

MOTORCYCLES

For use with Global War 1936-1945v3



Overview:

Motorcycles have been used as vital military vehicles for over a century. Throughout the twentieth century, as motorcycle technology improved, they were seen increasingly as an alternative for horse-borne infantry. During World War II, many infantry units were equipped with motorcycles to give them greater battlefield mobility. Messengers used motorcycles to ensure that messages could be delivered quickly, and motorcycles were sometimes more reliable than other vehicles that were subject to mud and other weather conditions. Motorcycles were also used to scout enemy positions and placements, and were known for their ability to get into and out of areas that would have been difficult for more traditional military vehicles. Motorcycles equipped with sidecars could be used to carry up to three individuals. They were used to transport small amounts of cargo, move infantry to the fight, or transport the injured from the battlefield.

Rules:

Motorcycles represent vehicle-class infantry units. Motorcycles may elect to participate in or decline in regular land combat. The only time a motorcycle cannot decline combat is when Enemy aircraft are present. When a motorcycle combat-moves into a zone that contains Enemy units, it may decline combat with all units present and remain in the zone, or continue moving if desired, unless Enemy aircraft are in the same zone. When Enemy units combat-move into a zone that contains only motorcycles, and no Enemy aircraft are present, then the motorcycle may retreat or remain without conducting combat.

Pairing: Motorcycles may pair 1:1 with any land unit to give that unit first strike. Or, motorcycles may pair 1:1 with any infantry unit to give that unit a movement of 3. A motorcycle may only pair with one unit at a time.

UNIT	ATTACK	DEFENSE	MOVE	COST
All Motorcycles	1	2	3	3

Available: January 1915



Harley Davidson WLA "Liberator"



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