



# 1st South African Infantry Division

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President Steyn Machine Gun Regiment (-)

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B company Die Midlandse Machine Gun Regiment

2	I	2*	0	C	0
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x 3		x 3			

1st South African Light AA Regiment

8	H	12	0	C	0
2	40 mm	0	1	Truck	14
x 9		x 9			

4th Field Regiment Artillery

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

7th Field Regiment Artillery

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

3rd South African Armored Car Regiment

2	I	4	represents Marmon-Herrington armored cars Mk II		
3	Humber SC	15			
x 6					

The "Springboks" of the 1st South African Division were completely motorized for this operation and were tasked with covering the flank of the 7th Armored Division as it advanced. On November 23rd, the 5th Brigade was attacked in the open desert by the 15th Panzer, resulting in the total destruction of the brigade in less than 24 hours. 1st Brigade was also heavily attacked on the 24th by the Ariete Division and was only saved by the intervention of the Stuart tanks of the 4th Armored Brigade. The depleted division continued to fight in the campaign but was relegated to a secondary role.

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