



2nd South African Infantry Division

May 26, 1942

4th South African Infantry Brigade

Infantry Battalion x 3

2 5 RIFLE	1 6	1 4 M-G	2 1 Truck	0 14 Truck	3 3 76 mm	8 1 76 mm	6 3 2 pdr	3 0	2 2 Bren	2 10 Bren	2 2 Bren	2 10 Bren
x 12	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2	x 3	x 2			

3rd Royal Durban Light Infantry - Umvoti Mounted Rifles - Kaffrarian Rifles

3rd Field Regiment Artillery

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

10th Field Company South African Engineers

3 10	2 1
x 3	

6th South African Infantry Brigade

1st South African Police

2 5 RIFLE	1 6	1 4 M-G	2 1 Truck	0 14 Truck	3 3 76 mm	8 1 76 mm	6 3 2 pdr	3 0	2 2 Bren	2 10 Bren	2 2 Bren	2 10 Bren
x 12	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2	x 3	x 2			

2nd South African Police (-)

2 5 RIFLE	1 6	1 4 M-G	2 1 Truck	0 14 Truck	3 3 76 mm	8 1 76 mm	6 3 2 pdr	3 0	2 2 Bren	2 10 Bren	2 2 Bren	2 10 Bren
x 9	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2	x 3	x 2			

2nd Transvaal Scottish (-)

2 5 RIFLE	1 6	1 1
x 3	x 1	

2nd Field Regiment Artillery (-)

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

4th Field Company South African Engineers

3 10	2 1
x 3	

Commonwealth Keep Strongpoint Garrison

2 5 RIFLE	2 4 M-G	2 1 Truck	0 14 Truck	6 3 2 pdr	3 0	2 2 Bren	2 10 Bren	2 2 Bren	2 10 Bren
x 3	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1		

2nd Transvaal Scottish (-)

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2 5 RIFLE	2 3 76 mm	3 1 76 mm	8 1 2 pdr	6 3 2 pdr	3 0	2 2 Bren	2 10 Bren	2 2 Bren	2 10 Bren
x 3	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2	x 1				

2nd Transvaal Scottish (-)

9th
Indian
Infantry
Brigade
(attached)

<p>Infantry Battalion x 2</p> <p>x 12 x 1 x 1 x 2 x 3 x 2</p>	<p>2nd West Yorkshire 3rd Bat / 9th Jat Rgt.</p>	
<p>10th Indian Brigade Machine Gun Company</p> <p>x 9 x 9</p>	<p>20th Bombay Field Company Engineers</p> <p>x 3</p>	<p>4th Field Regiment Royal Artillery</p> <p>x 4 x 4</p>
<p>309th Anti-Tank Battery</p> <p>x 3 x 3</p>	<p>9th Indian Brigade Anti-Tank Company</p> <p>x 3 x 3</p>	<p>Assume captured Axis AT guns</p>

Die
Middelanse
Machine
Gun
Battalion
(-)

x 9 x 9

2nd SA
Light
AA
Regiment

x 12 x 12

7th SA
Recon
Battalion

x 9

The 2nd South African Division was deployed in the partially stripped defenses of Tobruk at the start of this battle. Their job was to defend Tobruk, if necessary, and act as a strategic reserve and rally point if some disaster occurred at the front. When the front was finally broken in the middle of June, a decision was made not to defend Tobruk. However, under pressure from Churchill, the Allies decided to once again leave a garrison trapped in the port city. This time, however, the defenses had been stripped for the Gazala line and the position was not strong enough to resist the strong Axis advance. On June 20, 30,000 Allied troops in Tobruk surrendered, including all of this division, except for the 3rd Infantry Brigade and 1st Field Regiment Artillery, which were both absent at the time. These surviving formations were attached to the 1st South African Division while the 2nd South African Infantry Division ceased to exist.