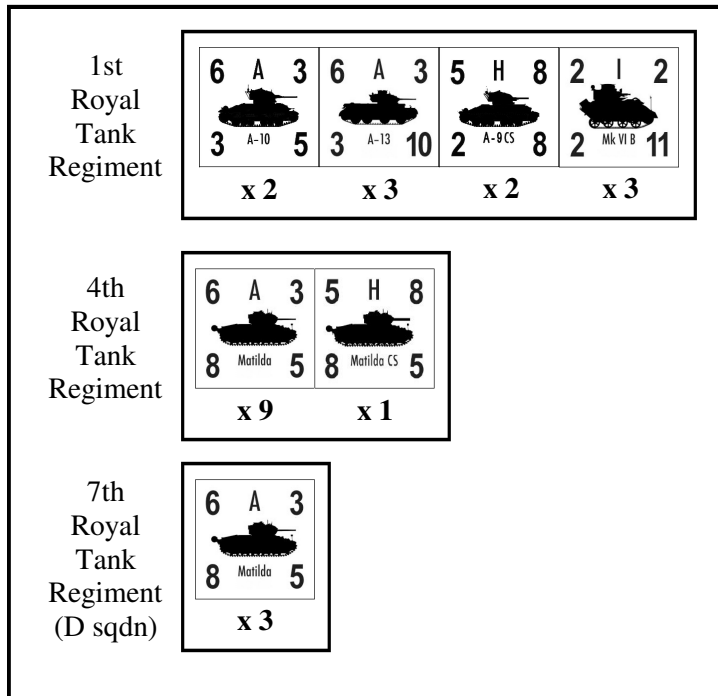


British 32nd Army Tank Brigade

November 17, 1941



During the lull since Operation Battleaxe, a new tank regiment was added to the defense of Tobruk and the armored forces there were organized into a brigade. This brigade was to lead the breakout expected to occur during Operation Crusader. The size of the armored force surprised the Axis and when the time for the breakout occurred, this force was able to easily secure its objectives and link up with the Allied forces coming from the east.