

**1st & 2nd South African Divisions
June 1942**

1st South African Division: (as of 2 June 1942)

HQ SA Artillery (6/20/8/20)¹
HQ SA Engineer Corps
HQ SA Corps of Signals
HQ Q Services
HQ T Services
1st SA Divisional Air Intelligence Liaison Section
1st SA Divisional Field Security Section
1st SA Divisional Protective Platoon
(total other HQ units - 43/104/60/81)

1st South African Infantry Brigade:

HQ, 1st South African Infantry Brigade (16/60/25/48)
1st Royal Natal Carabiniers (33/672/77/172)
1st Duke of Edinburgh's Own Rifles (33/672/77/172)
1/3rd Transvaal Scottish (33/672/77/172)

2nd South African Infantry Brigade:

HQ, 2nd South African Infantry Brigade (16/60/25/48)
1st Natal Mounted Rifles (33/672/77/172)
Cape Town Highlanders (33/672/77/172)
1/2nd Field Force Battalion (33/672/77/172)

3rd South African Infantry Brigade:

HQ, 3rd South African Infantry Brigade (16/60/25/48)
1st Imperial Light Horse (33/672/77/172)
1st Royal Durban Light Infantry (33/672/77/172)
1st Rand Light Infantry (33/672/77/172)

Divisional Troops:

Infantry:

2nd Regiment Botha
Regiment President Steyn (machinegun battalion)
"B" Company, Die Middellandse Regiment (machinegun co)

Artillery

1st South African Field Regiment (46/639/76/50)
4th South African Field Regiment (46/639/76/50)
5th South African Field Regiment (46/639/76/50)
7th South African Field Regiment (46/639/76/50)
67th Medium Regiment, RA
68th Medium Regiment, RA
1st South African Anti-Tank Regiment (24/670/47/75)
2nd South African Anti-Tank Regiment (24/670/47/75)
1st South African Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment (31/588/153/208)

Engineers:

1st South African Field Company (7/96/125/96)
2nd South African Field Company (7/96/125/96)
3rd South African Field Company (7/96/125/96)
Det. 21st South African Corps Field Park Company (4/59/31/156)
Det. 85th South African Camouflage Company
Section, 95th South African Bomb Disposal Company

¹ Numbers are theoretical strengths. They are officers, enlisted ranks, natives and "C.C."

Signals:

1st South African Divisional Signals Company (12/243/50/132)
5th South African Brigade Signals Company
10th South African Brigade Signals Company
3rd South African Brigade Signals Company
1st South African Divisional Artillery Signals Company

Q Services:

1st South African Brigade Company
2nd South African Brigade Company
3rd South African Brigade Company
1st South African Divisional Troops Company
2nd South African Reserve Motor Transport Company
3rd South African Reserve Motor Transport Company
1st South African Divisional Mobile Laundry
1st South African Divisional Mobile Bath Unit

Medical:

12th South African Field Ambulance
15th South African Field Ambulance
18th South African Field Ambulance
2nd South African Divisional Dental Unit
3rd South African Field Dental Unit
5th South African Field Dental Unit
7th South African Field Dental Unit
1st South African Field Hygiene Section

T Services:

1st South African Brigade Workshops
2nd South African Brigade Workshops
3rd South African Brigade Workshops
1st South African Divisional Workshops
(total workshops - 5/136/13/108)
1st South African Divisional Q and T Stores Park (1/11/8/33)

Provost:

2nd South African Field Provost Company (5/187/111/18)

Postal:

1st South African Divisional Postal Unit (1/16/1/2)

Salvage:

1st South African Divisional Unit (1/23/26/10)

The strength was approximately 17,000 men, of whom 5,000 were no-Europeans.

2nd South African Division: (as of 20 June 1942)

HQ SA Artillery
HQ SA Engineer Corps
HQ SA Corps of Signals
HQ Q Services
HQ T Services

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 Troops:

Infantry:

Die Middellandse Regiment (machinegun battalion) (less "B" Company)

Armor:

7th South African Reconnaissance Battalion

Artillery

2nd South African Field Regiment

3rd South African Field Regiment

6th South African Field Regiment

2nd South African Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

Engineers:

4th South African Field Company

10th South African Field Company

Signals:

2nd South African Divisional Signals Company

4th South African Brigade Signals Company

6th South African Brigade Signals Company

2nd South African Divisional Artillery Signals Company

Q Services:

2nd South African Divisional Troops Company

4th South African Brigade Company

6th South African Brigade Company

2nd South African Divisional Mobile Laundry

2nd South African Divisional Mobile Bath Unit

Medical:

14th South African Field Ambulance

17th South African Field Ambulance

1st South African Divisional Dental Unit

10th South African Field Dental Unit

4th South African Field Dental Unit

6th South African Field Dental Unit

2nd South African Field Hygiene Section

T Services:

2nd South African Divisional Workshops

4th South African Brigade Workshops

6th South African Brigade Workshops

2nd South African Divisional Q and T Stores Park

Provost:

3rd South African Field Provost Company

Postal:

2nd South African Divisional Postal Unit

Salvage:

2nd South African Divisional Unit

Note: The Beer Group (composite battalion ex 1st SA Infantry Division) was under the command of the 11th Indian Brigade. The 2nd SA Field Battery was under the command of the 25th Field Regiment, RA, the 20th Field Park Company, SA Engineer Corps, was under the command of C.R.E. 88th Sub-Area.

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