



# 1st South African Infantry Division

## September, 1942

1st South African Infantry Brigade

Infantry Battalion x 4	2   ● ● RIFLE	2   ● ● 1	1   ● ● 6	1   ● ● 1	2   ● ● M-G	2*	0 C 0	3 M 8	6 A 3	2 C(I) 2*	2   ● ● 2*					
	5	1	6	1	4	1	1 Truck	14	3 76 mm	1 2 pdr	3	0	2 Bren	10	2 Bren	10
	x 12	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2	x 3	x 2				

1st Duke of Edinburgh's Own Rifles - 1st Royal Natal Carabineers - 1st Transvaal Scottish - 2nd Regiment Botha

2nd South African Infantry Brigade

Infantry Battalion x 3	2   ● ● RIFLE	2   ● ● 1	1   ● ● 6	1   ● ● 1	2   ● ● M-G	2*	0 C 0	3 M 8	6 A 3	2 C(I) 2*	2   ● ● 2*					
	5	1	6	1	4	1	1 Truck	14	3 76 mm	1 2 pdr	3	0	2 Bren	10	2 Bren	10
	x 12	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2	x 3	x 2				

1st Cape Town Highlanders - 1st Natal Mounted Rifles - 1st/2nd Field Force Battalion

3rd South African Infantry Brigade

Infantry Battalion x 3	2   ● ● RIFLE	2   ● ● 1	1   ● ● 6	1   ● ● 1	2   ● ● M-G	2*	0 C 0	3 M 8	6 A 3	2 C(I) 2*	2   ● ● 2*					
	5	1	6	1	4	1	1 Truck	14	3 76 mm	1 2 pdr	3	0	2 Bren	10	2 Bren	10
	x 12	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 2	x 3	x 2				

1st Imperial Light Horse - 1st Rand Light Infantry - 1st Royal Durban Light Infantry

1st Field Regiment Artillery

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

4th Field Regiment Artillery

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

5th Field Regiment Artillery (-)

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

7th Field Regiment Artillery

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

1st SA Anti-Tank Regiment

6	A	3	9	A	5	8	A	5	26 (H)	30	0	C	0
3	2 pdr	0	2	6 pdr	0	3	50 mm	0	2	18 pdr	0	1	Truck
													14
													x 14

Includes 50mm German AT guns and 18 pdr used in AT role.

1st SA Light AA Regiment

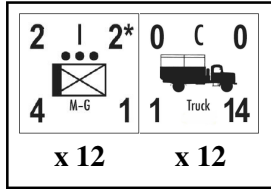
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					x 8

South African Engineers

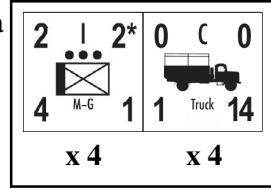
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10	1	1	Truck	14	
					x 9

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 11th, and 13th companies

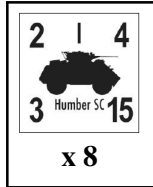
President Steyn Machine Gun Battalion



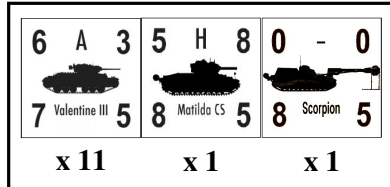
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3rd SA Armored Car Recon Regiment



8th Royal Tank Regiment



Attached from 23rd Armored Brigade

The job of the 1st South African Division during Operation Lightfoot was to advance along with the 2nd New Zealand and help create the southern of the two tank lanes through the minefields. The division was able to advance to its objective line in good order with few casualties. On October 26th, the South Africans were ordered to also cover the front that the 2nd New Zealand and 9th Armored Brigade had occupied as these units were pulled back into reserve to ready them for Operation Supercharge. The division had no role in Supercharge and its last order was to take over the position of the 51st Highland Division. The 1st South African took no further part in the fighting in North Africa. The division was disbanded in January, with some of the troops being absorbed into the new 6th South African Armored Division which was being formed.