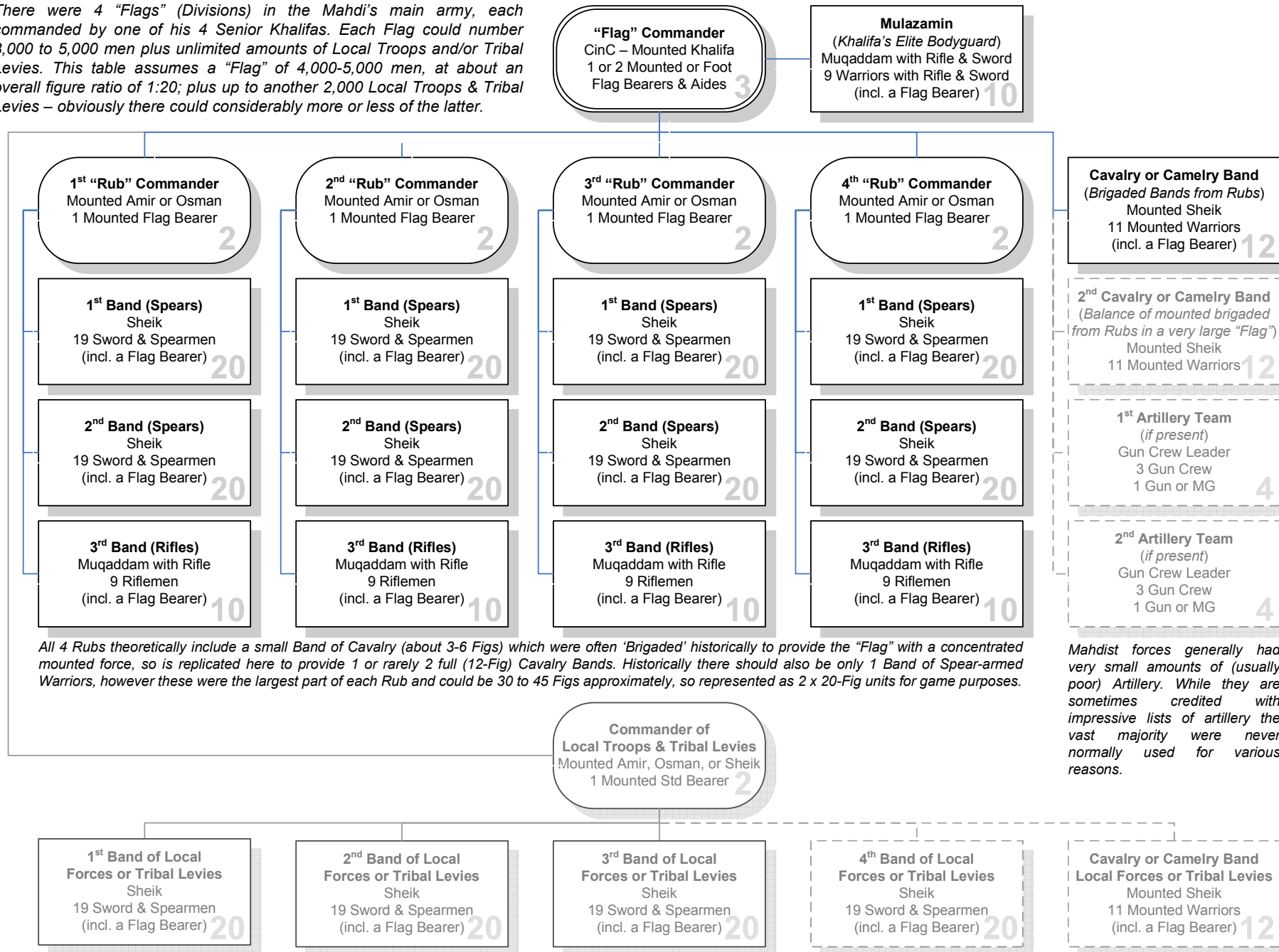


Alternate (historical based) organisation for Mahdist Forces in the Sudan in TSATF

There were 4 "Flags" (Divisions) in the Mahdi's main army, each commanded by one of his 4 Senior Khalifas. Each Flag could number 3,000 to 5,000 men plus unlimited amounts of Local Troops and/or Tribal Levies. This table assumes a "Flag" of 4,000-5,000 men, at about an overall figure ratio of 1:20; plus up to another 2,000 Local Troops & Tribal Levies – obviously there could considerably more or less of the latter.



All 4 Rubs theoretically include a small Band of Cavalry (about 3-6 Figs) which were often 'Brigaded' historically to provide the "Flag" with a concentrated mounted force, so is replicated here to provide 1 or rarely 2 full (12-Fig) Cavalry Bands. Historically there should also be only 1 Band of Spear-armed Warriors, however these were the largest part of each Rub and could be 30 to 45 Figs approximately, so represented as 2 x 20-Fig units for game purposes.

Mahdist forces generally had very small amounts of (usually poor) Artillery. While they are sometimes credited with impressive lists of artillery the vast majority were never normally used for various reasons.

Obviously Local Forces or Tribal Levies did vary wildly, so can have 1, 2, 3, or even 4 Bands of Infantry, and would only occasionally have the Mounted Band of Cavalry or Camelry.