

# French Organisations for CDTOB

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# 1 ARMoured DIVISIONS

## 1.1 Rapid Mechanised Division (Division Mecanique Rapide) 1957-62

### DHQ

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 M3 or AMX-PC

### HQ Company

- 1 Staff Radio Truck

### 4 Mixed Regiments

#### RHQ

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 M3 or AMX-PC

#### HQ Company

- 1 M16 AA

#### 1 Recce Squadron

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 Jeep
- 1 Recce Infantry Stand
- 3 Jeep (MG)
- 2 Jeep + 106mm RCL (bg)

#### 2 Tank Squadrons

- 1 Command AMX-13/75
- 2 Command AMX-13/75
- 1 Recce Infantry Stand
- 1 Jeep (MG)

#### 2 Mechanised Companies

- 1 Command Infantry Stand (Bazooka)
- 2 Infantry Stands (Bazooka)
- 1 81mm Mortar Stand (bg) – *company cmd call 1-7*
- 4 M3 Semi-Chenille or AMX-VTT

#### 1 Artillery Battery

- 1 (Self order) AMX Mle50 105mm - *any cmd in regt call 1-7*

### 1 Recce Regiment

#### RHQ

- 1 Command EBR-75/90 (90 from 1964)

#### 3 Recce Companies

- 1 Command EBR-75/90 (90 from 1964)
- 1 EBR-75/90 (90 from 1964)
- 1 Recce Infantry Stands
- 1 Jeeps (MG)
- 1 Infantry Stand (Bazooka)
- 1 Light Truck
- 1 81mm Mortar Stand (bg) – *company cmd call 1-7*
- 2 Light Trucks

### 1 Engineer Battalion

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### 1 Helicopter Section

- 1 Recce Alouette II

### Notes

- 1) There was only a single such division in the French Army
- 2) The AMX-VTT & AMX-PC entered service in 1957 replacing the M3 Semi-chenille (halftrack)
- 3) The M16 is an amalgamation of the tracks allocated to companies

## **1.2 Operational Groups**

French armoured and mechanised regiments may swap or attach one or more companies or squadrons to make operational groups

## 1.3 Armoured Division (Division Blindée - DB) 59 1962-1968

### DHQ

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 AMX-PC

### HQ Company

- 1 Staff Radio Truck

### Light Aviation Group

- 1 Command Infantry Stand
- 1 Light Truck
- 3 Nord 3400 Observation Planes
- 1 Djinn Recce Plane
- 1 Recce Alouette II

### Recce Regiment

#### RHQ

- 1 Command EBR-75/90 (90 from 1964)

#### 3 Recce Companies

- 1 Command EBR-75/90 (90 from 1964)
- 1 EBR-75/90 (90 from 1964)
- 1 Recce Infantry Stands
- 1 Jeeps (MG)
- 1 Infantry Stand (Bazooka)
- 1 Light Truck
- 1 81mm Mortar Stand (bg) – *company cmd call 1-7*
- 2 Light Trucks

### Heavy Artillery Regiment

#### RHQ

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 Jeep

#### HQ Company

- 1 M16 DCA

#### 2 Heavy Artillery Groups – *any cmd in line armoured or infantry brigade can call all guns 1-3*

- 1 Command Infantry Stand
- 1 Jeep
- 2 M40 or M41 155mm

### 1 Nuclear Rocket Group

- 1 Command Infantry Stand
- 1 Jeep
- 1 Honest John SSM

### 1 Light AA Group

#### GHQ

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 Jeep

#### 2 Batteries

- 1 Command Infantry Stand
- 1 Jeep
- 2 GMC Truck towed Cn 40 AA 39-52

#### 1 Battery

- 1 Command Infantry Stand
- 1 Jeep
- 2 Truck towed HSS 831 twin 30 mm

### Engineer Regiment

Unknown organisation but includes Gillois amphibious bridge

### 0-2 Armoured Brigades

#### Brig HQ

- 1 Command AMX-13/90 or M47

#### 1 Recce Company

*Platoons attached to line regiments*

## **1 Mechanised Regiment**

### **RHQ**

1 Command Stand

1 AMX-PC

### **1 Recce Section** *(attached)*

1 Command Recce Infantry Stand

1 Jeep (MG)

1 Jeep + 106mm RCL (bg)

### **3 Mechanised Infantry Companies**

1 Infantry Stand (Bazooka)

3 Infantry Stands

4 AMX-VTT

### **1 Support Company**

1 AMX-VTT

1 81mm Mortar Stand – *any cmd call 1-7*

1 Jeep + 106mm RCL

## **2 Tank Regiments (one with AMX-13 one with M47)**

### **RHQ**

1 Command AMX-13 or M47

### **1 Recce Section** *(attached)*

1 Command Recce Infantry Stand

1 Jeep

1 Jeep + 106mm RCL (bg)

### **3 Tank Companies**

1 Command AMX-13/90 or M47

2 AMX-13/90 or M47

1 Infantry Stand (Bazooka)

1 AMX-VTT

### **1 AT Company**

1 Command Stand

1 Jeep

3 AMX-13/SS

## **1 Artillery Group**

1 Command Infantry Stand

1 AMX-PC

1 M16 DCA

3 AMX Mle50 105mm

*- each gun supports a single regiment. Any Cmd in the regiment may call on a 1-7. All regimental guns can be called on a 1-5. Both guns and the 155mm of the divisional arty can be called 1-3*

## **1 Engineer Company**

1 Command Engineer Stand

2 Engineer Stands

2 AMX-VTT

1 AMX 13 Porte-Pont Mle F1

1 Gillois Bridge

## **1-3 Infantry Brigades**

### **Brig HQ**

1 Command Stand

1 AMX-PC

### **1 Recce Company**

*(as Armoured Brigade)*

## **Motorised Infantry Regiment**

### **RHQ**

1 Command Stand

1 Jeep

### **1 Recce Section** *(attached)*

1 Command Recce Infantry Stand

1 Jeep

1 Jeep + 106mm RCL (bg)

## 2 Tactical Groups

### GHQ

1 Command Stand

1 Jeep

### 3 Infantry Companies

1 Command Infantry Stand (Bazooka)

3 Infantry Stands

1 Weapons Stand

2 GMC or Simca Trucks

3 GMC or Simca Trucks with MG

### 1 AT Group

1 Jeep + 106mm RCL

1 Jeep + SS-10 or Entac

### 1 AT Company

(attached to Tactical groups)

### 1 Heavy Mortar Company

1 Command Infantry Stand

1 Jeep

1 120mm Mortar Stand – *any cmd in regiment call 1-5*

1 Truck

### 1 Mechanised Regiment

(as Armoured Brigade)

### 1 Tank Regiment

(as Armoured Brigade)

### 1 Artillery Regiment

(as Armoured Brigade)

### 1 Engineer Company

As Armoured Brigade but in truck rather than AMX-VTT

## Notes

- 1) The Divisions were allocated brigades as follows:

Division	Armoured	Infantry
1 <sup>ere</sup>	2	1
3 <sup>e</sup>	1	2
7 <sup>e</sup>	1	2
8 <sup>e</sup>	0	3

- 2) The organisation was flexible enough to allow the French to make battlegroups by swapping companies between regiments
- 3) The Light Aviation group received a single Alouette III with SS.11 in 1963 and a Westland S55. The Djinn were retired. In 1965 the Sikorsky H19 replaces the Westland. In 1966 the Nord 3400 are retired. This organisation is based on the 1er DB, though the others were similar
- 4) Some divisions in the early 60's may have had Lacrosse SSM's instead of Honest John
- 5) Jeeps (MG) lose their MG when the infantry dismount. Jeeps can be WW2 era Willys or Hotchkiss
- 6) The 81mm Mortars with the Mechanised Regiment are an amalgamation of mortars issued to companies.
- 7) The organisation of the engineer company is a "best guess" based on limited information
- 8) The organisation of the "tactical groups" in the infantry is flexible. The list above shows companies and AT evenly split between the two. The SS-10 was not available on jeeps until 1963/4 and were replaced by Entac starting in 1966.

## 1.4 Mechanised Division (Division Mécanisée) 67 1968 to 1979

### DHQ

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 AMX-PC

### HQ Company

- 1 Staff Radio Truck

### 2 Mechanised Brigades

#### Brig HQ

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 AMX-PC

#### 1 Tank Regiment

##### RHQ

- 1 Command AMX-30

##### 1 Recce Section *(attached)*

- 1 Command Recce Infantry Stand
- 1 Jeep
- 1 Jeep + 106mm or Milan 1

##### 4 Tank Companies

- 1 Command AMX-30
- 2 AMX-30

##### 1 Mech Company

- 1 Command Infantry Stand (LRAC)
- 2 Infantry Stands
- 3 AMX-VTT M56 20mm

### 2 Mechanised Regiments

#### RHQ

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 AMX-PC

##### 1 Recce Section *(attached)*

- 1 Command Recce Infantry Stand
- 1 Jeep
- 1 Jeep + 106mm or Milan 1

##### 2 Mech Companies

- 1 Command Infantry Stand (LRAC)
- 2 Infantry Stands
- 0-1 Milan stands
- 3-4 AMX-VTT M56 20mm

##### 2 Light Tank Squadrons

- 1 Command AMX-13/90
- 1 AMX-13/90
- 1 AMX-13/SS

##### 1 Heavy Mortar Section

- 1 AMX-VTT towing 120mm MT61 Mortar – *any cmd call 1-7*

### 1 Artillery Regiment

#### RHQ

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 AMX-PC

#### Radar Section

- 1 Command Infantry Stand
- 1 Jeep
- 1 M16 DCA
- 1 AMX Ratac GSR – *calling see notes*
- 1 Truck towed AN/MPQ-4 CMR – *calling see notes*

#### 3 Artillery Batteries

- 1 M41 or AMX-13 F3 155mm

- *each gun supports a single regiment. Any Cmd in the regiment may call on a 1-7. All regimental guns can be called on a 1-5. All guns and the 155mm of the divisional arty can be called 1-3*

## **1 Engineer Company**

- 1 Command Engineer Stand
- 2 Engineer Stands
- 3 AMX-VCG
- 1 AMX 13 Porte-Pont Mle F1
- 1 Gillois Bridge

## **1 Recce Company**

### **CHQ**

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 Jeep

### **1 Radar Section**

- 1 Rasura GSR Stand
- 1 Unimog Light Truck

### **3 Recce Sections**

*(Attached to Regiments)*

## **1 Motorised Infantry Brigade**

### **Brig HQ**

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 Jeep

## **2 Motorised Infantry Regiments**

### **RHQ**

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 Jeep

### **1 Recce Section** *(attached)*

- 1 Command Recce Infantry Stand
- 1 Jeep
- 1 Jeep + 106mm RCL (bg) or Milan 1

### **4 Infantry Companies**

- 1 Command Infantry Stand (LRAC)
- 2 Infantry Stands
- 3 Mormond Trucks

### **1 Weapons Company**

- 1 Jeep + Milan
- 1 Jeep + 106mm
- 1 Light Truck towing Tarasque 20mm AA

### **1 Heavy Mortar Section**

- 1 Truck towed 120mm Mortar Stand – *any cmd in regiment call 1-7*

## **1 Light Tank Regiment**

### **RHQ**

- 1 Command AMX-13

### **1 Recce Section** *(attached)*

- 1 Command Recce Infantry Stand
- 1 Jeep
- 1 Jeep + 106mm RCL (bg) or Milan 1

### **3 Tank Companies**

- 1 Command AMX-13/90
- 2 AMX-13/90
- 1 Infantry Stand (LRAC)
- 1 AMX-VTT

### **1 AT Company**

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 Jeep
- 3 AMX-13/SS

## **1 Recce Company**

*(as Armoured Brigade)*



## **1 Artillery Group**

1 Command Infantry Stand

1 AMX-PC

3 AMX Mle50 105mm

- each gun supports a single regiment. Any Cmd in the regiment may call on a 1-7. All regimental guns can be called on a 1-5. Both guns and the 155mm of the divisional arty can be called 1-3

## **1 Engineer Company**

1 Command Engineer Stand

2 Engineer Stands

3 Marmond Trucks

1 AMX 13 Porte-Pont Mle F1

1 Gillois Bridge

## **1 AA Regiment**

### **RHQ**

1 Command Stand

1 Jeep

### **1 SP AA Battery**

1 Command AMX-13 DCA

1 AMX-13DCA

### **2 Towed Batteries**

1 Command Infantry Stand

1 Jeep

2 GMC Truck towed Cn 40 AA 39-52

## **1 Nuclear Rocket Group**

1 Command Infantry Stand

1 Jeep

1 Honest John SSM

## **OR (1974)**

1 AMX-13VTT

1 Command Infantry Stand

1 Pluton Launcher

## **1 Divisional Security Battalion (war time only)**

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## **Engineer Regiment**

*Unknown organisation but*

### **5 Engineer Companies**

#### **1 Bridging Company**

Gillois Bridge

## **Notes**

- 1) The division was supposed to have three mechanised brigades but actually had two mechanised and a motorised brigade
- 2) In 1972 the AMX-30's were upgraded replacing the coax 12.7mm with a 20mm
- 3) In 1974 the AMX-10P started to replace the AMX-VTT
- 4) Milan started to replace the 106mm and the Entac from 1974. The Entac went fairly quickly but the 106mm survived in to the 80's
- 5) The LRAC was introduced in 1968, so at the start of the period covered by the list many stands would have Bazooka instead.
- 6) The organisation of the Motorised Infantry Regiments is an educated guess
- 7) The AMX F3 started to replace the M41 in 1970

- 8) The Ratac and MPQ-4 can be attached to a line regiment or operate independently. If attached to a regiment they call guns in the same way as a command stand in the supported regiment. If they are independent they may call any or all of the guns in the regiment on a 1-5. All regimental guns and the divisional 155mm can be called on a 1-3
- 9) The Pluton started to replace Honest John in 1974

## 1.5 Armoured Division (Division Blindée) 77 1977 to 1984

### DHQ

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 AMX-10PC

### HQ Company

- 1 Staff Radio Truck

### 2 Armoured Regiments

#### RHQ

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 AMX-PC or AMX-10PC

#### Recce Section

- 1 Recce Jeep + MG

#### 4 Tank Squadrons

- 1 Command AMX-30B or B2
- 2 AMX-30B or B2

#### 1 Mechanised Company

- 1 Command Infantry Stand (LRAC)
- 2 Infantry Stands (LRAC)
- 3 AMX-VTT or AMX-10P

### 2 Mechanised Regiments

#### RHQ

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 AMX-PC or AMX-10PC

#### Mortar Platoon

- 1 VAB-VTM towing 120 F1 Mortar – *any cmd in regt call 1-7*

#### Recce Section

- 1 Recce Jeep + MG

#### 2 Tank Companies

- 1 Command AMX-30B or B2
- 1 AMX-30B or B2
- 1 AMX-10PC
- 1 Infantry Stand (LRAC)

#### OR

- 1 Command AMX-13/90
- 1 AMX-13/90
- 1 AMX-13/SS
- 1 AMX-VTT
- 1 Infantry Stand (LRAC)

#### 2 Mechanised Companies

- 1 Command Infantry Stand (Milan)
- 2 Infantry Stands (Milan)
- 3 AMX-VTT or AMX-10P

### 1 Artillery Regiment

#### RHQ

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 VAB-PC

#### Radar Section

- 1 Command Infantry Stand
- 1 VAB
- 1 M16 DCA
- 1 VAB RASIT GSR – *calling see notes*

#### 4 Artillery Batteries

- 1 AMX-13 F3 or AMX Au F1 155mm
- *each gun supports a single regiment. Any Cmd in the regiment may call on a 1-7. All regimental guns can be called on a 1-5.*

## **1 Engineer Regiment**

### **RHQ**

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 AMX-VTT

### **2 Armoured Companies**

- 1 Command Engineer Stand
- 2 Engineer Stands
- 1 Light Truck
- 2 AMX-VCG

### **1 Motorised Company**

- 1 Command Engineer Stand
- 2 Engineer Stands
- 3 Light Trucks

### **1 Equipment Company**

- 1 M47 Dozer
- 1 PAA

## **1 Recce Squadron**

### **SHQ**

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 Unimog Truck

### **1 Radar Section**

- 1 Rasura GSR Stand
- 1 Jeep

### **3 Recce Sections**

- 1 Recce GSR Infantry Stand (Milan)
- 1 Jeep (MG)

## **0-1 AT Company**

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 Jeep
- 3 VCAC

## **OR**

- 1 Command AMX-13/SS
- 2 AMX-13/SS

## **Notes**

- 1) In 1982 the AMX-30B2 started to replace the AMX-30B
- 2) The M16 DCA was officially still on the strength of the artillery regiments at this time, though it was starting to be replaced by a truck towed Tarasque 20mm
- 3) The RATAC can be attached to a line regiment or operate independently. If attached to a regiment it calls guns in the same way as a command stand in the supported regiment. If it is independent it may call any or all of the guns in the regiment on a 1-5.
- 4) The first experimental battery of AMX Au F1 entered service in 1979
- 5) The first AT companies were not formed until the early 80's. Some of the companies were formed temporarily with AMX-13/SS before being re-equipped. The 7e DB had AMX-13/SS and was only re-equipped with VCAC in 1986
- 6) The RAC112 (APILAS) starts to supplement the LRAC in 1983

## 1.6 Armoured Division (Division Blindée) 84 1985 to 2001

### DHQ

1 Command Stand

1 AMX-10PC

### HQ Company

1 Staff Radio Truck

### 2 Armoured Regiments

#### RHQ

1 Command AMX-30B or B2

#### Recce Section

1 P4 VLTT + MG

#### 4 Tank Squadrons

1 Command AMX-30B or B2

2 AMX-30B or B2

### 2 Mechanised Regiments

#### RHQ

1 Command Stand

1 AMX-PC or AMX-10PC

#### Mortar Platoon

1 VAB-VTM towing 120 F1 Mortar – *any cmd in regt call 1-7*

#### Recce Section

1 Recce P4 VLTT + MG

#### 1 Tank Company

1 Command AMX-30B or B2

2 AMX-30B or B2

#### 3 Mechanised Companies

1 Command Infantry Stand (Milan)

2 Infantry Stands (Milan)

3 AMX-VTT or AMX-10P

### 1 Infantry Regiment

#### RHQ

1 Command Stand

1 VAB-PC

#### HQ Company

1 VAB-VTM towing 120 F1 Mortar

1 VAB-VPM

1 VAB Towed Tarasque 20mm AA

1 P4 Milan

#### Recce Section

1 Recce P4 VLTT + MG

#### 3 Motorised Companies

1 Command Infantry Stand (Milan)

2 Infantry Stands (RAC)

3 VAB-VTT

### 2 Artillery Regiments

#### RHQ

1 Command Stand

1 VAB-PC

#### Radar Section

1 Command Infantry Stand

1 Light Truck

1 Light Truck towed Tarasque 20mm

1 VAB RATAAC GSR – *calling see notes*

#### **4 Artillery Batteries**

1 AMX-13 F3 or AMX Au F1 155mm

- each gun supports a single regiment. As there are more guns than regiments some regiments have pairs of guns. Any cmd in the regiment may call a both guns on a 1-7. All regimental guns can be called on a 1-5.

#### **1 Engineer Regiment**

##### **RHQ**

1 Command Stand

1 VAB-PC

##### **HQ Company**

1 VAB-VTT (MG)

1 Recce Infantry Stand (E)

#### **2 Armoured Engineer Companies**

1 Command Engineer Stand

1 VAB Genie

2 AMX30EGB

#### **1 Mechanised Engineer Companies**

1 Command Engineer Stand

1 Engineer Stands

2 VAB Genie

2 MPG Earth Movers

#### **1 Park Company**

1 P4 VLTT

1 Command Engineer Stand

1 PAA Bridge

1 EFA Ferry

1 MPG Excavator

1 MFRD Charge Layer

#### **1 Recce Squadron**

##### **SHQ**

1 Command Stand

1 Unimog Truck

##### **1 Radar Section**

1 Rasura GSR Stand

1 P4 VLTT

##### **3 Recce Sections**

1 Recce GSR Infantry Stand (Milan)

1 P4 VLTT (MG)

#### **1 AT Company**

1 Command Stand

1 P4 VLTT

3 VCAC

#### **Notes**

- 1) The VBL starts to replace the P4 VLTT in 1990, though a few vehicles were on field trails as early as 1986
- 2) The 20mm and VPM in the Infantry Regiment are amalgamations of weapons issued to the companies
- 3) The Divisional AT company is often attached to the Infantry Regiment
- 4) Eryx entered service in 1994 where it started to supplement the RAC112. In no case were any older systems replaced so a French infantry strand could have any combination of Eryx, RAC112 or LRAC, though its unlikely to have all three

## **1.7 Armoured Brigade (Brigade Blindée) 2001-2008**

### **Brig HQ**

1 Command Stand

1 VAB-PC

### **HQ Company**

1 VUTC Staff Radio Truck

1 Infantry Stand (RAC)

1 VAB-VTT

### **0-2 Armoured Regiments (Type 53)**

#### **RHQ**

1 Command Stand

1 VAB-PC

#### **Recce Section**

1 Command Recce VBL Reco

1 VBL

1 RC112 Stand

#### **4 Squadrons**

1 Command AMX-30B2 or Leclerc

2 AMX-30B2 or Leclerc

1 VAB T20-13

1 Infantry Stand (T20)

### **0-2 Armoured Regiments (Type 80)**

#### **RHQ**

1 Command Stand

1 VAB-PC

#### **2 Armoured Groups**

##### **GHQ**

1 Command Stand

1 VAB-PC

##### **Recce Section**

1 Command Recce VBL Reco

1 VBL

1 RC112 Stand

##### **3 Squadrons**

1 Command Leclerc

2 Leclerc

1 VAB T20-13

1 Infantry Stand (T20)

### **2 Mechanised Regiments**

#### **RHQ**

1 Command Stand

1 AMX-10PC

#### **1 Weapons Company**

1 VAB-VTM towing 120 F1 Mortar – *any cmd in regt call 1-7*

2 Milan 2 Stands

1 AMX-10P

#### **1 Recce Section**

1 Command Recce VBL Reco

1 VBL

1 Eryx Stand

#### **4 Mechanised Companies**

1 Command Infantry Stands (Milan)

2 Infantry Stands (Eryx)

## **1 Artillery Regiment**

### **RHQ**

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 VAB-PC

### **Radar Section**

- 1 Command Infantry Stand
- 1 Light Truck
- 1 Light Truck towed Tarasque 20mm
- 1 VAB RATAAC GSR – *calling see notes*

### **4 Artillery Batteries**

- 1 AMX Au F1 155mm
- *each gun supports a single regiment. Any cmd in the regiment may call it supporting gun on a 1-7. All regimental guns can be called on a 1-5.*

## **1 Recce Squadron**

### **SHQ**

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 VAB-PC

### **3 Recce Sections**

- 1 Command Recce Infantry Stand (Milan)
- 1 VBL
- 1 Recce VBL Reco

### **1 Radar Section**

- 1 VAB RASIT GSR

## **1 AT Company**

- 1 Command GSR Stand
- 1 VBL
- 4 VCAC

## **1 Engineer Regiment**

### **RHQ**

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 VAB-PC

### **HQ Company**

- 1 VAB-VTT (MG)
- 1 Recce Infantry Stand (E)

### **2 Armoured Engineer Companies**

- 1 Command Engineer Stand
- 1 VAB Genie
- 2 AMX30EGB

### **1 Mechanised Engineer Companies**

- 1 Command Engineer Stand
- 1 Engineer Stands
- 2 VAB Genie
- 2 MPG Excavator

### **1 Park Company**

- 1 P4 VLTT
- 1 Command Engineer Stand
- 1 PAA Bridge
- 1 EFA Ferry
- 1 MFRD Charge Layer
- 1 ENP Mine Layer
- 1 EMATS Excavator
- 1 MPG Excavator



## Notes

- 1) Type 80 regiments slowly replaced Type 53 regiments
- 2) The AMX-10P Revalorisé (i.e. up armoured) started to enter service by 2007
- 3) All VAB are VAB surblindé
- 4) Excepting the stands in the tank companies a French infantry stand could have any combination of Eryx, RAC112 or LRAC, though its unlikely to have all three

## 1.8 Armoured Brigade (Brigade Blindée) 2009+

### BrigHQ

1 Command Stand

1 VAB-PC

### HQ Company

1 VUTC Staff Radio Truck

1 Infantry Stand (RAC)

1 VAB-VTT

### 2 Armoured Regiments

#### RHQ

1 Command Stand

1 VAB-PC

#### Recce Section

1 Command Recce VBL Reco

1 VBL

1 RC112 Stand

#### 4 Squadrons

1 Command Leclerc

2 Leclerc

1 VAB T20-13

1 Infantry Stand (T20)

### 2 Mechanised Regiments

#### RHQ

1 Command Stand

1 AMX-10PC

#### 1 Weapons Company

1 VAB-VTM towing 120 F1 Mortar – *any cmd in regt call 1-7*

2 Milan 2 Stands

1 AMX-10P

#### 1 Recce Section

1 Command Recce VBL Reco

1 VBL

1 Eryx Stand

#### 4 Mechanised Companies

1 Command Infantry Stands (Milan)

2 Infantry Stands (Eryx)

### 1 Artillery Group

#### GHQ

1 Command Stand

1 VAB-PC

#### Radar Section

1 Command Infantry Stand

1 Light Truck

1 Light Truck towed Tarasque 20mm

1 VAB RATAc GSR – *calling see notes*

#### 2 Artillery Batteries

1 Command Infantry Stand

1 VAB-PC

2 AMX Au F1 155mm

- *each gun supports a single regiment. Any cmd in the regiment may call it supporting gun on a 1-7. All regimental guns can be called on a 1-5.*

## **1 Mortar Group**

### **GHQ**

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 PVP

### **2 Mortar Batteries**

- 1 Command Infantry Stand
- 1 PVP
- 2 VAB VTM towing 120mm F1

*- each gun supports a single regiment. Any cmd in the regiment may call it supporting gun on a 1-7. All regimental guns can be called on a 1-5.*

## **1 SAM Group**

### **GHQ**

- 1 Command MARTHA NC1 30 FCR

### **2 Batteries**

#### **Btty HQ**

- 1 Command Samantha FCR

#### **3 Sections**

- 1 Command Infantry Stand
- 1 P4 VTT
- 2 VLRA Pamela or TRM2000 Pamela

## **0-1 Rocket Regiment**

### **GHQ**

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 P4 VLTT

### **3 Rocket Batteries**

- 1 Command Infantry Stand
- 1 P4 VLTT
- 2 LRM – *called by any cmd in the division 1-7*

## **1 Recce Squadron**

### **SHQ**

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 VAB-PC

### **3 Recce Sections**

- 1 Command Recce Infantry Stand (Milan)
- 1 VBL
- 1 Recce VBL Reco

### **1 Radar Section**

- 1 VAB RASIT GSR

## **1 AT Company**

- 1 Command GSR Stand
- 1 VBL
- 4 VCAC

## **1 Engineer Regiment**

### **RHQ**

- 1 Command Stand
- 1 VAB-PC

### **HQ Company**

- 1 VAB-VTT (MG)
- 1 Recce Infantry Stand (E)

### **2 Armoured Engineer Companies**

- 1 Command Engineer Stand
- 1 VAB Genie
- 2 AMX30EGB

### **1 Mechanised Engineer Companies**

- 1 Command Engineer Stand
- 1 Engineer Stands
- 2 VAB Genie
- 2 MPG Excavator

### **1 Park Company**

- 1 P4 VLTT
- 1 Command Engineer Stand
- 1 PAA Bridge
- 1 EFA Ferry
- 1 MFRD Charge Layer
- 1 ENP Mine Layer
- 1 EMATS Excavator
- 1 MPG Excavator

### **Notes**

- 1) In peace time only two companies in each tank regiment are manned. The others are wartime only
- 2) The artillery and SAM groups are attached from administrative regiments. One of the mortar batteries is actually part of the artillery regiment and only manned in wartime.
- 3) There is only one rocket regiment to support two armoured brigades.
- 4) Each LRM stand includes a COBRA CAR. The battery can fire on any enemy battery called on a 1-8

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