

EARLY MEDIEVAL SCOTTISH

800AD to 1250AD

Viking raids commenced at the beginning of this period, and were to continue almost until its end. Most of the Isles and some parts of the mainland came under Viking rule. Against this background, the merging of the Scots, Picts and Caledonians into the Kingdom of Alba (Scotland) continued, with recognised Kings of Scotland appearing around 900AD-though Scotland did not encompass the same area as the modern country, being shifted somewhat South and including modern Cumbria and some of Northumbria. Both these areas were later lost to English or Norman invasion.

ARMY COMPOSITION

Commanders: Up to 6

Cavalry: Up to 35%

Infantry: At least 40%

Allies: Up to 40%

COMMANDERS

	A	C	Pts
0-1 King or General	+3	9	
Sub General	+2	+2	20
Chieftain	+3	+1	20

May ride a horses. A Chieftain must lead a Clansmen unit.

CAVALRY

	D	C	Pts
Mounted Thanes	4	7	18
Light Cavalry	5	6	16
0-1 Norman Knights	4	8	26

Mounted Thanes have light armour, javelins and shield. May upgrade to Superior Fighters (+2). May be fielded as Skirmishers.

Light Cavalry have javelins and shield. Skirmishers.

Norman Knights have light armour, spear and shield. Superior Fighters. *Shock Cavalry*. May have heavy armour (+1). This unit may not be more than 6 bases strong.

INFANTRY

	D	C	Pts
Thanes	5	7	22
Spearmen	6	6	14
Clansmen	6	5	11
0-2 Skirmishers	6	5	5

Thanes have light armour, spear and shield. Superior Fighters. Shieldwall. May have javelins (+2).

Spearmen have spear and shield. Shieldwall.

Clansmen have throwing spear and shield. Open Order. Warband.

Skirmishers have javelins and shield. Inferior Fighters. Skirmishers.

A royal or lowland army must have at least twice as many Spearmen bases as Clansmen bases. If this ratio is not satisfied, the army is a highland one; in this case Thane and Light Cavalry must be fielded as

Skirmishers, Thane infantry are Open Order at a cost of 17 points, and Spearmen are a 0-2 choice.

ALLIES

A lowland army may have allies from the Later Saxon, Anglo-Dane or Viking lists, but only from one list at a time. A highland army may have allies from the Viking list. In all cases Viking troops should be fielded in Open Order.