



BRITISH 2ND ARMoured DIVISION

Following their successes against the Italians the tanks of 7th Armoured Division were worn out. The majority of units were withdrawn to Egypt to rest and rebuild. Only two of the regiments (3rd Hussars and 5th Royal Tank Regiment) equipped with mixture of worn out cruiser and light tanks remained behind and these formed the nucleus of the 2nd Armoured Division.

A third unit, which made up the Division's 3rd Armoured Brigade, 6th Royal Tank Regiment, landed at Tobruk on 22nd February without any tanks or vehicles and were issued with captured Italian M13/40s.

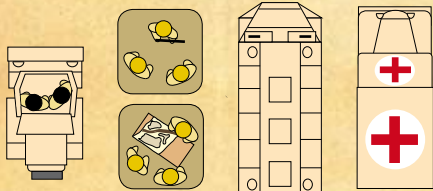
On 31st March 1941 the total tank strength of the division was as follows:

3 rd Armoured Brigade HQ	3 x Vickers Mk VI light
3 rd Hussars	26 x Vickers Mk VI light and 12 x M13
5 th Royal Tank Regiment	25 x A13 cruisers
6 th Royal Tank Regiment	36 x M13

Inexperience and poor equipment quickly became apparent and in the face of Rommel's lightning advances quickly ceased to be a credible fighting force.

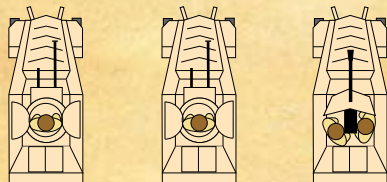
DIVISIONAL HQ

6 figures, Dorchester armoured command vehicle, Dingo scout car, Austin K2 ambulance



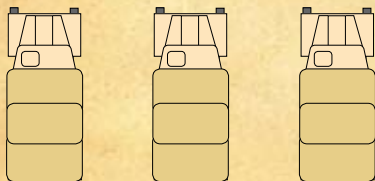
1ST KING'S DRAGOON GUARDS

2 x Marmon-Herrington armoured car (MG/AT rifle), Marmon-Herrington armoured car (20mm)



SUPPLY COMPANY

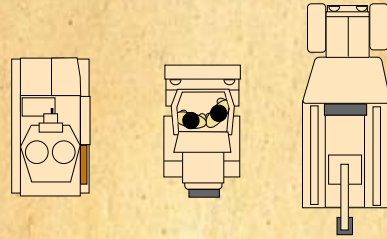
3 x 30 cwt truck



3RD ARMoured BRIGADE

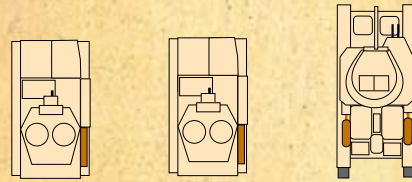
HQ

Vickers Mk VI (MG), Dingo scout car, Scammell recovery vehicle



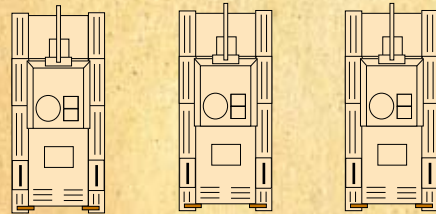
3rd Hussars

2 x Vickers Mk VI (MG), M13/40 (47mm) - ex Italian



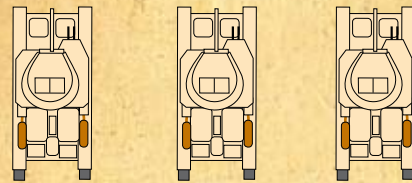
5th Royal Tank Regiment

3 x A13 cruiser (2 pdr)



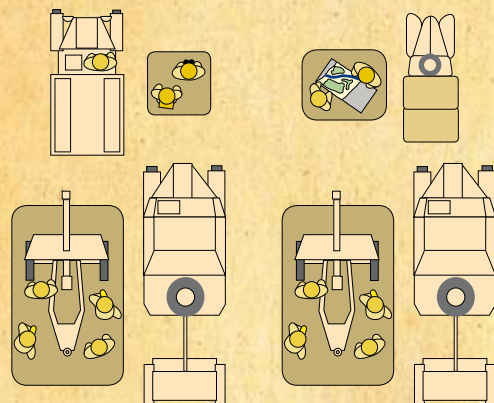
6th Royal Tank Regiment

3 x M13/40 (47mm) - ex Italian



1ST Regiment Royal Horse Artillery

10 figures, 2 figure OP team, 2 x 25 pdr field gun, 2 x Quad, Austin Tilly car, 15 cwt truck



Opposite: the 1st King's Dragoon Guards negotiate a wadi. The Marmon-Herrington armoured cars were a South African design, lightly armed with a Bren gun and Boys anti-tank rifle (with a Vickers MG for anti-aircraft defence). To improve fire-power several examples had their turrets removed and a captured Italian 20mm anti-aircraft gun installed (behind a large shield in an open fighting compartment).