



# 1st South African Infantry Division

May 26, 1942

1st South African Infantry Brigade

Infantry Battalion x 3

2   ● ● ● 5 RIFLE	2   ● ● ● 1	1   ● ● ● 6	1   ● ● ● 1	2   ● ● ● 4 M-G	2*	0 C 0	1 Truck 14	3 M 8	76 mm	3	6 A 3	2 C(l) 2*	2 Bren 10	2 I 2*	2 Bren 10
x 12	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1		x 1		x 1		x 2		x 3	x 2		

1st Duke of Edinburgh's Own Rifles - 1st Royal Natal Carabineers - 1st Transvaal Scottish

1st Field Regiment Artillery

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

1st Field Company South African Engineers

3   ● ● ●	2
10	1
x 3	

2nd South African Infantry Brigade

Infantry Battalion x 3

2   ● ● ● 5 RIFLE	2   ● ● ● 1	1   ● ● ● 6	1   ● ● ● 1	2   ● ● ● 4 M-G	2*	0 C 0	1 Truck 14	3 M 8	76 mm	3	6 A 3	2 C(l) 2*	2 Bren 10	2 I 2*	2 Bren 10
x 12	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1		x 1		x 1		x 2		x 3	x 2		

1st Cape Town Highlanders - 1st Natal Mounted Rifles - 1st/2nd Field Force Battalion

4th Field Regiment Artillery

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

3rd Field Company South African Engineers

3   ● ● ●	2
10	1
x 3	

3rd South African Infantry Brigade

Infantry Battalion x 3

2   ● ● ● 5 RIFLE	2   ● ● ● 1	1   ● ● ● 6	1   ● ● ● 1	2   ● ● ● 4 M-G	2*	0 C 0	1 Truck 14	3 M 8	76 mm	3	6 A 3	2 C(l) 2*	2 Bren 10	2 I 2*	2 Bren 10
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1st Imperial Light Horse - 1st Rand Light Infantry - 1st Royal Durban Light Infantry

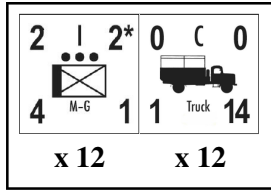
5th Field Regiment Artillery

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

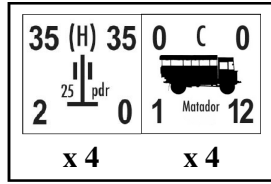
2nd Field Company South African Engineers

3   ● ● ●	2
10	1
x 3	

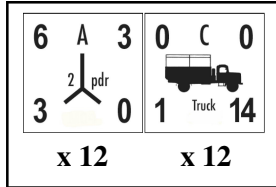
President Steyn Machine Gun Battalion



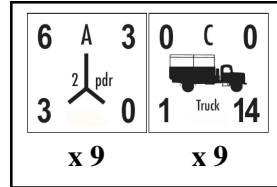
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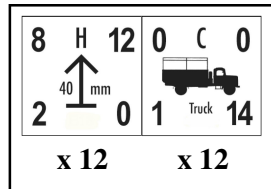
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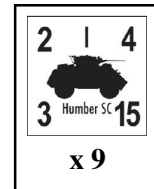
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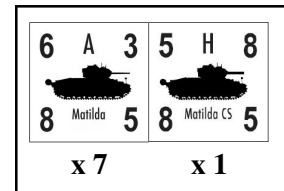
1st SA Light AA Regiment



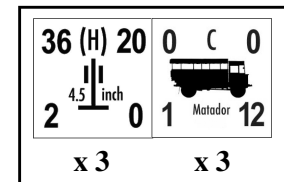
3rd SA Recon Battalion



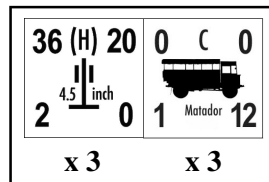
A + C  
42nd RTR  
(attached)



67th Medium Regiment Artillery (attached)



68th Medium Regiment Artillery (attached)



The 1st South Africa guarded the northern part of the Allied line in the Battle of Gazala. To help against possible German panzer attacks, they had almost a regiment of Matilda tanks attached and ready for action. While the major action took place 50 miles south, the South Africans enjoyed relative calm in their part of the front as the mostly Italian Infantry force in their front sat quietly, patiently waiting for the Allies to break in the south. By the middle of June, the Allies decided that the position was lost and the Africans were ordered to retreat to the Egyptian border, acting as a rear guard for part of the time.