

1. Conversion from Poleaxed to DBM

Poleaxed and De Bellis Multitudinis take different approaches to wargaming the Wars of the Roses. The main difference lies in the lists and the troop ratios: the Poleaxed lists in this series feature many more melee troops than does the DBM list. The latter contains many more archers. If you accept this design difference, and the fact that the DBM maxima may not apply, it is perfectly possible to use the Poleaxed list with DBM rules. The following table suggests basic troop type conversions:

		G/N	R	M	L	P
		All regular		All irregular		
Melee foot	FHI	Bd (S)				
	PHI	Bd (O)	Bd (O)			
	AI		Bd (O)		Bd (I)	
	UI					Sp (I)
Pike	AI			Pk (S)	Sp (O)	
	UI			Pk (O)	Sp (I)	
Archers	AI		Bw (S)		Bw (O)	
	UI				Bw (I)	Bw (I)
Arbalest	AI			Bw (O)		
Artillery	Lt		Art (I)	Art (I)		
Handgunners	H/G			Ps (S)		
Cavalry	FHC	Kn (S)	Kn (I)			
	AC	Kn (O)	Cv (O)			
	UC		Cv (I)		Cv (I)	

To begin calculating the DBM lists start by replacing every four figures in the Poleaxed list with a DBM element. The majority of troops in the Poleaxed list occur in multiples of four. Then calculate the DBM points total. If you want a larger or smaller battle simply increase or reduce the points whilst maintaining the ratios between troop types as much as possible. The actual numbers of troops can be readily calculated from the number of figures for Poleaxed and the figure scale given in the Notes section for each battle. Where there are more than four generals a side merge the smallest commands for a regular DBM command structure. Consider applying the DBM flank march rules were appropriate or use the special rules offered here.