

**British Forces  
Middle Eastern Theater of Operations  
14 March 1943**

**GHQ Middle East:**

HQs British Troops, Egypt: Lt. General Sir R.G.W.H.Stone

6th South African Armored Division: Maj. General W.H.E.Poole

11th South African Armored Brigade:

Prince Alfred's Guard

Pretoria Regiment

Special Service Regiment

Imperial Light Horse-Kimberly Regiment (Motorized Bn)

12th South African Motorized Infantry Brigade:

1st Royal Natal Carabiniers

1st City - Cape Town Highlanders

Witwatersrand Rifles - De la Rey

Divisional Troops:

Natal Mounted Rifles (Armored Reconnaissance)

1/6th Field (Artillery) Regiment

4/22nd Field (Artillery) Regiment

7/23rd Medium (Artillery) Regiment

1/11th Anti-Tank Regiment

1/12th Light Anti-aircraft Regiment - South African  
Air Force

8th Engineering Field Squadron

12th Engineering Field Squadron

4th New Zealand Armored Brigade:

18th Armored Battalion

19th Armored Battalion

20th Armored Battalion

22nd Motorized Battalion

British XIII Corps: Lt. General Sir M.C.Dempsey

5th Division: Major General H.P.M.Berney-Ficklin

13th Infantry Brigade

2nd Cameronians

2nd Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers

2nd Wiltshire

17th Infantry Brigade

2nd Royal Scots Fusiliers

2nd Northhamptons

6th Seaforth Highlanders

Other:

91st Field Artillery Regiment

92nd Field Artillery Regiment

156th Field Artillery Regiment

52nd Anti-Tank Regiment

18th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment

7th Cheshire Machine Gun Battalion

5th Reconnaissance Regiment

245th Royal Engineer Company

252nd Royal Engineer Company

506th Royal Engineer Company

38th Royal Engineer Company  
254th Field Park Company  
18th Bridging Platoon  
5th Division Signals

50th Division: Major General S.C.Kirkman

69th Infantry Brigade

5th East Yorkshire  
6th Green Howards  
7th Green Howards

151st Infantry Brigade

6th Durham Light Infantry  
8th Durham Light Infantry  
9th Durham Light Infantry

168th Infantry Brigade (assigned 4/27/43)

1st London Scottish  
1st London Irish Rifles  
10th Royal Berkshire

Other:

74th Field Artillery Regiment  
65th Field Artillery Regiment (detached 4/22/43)  
90th Field Artillery Regiment (attached 4/27/43)  
102nd Horthunberland Hussars Anti-Tank Regiment  
25th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment  
2nd Cheshire Machine Gun Battalion  
505th Royal Engineer Company  
233rd Royal Engineer Company  
501st Royal Engineer Company  
235th Field Park Company  
15th Bridging Platoon  
50th Division Signals

231st Infantry Brigade: Brigadier R.E.Urquhart

2nd Devonshire  
1st Dorestshire  
2nd King's Own Malta Regiment (assigned 1/5/43-  
3/29/43)  
3rd King's Own Malta Regiment (detached 3/29/43)  
1st Hampshire Regiment

HQs Malta Command: Major General Sir R.M.Scobie

232nd Infantry Brigade: Brigadier F.A.J.E.Marshall

8th King's Own Royal Regiment  
3rd King's Own Malta Regiment (assigned 3/29/43)  
8th Manchester  
2nd Royal Irish Fusiliers (detached 4/5/43)

233rd Infantry Brigade: Brigadier I. de la Bere

2nd Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment  
(detached 4/10/43)  
4th Buffs (assigned 4/11/43)  
10th King's Own Malta Regiment  
11th Lancashire Fusiliers

234th Infantry Brigade: Brigadier R. Tilney

4th Buffs (detached 4/10/43)  
1st Durham Light Infantry  
1st Cheshire (MG) (detached 4/5/43)  
1st King's Own Malta Regiment (attached 3/29/43)

British 9th Army: Lt. General Sir Wm.G.Holmes

10th Armored Division: Major General H.L.Birke

9th Armored Brigade

Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry  
Warwickshire Yeomanry  
3rd Hussars  
11th Kings Royal Rifle Corps

201st Guards Motorized Brigade

3rd Coldstream Guards  
2nd Scots Guards  
6th Grenadier Guards

Other:

1st Household Cavalry Regiment (RAC)  
1st Royal Horse Artillery Regiment  
104th Royal Horse Artillery Regiment  
84th Anti-Tank Regiment  
2nd Royal Engineer Field Squadron  
3rd Royal Engineer Field Squadron  
622nd Royal Engineer Field Squadron  
141st Field Park Troop  
10th Armored Division Signals

7th Armored Brigade Group: Brigadier J.H.Anstice

7th Hussars  
6th Royal Tanks  
14th Sherwood Foresters

XXV Corps: Major General I.T.P.Hughes

10th Indian Division: Major General A.B.Blaxland<sup>1</sup>

HQ 10th Indian Division  
HQ 10th Indian Division Artillery  
HQ 10th Indian Division Engineers  
HQ 10th Indian Division Royal Indian Army Service  
Corps (RIASC)  
10th Indian Division Employment Platoon

9th Armored Brigade

Household Cavalry Regiment  
Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry  
Warwickshire Yeomanry  
9th Armored Brigade Signals Section

2nd Indian Armored Brigade

14/20th Hussars  
2nd Indian Armored Brigade Transportation  
Company  
2nd Indian Armored Brigade Signals Section

21st Indian Infantry Brigade

2/4th Gurkha Rifles  
1/5th Royal Gurkha Rifles  
2/7th Gurkha Rifles  
2/10th Gurkha Rifles  
21st Indian Infantry Brigade Signals Section  
21st Indian Infantry Brigade Transportation

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<sup>1</sup> The organization shown here is as it was in August 1941 and it may have changed.

Company

Artillery:

15th Field Artillery Regiment, RA  
157th Field Artillery Regiment, RA  
19th Medium Artillery Regiment, RA  
15th Field Artillery Signals Section  
157th Field Artillery Signals Section

Other:

2nd Cheshire (Engineer) Field Company, S & M  
32nd (Engineer) Field Company, S & M  
61st (Engineer) Field Company, S & M  
41st (Engineer) Field Park Co, S & M  
10th Indian Divisional Signals Company  
4 Field Ambulances  
3 IAOC Mobile Work Shop Companies  
4 Field Post Offices

HQs Palestine and Transjordan:

1st Army Tank Brigade: Brigdier T.R.Price  
44th Royal Tanks  
42nd Royal Tanks  
11th Royal Tanks

Transjordan Frontier Force:  
organization unknown

HQs Persia and Iraq Command (PAIC): General Sir Henry Maitland  
Wilson

31st Indian Division (Shuabia)  
252nd Indian Armored Brigade  
43rd Indian Infantry Brigade (Lorried)

Anti-Aircraft Artillery  
4th Anti-Aircraft Brigade (Basra)  
8th Anti-Aircraft Brigade (Qum)

Armor

303rd Indian Armored Brigade (Qaiyara)

2nd Indian Infantry Division: Major General C.White  
30th Indian Infantry Brigade (Bagdad)  
31st Indian Infantry Brigade (Mosul)  
40th Indian Infantry Brigade (Shuabia)

5th Indian Infantry Division (Latafiya)

7th Armored Brigade  
9th Indian Infantry Brigade  
161st Indian Infantry Brigade (Latafiya)

10th Army: (Sultanabad) Lt. Gen. Sir Edward P. Quinan

3rd Corps: (Qasr Shirin) Lt. General Sir D.F.Anderson

6th Indian Infantry Division: (Qasr Shirin, Iraq)  
Major General J.N.Thompson

24th Indian Infantry Brigade  
26th Indian Infantry Brigade  
27th Indian Infantry Brigade

21st Corps: Lt. General Sir A.G.O.M.Mayne

1st Infantry Division: Maj. Gen. W.E.Clutterbuck  
2nd Infantry Brigade

1st Loyals  
 2nd North Staffordshire  
 6th Gordon Highlanders  
3rd Infantry Brigade  
 1st Duke of Wellington Regiment  
 2nd Sherwood Foresters  
 1st Kings Shropshire Light Infantry  
24th (Guards) Infantry Brigade  
 1st Scots Guards  
 1st Irish Guards  
 5th Grenadier Guards  
Other:  
 2nd Field Artillery Regiment  
 19th Field Artillery Regiment  
 67th Field Artillery Regiment  
 81st Anti-Tank Regiment  
 90th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment  
 1st Reconnaissance Regiment  
 23rd Royal Engineer Company  
 148th Royal Engineer Company  
 238th Royal Engineer Company  
 6th Field Park Company  
 1st Division Signals  
8th Indian Infantry Division: (Eski Kifri) Maj. Gen.  
 C.O. Harvey  
 17th Indian Infantry Brigade  
 19th Indian Infantry Brigade (Kifri)  
 21st Indian Infantry Brigade (Qara Tepe)  
56th (London) Infantry Division: Maj. Gen.  
 D.A.H. Graham  
167th Infantry Brigade  
 8th Royal Fusiliers  
 1st London Irish Rifles  
 7th Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light  
 Infantry  
168th Infantry Brigade (detached 4/27/43)  
 1st London Scottish  
 1st London Irish Rifles  
 10th Royal Berkshire  
169th Infantry Brigade  
 2/5th Queens  
 2/6th Queens  
 2/7th Queens  
Other:  
 64th Field Artillery Regiment  
 90th Field Artillery Regiment  
 (detached 3/18/43)  
 113rd Field Artillery Regiment  
 65th Field Artillery Regiment  
 (assigned 4/23/43)  
 67th Anti-Tank Regiment  
 100th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment  
 6th Cheshire Machine Gun Battalion  
 44th Reconnaissance Regiment  
 220th Royal Engineer Company

221st Royal Engineer Company  
563rd Field Park Company  
56th Division Signals

Polish Army in the East: (Qizil Rabat) Lt. General W. Anders

2nd Polish Army Tank Brigade

4th "Skorpion" Armored Regiment  
1st "Krechowieckich" Uhlan Regiment  
6th "Dzieci Lowoskich" Armored Regiment  
2nd Commando Battalion

3rd Carpathian Infantry Division:

1st Polish Brigade:

1st Strzelcow Karpackich Infantry Battalion  
2nd Strzelcow Karpackich Infantry Battalion  
3rd Strzelcow Karpackich Infantry Battalion

2nd Polish Brigade:

4th Strzelcow Karpackich Infantry Battalion  
5th Strzelcow Karpackich Infantry Battalion  
6th Strzelcow Karpackich Infantry Battalion

Divisional Troops:

1st Carpathian Artillery Regiment  
2nd Carpathian Artillery Regiment  
3rd Carpathian Artillery Regiment  
3rd Carpathian Anti-tank Regiment  
3rd Carpathian Anti-aircraft Regiment  
1st Carpathian Engineering Field Company  
2nd Carpathian Engineering Field Company  
3rd Carpathian Engineering Field Company  
3rd Carpathian Field Park Company  
12th Podolski Reconnaissance Regiment

5th Kresowa Infantry Division:

5th Polish Brigade:

13th Wilenski Strzelcow Infantry Battalion  
14th Wilenski Strzelcow Infantry Battalion  
15th Wilenski Strzelcow Infantry Battalion

6th Polish Brigade:

16th Lwoski Strzelcow Infantry Battalion  
17th Lwoski Strzelcow Infantry Battalion  
18th Lwoski Strzelcow Infantry Battalion

Divisional Troops:

4th Kresowa Artillery Regiment  
5th Kresowa Artillery Regiment  
6th Kresowa Artillery Regiment  
5th Kresowa Anti-tank Regiment  
5th Kresowa Anti-aircraft Regiment  
4th Kresowa Engineering Field Company  
5th Kresowa Engineering Field Company  
6th Kresowa Engineering Field Company  
5th Kresowa Field Park Company  
12th Poznanski Reconnaissance Regiment

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