

**Italian Forces
Italian East Africa
1 April 1940**

ERTRIA

2nd Autogruppo "Mercedes":

601st Autoreparto (transport unit)
602nd Autoreparto (transport unit)
603rd Autoreparto (transport unit)

Command Autogruppo Eritreo (Command Motortransport Group Eritria)

1st Autoreparto (transport unit)
2nd Autoreparto (transport unit)
3rd Autoreparto (transport unit)
4th Autoreparto (transport unit)
Reserve Park

National Units:

137th CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
170th CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
Africa Cannon Company
1st Colonial Cannon Company

Colonial Brigades:

V Colonial Brigade: General brigata Bergonzi
5th Sol. Colonial Artillery Group
Centro R.M. 5th Colonial Brigade
Colonial Battalion
15th Colonial Somalian Battery (8th Group)
VIII Colonial Brigade: Colonel Rizzo (East Tigrai Sector)
32nd Colonial Battalion
35th Colonial Battalion
36th Colonial Battalion
8th Somalian Colonial Artillery Group
Centro R.M., 8th Colonial Brigade
XII Colonial Brigade: Colonel Tabellini (West Tigrai Sector)
43rd Colonial Battalion
44th Colonial Battalion
12th Somalian Colonial Artillery Group
Centro R.M., 12th Colonial Brigade

Other Colonial Units:

2nd Colonial Cavarly Squadron Group
15th Colonial Cavarly Squadron Group
97th Colonial Battalion

Dancalia Sector Command

North Dancalia Band
Central Dancalia Band
Camel Band (Cpt. Guattrini)
Irregular Beilul Band (Cpt. Pasqualini)
16th Camel Battery, 8th Group
Presaidiaria Company (Cpt. Veneri)

Uolcait Sector:

Command: General Brigata Trionfi
26th Colonial Battalion
31st Colonial Battalion (bis)
43rd Colonial Battalion
77mm/28 Colonial Position Battery

8th Somolian Coloinal Battery
Section, II Somalian Colonial Battery
Presidiaria Company
45th African Position Battery
44th CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
Uolcait Band
Baker Band
Om Ager Band
15th Colonial Cavalry Squadron Group

Amara Government

National Units:

1st African CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
6th African CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
7th African CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
10th African CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
11th Ertrian CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
12th Ertrian CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
13th Ertrian CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
14th Ertrian CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
85th Ertrian CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
116th CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
141st CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
150th CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
151st CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
164th CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
166th CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
240th CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
731st CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
745th CC.NN. (Blackshirt) Battalion
2nd Special Engineering Battalion
40th Artisan Engineer Battalion
Tank Company (Cpt. Pugliess)
National Unit (Lt. Santacroce)
1st Presidiaria Company
2nd Presidiaria Company
3rd Presidiaria Company

III Colonial Brigade: Colonel Natale

11th Colonial Battalion
23rd Colonial Battalion
30th Colonial Battalion
70th Colonial Battalion
5th Somolian Colonial Battalion

IV Colonial Brigade: Colonel Bonelli

14th Colonial Battalion
25th Colonial Battalion
27th Colonial Battalion
29th Colonial Battalion
7th Somalian Colonial Battery

VI Colonial Brigade: Lt. Colonel Magrini

19th Colonial Battalion
24th Colonial Battalion
31st Colonial Battalion
34th Colonial Battalion
11th Somalian Colonial Battery

XVI Colonial Brigade: Colonel Vanetti
22nd Colonial Battalion
33rd Colonial Battalion
47th Colonial Battalion
53rd Colonial Battalion
6th Somalian Colonial Battery

XIX Colonial Brigade: Colonel Durante
21st Colonial Battalion
65th Colonial Battalion
72nd Colonial Battalion
86th Colonial Battalion
37th Somolian Colonial Battery

XXI Colonial Brigade: Colonel Angtelini
77th Colonial Battalion
78th Colonial Battalion
79th Colonial Battalion
80th Colonial Battalion
41st Somolian Colonial Battery

XXII Colonial Brigade: Lt. Colonel Bauer
3rd Colonial Battalion
45th Colonial Battalion
67th Colonial Battalion
68th Colonial Battalion
69th Colonial Battalion
81st Colonial Battalion
1st Somolian Colonial Battery

Central Recruit Colonial Brigade:
Detachment from III Colonial Brigade
Detachment from IV Colonial Brigade
Detachment from VI Colonial Brigade

Position Artillery:
1st Mixed Company
2nd Mixed Company
3rd Mixed Company

Colonial Cavalry Squadron Groups:
3rd Colonial Cavalry Squadron Group
5th Colonial Cavalry Squadron Group
14th Colonial Cavalry Squadron Group

Independent Bands
Amara Band Group: Lt. Colonel Chiarini
Beghemeder Band Group: Major Bartoccelli
U. Ambassel Band Group: Major Farello
Nilo Band Group: Cpt. Barbera
Goggiam Band Group: Lt. Colonel Ugolini
1st Border Band Group: Major Saroldi
2nd Border Band Group: Major Caselli

Other Units
32nd Colonial Batalion
Armred Maintenance Sop
Cole Mineer Group
Stationary Engineer Section

Irregular Bands:
Adi Arcai Irregular Band
Camunti Irregular Band
Chemanti Armed Peasant Band

Scioa Government

Granatieri di Savoia Division: General Brigata Liberati

10th Granatieri Regiment
Granatieri Battalion
Alpini Uork Amba Battalion
Machine Gun Battalion
Depot Company
11th Granatieri Regiment
Granatieri Battalion
Bersaglieri Battalion
Depot Company
60th Artillery Regiment
1st Group
2nd Group
Depot Battery
Instruction Battery
Chemical Platoon
Neghelli Cavalry Squadron Group
CC.RR. Group
Command Company
Aba Company

Other Units:

1st Governoer Genereal Company
2nd Chief of Staff Company
3rd Scioa Company
Depot Company
15th CC.NN. Battalion
1st CC.NN. Anti-Aircraft Group
IV Colonial Cavalry Squadron Group
XI Mil. Forestale Legion

Tappa Command

56th Colonial Brigade (from XI Colonial Brigade)
93rd Independent Colonial Brigade

65th Transport Group:

1st Transport Unit
2nd Transport Unit
616th Transport Unit
622nd Transport Unit
150th Veterinary Hospital

Northern Scioa Sector

National Units:

585th CC.NN. Battalion
631st CC.NN. Battalion

II Colonial Brigade: Colonel Lorrenzini

4th Colonial Battalion
5th Colonial Battalion
9th Colonial Battalion
10th Colonial Battalion
2nd Somalian Colonial Artillery Group

XI Colonial Brigade: Colonel Prina

51st Colonial Battalion
52nd Colonial Battalion
56th Colonial Battalion
63rd Colonial Battalion

11th Somalian Colonial Artillery Group

Other:

4th Colonial Cavalry Squadron Group
11th Colonial Cavalry Squadron Group
16th Colonial Cavalry Squadron Group
19th Colonial Battalion (VI Colonial Brigade)
20th Colonial Battalion (XIII Colonial Brigade)
39th Colonial Battalion (XIII Colonial Brigade)
40th Colonial Battalion (XIII Colonial Brigade)
48th Colonial Battalion (XV Colonial Brigade)
74th Colonial Battalion (XIII Colonial Brigade)
28th Position Battery
62nd Colonial Battalion (XVII Colonial Brigade)

XXV Colonial Brigade: Lt. Colonel Rolandi

28th Colonial Battalion
54th Colonial Battalion

Band Groups:

Altipiano Band Group (Major Grimaldi)
Rolle Band Group (Cpt. Bellia)

Western Sector: General Brigata Martini

VIII Colonial Brigade: Lt. Colonel Rean

13th Colonial Battalion
15th Colonial Battalion
45th Colonial Battalion
7th Somalian Colonial Artillery Group

XXIII Colonial Brigade: Lt. Colonel Casabassa

88th Colonial Battalion
89th Colonial Battalion
90th Colonial Battalion
23rd Somalian Colonial Artillery Group
8th Colonial Cavalry Squadron Group

Other Units:

5th Africa CC.NN. Battalion
7th Colonial Battalion
93rd Colonial Battalion

Biscioftu Sector: General Brigata Muller

National Units:

219th CC.NN. Battalion
Neghelli Cavalry Squadron Group

Colonial Units:

1st Colonial Cavalry Squadron Group
61st Colonial Battalion
83rd Colonial Battalion
87th Colonial Battalion
37th Colonial Battalion
42nd Colonial Battalion

Hara Government

2nd Africa CC.NN. Battalion
6th Special Engineer Battalion
Lancia Armored Car Section
Fiat 611 Armored Car Section
African Cannon Company (Cpt. Blasco)
Motorized Anti-Aircraft Battery (75mm/27) (Lt. De Carlo)

CC.RR.

3 Companies

Engineers:

2 Companies

Transport Service

Independent Transport Group

10th Mixed Transport Unit

324th Mixed Transport Unit

328th Heavy Transport Unit

Other:

3rd Vast Tank Squadron

105mm/28 Mobile Artillery Group (60th African Artillery Regiment)

100mm/17 Mobile Artillery Group (60th African Artillery Regiment)

9th Transport Unit, 3rd Maneuver Transport Group

XIII Colonial Brigade: General Brigata Nam

38th Colonial Battalion

49th Colonial Battalion

13th Somalian Colonial Artillery Group

Base, 20th Colonial Battalion

Base, 39th Colonial Battalion

XIV Colonial Brigade: colonel Siliprandi

37th Colonial Battalion

50th Colonial Battalion

64th Colonial Battalion

85th Colonial Battalion

14th Somalian Colonial Artillery Group

Base, 37th Colonial Battalion

XV Colonial Brigade: Major Romano

40th Colonial Battalion

57th Colonial Battalion

15th Somalian Colonial Artillery Group

Base, 40th Colonial Battalion

Base, 48th Colonial Battalion

XVII Colonial Brigade: Colonel Focanti

42nd Colonial Battalion

58th Colonial Battalion

62nd Colonial Battalion

66th Colonial Battalion

Other Units

6th Colonial Cavalry Squadron Group

1st Gruppo bande dubat di formazione

4th Border Band Group

4th Colonial Gunner Company

Netahara Irregular Band

Gurgura Irregular Band

Mingiar Territorial Band

Mussulmana Irregular Band

Colonial Units:

20th Colonial Battalion

39th Colonial Battalion

48th Colonial Battalion

1st Arabo-Somalia Battalion

Sidama Government

National Units:

4th Africa CC.NN. Battalion
336th di Marcia CC.NN. Battalion
4th African Cannon Company
5th Special Engineer Battalion
Lancia Armored Car Section

CC.RR. (Carabinieri Reale) Group

I Colonial Brigade: Colonel Pialorsi

1st Colonial Battalion
6th Colonial Battalion
8th Colonial Battalion
18th Colonial Battalion
1st Somalian Colonial Artillery Group

IX Colonial Brigade: Colonel Orrigo

2nd Colonial Battalion
17th Colonial Battalion
59th Colonial Battalion
60th Colonial Battalion
9th Somalian Colonial Artillery Group

X Colonial Brigade: Lt. Colonel Cloza

7th Colonial Battalion
16th Colonial Battalion
181st Colonial Battalion
55th Colonial Battalion
10th Somalian Colonial Artillery Group

XVIII Colonial Brigade: Colonel Minola

12th Colonial Battalion
182nd Colonial Battalion
183rd Colonial Battalion
61st Colonial Battalion
Base, 61st Colonial Battalion
18th Somalian Colonial Artillery Group
7th Colonial Cavalry Squadron Group

XXV Colonial Brigade: Lt. Colonel Rolandi

(on operations in Scio)

Other Colonial Units

I Frontier Group Band
II Frontier Group Band
III Frontier Group Band
IV Frontier Group Band
Sub Frontier Group Band
28th Colonial Battalion
54th Colonial Battalion

Transport Units:

4th Transport Unit
6th Transport Unit
7th Transport Unit

Somalia Government

National Units

Africa CC.NN. Company
Africa Artillery Company
7th Special Engineering Battalion

CC.RR.

Somalia Transport Group

1st Transport Unit
2nd Transport Unit
3rd Transport Unit

XXI Colonial Brigade: General Brigata Carnevali

73rd Colonial Battalion
75th Colonial Battalion
76th Colonial Battalion
94th Colonial Battalion
20th Camel Artillery Group
17th Camel Artillery Group (XVII Colonial Brigade)

Other Units

1st "Dubror" Unit
2nd "Dubror" Unit
II Dubat Group
V Dubat Group
VI Dubat Group
VIII Dubat Group
5th Colonial Cannon Company
Colonial Company
74th Colonial Battalion
1st Arabo-Somali Battalion

Italian Airforce, Italian East Africa : SS. General Pinna

Commando Settore Ovest: Gen.Br. Collati

4th Gruppo B.T. (Lt. Col. Branca)
14th Squadrigilia B.T.
15th Squadrigilia B.T.
29th Gruppo B.T. (Major Santagata)
62nd Squadrigilia B.T.
63rd Squadrigilia B.T.
44th Gruppo B.T. (Major Pecorelli)
6th Squadrigilia B.T.
7th Squadrigilia B.T.
49th Gruppo B.T. (Lt. Col. Porcelli)
61st Squadrigilia B.T.
64th Squadrigilia B.T.
Squadrigilia S.M. (Lt. Tait)
110th Squadrigilia O.A.
410th Squadrigilia C.T.
411th Squadrigilia C.T.

"I Olivetti" Airport

repair service

"Dire Dava" Airport

repair service

Gimma Airport

repair service
2nd Transport Group R.A.
CRA Addis Ababa
4th Principal Magazine
6th M.S.A. Magazine

Asmara Airport:

repair service
1st M.S.A. Magazine
Squadrigilia S.M.

Gura Airport:

repair service
5th M.S.A. Magazine
1st Transport Group R.A.
28th Gruppo B.T.
 10th Squadrigilia B.T.
 19th Squadrigilia B.T.
 409th Squadrigilia C.T.
 413th Squadrigilia C.T.

Massaua Airport:

repair service

Gondar Airport:

repair service
26th Gruppo B.T.
 11th Squadrigilia B.T.
 41st Squadrigilia B.T.

Bahar Dar Airport

13th Squadrigilia B.T.

Dessie Airport/27th Gruppo:

repair service
18th Squadrigilia B.T.
52nd Squadrigilia B.T.

Assab Airport:

repair service
118th Squadrigilia B.T.
2nd Ro 37 (bis) Section

25th Gruppo: Lt. Col. Cogangeli

8th Squadrigilia
9th Squadrigilia
65th Squadrigilia
66th Squadrigilia

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