

**Axis Forces**  
**Battle of Sidi Rezeg**  
**November 1941**

Supercomando Africa Settentrionale (Higher Command North Africa):  
General Ettore Bastico

XX CAM Mobile Army Corps: General Gastone Gambara

Ariete Armored Division: Major General Balotta

132nd Armored Regiment

7th Battalion (M.13/40 tanks)

8th Battalion (M.13/40 tanks)

9th Battalion (M.13/40 tanks)

1 Battery (20/35 anti-tank guns)

8th Bersaglieri Regiment

12th Motorized Bersaglieri Battalion, with

1 Motorized Headquarters Company

2 Motorized Bersaglieri Companies

1 Motorized AT Company (8-47mm guns)

5th Motorized Bersaglieri Battalion, with

1 Motorized Headquarters Company

2 Motorized Bersaglieri Companies

1 Motorized AT Company (8-47mm guns)

1 Motorcycle Company

3rd Heavy Weapons Battalion, with

1 Motorized HQ Company

1 Motorized Machine Gun Company

1 Motorized AA Company (20mm Guns)

1 Motorized Mortar Company (81mm Mortars)

1 Motorized Anti-Tank Battalion, with

1 Motorized Headquarters Company

2 Motorized AT Companies (8-47mm/32 Guns)

132nd Artillery Regiment

1 Motorized AA Battalion, with

1 Motorized AA Company (20mm Guns)

1 Motorized AA Company (90mm/53 Guns)

1 Gruppo with 3 motorized batteries 75/18 guns

1 Gruppo with 2 motorized batteries 105/28 guns

1 Gruppo with 2 motorized batteries 90/53 guns

Trieste Division: Major General Piazzoni

65th "Valtellina" Infantry Regiment

2 bns, each with 4 cos motorized infantry)

2 Motorized Infantry Battalions

Motorized Mortar Company (81mm mortars)

Motorized AT Artillery Company (8-47mm AT guns)

66th "Valtellina" Infantry Regiment

Motorized Hq Detachment

3 Motorized Infantry Battalions

Motorized Mortar Company (81mm mortars)

Motorized AT Artillery Company (8-47mm AT guns)

9th Bersaglieri Regiment

Motorized Hq Detachment

28th Bersaglieri Battalion

30th Bersaglieri Battalion

32nd Bersaglieri Battalion

- Motorized AT Artillery Company (8-47mm AT guns)
  - 1 support battalion
    - 1 co 20/35 anti-aircraft guns
    - 1 co 47/32 anti-tank guns
    - 1 co 81mm mortars
    - 1 co heavy machineguns
- 101st Anti-Tank Battalion
  - 1 co 20/35 anti-aircraft guns
  - 1 co 47/32 anti-tank guns
  - 1 co 81mm mortars
  - 1 co heavy machineguns
- Divisional Troops
  - Motorized Machinegun Battalion<sup>1</sup>
  - Motorized Engineer Battalion<sup>1</sup>
    - 1 support battalion
      - 1 co 20/35 anti-aircraft guns
      - 1 co 47/32 anti-tank guns
      - 1 co 81mm mortars
      - 1 co heavy machineguns
- 21st Po (motorized) Artillery Regiment
  - 1 Gruppo with 3 Batteries (100/17 guns)
  - 1 Gruppo with 3 Batteries (75/27 guns)
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- Raggruppamento Esploratorie di Corpo d'Armata de Manovra (RECAM) (reconnaissance group of the Mobile Army corps)
  - 28th Engineer Company (Buastatori)
- 90th Medical Section
  - 16th Surgical Unit
  - 65th Field Hospital
  - 214th Field Hospital
  - 242nd Field Hospital
- 80th Heavy Motor Transport Section
- 176th Supply Section
- 22nd CCRR Section

Panzer Group Afrika: General of Panzer Troops Erwin Rommel

Deutsches Afrikakorps (DAK): Generalleutnant Ludwig Cruewell

- 15th Panzer Division: Generalmajor Neumann-Silkow
  - 1/,2/8th Panzer Regiment (135 tanks, including
    - 26 Mk III, 21 Mk IV, 38 Mk II)
  - 15th Rifle Brigade: Colonel Menny
    - 1/,2/115th Motorized Infantry Regiment
    - 2nd Machine Gun Battalion (became 3/115 on 4/1/42)
    - 1/,2/200th Motorized Infantry Regiment
  - 33rd Reconnaissance Battalion
    - 1/,2/,3/33rd Motorized Artillery Regiment
  - 33rd Panzer Jäger (AT) Battalion
  - 33rd Engineer Battalion
  - 79th Signals Battalion

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<sup>1</sup> May not have been present, but was assigned to the division.

21st Panzer Division: Generalmajor von Ravenstein  
1/,2/5th Panzer Regiment (120 tanks, including  
68 Mk III, 17 Mk IV, & 35 Mk II)  
1/,2/,3/104th Motorized Infantry Regiment<sup>2</sup>  
3rd Reconnaissance Battalion  
605th Motorized Artillery Regiment  
39th Panzer Jäger (AT) Battalion  
Support Troops

90th Light Afrika Infantry Division:<sup>3</sup> Generalmajor Suemmermann  
1/,2/,3/155th Infantry Regiment  
1/,2/361st Infantry Regiment  
3/255th Infantry Regiment  
3/347th Infantry Regiment  
605th Panzerjäger Battalion  
900th z.b.V. Engineer Battalion<sup>4</sup>  
Sonderverband 288  
580th Reconnaissance Unit

XXI Corps: Generalleutnant Enea Navarrini

Dets. Sabratha Division:

Organization unknown

Bologna Division: Generale di Divisione Gloria

39th Bologna Infantry Regiment  
40th Bologna Infantry Regiment  
10th Volturmo Artillery Regiment  
135th Mixed Motor Transport Section  
66th Surgical Unit  
96th Field Hospital  
528th Field Hospital  
308th Field Ambulance Unit  
34th Field Bakery  
73rd CCRR Section

Pavia Division: Generale di divisione Franceschini

57th Abruzzi Infantry Regiment  
58th Abruzzi Infantry Regiment  
20th Piave Artillery Regiment  
10th Mortar Battalion  
10th Anti-Tank Company  
10th Engineer Battalion  
10th Signal Company  
9th Pioneer Company  
42nd Pioneer Company  
108th Motorcyclke Bersaglieri Company  
Squadron L6 Tanks  
117th Medical Section  
816th Field Hospital

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<sup>2</sup> Transferred from 15th Panzer Regiment on 1 September 1941.

<sup>3</sup> 90th Division had 76 officers and 1,603 men. The division had 28 guns and controlled 9 field guns, 14 50mm AT guns, 3 88mm and 14 20mm guns.

<sup>4</sup> "z.b.V" means "zur besondern Verwendung or "for special employment".

817th Field Hospital  
65th Surgical Unit  
186th Heavy Motor Transport Section  
236th Mixed Autoreparto  
127th Bakery Section  
31st CCRR Section  
32nd CCRR Section

Brescia Division: Generale di divisione Zambon

19th Bresica Infantry Regiment  
20th Bresica Infantry Regiment  
55th Artillery Regiment  
27th Mixed Engineer Battalion  
34th Medical Section  
35th Surgical Unit  
95th Field Hospital  
328th Motor Transport Section  
34th Supply Section  
127th CCRR Section

Artillery Command 104: Major General Boettcher

5 Artillery units with:  
9 210mm howitzers  
12 German 100mm guns  
3 German 170mm guns  
12 French 155mm guns

XXI Italian Corps Artillery:

12 Batteries with  
36-105mm guns)  
84 French 149mm guns  
12 -120mm naval guns

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