

**Italo-German Order of Battle**  
**North Africa**  
**23 October 1942**

Panzerarmee Afrika: General Stumme (temporarily)

10th Corps: General Enrico Fratiani (as of 10/26/42)

Corps Troops:

- 9th Bersaglieri Regiment (2 Bns)
- 49th Artillery Battalion (105mm/28 Guns)
- 142nd Artillery Battalion (149mm/28 Guns)
- 31st Assault Engineer Battalion
- 10th Engineer Regiment (2 Bns)
- Service Troops

17th Pavia Infantry Division

- 27th Infantry Regiment (2 Bns)
- 28th Infantry Regiment (2 Bns)
- 26th Artillery Regiment
  - 2nd Artillery Battalion (75mm/27 Guns)
  - 3rd Artillery Battalion (75mm/27 Mod 06 Guns)
  - 4th Artillery Battalion (75mm/27 Mod 06 Guns)
  - 77th Artillery Battery (20mm AA Guns)
  - 432nd Artillery Battery (20mm AA Guns)
- 17th Engineer Battalion

27th Brescia Infantry Division

- 19th Infantry Regiment (2 Bns)
- 20th Infantry Regiment (3 Bns)
- 1st Celere Artillery Regiment
  - 1st Artillery Battalion (100mm/17 Model 14 Howitzers)
  - 3rd Artillery Battalion (75mm/27 Mod 06 Guns)
  - 4th Artillery Battalion (75mm/27 Mod 06 Guns)
  - 5th Artillery Battalion (88mm/55 AT/AA Guns)
  - 401st Artillery Battery (20mm AA Guns)
  - 404th Artillery Battery (20mm AA Guns)
- 27th Engineer Battalion

185th Folgore Parachute Division:

- 186th Infantry Regiment (3 Bns)
- 187th Infantry Regiment (3 Bns)
- 185th Artillery Regiment
  - 1st Battalion (47mm/32 Guns)
  - 2nd Battalion (47mm/32 Guns)
- 8th Assault Engineer Battalion

21st Army Corps: General A. Gloria (General Navarini)

- 7th Bersaglieri Regiment (2 bns)
- 8th Raggruppamento Army Artillery
  - 33rd Artillery Battalion (149mm/40 Guns)
  - 52nd Artillery Battalion (152mm/37 howitzers)
  - 81st Artillery Battalion (149mm/28 howitzers)
- Support Troops

102nd Trento Motorized Infantry Division<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Division was short of motorized vehicles.

61st Motorized Infantry Regiment (3 Bns)  
62nd Motorized Infantry Regiment (3 Bns)  
46th Motorized Artillery Regiment  
    1st Artillery Battalion (100mm/17 Model 14  
        Howitzers)  
    2nd Artillery Battalion (100mm/17 Model 14  
        Howitzers)  
    3rd Artillery Battalion (75mm/27 Guns)  
    4th Artillery Battalion (75mm/27 Mod 06 Guns)  
51st Engineer Battalion  
4/Grantieri de Sardegna Anti Tank Regiment  
355th Artillery Battalion (75mm/28 Guns)  
354th Artillery Battalion (77mm/27 Guns)<sup>2</sup>

25th Bologna Infantry Division

39th Infantry Regiment (3 Bns)<sup>3</sup>  
40th Infantry Regiment (2 Bns)  
205th Artillery Regiment  
    1st Artillery Battalion (100mm/17 Model 14  
        Howitzers)  
    2nd Artillery Battalion (100mm/17 Model 14  
        Howitzers)  
    3rd Artillery Battalion (75mm/27 Mod 06 Guns)  
    4th Artillery Battalion (75mm/27 Mod 06 Guns)  
    4th Artillery Battery (20mm AA Guns)  
    437th Artillery Battery (20mm AA Guns)

25th Engineer Battalion

20th Corps: General Giuseppe De Stefanis

2nd Bersaglieri (Motorcycle) Regiment  
24th Engineer Battalion  
20mm AA Battery detached from 132nd Artillery Regiment

132nd Ariete Armored Division

132nd Medium Armored Regiment, with  
    3 Armored Battalions, each with  
        3 Armored Companies  
    1 20mm AA Company  
8th Motorized Bersaglieri Regiment  
    2 Infantry Battalions  
    1 AT Battalion  
1/,2/132nd Motorized Artillery Regiment, each with  
    3 Batteries of 75mm/27 Guns  
3/132nd Motorized Artillery Regiment, with  
    3 Batteries of 105mm/28 Guns  
31st Artillery Battalion  
    3 Batteries of 85mm/55 AA/AT Guns  
15th Artillery Battalion (105mm/28 Guns)  
5th Semoventi SP 75mm/18 Howitzer Battalion  
    1 HQ (2 Guns)  
    2 Batteries (4 Guns each)

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<sup>2</sup> Could be 254th Artillery Battalion.

<sup>3</sup> May have only two battalions.

3/Nizza Cavalry Regiment  
(either armored cars or L3 Tanks)

133rd Littorio Armored Division:

133rd Medium Armored Regiment  
4th, 12th & 51st Armored Battalions, each with  
3 Armored Companies (M Tanks)  
12th Bersaglieri Regiment, with  
2 Infantry Battalions  
1 AT Battalion  
3rd Celere Artillery Regiment  
332nd Artillery Battalion (100mm/17 howitzers)  
2/133rd Artillery Regiment (75mm/27 Guns)  
29th Artillery Battalion (88mm/55 AA/AT Guns)  
5th Battery/133rd Artillery Regiment (20mm AA)  
406th Artillery Battery (20mm AA)  
554th Semoventi SP 75mm/18 Howitzer Battalion  
1 HQ (2 Guns)  
2 Batteries (4 Guns each)  
556th Semoventi SP 75mm/18 Howitzer Battalion  
1 HQ (2 Guns)  
2 Batteries (4 Guns each)  
3/Lancieri Novara Armored Regiment (L6 Tanks)  
Engineer Company

101st Trieste Motorized Infantry Division:

65th Motorized Infantry Regiment (2 Bns)  
66th Motorized Infantry Regiment (3 Bns)  
21st Motorized Artillery Regiment  
1st Artillery Battalion (100mm/17 Howitzers)  
2nd Artillery Battalion (100mm/17 Howitzers)  
3rd Artillery Battalion (75mm/27 Guns)  
4th Artillery Battalion (75mm/27 Guns)  
5th Artillery Battalion (75mm/50 Guns)<sup>4</sup>  
8th Bersaglieri Armored Car Battalion  
21st Armored Battalion (M13 Tanks)  
52nd Motorized Engineer Battalion

German Afrika Korps: General Wilhelm von Thoma

19th (Luftwaffe) Flack Division HQ  
288th "Sonderverband" Panzer Grenadier Regiment (2 bns)  
104th Artillery Command  
605th AT Battalion  
707th SP Artillery Company (150mm howitzer on PzKfz Mk II)<sup>5</sup>  
708th SP Artillery Company (150mm howitzer on PzKfz Mk II)

Giovani Fascisti Infantry Division:

2 Infantry Battalions  
1 AT Battalion/136th Artillery Regiment  
14th Artillery Battalion, with  
3 Batteries (65mm/17 Guns)  
15th Artillery Battalion  
3 Batteries (65mm/17 Guns)

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<sup>4</sup> May not be present, was down to one battery in September.

<sup>5</sup> Precise assignment of 707th and 708th Companies is not known, but they were present.

16th Artillery Battalion  
3 Batteries (65mm/17 Guns)  
17th Artillery Battalion  
2 Batteries (100mm/17 Guns)  
88th Artillery Battery (20mm AA Guns)  
25th Engineer Battalion  
(includes Co of demolition engineers)  
3/Monferrato Armored Car Regiment<sup>6</sup>  
8th Bersaglieri Regiment<sup>7</sup>  
Support Troops

15th Panzer Division:

8th Panzer Regiment (2 Bns)  
115th Panzer Grenadier Regiment (3 Bns)  
33rd Reconnaissance Battalion  
1/33rd Motorized Artillery Regiment  
1st - 3rd Batteries, 4 light 105mm Howitzers each  
2/33rd Motorized Artillery Regiment  
4th - 6th Batteries, 4 light 105mm Howitzers each  
3/33rd Motorized Artillery Regiment  
7th Battery, with 4 light 105mm Howitzers  
8th & 9th Batteries - 4 150mm Howitzers each  
33rd AT Battalion (20 Sdkfz 139's with 76.2mm AT Gun)  
33rd Engineer Battalion  
Support Troops

21st Panzer Division:

5th Panzer Regiment (2 Bns)  
104th Panzer Grenadier Regiment (3 Bns)  
3rd Reconnaissance Battalion  
1/155th Motorized Artillery Regiment  
1st - 3rd Batteries, 4 light 105mm Howitzers each  
2/155th Motorized Artillery Regiment  
4th - 6th Batteries, 4 light 105mm Howitzers each  
3/155th Motorized Artillery Regiment  
7th Battery, with 4 light 105mm Howitzers  
8th & 9th Batteries - 4 150mm Howitzers each  
39th AT Battalion (20 Sdkfz 139's with 76.2mm AT Gun)  
200th Engineer Battalion  
Support Troops

90th Light Afrika Motorized Division:

155th Motorized Infantry Regiment  
Regimental HQ & HQ Company  
Motorized Signal Platoon  
Motorized Engineer Platoon (3 LMG's)  
Motorcycle Platoon (6 LMG's)  
13th Motorized Infantry Gun Company, with  
6 150mm Guns & 4-75mm Guns  
14th Engineer Company, with  
9 LMG's, 3 AT Rifles & 6 75mm  
or 76.2mm AT guns

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<sup>6</sup> Had 19 armored cars and joined in December, after the retreat.

<sup>7</sup> Joined in December, as did three artillery batteries of unknown calibers.

1st Motorized Infantry Battalion,  
     Battalion HQ  
     4 Motorized Infantry Companies, each with  
         18 LMG's  
         2 81mm Mortars  
         1 AT Rifle  
         6 75mm or 76.2mm AT guns  
 2nd Motorized Infantry Battalion,  
     (as above)  
 200th Motorized Infantry Regiment  
     2 Battalions (as above)  
 361st Motorized Infantry Regiment  
     2 Battalions<sup>8</sup>  
 580th Reconnaissance Battalion  
     Heavy Armored Car Platoon  
         6 armored cars with 75mm guns  
     Armored Car Company (24 armored cars)  
     Armored Reconnaissance Company  
         2 HMG's  
         18 LMG's  
         3 AT Rifles  
         4 75mm or 76.2mm AT Guns  
     Heavy Reconnaissance Company,  
         Engineer Platoon  
         AT Platoon with 3 SP 75mm or 76.2 AT guns  
             & 3 LMG's  
         Signal Platoon  
     Motorized Artillery Battery  
         4 105mm Howitzers & 2 LMG's  
 190th Artillery Regiment  
     190th Light AA Company (12 motorized 20mm AA Guns)  
     1st Motorized Artillery Battalion<sup>9</sup>  
         2 Motorized Artillery Batteries, each with  
             4 105mm Howitzers & 2 LMG's  
         1 Motorized Artillery Battery  
             4 105mm Guns & 2 LMG's  
     2nd Motorized Artillery Battalion  
         2 Motorized Artillery Batteries, each with  
             4 105mm Howitzers & 2 LMG's  
         1 Motorized Artillery Battery  
             4 105mm Guns & 2 LMG's  
     190th Armored Battalion<sup>10</sup>  
     900th Motorized Engineer Battalion, with

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<sup>8</sup> Same as previous battalions, except 13th Infantry Gun Company has no 75mm infantry guns.

<sup>9</sup> May not have been present, as it had just arrived in Africa. It may also have been organized with two battalions, one of 76.2mm guns and the other of 105mm howitzers. The source is unclear.

<sup>10</sup> Present for Tunis, but may not have been present at El Alamein.

2 Companies, each with  
9 LMG's  
3 AT Rifles  
3 50mm AT Guns  
1 Sturm Engineer Company  
190th AT Battalion, with  
2 AT Companies, each with  
9 37mm AT guns  
6 LMG's

Support Troops

164th Light Afrika Motorized Division

125th Motorized Infantry Regiment (2-3 Battalions)  
Regimental HQ  
Motorized Signal Platoon  
Motorized Engineer Platoon (3 LMG's)  
Motorcycle Platoon (6 LMG's)  
13th Motorized Infantry Gun Company (6 150mm Guns)  
14th Engineer Company  
9 LMG's, 3 AT Rifles & 6 50mm AT Guns)  
1st Motorized Infantry Battalion  
Battalion HQ  
4 Motorized Infantry Companies, each with  
18 LMG's  
2 81mm Mortars  
3 AT Rifles  
6 75mm/76.2mm AT Guns  
2nd Motorized Infantry Battalion  
(same as above)  
382nd Motorized Infantry Regiment  
(same as above, but may have had 3 battalions)  
533rd Motorized Infantry Regiment  
(same as above, but may have had 3 battalions)  
220th Reconnaissance Battalion<sup>11</sup>  
Heavy Armored Car Platoon  
6 armored cars with 75mm guns  
Armored Car Company (24 armored cars)  
Armored Reconnaissance Company  
2 HMG's  
18 LMG's  
3 AT Rifles  
4 75mm or 76.2mm AT Guns  
Heavy Reconnaissance Company,  
Engineer Platoon  
AT Platoon with 3 SP 75mm or 76.2 AT guns  
& 3 LMG's  
Signal Platoon  
Motorized Artillery Battery  
4 105mm Howitzers & 2 LMG's  
220th Artillery Regiment  
1st Artillery Battalion, with  
3 Motorized Batteries, each with

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<sup>11</sup> First elements arrived on 10/10/42.

4 105mm Field Howitzers  
2nd Artillery Battalion, with  
3 Batteries, each with  
4 75mm Pack (Mountain) Guns  
220th Engineer Battalion, with  
3 Companies, each with  
9 LMG's  
3 AT Rifles  
3 50mm AT Guns  
220th AT Battalion, with  
2 AT Companies, each with  
9 50mm AT guns  
6 LMG's  
Support Troops

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