# **BRITISH ARMY SHEET (1775-1783) v3.1**

INFANTRY UNITS British Foot Guards British Grenadiers	<b>Figures</b> 18-24 18-24	Weapon (Range) Musket (12") Musket (12")	3 3	Melee 6 5	Tenacity 6 5	Special Rules Disciplined Musketry, Skirmishers, Steady Disciplined Musketry, Skirmishers, Steady	<b>Pts</b> 37 31
British Line Infantry British Light Infantry Loyalist Line Infantry Loyalist Light Infantry British Detachment	18-24	Musket (12") Musket (12") Musket (12") Musket (12") Musket (12")	3 4 3 3	4 3 3 3 2	4 4 3 3 2	Disciplined Musketry, Skirmishers, Steady Disciplined Musketry, Light Infantry, Steady Skirmishers Light Infantry Disciplined Musketry, Light Infantry	25 29 14 17 14
Loyalist Detachment Jäger Detachment Native Detachment		Rifle (18") Rifle (18") Musket (12")	2 2 1	1 2 3	2 2 2	Light Infantry Light Infantry Headstrong, Light Infantry	11 13 13
CAVALRY UNITS Light Dragoons British Legion Drago Cavalry Detachment		Weapon (Range) Sabre Sabre Sabre	Fire - - -	<b>Melee</b> 4 3 2	Tenacity 3 3 1	Special Rules Carbines, Headstrong, Light Cavalry Carbines, Light Cavalry Carbines, Light Cavalry	Pts 24 20 13
ARTILLERY UNITS Field Artillery Heavy Artillery Light Artillery	Cannon 1 1 1	Weapon (Range) Cannon (48") Cannon (54") Cannon (36")	<b>Fire</b> 1 2 1	<b>Melee</b> 2 2 1	Tenacity 2 2 2 2	Special Rules Canister Canister Canister, Galloper Guns, Light Artillery	Pts 20 28 16

#### **ARMY SPECIAL RULE**

**Linear Tactics:** Infantry units from this army that are in an attack column formation have a move distance of 9" and cannot take an assault action unless they finish the move in contact with an enemy unit that is in cover or that can only be reached by crossing a bridge or ford. This rule does not apply to native detachment units.

#### **UNIT OPTIONS**

Amusette: Infantry detachments can be equipped with Amusettes. They gain the Amusette rule and cost an extra 2 points.

Elite Units: Units can be elite. An elite unit can have up to 1 added to its fire value for 3 extra points (or 6 extra points if artillery), up to 1 added to its melee value for 2 extra points, and up to 1 added to its tenacity for 4 extra points.

**German Infantry:** British units apart from Foot Guards can be replaced with German units. Reduce the tenacity of a German unit by 1 and its points cost by 4 points.

**Understrength Units:** Infantry and cavalry units apart from detachments can be fielded as understrength units for 5 less points. Halve the number of figures in an understrength unit and subtract 1 from its melee and tenacity values.

# **FATE CARDS**

- Any Act on Initiative. You can play any card to allow 1 unit from a brigade that failed an activation test or that did not receive a message to take an action.
- **King** Loose Files. Play this card when a brigade successfully activates. Add 6" to the move distance of its units for the rest of the phase.
- **Queen Well Drilled.** Play this card if a brigade fails an activation test. British and German units in that brigade can reform.
- Jack American Scramble. Play before a British or Native unit makes an assault. That unit can carry a move before it assaults.
- **Capture.** Play this card in your fate phase. Pick 1 enemy controlled objective. If you control it at the end of the game, it counts as 2 objectives when determining the winner of the game.
- 9 Surprise Attack. Play this card before a unit makes an assault. That unit can carry out 1 move before it assaults.
- **8 Inspiration.** Play this card after a friendly unit fails a valour test or brigade fails a fortitude test. The test is passed.

- Directed Fire. Play this card when an enemy unit is chosen as a target in the fire phase. Add 1 to the fire value of the attacking unit. In addition, artillery units on a hill can trace a line of sight to the target across units that are not on a hill.
- 6 Deadly Attack. Play this card after a friendly unit fails 1 or more hit tests. Reroll the failed hit tests.
- 5 Stubborn. Play this card before a unit carries out an action. Remove 1 loss marker from that unit (even if it has only 1 loss).
- 4 Breakthrough. Play this card at the end of your melee phase. Pick 1 brigade. Units from that brigade can make 1 move (they cannot assault, retreat or double).
- **Confusion.** Play this card at the start of an enemy turn. The enemy cannot automatically activate a brigade that turn and any enemy reinforcements due to arrive that turn arrive 1 turn later.
- **Tide of Battle.** Play this card immediately. Shuffle all your discarded fate cards (including this one) back into your fate deck.
- Ace All Out Attack. Play this card at the start of your melee phase. Pick 1 friendly leader. Add 1 to the melee value of friendly units that are within 12" of that leader in that phase.

# **UNIT SPECIAL RULES**

#### **Amusette**

When this unit shoots, the commanding player can say it will use its amusettes instead of using skirmishers. If it does so, it has a fire value of 1 and a range of 36", but it cannot carry out an action in the same turn. Units using skirmishers can lend support to a unit that is using amusettes and vice-versa.

#### Canister

A unit that has the canister special rule can either fire normally or it can use the following special rules:

- Add 2 to its fire or melee attack value if the range to the target is up to 12" and the target is at least partially in its front arc.
- Count it as 2 units instead of 1 when it lends support if the range to the target is up to 12" and the target is at least partially in its front arc.

#### **Carbines**

This unit can use its carbines to skirmish (see the Skirmishers special rule). Carbines have a fire value of 1 and a range of 12" (which includes the modifiers for skirmishing).

## **Disciplined Musketry**

Re-roll hit rolls of 1, before modifiers are applied, for fire or melee attacks made by this unit if it is in line formation and is the main attacker.

#### **Galloper Guns**

This unit has a move distance of 8" when unlimbered. In addition, it can carry out a move or retreat action even if it has fired in the same turn.

#### Headstrong

If the target of a melee attack made by this unit routs or retreats and there are visible enemy units that it can move into contact with, this unit must carry out an assault and fight for a second time. Subtract 1 from its melee value the second time it fights in the same turn. It does not assault again, and may not retreat, if it defeats the second opponent.

#### **Light Artillery**

Subtract 1 from hit rolls if the main attacker is light artillery.

## **Light Cavalry**

This unit has the Open Order special rule. In addition, add 2 to messenger tests for it.

# **Light Infantry**

The following rules apply to a Light Infantry unit:

- It has the Open Order and Skirmishers special rules.
- Add 2 to messenger tests for it if it is a detachment or part of a brigade that consists only of light infantry units.
- Its losses are halved in the fire phase if it is in defendable terrain.
- It can occupy defendable terrain after it has made a move or retreat.

#### Militia

This unit cannot move in the same action phase that it reforms. In addition, do not add half its fire value to its melee value when it makes a melee attack while in line formation.

# **Open Order**

This unit can be set up in a deployed formation called open order. It must be set up in 1 to 4 ranks with a  $\frac{1}{4}$ " to  $\frac{1}{2}$ " gap between ranks and files. The following rules apply to a unit in open order:

- Halve the losses it suffers in the fire phase.
- Halve its fire value if it has 3 or 4 ranks.
- It has a move distance of 9" if it is infantry, and of 18" if it is cavalry.
- If it is light infantry its movement is not affected by rough terrain.
- Subtract 1 from its melee value unless it is in cover.
- It only adds 1 to a unit's melee value if it lends it melee support.
- It can move across figures from a friendly unit that is also in open order even if they are not from the same brigade.

#### **Skirmishers**

When this unit shoots, the commanding player can choose to use the unit's skirmishers. If they do so, the unit's fire value is halved and its range increased by 6", and it can carry out any action in the same turn apart from an assault. A unit can only use skirmishers to lend fire support if the attacking unit is also using skirmishers.

#### Steady

Units with this rule do not rout automatically when defeated by enemy cavalry unless this unit is shaken, outflanked or in open order.

#### **DESIGN NOTES**

Amusettes: The amussette, sometimes referred to as a hackbut, rampart musket or wall gun, was a heavy rifle that fire lead shot of about 1lb in weight. They were heavy and unwieldy weapons but could engage targets at considerable range.

Linear Tactics: British infantry were capable of using attack column formation but they only did so very rarely, usually in order to make an assault on an enemy that was in dense terrain or that could not be reached any other way.