

**British Forces
Operation Crusader
18 November 1941**

8th Army: General Sir Claude Auchinleck

2nd South African Division: Major General I.P.de Viliers

Division Troops:

- 7th South African Reconnaissance Battalion (less det)
- 1st South African Field Regiment
- 2nd South African Field Regiment
- 5th South African Field Regiment
- South African Anti-Tank Regiment¹
- 2nd South African Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment
 - 5th Battery
 - 6th Battery
- Die Middellandse Regiment (machinegun battalion)

3rd South African Infantry Brigade: Brigadier C.E. Borain

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

4th South African Infantry Brigade: Brigadier A.A.Hayton

- Umvoti Mounted Rifles
- 2nd Royal Durban Light Infantry
- Kaffrarian Rifles

6th South African Infantry Brigade: Brigadier F.W.Cooper

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

Oasis Group: Brigadier D.W. Reid

Force E:

- HQ 29th Indian Infantry Brigade (less rearward HQ dets)
- 7th South African Reconnaissance Battalion (less 1 co)
- 4th Field Battery, 2nd South African Field Regiment
- "C" Battery, 73rd Anti-Tank Regiment, RA (less 1 troop)
 - (4-18pdrs & 12-2pdrs)
- 6th Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA (less X Troop)
- 3/2nd Punjab Regiment (less carrier platoon)
- 6th South African Armored Car Regiment (less 1 sqn & a detachment)

Oasis Group (less Force E): Lt. Col.J.O.Knight²

- Det 6th South African Armored Car Regiment
- 2nd South African Field Regiment (less 4th Field Battery)

¹ Detached to 4th Indian Division, 12 November.

² Forces left behind when Force E set out for Jalo consisted of rearward HQs of the 29th Indian Infantry Brigade, two battalions of infantry with anti-tank and anti-aircraft artillery and two battalions of dummy tanks with units listed.)

70th Division (Tobruk Fortress): Major General MacK. Scobie
(Ten batteries of field artillery, including some 60pdrs and some Italian 149mm and 105mm guns, and two medium batteries.)

- 4 anti-tank batteries
- 4 light anti-aircraft batteries
- 3 heavy anti-aircraft batteries
- 2 5.9" coastal defense batteries (Italian Guns)

32nd Army Tank Brigade: Brigadier A.C. Willison
(126 tanks - including 69 infantry tanks & 30 armored cars)

- 1st Royal Tanks
- 4th Royal Tanks (Mk II Tanks)
- 7th Royal Tanks (Mk II Tanks)

14th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier B.H. Chappel

- 1st Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire
- 2nd York and Lancaster Regiment
- 2nd Black Watch
- 2/15th Australian Infantry Regiment
- 14th Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Coy
- 7th Leicestershires

16th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier C.E.N. Lomax

- 2nd Liecesters
- 2nd Queens
- 2nd King's Own Royal Regiment
- 2/13th Australian Infantry Regiment
5-75mm & 2-60pdrs guns manned by infantry
- 16th Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Coy

23rd Infantry Brigade: Brigadier C.H.V. Cox

- 1st Essex
- 1st Durham Light Infantry
- 4th Border
- 23rd Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Coy

Polish Carpathian Brigade Group: Major General S. Kopanski

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

Matruh Fortress: Brigadier W.H.E. Poole

- 4th South African Field Regiment
- 23rd Hong Kong and Singapore Heavy Anti-Aircraft Battery,
RA
- 5th South African Light Anti-Aircraft Battery
- Troop, 4th South African Light Anti-Aircraft Battery
- 204th Coast Battery, RA

2nd South African Infantry Brigade: Brigadier W.H.E. Poole

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

Long Range Desert Group: Lt. Col. G.L. Prendergast
organization unknown

XIII Corps: Lieutenant General A.R.Godwin-Austen

Corps Troops:

Artillery:

- 2 medium regiments
- 1 anti-tank regiment (less 1 battery)
- 3 light anti-aircraft batteries
- 1 heavy anti-aircraft regiment
- 1 heavy artillery battery

4th Indian Division: Major General F.W.Messervy

Division Troops:

- Central India Horse (less carrier sqn)
- New Zealand Divisional Cavalry Regiment
- 1st Field Regiment
- 25th Field Regiment
- 31st Field Regiment
- 65th Anti-Tank Regiment
- 1 unknown Battery, RA
- 1 light anti-aircraft regiment, RA
- 2nd South African Anti-Tank Regiment

5th Indian Infantry Brigade: Brigadier D.Russell

- 1st Buffs
- 3/16th Punjabs
- 4/6th Rajaput

7th Indian Infantry Brigade: Brigadier H.R.Britggs

- 1st Royal Sussex
- 4/11th Sikhs
- 4/16th Punjabs

11th Indian Infantry Brigade: Brigadier A.Anderson

- 2nd Cameronians
- 2nd Maraths
- 1/6th Rajput

1st Army Tank Brigade: Brigadier H.R.B.Watkins

- 8th Royal Tanks (M II Matilda Tanks)
- "C" Squadron, 42nd Royal Tanks (M III Valentine Tanks)
- 44th Royal Tanks (M III Valentine Tanks)
- Carrier Squadron, Central India horse
- 8th Field Regiment, RA (16-25pdrs)
- Troop light anti-aircraft

2nd New Zealand Division: Major General Freyberg

Divisional Troops:

- 2nd (mot) Cavalry Regiment
- 28th (mot) Maori Infantry Battalion
- 32nd (mot) Wellington Infantry Battalion
- 27th Motor Machine Gun Battalion

4th New Zealand Brigade: Brigadier E. Pittick

- 18th Auckland Battalion
- 19th Wellington Battalion
- 20th New Zealand Battalion

5th New Zealand Brigade: Brigadier J. Hargest

- 21st New Zealand Battalion
- 22nd New Zealand Battalion
- 23rd New Zealand Battalion

6th New Zealand Brigade

- 24th Auckland Battalion
- 25th New Zealand Battalion

26th New Zealand Battalion
Artillery: Brigadier R. Miles
7th Anti-Tank Regiment
14th A/A New Zealand Royal Artillery, NZRA
5th Field Artillery Regiment, NZRA

XXX Corps: Lieutenant General C.W.M.Norrie

Corps Troops:

HQ 6th South African Armored Car Regiment
122nd Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA (1 troop)
1st South African Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA
(2 troops)

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

Division Troops:

Advanced HQ, 9 cruiser tanks
11t Hussars (armored cars)
1st King's Dragoon Guards (armored cars)
4th South African Armored Car Regiment
Misc. troops of anti-tank and anti-aircraft artillery

7th Armored Brigade: Brigadier G.M.O.Davy

HQ (5 cruiser tanks & 5 close support cruiser tanks)³
7th Hussars (37 cruiser & 20 crusader tanks)
2nd Royal Tanks (52 cruisers)
6th Royal Tanks (49 crusaders)x
4th Royal Horse Artillery (2 btrys, 16-25pdrs)
102nd Royal Horse Artillery (Northumberland Hussars)
(1 troop, anti-tank)
1st Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment (1 btry,
less 2 troops)

"A" Co. 2nd Rifle Brigade

22nd Armored Brigade: Brigadier J.Scott-Cockburn

HQ (8 crusader tanks)
"C" Battery, 4th Royal Horse Artillery (8-25pdrs)
102nd Royal Horse Artillery (Northumberland Hussars)
(1 troop, anti-tank)
1st Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment (1 btry,
less 2 troops)
3rd County of London Yeomanry (47 Crusaders & 4
close support tanks)
4th County of London Yeomanry (43 crusaders & 5
close support tanks)
2nd Royal Gloucestershire Hussars (47 Crusaders & 4
close support tanks)

"B" Company, 1st Kings' Royal Rifle Corps

7th Support Group: Brigadier J.C.Campbell

3rd Royal Horse Artillery (36-2pdrs AT guns)
203rd Battery, 51st Field Regiment, RA (12-25pdrs)
60th Field Regiment, RA (24-25pdrs)
12th Battery & troop, 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Regt
1st King's Royal Rifle Corps (less "B" Co.)
2nd Rifle Brigade (less "A" Co.)

4th Armored Brigade Group: Brigadier A.H.Gatehouse

³ Close support tanks had one 3.7" howitzer and 3 .303 Vickers machineguns.

HQ (10 M.3 tanks)
 8th Hussars (50 M.3 tanks)
 3rd Royal Tanks (52 M.3 Tanks)
 5th Royal Tanks (52 M.3 Tanks)
 2nd Royal Horse Artillery (24-25pdrs)
 102nd Anti-Tank Regiment, RHA (Northumberland Hussars)
 less 1 btry)
 122nd Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, RA (less 1 troop)
 2nd Scots Guards
22nd Guards Brigade: Brigadier J.C.) .marriott
 Squadron, 6th South African Armored Car Regiment
 (less 1 troop)
 51st Field Regiment, RA (24-25pdrs) (less 1 btry)
 73rd Anti-Tank Regiment, RA (12-18pdrs & 36-2pdrs)
 (less "C" Btry)
 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment (1 btry, less
 2 troops)
 3rd Coldstream Guards
 9th Rifle Brigade
 12th Anti-Aircraft Brigade, RA (army troops under
 the command of the 22nd Guards Brigade)
1st South African Division: Major General G.E.Brink
Division Troops:
 3rd South African Reconnaissance Battalion
 3rd South African Field Regiment (THA) (24-25pdrs)
 7th South African Field Regiment (24-25pdrs)
 7th Medium Regiment, RA (2-4.5" batteries)
 1st South African Anti-Tank Regiment (16-18pdrs &
 48-2pdrs)
 1st South African Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment
 (less 2 troops) (36 guns)
 Regiment President Steyn (machinegun battalion)
 (less 1st & 3rd Cos)
1st South African Infantry Brigade: Brigadier D.H.Pienaar
 1st Royal Natal Carabineirs
 1st Transvaal Scottish
 1st Duke of Edinburgh's Own Rifles
 1st Company, Regiment President Steyn (machinegun co)
5th South African Infantry Brigade: Brigadier B.F.Armstrong
 1st South African Irish
 2nd Regiment Botha
 3rd Transvaal Scottish
 3rd Company, Regiment President Steyn (machinegun co)

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