

**British 8th Army
Tobruk
27 November 1941**

Tobruk Garrison

70th Infantry Division: Major General Morshead

Divisional Troops:

2nd Field Company, RE
12th Field Company, RE
54th Field Company, RE
219th Field Park Company, RE
70th Division Signals

Brigades

14th Infantry Brigade
1st Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire
2nd York and Lancaster Regiment
2nd Black Watch
14th Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Coy
16th Infantry Brigade
2nd Liecesters
2nd Queens
2nd King's Own Royal Regiment
16th Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Coy
23rd Infantry Brigade
1st Essex
1st Durham Light Infantry
4th Border
23rd Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Coy

32nd Army Tank Brigade: Brigadier Willison

1st Royal Tanks
4th Royal Tanks
7th Royal Tanks

Polish Brigade Group: Major General Kopenski

1st Polish Infantry Battalion
2nd Polish Infantry Battalion
3rd Polish Infantry Battalion
1st Polish Cavalry Group
Czechoslovakian Infantry Battalion

British Right Attack Column

XIII British Corps: Lt. General Godwin-Austen

2nd New Zealand Division: Major General Freyberg

4th New Zealand Brigade
5th New Zealand Brigade
6th New Zealand Brigade

4th Indian Division: Major General Messervy

5th Indian Infantry Brigade
7th Indian Infantry Brigade
11th Indian Infantry Brigade

1st Army Armored Brigade: Brigadier Watkins

8th Royal Tanks
42nd Royal Tanks
44th Royal Tanks

12th Flak Brigade:

British Left Attack Column:

XXX British Corps: Lt. General Willoughby Norrie

7th Armored Division: Major General W.H.E.Gott

Divisional Troops: Brigadier Campbell

11th Hussars Armored Car Regiments

4th Engineer Field Squadron

143rd Field Park Squadron

unknown artillery, anti-tank and flak units

4th Armored Brigade: Brigadier Gathouse

3rd Royal Tank Regiment

4th Royal Tank Regiment

8th Hussars

7th Armored Brigade: Brigadier Davy

2nd Royal Tank Regiment

6th Royal Tank Regiment

7th Hussars

22nd Armored Brigade: Brigadier Scott-Cockburn

2nd Hussars

3rd Yeomanry

4th Yeomanry

Total 213 or 216 Mark II Matilda Tanks

214 Cruiser Mk VI Tanks

121 Cruiser I Tanks

165 Stuart M3 Tanks

25 old light tanks

1st South African Infantry Division: Major General Brink

1st South African Infantry Brigade:

HQ, 1st South African Infantry Brigade

1st Royal Natal Carabiniers

1st Duke of Edinburgh's Own Rifles

1/3rd Transvall Scottish

5th South African Infantry Brigade:

organization unknown

Divisional Support Units:

unknown

22nd Guards Brigade: Brigadier Marriot

3rd Coldstream Guards

9th Rifle Brigade

Reserve:

2nd South African Infantry Division: Major General de Villars

3rd South African Infantry Brigade:

HQ, 3rd South African Infantry Brigade

1st Imperial Light Horse

1st Royal Durban Light Infantry

1st Rand Light Infantry

4th South African Infantry Brigade:

HQ, 4th South African Infantry Brigade

2nd Royal Durban Light Infantry

Umvoti Mounted Rifles

The Kaffrarian Rifles

Blake Group (composite battalion, ex 1st SA Division)

6th South African Infantry Brigade:

HQ, 6th South African Infantry Brigade

1st South African Police
2nd South African Police
2nd Transvaal Scottish

Divisional Support Units:

unknown

Independent:

4th Indian Regiment

Oasis Group (Force E): Brigadier Reid

29th Indian Infantry Brigade

6th South African Armored Car Regiment

7th South African Armored Car Regiment

3/2nd Punjab Regiment

2nd South African Field Artillery Regiment (1 bn)

73rd Anti-Tank Battalion (1 company)

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