



Australian 9th Infantry Division

April, 1941

20th
Infantry
Brigade

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2/32nd
Battalion
arrived by
sea after
the siege of
Tobruk
began.

2/7th
RAA
Regiment

32	(H)	32	0	C	0
2	18/25	pdr	0	1	Matador
				12	
x 4		x 4			

2/8th
RAA
Regiment

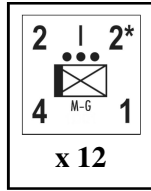
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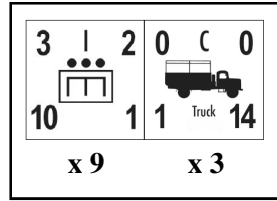
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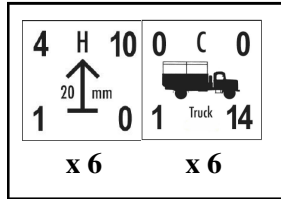
2/3rd
Australian
Machine Gun
Regiment



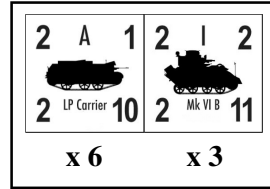
2/3rd, 2/7th,
2/13th
Royal
Australian
Engineers



2/3rd
Light
Anti-Aircraft
Regiment



9th
Australian
Divisional
Cavalry
Regiment



The Australian 9th Infantry Division was formed in England in late 1940 from brigades coming over from Australia. The division was sent to the Middle East and then to North Africa to complete its training and equipping. It was supposed to be part of a garrison force in Libya but soon found itself in the middle of Rommel's offensive. The inexperienced Aussies managed to fall back in good order to Tobruk with minimal casualties and became the foundation of the defense of that important port. The tough Aussies were ordered to try to hold the town for at least two months until relieved. They successfully defended Tobruk for over six months against repeated Axis attacks until Operation Crusader finally broke the siege, earning themselves a special place in history. The 9th suffered over 3000 casualties in their defense of Tobruk.

Note: although the division was not completely motorized, the resourceful Australians managed to acquire enough motorized transport during the retreat to move their entire division back to Tobruk in good order. This sometimes involved towing flatbed trailers or broken down vehicles full of troops but they got the job done.