

MEXICAN-AMERICAN WAR 1846-48**LEADER RATINGS**

Because of the small size of the battles there are no Corps Commanders.

MEXICO

<u>Leader</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Morale</u>
Santa Anna	Good	Average
Pedro Ampudia	Fair	Poor
Mariano Arista	Fair	Average
Jose Heredia	Poor	Poor
Juan Morales	Fair	Poor
Gabriel Valencia	Poor	Poor

UNITED STATES

<u>Leader</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Morale</u>
Gideon Pillow	Average	Average
Winfield Scott	Excellent	Average
Zachary Taylor	Good	Average
John Wool	Good	Good
William Worth	Good	Good

Abbreviations

Unt = Untrained; Rf = Rifles; Lgt = Light; Med = Medium; Hvy = Heavy;

Ln = Lancers; Cu = Cuirass; pdr = Pounder; Imp = Impetuous; Excelt = Excellent

Size #/# = For Infantry & cavalry the first # is the figures per stand & the second # is the number of stands. For artillery the first # is the number of guns & the second # is the number of crew castings.

Skirmish- "Yes" means that all stands may skirmish. "Og" means that the unit has Organic Skirmishers. A # indicates the number of companies that may be detached to skirmish. No number means that the skirmisher companies may not be detached.

The troop Ratings for morale are: Old Guard, Superior, Excelt, Good-A (1st Rate Line), Good-B (2nd Rate Line), Good-C (3rd Rate Line), Fair, & Poor. The Morale rating affects Charge Tests, Reaction Tests, Morale Tests, & Melee strengths.

Good A, B, & C will be the same in all respects except for melee strengths. The melee values will be Good-A 13, Good-B 12, & Good-C 11.

The basing system is slightly different for the Mexican-American War. This is done so as to have maximum compatibility with other rules systems. In this system, the ground scale remains 1" = 35 yds, but each figure will now represent 33 men. Each infantry stand will be 1" by 3/4" & will contain 3 figures. Cavalry is mounted 2 figures per stand. Each cavalry stand should be 1" by 3/4" or 1" by 1". Artillery should be mounted with 1 gun figure on a 1" by 1" stand, representing 2 actual guns. Each stand should have 1 or 2 artillery crew figures.

One could use the regular Old Trousers basing system. To do so one remember that infantry of armies in this war were normally deployed in 2 ranks rather than 3 & that each figure will represent 60 men.

MEXICO

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MORALE</u>	<u>SKIRMISH</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>SIZE</u>
Active Militia	Poor	No	Unt	3/8
Coast Guard	Poor	No	Unt	3/6, 3/8
Veteran C. Gd Companies	Good-C	No	---	3/2
1 st thru 12 th Line	Fair	No	---	3/8
1 st Light	Fair	Yes	---	3/8
2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th Light	Good-C	Yes	---	3/8
Grenadier Guards	Good-C	No	---	3/12
Zapatadores	Good-C	No	Rf	3/6
Military Cadets	Good-C	No	---	3/2
1 st thru 9 th Cavalry	Fair	No	Lgt	2/6
Lgt Mounted Rgt	Good-C	Yes	Lgt	2/6
Guard Hussars	Good-A	Yes	Lgt	2/6
Tulancingo Reg	Good-C	No	Lgt/Cu	2/6
Jalisco Lancers	Good-C	No	Lgt/Ln	2/5
Mounted Rifles	Fair	Yes	Lgt	2/6
Militia Cav	Poor	Yes	Lgt	2/6
Foot Battery	Good-C	-----	6, 8, 12 pdr	2/3

Division/Brigade commander rating: Poor. Staff rating: Incompetent. All Mexican troops receive a -1 fire modifier for musketry. As it used civilian drivers Mexican artillery may not limber up again once it has been unlimbered. The artillery also used some 16 & 24 pdr guns in the field. It may not approach to within 20" of the enemy while limbered. Each Active Militia & line infantry regiment had 2 battalions, each battalion had 8 companies, & each company had 100 men. Light infantry battalions were organized the same as line battalions. The Grenadier Guards had 8 companies with 150 men per company. The Zapatadores were sappers. Each Coast Guard battalion had 2 elite companies which were often detached from their parent battalion. Line infantry battalions each had 1 skirmish company, but their training was poor & they are therefore not given any organic skirmishers. They could be given 1 company armed with rifles. Cavalry regiments had 4 squadrons with 2 companies each. Each company had 80 men. All cavalry units were severely under strength & this is reflected in the list. All cavalry was armed with a carbine (escopeta) which has a range of 2". Generally one company of each regiment was armed with lances.

UNITED STATES

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>MORALE</u>	<u>SKIRMISH</u>	<u>OTHER</u>	<u>SIZE</u>
1 st thru 15 th Regulars	Good-A	Yes	---	3/6
Voltigeurs	Good-A	Yes	Mississippi	3/6
Volunteers	Good-C	Yes	---	3/6
Artillery	Good-A	Yes	---	3/6
Mississippi Rifles	Good-C	Yes	Mississippi	3/5
Marines	Good-A	No	---	3/2
Sappers	Good-A	Yes	---	3/1
Reg Mtd Riflemen	Good-A	Yes	Mississippi	3/6
Texas Rangers	Good-A	Yes	Med	2/1
Arkansas Mounted	Good-C	Yes	Med	2/7
Kentucky Mounted	Fair	Yes	Med	2/1
Tennessee Mounted	Fair	Yes	Med	2/7
1 st & 2 nd Texas Mounted	Fair	Yes	Med	2/7
1 st & 2 nd Dragoons	Good-A	Yes	Med	2/7
Foot Artillery	Good-A	---	4, 6, 12 pdr	2/3

Division/Brigade commander rating: Average. Staff rating: Competent.

The authorized strength of each infantry company was 55 until May 1846 at which time it was raised to 100. Each infantry regiment had 2 battalions each with 5 companies. Units normally functioned as regiments rather than as battalions. The Mississippi rifle (Windsor rifle) has a range of 12". The Regiment of Mounted Riflemen actually fought on foot. The Dragoons had 10 companies per regiment with 61 men per company. The companies were generally under strength & only part of the regiment would be present on the battlefield. Each company had horses of the same color. Assume that all mounted were armed with a Hall carbine which has the same range as a musket. All mounted may dismount & fight as infantry. They may then be represented by the same number of figures mounted with 3 figures per stand (place a hit on any extra figures.)

US infantry receive 3 fire points per figure.