

66. CAROLINGIAN

768AD to 814 AD

Charlemagne King of the Franks and the Lombards became Emperor of the Romans in 800AD. During his reign, the Carolingian dynasty would rule over Western Europe (the 'Carolingian Renaissance') and conquer parts of Spain, Saxony and Bavaria and was constantly at war with the Slavs and the Avars. Despite popular beliefs, the success of the Carolingian army under Charlemagne had nothing to do with a 'cavalry revolution' but owed its success to a pragmatic organisation and excellent logistics.

ARMY COMPOSITION

Characters: Up to 25%

Cavalry: Up to 50%

Infantry: At least 33%

Vassals: Up to 25%

0-1 GENERAL

	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Pts
General	8	5	3	4	4	2	5	2	9	149

Rides a horse and has a hand weapon, heavy armour and shield. *Army General*. May have a throwing or thrusting spear (+3).

SENIOR OFFICERS

	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Pts
Commander	8	5	3	4	4	2	5	2	8	97
0-1 Imperial Standard	8	4	3	4	3	2	5	2	8	118

The Commander rides a horse and has a hand weapon, heavy armour and shield. May have a throwing or thrusting spear (+3).

The Imperial Standard bearer rides a horse and has a hand weapon, heavy armour and shield. *Army Standard Bearer*.

CAVALRY

	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Pts
0-1 Imperial Household	8	4	3	3	3	1	4	1	8	37
Heavy Cavalry	8	4	3	3	3	1	4	1	8	34
Dismounted Cavalry	4	4	3	3	3	1	4	1	8	17
Light Cavalry	8	2	3	3	3	1	3	1	6	20

Imperial household have a hand weapon, heavy armour, throwing or thrusting spear and shield. *Drilled*.

First Charge.

Heavy Cavalry have a hand weapon, light armour, throwing spears and shield. *First Charge*. They may have heavy armour (+1)

Dismounted Cavalry have a hand weapon, light armour, thrusting spear and shield.

They may have heavy armour (+1). Units of dismounted cavalry may use *Combined*

Formation where up to 50% of figures exchange thrusting spear and shield for composite bow (-1) and form the rear rank..

Light Cavalry have a hand weapon, javelins, throwing spear and shield. *Light Cavalry*. May exchange javelins, throwing spear and shield for composite bow (-3).

INFANTRY

	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Pts
Footsoldier	4	3	3	3	3	1	3	1	6	11

Footsoldiers have a hand weapon, thrusting spear and shield. *Shieldwall*. May exchange thrusting spear and shield for composite bow (-2) in which case may not form *Shieldwall*.

The number of models equipped with bows may not outnumber the number of models equipped with thrusting spears.

If equipped with bows, footsoldiers are *Light Infantry*.

VASSALS

You may have up to one Vassal unit per unit of Cavalry or Infantry above. All Vassals are *Unreliable*.

	M	WS	BS	S	T	W	I	A	Ld	Pts
Gascon or Basque Javelinmen	5	2	4	3	3	1	3	1	5	11
Breton Cavalry	8	4	3	3	3	1	4	1	7	29
Light Cavalry	8	2	4	3	3	1	3	1	6	23

Gascon or Basque javelinmen have improvised weapons and javelins. *Skirmishers*. *Feigned Flight*. They may have shields (+1)

Breton Cavalry have a hand weapon, javelins, throwing spear and shield. *Feigned Flight*. They may have light armour (+2).

Light Cavalry have a hand weapon, javelins and shield. *Light Cavalry*. *Feigned Flight*. They may have throwing spear (+3).