## German Forces in North Africa 9 April 1943

Commander-in-Chief South: Feldmarshal A. Kesselring Army Group Africa: Generaloberst Jurgen von Arnim 1st Italian Army: General Giovanni Messe XX <u>Italian</u> <u>Corps</u>: 19th German Flak Division: Generalmajor G. Franz organization unknown 90th German Light Division: Generalleutnant GT.von Sponeck Divisonal Staff 155th (mot) Infantry Regiment 200th (mot) Infantry Regiment 361st (mot) Afrika Infantry Regiment Afrika (mot) Panzergrenadier Regiment Kolbeck Battalion 190th (mot) Panzerjäger Battalion 190th (mot) Artillery Regiment 580th (mot) Reconnaissance Battalion (mot) Signals Battalion 900th (mot) Pioeneer Battalion Feldersatz Battalion 638th (mot) Ambulance Platoon 566th Maintenance Platon 540th (mot) Munitions Administration Company 535th (mot) Bakery Company 517th (mot) Butcher company (mot) Divisoinal Administration Bureau (mot) Military Police Detachment 190th (mot) Field Post Office. 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>1</sup> 8th Bersaglieri Armored Car Battalion 21st Armored Battalion (M13 Tanks) 52nd Motorized Engineer Battalion 136th Giovani Facisti 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>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> May not be present, was down to one battery in September.

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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>2</sup>
          8th Bersaglieri Regiment<sup>3</sup>
          Support Troops
XXI Italian Corps:
     16th "Pistoia" (Motorized) Division:
          35th Pistoia Infantry Regiment
          36th Pistoia Infantry Regiment
          3rd Fossalta (mot) Artillery Regiment
               116th AA Battery (20mm)
          165th Mortar Battalion
          16th Anti-Tank Company
          51st Engineer Battalion
          116th Engineer Battalion
               16th Signal Company
               44th Pionieer Company
          111th Medical Section
               70th Field Hospital
               71st Field Hospital
               871st Field Hospital
          210th Motor Transport Section
          120th Supply Section
          50th Bakery Section`
     80th "La Spezia" (Airborne) Division:
          125th La Spezia Infantry Regiment
          126th La Spezia Infantry Regiment
               39th Bersaglieri Battalion
          80th Artillery Regiment
          80th Anti-Tank Battalion
          80th Engineer Battalion (Guastatori)
          102nd Pionieer Company
          70th MAchinegun Battalion
          80th Medical Section
          180th Supply Section
     164th German Light Division:4
          Divisional Staff
          125th (mot) Panzer Grenadier Regiment
          382nd (mot) Panzer Grenadier Regiment
          433rd (mot) Panzer Grenadier Regiment
          707th Heaviest Infantry Gun Company (150mm IG guns) 708th Heaviest
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<sup>2</sup> Had 19 armored cars and joined in December, after the retreat.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Joined in December, as did three artillery batteries of unknown calibers.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> This is the full strength organization of the 164th and does any operational losses.

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Infantry Gun Company (150mm IG guns)
          220nd (mot) Artillery Regiment
          609th (mot) Flak Battalion
          220th (mot) Panzer Pioneer Battalion
          220th (mot) Reconnaissance Battalion
          220th (mot) Signals Company
          220th (mot) Medical Company
          220th (mot) Ambulance Platoon
          220th (mot) Maintenance Company
          220th (mot) Divisoinal Supply Detachment
          220th (mot) Bakery Company
          220th (mot) Butcher Company
          220th (mot) Administration Bureau
          220th (mot) Military Police Detachment
         220th (mot) Field Post Office
5th Panzer Army: General Gustav von Vaerst
     10th German Panzer Division
          69th Panzer Grenadier Regiment (1 bn)
          85th Panzer Grenadier Regiment (1 bn)
          10th Motorcycle Battalion
          7th Panzer Regiment (1 bn)
          90th Panzerjäger Regiment
          Det/90th Artillery Regiment
          49th Pioneer Battalion
     334th German Infantry Division
          754th Grenadier Regiment
          755th Grenadier Regiment
          756th Grenadier Regiment
          334th Artillery Regiment
          334th Schnell Battalion
     999th German Africa Division:
         Divisional Staff
          961st Afrika Schützen Regiment
          962nd Afrika Schützen Regiment
          963rd Afrika Schützen Regiment
          999th (mot) Artillery Regiment
          999th (mot) Pioneer Battalion
          999th (mot) Astronomical Calibration Troop
          999th (mot) Ambulance Platoon
          999th (mot) Miltiary Police Troop
       Assigned, but not in Africa
          999th (mot) Panzerjäger Battalion
          999th (mot) Reconnaissance Battalion
          999th (mot) Astronomical Calibration Troop
          999th (mot) Maintenance Company
          999th (mot) Decontamination Battery
          999th (mot) Supply Battalion
          999th (mot) Butcher Company
          999th (mot) Bakery Company
          999th (mot) Divisional Administration Bureau
          999th (mot) Medical Company
          999th (mot) Ambulance Platoon
          999th (mot) Veterinary Company
          999th (mot) Field Post Office
German Afrika Korps: Generalleutnant H. Cramer
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1st "Superga" Division (Assault and Landing):
     91st Basilicata Infantry Regiment
     92nd Basilicata Infantry Regiment
     5th Superga Artillery Regiment
          69th AA Battery
     1st Mortar Battalion
     1st Anti-Tank Battalion
     101st Engineer Battalion
          1st Signal Company
          14th Pioneer Company
     1st Engineer (Guastatori) Battalion
15th Panzer Division Generalmajor W. Borowietz
    8th Panzer Regiment (2 Bns)
     115th Panzer Grenadier Regiment (3 Bns)
     33rd Reconnaissance Battalion
     1/33rd Motorized Artillery Regiment
          1st - 3rd Batteries, light 105mm Howitzers
     2/33rd Motorized Artillery Regiment
          4th - 6th Batteries, light 105mm Howitzers
     3/33rd Motorized Artillery Regiment
          7th Battery, with light 105mm Howitzers
          8th & 9th Batteries - 150mm Howitzers
     33rd AT Battalion (Sdkfz 139's with 76.2mm AT Gun)
     33rd Engineer Battalion
     Support Troops
<u>21st Panzer Division</u>
    104th Panzer Grenadier Regiment
    5th Panzer Regiment
     155th ARtillery Regiment
     3rd Btry, 35th Flak Battalion
     300th Signal Battalion
     580th Reconnaissance Battalion
     330th Pioneer Battalion
132nd (Ariete) Italian 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)
     3/Nizza Cavalry Regiment
          (either armored cars or L3 Tanks)
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Herman Göring Panzer Division: Generalmajor J. Schmid<sup>5</sup>
1/,2/,3/1st Herman Göring Infantry Regiment
1/,2/,3/2nd Herman Göring Infantry Regiment
1/,2/,3/Herman Göring Jäger Regiment
Herman Göring Panzerjäger Battalion
Herman Göring Reconnaissance Battalion
1/,2/,3/,4/Herman Göring Artillery Regiment
Herman Göring Signals Battalion
Herman Göring Pioneer Battalion
Herman Göring Division (Einheiten) Support Units
German Air Force:

## <u>2nd German Air Force:</u>

II German Air (Flieger) Corps:

122nd Aufklärungsgruppe

1/,2/,3/26th Kampfgeschwader Staff/,2/30th Kampfgeschwader

1/,2/,3/54th Kampfgeschwader

Staff/,2/,3/76th Kampfgeschwader

Staff/,1/77th Kampfgeschwader

Staff/,3/26th Zerstörergeschwader

2/27th Jagdgeschwader

Staff/,2/,3/Nachtjagdgeschwader (night fighter squadron)

## X German Air Corps:

- 2. (F)/123rd Aufklärungsgruppe
- 2. (See)/125th Aufklarungsgruppe
- 3. (See)/126th Aufklärungsgruppe
- 2/100th Kampfgeschwader
- 2/1st Lehrgeschwader
- 3/27th Jagdgeschwader

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<sup>5</sup> The division was not entirely in Tunisia and much of it remained in Sicily.