



Australian 9th Infantry Division

October, 1942

20th
Infantry
Brigade

2/13th Battalion - 2/15th Battalion - 2/17th Battalion

Infantry Battalion x3	2 1 2* 6 RIFLE 1	1 1 1 6	2 1 2* 4 M-G 1	0 C 0 1 Truck 14	3 M 8 76 mm 3	6 A 3 3 pdr 0	2 C(I) 2* 2 Bren 10	2 1 2* 2 Bren 10
	x 12	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2	x 1

40th Royal Tank Regiment (attached)	6 A 3 7 Valentine III 5	5 H 8 8 Matilda CS 5
	x 11	x 1

24th
Infantry
Brigade

2/28th Battalion - 2/32nd Battalion - 2/43rd Battalion

Infantry Battalion x3	2 1 2* 6 RIFLE 1	1 1 1 6	2 1 2* 4 M-G 1	0 C 0 1 Truck 14	3 M 8 76 mm 3	6 A 3 3 pdr 0	2 C(I) 2* 2 Bren 10	2 1 2* 2 Bren 10
	x 12	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2	x 1

26th
Infantry
Brigade

2/23rd Battalion - 2/24th Battalion - 2/48th Battalion

Infantry Battalion x3	2 1 2* 6 RIFLE 1	1 1 1 6	2 1 2* 4 M-G 1	0 C 0 1 Truck 14	3 M 8 76 mm 3	6 A 3 3 pdr 0	2 C(I) 2* 2 Bren 10	2 1 2* 2 Bren 10
	x 12	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2	x 1

2/7 Royal Australian Engineers	3 1 2 10	0 C 0 1 Truck 14
	x 3	x 3

2/7th
RAA
Regiment

35 (H) 35 2 25 pdr 0	0 C 0 1 Matador 12
x 4	x 4

2/8th
RAA
Regiment

35 (H) 35 2 25 pdr 0	0 C 0 1 Matador 12
x 4	x 4

2/12th
RAA
Regiment

35 (H) 35 2 25 pdr 0	0 C 0 1 Matador 12
x 4	x 4

148th
RAA
Regiment

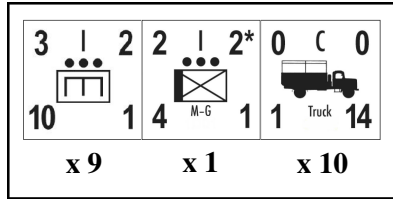
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x 4	x 4

3rd
Anti-Tank
Regiment

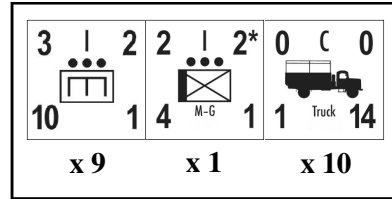
9 A 5 2 6 pdr 0	0 C 0 1 Truck 14
x 16	x 16

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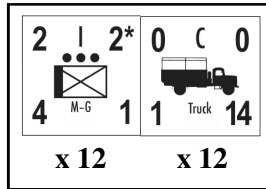
9th Infantry
Division
Royal
Australian
Engineers



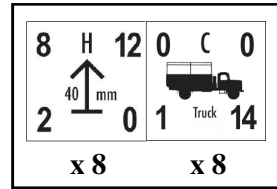
2/3rd
Royal
Australian
Engineers



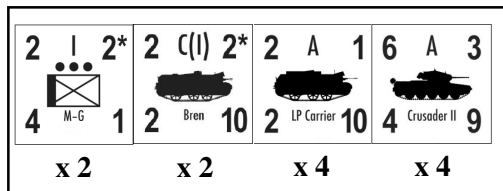
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Australian
Machine Gun
Regiment



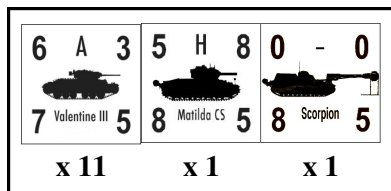
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Light
Anti-Aircraft
Regiment



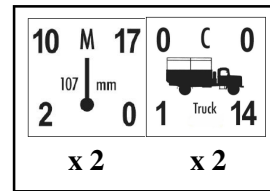
9th
Australian
Divisional
Cavalry
Regiment



46th
Royal
Tank
Regiment
(attached)



66th
Mortar
Company
RE
(attached)



The 9th Australian was farthest north (closest to the coast) in the Allied battleline at El Alamein. This veteran division was expected to spearhead the offensive and it did not disappoint as it made the best advance in XXX Corps in the first few days. The 9th helped severely damage the Trento Division and the 164th Light Division. The Auzzies then helped hold off the counterattack on the 26th by the 15th and 21st Panzer Divisions. On the night of the 28th, the 9th was again ordered forward and, after much hard fighting, threatened the Axis position severely enough that Rommel counterattacked them hard with the 21st Panzer. The tough Auzzies held off at least four attacks and convinced Rommel that he could not break the Allied line. While the 9th was holding Rommel's attention in the north, Operation Supercharge was being organized just to the south, which would help crack the line wide open.

In January, the 9th Australian was ordered back home where it was retrained and reorganized into a jungle division. The division spent the rest of the war fighting the Japanese.