

**Organization of Italian Armored Division
July 1941**

132nd "Ariete" Armored Division

Headquarters Detachment
7th Armored Battalion (M13 Tanks)
8th Armored Battalion (M13 Tanks)
9th Armored Battalion (M13 Tanks)
8th Bersaglieri Regiment
 Motorized Headquarters Company
 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 Engineer Battalion (in Italy)
1 Motorized Anti-Tank Battalion, with
 1 Motorized Headquarters Company
 2 Motorized AT Companies (8-47mm/32 Guns)
132nd Motorized Artillery Regiment
 1 Motorized AA Battalion, with
 1 Motorized AA Company (20mm Guns)
 1 Motorized AA Company (90mm/53 Guns)
 2 Motorized Artillery Battalions (75mm/27 Guns)¹
 1 Motorized Artillery Battalion (105mm/28 Guns)

Note: The AA and 105/28 guns were enroute from Italy to North Africa to join the division at this time.

Standard Organizational Strengths

HQ (28/196)²
2 Cavalry Regiments (74/1,682)
Bersaglieri Regiment (106/2,799)
Anti-Tank Company (6/149)
Light Tank Group (23/289)
Divisional Artillery Regiment (69/1,454)
Mixed Engineer Company (7/359)
Medical Section (7/103)

¹ Soon replaced by Semovente self propelled artillery.

² Numbers are officers and men.

Supply Section (3/34)
Motor Transport Group (11/340)

Green, J., Mare Nostrum, The War in the Mediterranean

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