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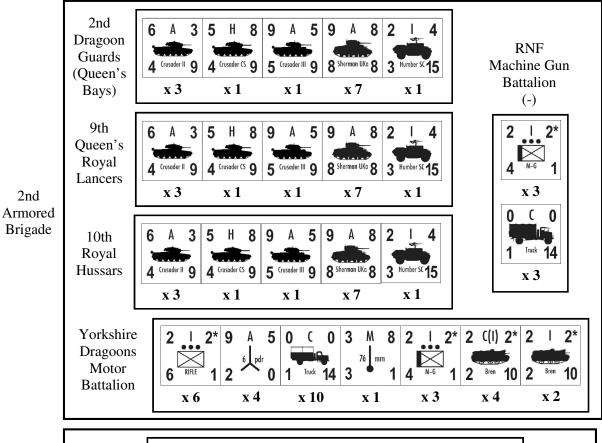
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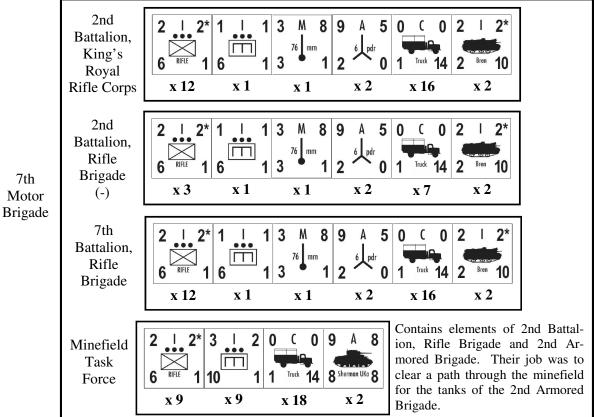
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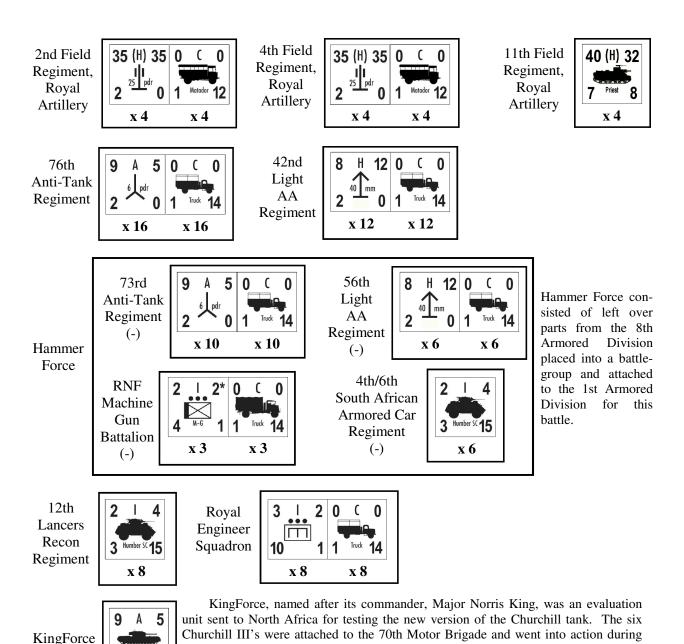
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## **British 1st Armored Division**





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The role of the 1st Armored Division in this battle was to wait until the infantry of XXX Corps had cleared a lane through the minefields and then to penetrate into the enemy rear. The advance was slowed enough that the expected penetration did not occur in the first few days. The 1st Armored continued to attack however and fought an intense battle of attrition against elements of most of the Axis armored divisions. Though the division was not able to break through the Axis line, it did help exhaust the Axis forces so that Operation Supercharge could strike the fatal blow.

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the Battle of El Alamein. In this fight, they destroyed five panzers and three anti-tank

guns with the loss of one tank. The Churchill III performed well enough in this action that two brigades of them were equipped and shipped to North Africa to fight in the