

**Iranian Armed Forces
October 1940**

Airforce:

- 1 Hurricane (unservicable)
- 24 Furies
- 63 Audax
- 34 Hinds
- 3 Oxfords
- 9 Curtis P40 (Tomahawks) in crates at Ahwaz
- 25 Rearward Cloudstar Trainers

Iranian Army

Ahwaz-Abadan-Khurramshahr Area

- 1st Infantry Regiment (1st Division)
- 2nd Infantry Regiment (1st Division)
- 11th Infantry Regiment (15th Division)
- 8 Light Tanks (armed with machineguns)
- 8 Medium Tanks (armed with 37mm & LMGs)
- 10 Armored Cars (armed with 37mm & 1 LMG)

Susangard

- Det/1st Infantry Regiment
- Det/2nd Infantry Regiment
- Det/11th Infantry Regiment

Qsar

- 4 Aircraft
- 10 Armored Cars
- 70 Motor Cars
- 60 Requisitioned Trucks
- 600 Horses
- 10 Guns
- 30th Infantry Regiment (6th Division)

Dizful:

- 19th Infantry Regiment (6th Division)

Shush

- 9th Cavalry Regiment (6th Division)

30 Miles West of Hawizeh:

- Unknown detachment, probably 2,000 men of 6th Division

Qsbat:

- 1 Infantry Company (6th Division)
- 2 Artillery Batteries (6th Division)
- Transport (6th Division)

Abadan

- 11th Infantry Regiment (6th Division)
- 13th Infantry Regiment (6th Division)
- Gendarmerie (6th Division)

Khurramshahr

- 1 Infantry Company (less 60 men at Manyohi)

Khosroabad

- 1 Pack Battery

Between Kurramshahr and Abadan:

- Sloop Palang
- Sloop Babr
- Gunboat Karkas
- Gunboat Simorg
- Gunboat Shahrukh

About to Arrive in Area:

1/2 Artillery Regiment (2nd Division)
105mm Skoda guns (short)

Senneh-Kermanshah Area

Senneh

Headquarters, 5th Kurdistan Division
6th Artillery Regiment (Mixed)
22nd Muzaffar Infantry Regiment
8th (I) Battalion Gendarmerie
W/T Section

Sakriz

14th Cavalry Regiment
6th (I) Battalion Gendarmerie

Baneh

24th Infantry Regiment

Merivan:

23rd Infantry Regiment

Nausud

7th (I) Battalion Gendarmerie

Kermanshah:

Headquarters, 12th (Kermanshah) Division
23rd Cavalry Regiment
38th Infantry Regiment

Qasr-i-Shirin & Naft-i-Shah

14th Artillery Regiment (mixed)
39th Infantry Regiment (1 bn detached)

Pusht-i-Koh:

39th Infantry Regiment (1 bn)
5th Gendarmerie Regiment

Throughtout Area:

8th Engineer Battalion

Reinforcements en route from Isfahan:

37th Infantry Regiment (13th Division)
38th Artillery General Purpose

Reinforcements enroute from Teheran:

from 1st Division:

20th Infantry Regiment
1st Artillery Regiment (105mm short Skoda)
Mountain Artillery Batteries

from 2nd Division:

6th Infantry Regiment
21st Infantry Regiment
1st Artillery Regiment (105mm short Skoda)
Mountain Artillery Batteries

Organization of Iranian Infantry Regiment:

Headquarters:

Headquarter's Company
Pioneers
Artificiers
Clerks
Stretcher Bearers
Signal & Close Support Company
1 Anti-tank Platoon (6-37mm AT guns)
1 Signal Platoon
1 Mortar Platoon (3 sections, each with 2 Mortars)
(81 men)
3 Battalions
3 Infantry Companies, each with
3 Platoons, each with
1st Section
8 (ORs)
2 Rifle Bombers
5 Riflemen
2nd Section
Light Machine Guns
3rd Section
Rifles
4th Section
Light Machine Guns
5th Section
Rifles
1 Machine Gun Company
3 Platoons, each with
2 Brno Machine Guns

Total Strength 68 officers, 2,070 men, 18 HMGs, 54 LMGs, 6 mortars, 6 37mm AT guns.

Organization of Iranian Cavalry Regiment:

Army had a total of 22 regiments of horse and 3 of camels. The total strength was 720 of all ranks.

Headquarters

Signal Troop

1st Saber Squadron, with

4 Troops, with
2 Saber Sections
1 Light Automatic Weapon Section (4 automatics)

2nd Saber Squadron, with

4 Troops, with
2 Saber Sections
1 Light Automatic Weapon Section (4 automatics)

3rd Saber Squadron, with

4 Troops, with
2 Saber Sections
1 Light Automatic Weapon Section (4 automatics)

4th Saber Squadron, with

4 Troops, with

2 Saber Sections
1 Light Automatic Weapon Section (4 automatics)
Machine Gun Squadron (8 Machine Guns)

Iranian Artillery:

12 Batteries - 105mm Skoda (short)
18 Batteries - 105mm Skoda (long)
39 Batteries - Bofors 75mm Mountain guns
6 1/2 Batteries - Schneider 75mm guns
4 Batteries - Schneider 75mm guns
2 Batteries - Aboukoff 75mm guns
1 Battery - British guns
11 1/2 Batteries 75mm Bofors AA guns

Each regiment had 3 mountain batteries and 1 field battery.
6 AA batteries were part of the mechanized brigade
3 AA batteries were part of the 6th Khuzistan Division (2 were
in storage, not in use)
Mountain guns were carried on pack-mules, while those of the
mechanized brigade were drawn by Harrington tractors. The re-
mainder were horse drawn.

Mechanized Brigade:

Headquarters

4 staff cars
1 motorcycle section (16 motorcycles)
1st Regiment (Anti-Aircraft)
1 Battery (16 15mm Besa MGs on trucks)
6 Batteries (75mm Bofors drawn by Marmon-Harrington
Tractors)
2nd Regiment (armored fighting vehicles)
1 Light Tank Battalion (50 Czecho-Moravska 3 1/2 ton tanks
armed with 1 HMG & 1 LMG)
1 Medium Tank Battalion (50 Czecho-Moravska 7 1/2 ton tanks
armed with 1 37mm AT gun & 2 HMGs)
1 Armored Car Battalion (19 Marmon Harrington (4 wheel
drive) & 14 Marmon Harrington (6 wheel drive) armored
cars, each with 1-37mm gun & 2 HMGs)
4 Rolls Royce Armored Cars
3rd Regiment (mechanized Infantry)
50 armored trucks, each with a commander, 2 drivers & 20
infantry
50 Belgian Motorcycles to with 1 Brno machine gun each
Artillery Regiment
6 Batteries (4-105mm Skoda (long) guns)

Note: A British intelligence of 8/12/41 states: "the morale
amongst officers and men is being very bad, the maintance of tank
units poor, and the foreign mechanics employed fully capable of
deliberate sabotage. A shortage of ammunition for the field guns
was also reported, and that the supply then in hand was old and
not of good quality."

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