

Axis & Allies Global 1940 House Rules Expansion

Waffen-SS units



During World War II, some of the best known fighting units were those of the Waffen-SS. These units were for the most part fighting on the *Eastern Front*, *Western Front*, *Italy* and *The Balkans* during the War.

Training, equipment and fighting spirit of the Waffen-SS units exceeded by far that of most regular Wehrmacht units, concerning quality, mobility and combat effectiveness.

Situation:

The introduction of Waffen-SS units into the *Global 1940* game brings an interesting Historical aspect to the game.

Various Waffen-SS units:

- Waffen-SS Infantry
- Waffen-SS Panzer
- Waffen-SS Artillery
- Waffen-SS Panzer Grenadier
- Waffen-SS Paratrooper
- Waffen-SS Heavy Panzer
- Waffen-SS Oberst Gruppenführer

The overall rule for all Waffen-SS units is that these units must be produced in *Berlin (Germany)*.

When a regular unit is upgraded to a Waffen-SS unit, this upgrade reflects the education, training and equipment that makes the Waffen-SS unit superior to other regular units.

Why:

1. The Waffen-SS units bring a unique Historical dimension to the game.
2. Waffen-SS units give the German player an option to strengthen defensive positions against enemy attacks, as well as a massively increased mobility and combat factor during an attack.
3. When attacking together with Waffen-SS Artillery, the Waffen-SS Infantry unit has an increased attack factor.
4. Since Waffen-SS units are highly mobile, they can move two territories during *Combat Movement* and *Non Combat Movement*.
5. When Waffen-SS units are part of a German Waffen-SS Army, the combat factor is also increased.
6. Even though Waffen-SS units are time consuming to produce and are more expensive than regular units, these units should always be represented on the game board – even if only in small numbers.
7. Waffen-SS units cannot be transported by sea or air, because of the heavy equipment in their arsenal. Also, historically, no Waffen-SS Divisions were ever transported by sea or air.

Waffen-SS Panzer and Waffen-SS Panzer Grenadier units are extremely effective – and these units have an immense *Combat Capacity*, both during defense and attack.

A Waffen-SS Oberst Gruppenführer unit can command 3 Waffen-SS units in any combination – and create a Waffen-SS Army. This *Background* will be explained in a later section.

The Captain