 1 x Forward Observer (BR-52)

Transport
- 1 x Cromwell IV Cruiser (OP) Tank (BR-05)

Manoeuvre Element CZ-01
Armoured Recce Troop

Manoeuvre Element CZ-02
- 'A' Squadron

Manoeuvre Element CZ-02
- 'B' Squadron

Manoeuvre Element CZ-02
- 'C' Squadron

Battle Group CZ-03
3rd Armoured Regiment

Command
- 1 x Churchill VI 75mm Infantry Tank (BR-10)
- 1 x Churchill VI 75mm Infantry Tank (BR-10)
- 1 x Churchill V 95mm Close Support Tank (BR-09)

Fire Support Element
- 1 x Forward Observer (BR-52)

Transport
- 1 x Sherman OP Tank (BR-30)

Manoeuvre Element CZ-01
Armoured Recce Troop

Manoeuvre Element CZ-03
- 'A' Squadron

Manoeuvre Element CZ-03
- 'B' Squadron

Manoeuvre Element CZ-03
- 'C' Squadron
Motor Battalion

Battle Group CZ-04

Motor Battalion

Headquarters
- x1 Commander
  - BR-50

Transport
- x1 M3A1 White Scout Car
  - BR-35

x3 Polsten 20mm Antiaircraft Gun
- website prototype

Transport
- x3 Lloyd Carrier
  - BR-32

Fire Support Element
- x1 Forward Observer
  - BR-52

Transport
- x1 Humber Scout Car
  - BR-38

Manoeuvre Element CZ-05

‘A’ Company

Manoeuvre Element CZ-06
- Carrier Platoon, ‘A’ Company

Manoeuvre Element CZ-05

‘B’ Company

Manoeuvre Element CZ-06
- Carrier Platoon, ‘B’ Company

Manoeuvre Element CZ-05

‘C’ Company (a)

Manoeuvre Element CZ-06
- Carrier Platoon, ‘C’ Company (a)

ATTACHMENTS

- x4 6pdr Antitank Gun
  - BR-46
  - Transport
- x4 Lloyd Carrier
  - BR-32

- x8 Vickers MMG
  - BR-54
  - Transport
- x8 Universal Carrier (b)
  - BR-31

- x4 3” Mortar
  - BR-56
  - Transport
- x4 Universal Carrier (no MG)
  - BR-31

(a) Added during siege of Dunkirk in Winter of '44/'45.

(b) May fire using MMG factors when MMGs are mounted.
Manoeuvre Elements

Manoeuvre Element CZ-01
Armoured Recce Troop

- Command/Recce
  - x1 Stuart VI Light Tank (a) BR-01
  - Recce
    - x3 Stuart VI Light Tank (a) BR-01

(a) May split between armoured squadrons as individual attachments

Manoeuvre Element CZ-02
Armoured Squadron (Cromwell)

- Command
  - x1 Cromwell VII 75mm Cruiser Tank BR-07
  - x1 Cromwell VIII 95mm Close Support Tank BR-08
  - x3 Cromwell IV 75mm Cruiser Tank BR-05
  - x2 Cromwell VII 75mm Cruiser Tank BR-07

Manoeuvre Element CZ-03
Armoured Squadron (Churchill)

- Command
  - x1 Churchill VI 75mm Infantry Tank BR-10
  - x1 Churchill V 95mm Close Support Tank BR-09
  - x3 Churchill VI 75mm Infantry Tank BR-10
  - x2 Churchill III/IV 6pdr Infantry Tank website prototype

Manoeuvre Element CZ-04
Engineer Company

- Command
  - x1 Commander BR-50
  - Transport
    - x1 Jeep (no MG) BR-42
    - x6 Assault Pioneers (1 PIAT, 2 Flame) (a) BR-51
    - x1 2" Mortar BR-55
    - x2 3-Ton Trucks (a) BR-44
    - x1 15cwt Truck BR-43

(a) Increased during the Winter of '44/'45 to x9 Assault Pioneers (1 PIAT, 3 Flame) and x3 3-Ton Trucks.

Manoeuvre Element CZ-05
Motor Company

- Command
  - x1 Commander BR-50
  - Transport
    - x1 M3A1 White Scout Car BR-35
    - x9 Infantry (2 with PIAT) BR-49
    - x1 2" Mortar BR-55
    - x6 M5 Halftrack Carrier BR-34

Manoeuvre Element CZ-06
Carrier Platoon

- Command
  - x1 Commander BR-50
  - Recce
    - x4 Infantry (2 with PIAT) (a) BR-49
    - x5 Universal Carrier (with MG) (a) BR-31

(a) The infantry stands may dismount as Bren LMG stands (BR-53), in which case the Carriers may not fire using the MG factors. Up to one infantry stand may alternatively dismount as a 2" Mortar stand (BR-55).

Manoeuvre Element CZ-07
Antitank Troop

- Command
  - x1 Commander BR-50
  - Transport
    - x1 Jeep (no MG) BR-42
    - x6 Assault Pioneers (1 PIAT, 2 Flame) (a)BR-51
    - x1 2" Mortar BR-55
    - x2 3-Ton Trucks (a) BR-44
    - x1 15cwt Truck BR-43

Manoeuvre Element CZ-08
Anti aircraft Troop

- Command
  - x1 Commander BR-50
  - Transport
    - x1 Jeep (no MG) BR-42
    - x2 17pdr Antitank Gun BR-47
    - x2 Morris C8 Quad Field Tractor BR-45

- Command
  - x1 Commander BR-50
  - Transport
    - x1 Jeep (no MG) BR-42
    - x2 17pdr Antitank Gun BR-47
    - x2 Morris C8 Quad Field Tractor BR-45
Field Artillery Regiment

Off-Table Fire Support Element

Field Artillery Regiment (a)

P' Battery
x4 25pdr Field Guns

Q' Battery
x4 25pdr Field Guns

R' Battery (b)
x4 25pdr Field Guns

(a) Forward Observers were permanently attached to the Brigade Headquarters, the three Armoured Regiments and the Motor Battalion

(b) ‘R’ Battery was formed during the siege of Dunkirk, in the Winter of ’44/’45.