



Italian 101st Mot. Infantry Division (Trieste)

May 26, 1942

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Infantry
Regimen

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21st
Artillery
Regiment

20 (H) 24 75 mm 2	40 (H) 32 100 mm 2	60 (H) 36 149 mm 2	0 C 0 Truck 1 11 37 8	4 H 10 20 mm 1	10 H 12 75 mm 1	0 C 0 Truck 1 12
x 3	x 4	x 3	x 10	x 4	x 3	x 7

The 149mm
howitzers are
attached from
the 8th Artillery
Regiment.

XI
Tank
Battalion

6 A 3 Medio 13/40 5	6
x 10	

52nd
Mixed
Engineer
Battalion
(-)

2 I 1 Truck 5	0 C 0 Truck 1 1 12
x 3	x 3

8th
Bersaglieri
Battalion

2 H 4 AB-41 2	16
x 6	

This fully motorized division was given the task of advancing north of Bir Hacheim and opening a supply route through the minefields that the tanks of the Afrika Korps and the Ariete Division would need as they swept around the flank of the Allied positions. Though the Trieste division was initially successful in this task, "Jock" columns from the Bir Hacheim and the 150th Brigade box to the north disrupted the supply route so much that Rommel nearly had to abandon his offensive at one point. In perhaps the division's best battle in North Africa, the Trieste Division did finally secure the supply line at a critical time and participated in the successful assaults on both the Bir Hacheim boxes and the 150th Brigade Box.