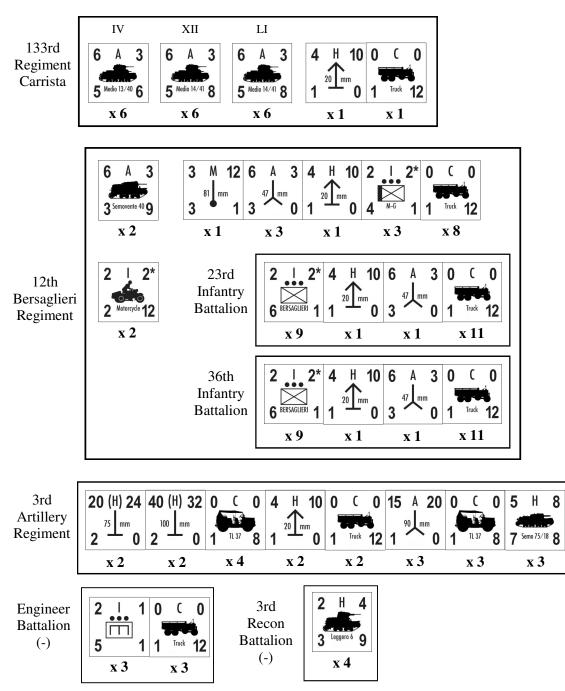


Italian 133rd Armored Division (Littorio)





Littorio, Italy's third armored division, was sent to North Africa in 1942, arriving just at the end of the Gazala battle in June. At El Alamein, the division began the battle as part of the armored reserve and was sent in to counterattack the British thrust. After much hard fighting and many casualties, the division found itself in the path of the 1st and 10 Armored Divisions during Operation Supercharge. With only a few dozen obsolete tanks left to fight with, Littorio was destroyed by the Allied forces and ceased to exit as a division after the battle.

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