

6-28-2021. Wow, half the year has flown by and except for some minor updates, I really haven't posted anything of significance. So for our first post of the year we present an updated and expanded Polish Army. I think the counters are definitely easier to read and over the course of time all new unit counters will be presented in the same way with the distinguishing bands. I will revisit the maps again over time and overlap the map edges by a hex or two to present a better fit.

I found several new (Polish Language) sources and did some more digging into the changes that were occurring in the Polish military in the late 80s. Even before Solidarity, the Polish Army was reorganizing and training in tactics similar to western militaries. According to [fireandfury.com](http://fireandfury.com), "Polish armored doctrine was radically different to that practiced by other Warsaw Pact nations, emphasizing fire and maneuver by company, with the emphasis for tactical innovation being placed on the shoulders of company and platoon commanders (more like NATO than Warsaw Pact, in fact). Consequently the battalion normally operates as distinct Company maneuver elements, unlike their Warsaw Pact equivalents, which operate as a single, large maneuver element." I have been able to find support for this concept based on Polish language organizational tables.

The late 80s and 90s were a time of change for the Polish Army. There were some Regiments and Divisions that were reorganized into "unified" formations generally consisting of two mechanized infantry and two tank battalions similar to the "defensive" formations that the Soviet Union was experimenting with in the late 1980s. Several of the tank regiments consisted of 5 tank companies of 16 tanks each and one mechanized company. At least one division was being organized into brigades (which eventually all were for the most part after the fall of communism and the merger into NATO's structure) beginning in 1989.

Equipment was also seeing a renaissance. The PT-91 Twardy was developed from the T-72 and the SKOT was on its way out as the primary APC. The Poles initially were interested in purchasing the BMP-2 and did in fact acquire 62 BMP-2 and BMP-2D (all of which were sold to Angola in the mid-90s). The Poles, instead, continued modification of the BMP-1 (BWP-1 in Polish service), and eventually acquired enough to rearm quite a few SKOT units with it. Other innovations include the development of the OPAL family of APCs and engineering vehicles, ZSU23MP Biala, Grom MANPAD, and Self-propelled artillery (v77 DANA, RM85 and WR40).

I hope the new colors and counter design will make the Polish units easier to read. I have found that doing more research and more detailed/accurate unit construction has contributed significantly to the delay in publishing these updates. I apologize to those fluent in Polish for any mis-translations. Also, after more research, I discovered that the armor penetration values for the AT-7 and AT-4 were incorrect. I have updated the Soviet P Class and will eventually correct all the Warsaw Pact fire charts. That being said, I am embarking on a two year project to recreate the Yom Kippur War in time for the 50th anniversary of that conflict. I will continue to update Warsaw Pact and NATO armies in the meantime. ENJOY!!!

7-19-21. The new and improved Austrian Army is available as the first of the Neutral nations in Advanced Assault. A more comprehensive OOB had become available and it seemed the logical choice for the first new neutral. Operation Case A is the Austrian response to the expected Warsaw Pact incursion into its territory. Also included are new UN counterbacks. In the Advanced Assault page you will find two new transport capacity charts for Helicopters and Amphibious Assault Ships. They are more comprehensive than the charts in the Charts & Tables section. More to Come ... ENJOY!!!