



Italian 132nd Armored Division (*Ariete*)



Nov 17, 1941

32nd Regiment Carrista

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8th Bersaglieri Regiment

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132nd Artillery Regiment

20 (H) 24 75 mm 2 0 x 4	40 (H) 32 100 mm 2 0 x 2	15 A 20 90 mm 1 0 x 4	0 C 0 TL 37 1 8 x 10	4 H 10 20 mm 1 0 x 3	0 C 0 1 Truck 12 x 3	5 H 8 7 Semo 75/18 8 x 3
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32nd Mixed Engineer Battalion

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3rd Recon Battalion (-)

2 H 4 2 AB-41 16 x 6

3rd Tank Battalion (-)

2 H 4 3 Leggero 6 9 x 6

Milmart Battalion (attached)

12 A 12 1 Milmart 12 x 2

At the beginning of the Operation Crusader, the Ariete Division was in reserve near Bir el Gubi. The advancing British 22nd Armored Brigade attacked Ariete there on the morning of the 19th, resulting in a bloody repulse for the Brits with many of their brand new Crusader tanks destroyed at the hands of the Italians. Later in the battle, Ariete fought the Kiwi's of the 2nd New Zealand Infantry Division and helped destroy the 21st New Zealand Infantry Battalion. During the Axis retreat, Ariete functioned as part of the rear guard, losing nearly all of its remaining tanks in the process.