

# Basic Impetus Chinese Army Lists

Chinese history can be seen as a succession of barbarian peoples held at bay by a powerful Chinese dynasty which would eventually fail. The resulting invading barbarians would then find themselves in the position of the defending Chinese Dynasty and the cycle start again. This is of course a gross simplification of the story of the oldest society in the modern world. But it does bring some structure to the Wargames view of this complex and fascinating history.

The following lists cover the period from the fall of Han to the conquest by Genghis Khan's Mongols. This coincides with the development of the heavy horse cavalry in to the bow armed cataphract.

They are divided into:

**Chinese Dynasties:** The succession of more or less assimilated barbarian and native Chinese dynasties.

**The Northern Hordes:** Steppe cultures of Mongolia and Manchuria some will became Chinese dynasties.

**Korea:** The group of 'civilized' Kingdoms often dominated by China.

**The Western Barbarians:** The cultures around the Himalayas and south of the Gobi.

**The Southern Tribes:** The exotic cultures of the jungles (lots of elephants!)

These draft armies are based very loosely on DBA lists but have been adjusted by my interpretation of the development of cavalry during the period and how DBx troop types are best represented in Basic Impetus.

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## Armies of the Chinese Dynasties

### Legend

**CGP**= Heavy Chariots; **CGL**= Light Chariots; **CF**= Scythed Chariots; **CP**= Heavy Cavalry; **CM**= Medium Cavalry; **CL**= Light Cavalry; **FP**= Heavy Infantry; **FL**= Light Infantry; **S**= Skirmishers; **T**= Missile Troops, **EL**= Elephants ; **ART**= Artillery

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(\* ) Unit that can include general

### Three Kingdoms & Western T'sin 189-316AD (VDT=17/9)

Chinese states after collapse of Han Dynasty until the barbarian invasions.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
2	CM(*)	10	5	2	3	
1	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
3	FP	5	4	1	2	Spearmen
1	T	6	3	0	1	Crossbow B
1	FL	5	4	1	1	
1	S	8	2	0	1	short bow B
Option replace 1 unit of S with						
1	Art	3	1	0	1	Artillery B

### Mu-Jung Hsien Pi 300-413AD (VDT=16/8)

Hsien Pi kingdoms set up in china using Chinese infantry after the Hsien pi state collapsed.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
2	CP(*)	8	7	2	3	
3	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
1	FP	5	4	1	2	Chinese Spearmen
1	T	6	3	0	1	Crossbow B
2	S	8	2	0	1	Composite bow B or Crossbow B

### Northern Dynasties 327-587AD (VDT=18/9)

The barbarian dynasties of northern China before being conquered by the Sui Dynasty.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
3	CP(*)	8	6	2	3	
1	CM	10	5	2	3	Composite Bow B
3	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B

### Northern Dynasties 327-587AD (VDT=17/9)

The native Chinese dynasties in Northern China until their conquest by the Sui Dynasty.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	CP(*)	8	6	2	3	
1	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
2	FP	5	5	2	3	Spearmen
2	FP	5	5	1	2	Swordsmen
1	T	6	3	0	1	Crossbow B
1	S	8	2	0	1	Crossbow B

## Southern Dynasties 327-587AD (VDT=17/9)

The native Chinese dynasties in Southern China until conquered by the Sui Dynasty.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	CP(*)	8	6	2	3	
1	CM	10	5	2	3	Various
1	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
2	FP	5	5	2	2	Heavy infantry
1	FL	8	4	1	2	Militia
1	T	6	3	0	1	Crossbow B
2	S	8	2	0	1	Crossbow B

Option#1(Far Southern Dynasties i.e. Eastern Ts'in) Replace 1 FP Heavy infantry and 1 FL Militia unit with

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	FL	8	4	3	3	Impetuous
1	EL	8	5	4	1	

## Sui 581-623AD (VDT=16/8)

Dynasty which formed the first long term regime after the barbarian invasions of 316AD.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	CP(*)	6	7	2	3	
2	CM	10	5	2	2	Composite Bow B
1	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
1	FP	5	5	2	2	Heavy infantry
1	FP	5	2	1	1	Conscript Infantry
2	T	6	4	0	2	Crossbow A

## Early Tang 618-755AD (VDT=17/9) or (VDT=18/9)

Chinas greatest military dynasty, gained control after rebelling against the Sui.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
2	CM(*)	10	6	2	3	Composite Bow B
1	CP	8	6	3	3	
1	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
1	FP	5	5	2	2	Heavy infantry
1	FP	5	2	1	1	Conscript Infantry
1	T	6	4	0	2	Crossbow A
1	S	8	2	0	1	Crossbow B

Option #1 Replace all FP,T and S units with

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	CM	10	6	2	3	Composite Bow B
2	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B

## Late Tang & 5 Dynasties 728-1253AD (VDT=18/9)

Tang after An Lushan's rebellion and those non Sha-t'o Turkish 5 dynasties.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	CM(*)	10	6	2	3	Composite Bow B
4	FP	5	5	1	3	Heavy infantry
1	FL	8	4	3	1	Conscript Infantry
1	T	5	3	0	1	Crossbow B
1	S	8	2	0	1	Crossbow B

### Sha-t'o Turks 884-951AD (VDT=18/9)

Adopted in to the Tang family this represents the 'Legitimate' of the 5 dynasties; Later Tang, Later Chin and Later Han.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
2	CM(*)	10	6	2	3	Composite Bow B
2	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
1	FP	5	5	1	1	Heavy Infantry
2	T	6	3	0	2	Crossbow B
2	S	8	2	0	1	Composite Bow B

### Khitan-liao 907-1125AD (VDT=18/9) or (VDT=16/8)

Manchurian tribe which unified to form the Liao dynasty in Northern china.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
2	CP(*)	10	6	3	3	Composite Bow B
2	CM	8	5	2	3	Composite Bow B
3	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B

Option Replace 1 each of (CM VBU=6, CM VBU=5, and CL) with

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
1	FP	5	5	1	2	Heavy Infantry
1	FL	8	5	1	2	
2	S	8	2	0	1	Crossbow B

### Sung Dynasty 960-1279AD (VDT=18/9) or (VDT=19/10)

Native dynasty which unified china apart from extreme north and north-west

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
1	CM(*)	8	5	2	3	
3	FP	5	5	1	2	
3	T	6	3	0	2	Crossbow B
1	ART	3	1	0	2	Artillery B
2	S	8	2	0	1	Crossbow B

Option replace 1 S unit with

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
1	ART	3	1	0	2	Artillery B

### Jurchen-Chin 1126-1234AD (VDT=15/8)

After defeating Kitan-liao and setting up the Golden Chin dynasty

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
3	CM(*)	10	6	2	3	Composite Bow B
1	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
1	FP	5	5	1	2	
1	FL	8	4	1	1	Levy Infantry
1	T	6	3	0	1	Crossbow B

Option replace T unit with

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
1	ART	3	1	0	1	Artillery B

## Armies of the Northern Hordes

### Legend

**CGP**= Heavy Chariots; **CGL**= Light Chariots; **CF**= Scythed Chariots; **CP**= Heavy Cavalry; **CM**= Medium Cavalry; **CL**= Light Cavalry; **FP**= Heavy Infantry; **FL**= Light Infantry; **S**= Skirmishers; **T**= Missile Troops, **EL**= Elephants ; **ART**= Artillery

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### Hsisung-nu 250BC-304AD (VDT=19/10)

Nomad empire of the steppes and its nomad successors.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
2	CM(*)	10	5	1	3	Composite Bow B
6	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
1	S	8	2	0	1	Javelins

### Hsisung-nu 304-439AD (VDT=17/9)

Hsisung-nu Kingdoms founded in China as part of the Barbarian invasions which destroyed the 3 Kingdoms period.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
2	CM(*)	10	6	2	3	
4	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
1	FL	8	4	1	2	Javelins
1	S	8	2	0	1	Javelins

### Juan-juan 304-439AD (VDT=17/9)

Longest lasting Hsisung-nu Kingdom founded in China as part of the Barbarian invasions.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
3	CM(*)	10	6	1	3	Composite Bow B
4	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B

### Wu-huan or Hsien Pi 90-316AD (VDT=17/9)

Manchurian Barbarians established a unified state mid 2<sup>nd</sup> Century AD.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	CM(*)	10	6	1	3	Composite Bow B
6	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
2	S	8	2	0	1	Composite Bow B

### Hsien Pi 317-431 AD (VDT=16/8)

Feuding Hsien Pi clans after the collapse of Hsien Pi state

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
3	CP(*)	8	7	2	3	
3	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
1	S	8	2	0	1	Composite Bow B

### **Khitans or Liao 350-1000AD (VDT=18/9)**

Tribes occupying Manchurian after the final collapse of Hsien Pi.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
2	CM(*)	10	6	1	3	Composite Bow B
5	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
2	S	8	2	0	1	Composite bow B

### **Central Asian Turkish 550-1330AD (VDT=19/10)**

Various Central Asian Nomads until conquest by Mongols.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
3	CM(*)	10	5	1	3	Composite Bow B
4	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
2	S	8	2	0	1	Composite Bow B

Option Replace all S skirmish units with

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
2	FL	5	3	1	1	<i>Massed Infantry</i>

### **Tribal Mongolian 840-1218AD (VDT=18/9)**

Pre Ghengis Khans unification of the Mongolian state.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
2	CM(*)	10	5	1	3	Composite Bow B
6	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B

### **Jurchen-Chin 1114-1125AD (VDT=17/9)**

Manchurian tribe which successfully revolted against Khitan-liao before forming it's 'Chinese' dynasty

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
4	CM(*)	10	6	2	3	Composite Bow B
1	CP	8	6	2	3	<i>Heavy Cavalry</i>
1	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B

## Armies of the Korean Kingdoms

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### Paekche Korean Kingdom 300-660AD (VDT=17/9)

One of the Korean states which formed after collapse of Han Dynasty.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	CP(*)	8	6	2	3	
1	CM	10	5	2	3	Various
1	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
3	FP	5	4	1	2	Spearmen
1	T	6	3	0	1	Short Bow A
2	S	8	2	0	1	Short bow B

### Koguryo Korean Kingdom 300-668AD (VDT=17/9)

One of the Korean states which formed after collapse of Han Dynasty.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	CP(*)	8	6	2	3	
2	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
4	FP	5	4	1	2	Spearmen
1	T	6	3	0	1	Short Bow A
1	S	8	2	0	1	Short bow B

### Silla Korean Kingdom 300-520AD (VDT=18/9)

Ultimately the most successful of the Korean states which formed after collapse of Han Dynasty.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	CP(*)	8	6	2	3	
1	CM	10	5	2	3	Various
1	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
4	FP	5	4	1	2	Spearmen
1	T	6	3	0	1	Short Bow A
1	S	8	2	0	1	Short bow B

### Silla Korean Kingdom 521-935AD (VDT=17/9)

Unified Korean state after the final conquest of its rivals.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
2	CP(*)	8	6	2	3	
1	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
2	FP	5	4	1	2	Spearmen
1	FP	5	5	1	3	Long Spears
1	T	6	3	0	1	Short Bow A
1	S	8	2	0	1	Short bow B

## Koyo Dynasty 918-1392AD (VDT=17/9)

Replaced the Korean Silla Dynasty.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
1	CM(*)	10	5	1	3	Composite Bow B
1	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
3	FP	5	5	1	2	Long Spear
2	T	6	3	0	2	Crossbow B
2	S	8	2	0	1	Crossbow B

Option replace S unit with

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
1	Art	3	1	0	1	Artillery B



## Armies of the Western Barbarians

### Legend

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### Central City States 500-1000AD (VDT=17/9)

The independent cities around the Tarim basin from the fall of Kushan empire.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
4	CP(*)	8	6	3	3	<i>Nobles</i>
1	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
1	T	6	3	0	1	Composite Bow B
1	FL	5	3	1	1	<i>Impressed infantry</i>
1	S	8	2	0	1	Composite Bow B

Option#1 Replace all CP units with

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
4	CM(*)	10	5	1	3	Composite Bow B
1	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B

Option#2 Replace any and all CP units with

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	T(*)	6	3	1	3	Composite Bow A <i>Dismounted Nobles</i>

### Uighurs 860-1330AD (VDT=18/9)

A particularly powerful Turkish clan who ruled Mongolia for a time and survived the overthrow to move to Tufan.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
3	CM(*)	10	5	1	3	Composite Bow B
3	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
1	FP	5	4	1	1	
1	T	6	3	0	1	Composite Bow B
1	S	8	2	0	1	Composite Bow B

### Tibetan 560-1065AD (VDT=18/9)

From the unification of the Tibetan state and its successors.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
4	CP(*)	6	7	2	3	
2	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B

Option Replace 1 CP unit with

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	FP	5	4	1	1	
1	T	6	3	0	1	Composite Bow B
1	S	8	2	0	1	Composite Bow B

### Sha-t'o Turks 808-883AD (VDT=18/9)

Barbarian tribe settled on Western Chinese border. Involved in the fall of Tang Dynasty.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
3	CM(*)	10	6	2	3	Composite Bow B
3	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
2	S	8	2	0	1	Composite Bow B
1	S	8	2	0	1	Javelin

Option replace both Composite armed S units with

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	T	6	3	0	2	Composite Bow A

### His-Hsia 982- 1227AD (VDT=16/8)

Successor state of Tibetan Empire on North Western Chinese borders

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
2	CP(*)	8	7	2	3	
2	FP	5	5	1	2	Heavy Infantry
2	T	6	3	0	2	Composite Bow B
1	FL	8	4	1	1	Levy Infantry
1	S	8	2	0	1	Composite Bow B

### Qara-Khitan 1124-1211AD (VDT=18/9)

Remnant of Khitan-Liao who survived in the west

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
2	CP(*)	10	6	3	3	Composite Bow B
2	CM	8	5	2	3	Composite Bow B
2	CL	12	4	0	2	Composite Bow B
1	FL	8	4	1	1	Javelin Levy Infantry
1	S	8	2	0	1	Composite Bow B

## Chinese Army Lists Armies of the Southern Tribes

### Legend

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(\* ) Unit that can include general

### Nan-chao 728-1253AD (VDT=17/9)

A tribe in modern South-eastern china that Chinese dynasties were continuously attempting to control.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	CM(*)	10	6	2	3	
3	FP	5	5	1	3	Long Spear
1	FL	8	4	3	1	<i>Impetuous</i>
2	T	5	3	0	1	Short Bow B
2	S	8	2	0	1	Crossbow B

### Burmese 500-1043AD (VDT=21/11)

Various Burmese kingdoms up until the unification of Burma.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	EL(*)	8	5	4	3	
1	CM	10	5	1	3	
1	T	6	3	0	1	Crossbow B
6	FL	5	3	1	2	
2	S	8	2	0	1	Composite Bow B

### Khmer & Cham 605-1400AD (VDT=17/9) or (VDT=18/9)

Kingdoms in modern day Cambodia that Chinese dynasties were continuously attempting to control.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	EL(*)	8	6	5	3	
1	CM	10	4	1	2	
1	CL	12	4	0	2	Javelin
4	FL	8	4	1	2	
1	T	5	3	0	1	Crossbow B, Crossbowmen with Pavese nullify Impetus Bonus of mounted enemies and give a -1 adjustment on shooting if charged or shot at from front
1	S	8	2	0	1	Crossbow B

Option Replace S unit with

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes
1	ART	3	1	0	2	Artillery C, <i>Trebuchet</i>

## Early Vietnamese 248-938AD (VDT=17/9)

Early revolting armies in the Chinese dominated province of Annam.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
1	EL(*)	8	5	4	3	
3	FP	5	5	1	2	
3	FL	8	4	1	2	Javelin
2	S	8	2	0	1	Crossbow B

## Medieval Vietnamese 939-1168AD (VDT=18/9)

Independent Kingdom of Vietnam.

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
2	EL(*)	8	5	4	3	
2	FP	5	5	1	2	
3	FL	8	4	1	2	Javelin
1	ART	3	1	0	1	Artillery B
1	S	8	2	0	1	Crossbow B

Option Replace ART with

Nr	Type	M	VBU	I	VD	Notes;
1	FL	8	4	2	1	Impetuous