

## June 1940 - The Italian Declaration of War

### GHQ Middle East Forces: The Western Desert and Egypt - June 1940

#### HQ British Troops Egypt

##### Western Desert Force

###### Force Troops (Western Desert Force)

12th Field Company, RE

attached to 22nd Infantry Brigade

54th Field Company, RE

Line of Communication Sub-Area (WDF)

###### 7th Armoured Division

11th Hussars (Prince Albert's Own)

3rd Royal Horse Artillery

less 'M' Battery

4th Royal Horse Artillery

less 'C' Battery

2nd (Cheshire) Field Squadron, RE

ex-1st Cavalry Divisional Troops

141st Field Park Troop, RE

ex-1st Cavalry Divisional Troops

###### 7th Support Group

2nd Battalion, The Rifle Brigade

1st Battalion, The King's Royal Rifle Corps

'M' Battery, 3rd Royal Horse Artillery

'C' Battery, 4th Royal Horse Artillery

4th Armoured Brigade

7th Queen's Own Hussars

6th Royal Tank Regiment

###### Mersa Matruh Garrison

25/26th Medium Battery, RA

from 7th Medium Regiment, RA

42nd Field Company, RE

###### 22nd Infantry Brigade

107th (South Notts Hussars) Royal Horse Artillery

attached, ex 1st Cavalry Division

12th Field Company, RE

attached to 22nd Brigade, from WDF Force Troops

2nd Battalion, The Highland Light Infantry

1st Battalion, The Welch Regiment

1st Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment

MG battalion, attached to 22nd Infantry Brigade

###### 5th Indian Infantry Brigade

1st Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers

from 4th Indian Infantry Division

4th Battalion (Outram's), 6th Rajputana Rifles

under command 4th Indian Division in the Delta

3rd Battalion, 1st Punjab Regiment

'C' Company, 1st Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment

#### In the Delta

##### Command Troops (HQ BTE)

19th Heavy Battery (Coastal), RA

'X', 'Y' Batteries

2nd Field Company, RE

45th Fortress Company, RE

##### 7th Armoured Brigade

1st Royal Tank Regiment

from 7th Armoured Division

8th (King's Royal Irish) Hussars

Cairo

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##### 23rd Infantry Brigade

also Suez Canal Area

23rd Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company

1st Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry

1st Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment

less 'C' Company

1st Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment

2nd Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland)

##### 2nd New Zealand Infantry Division

NZ Divisional Cavalry Regiment

'A' and 'B' Sqns only

33rd Anti-Tank Battery, NZA

detached from 7 NZ Anti-Tank Regiment (in UK)

4th Field Regiment, NZA

6th Field Regiment, NZA

5th Field Park Company, NZE

6th Field Company, NZE

19th Army Troops Company, NZE

**British and Commonwealth Orders of Battle**

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27th New Zealand Machine Gun Battalion

**4th New Zealand Infantry Brigade**

18th New Zealand Battalion

19th New Zealand Battalion

20th New Zealand Battalion

**4th Indian Infantry Division**

1st Field Regiment, RA

4th Field Regiment, RA

4th (Bengal) Field Company, IE

12th (Madras) Field Company, IE

18th (Bombay) Field Company, IE

11th (Madras) Field Park Company, IE

1st Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers

detached from 5th Indian Infantry Brigade  
under command 4th Indian Division

**HQ RA Group (Middle East Reserve)**

31st Field Regiment, RA

7th Medium Regiment, RA

less 25/26th Battery

**11th Indian Infantry Brigade**

2nd Battalion, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders

1st Battalion (Wellesley's), 6th Rajputana Rifles

4th Battalion, 7th Rajput Regiment

**14th Infantry Brigade**

attached to 4th Indian Division

14th Infantry Brigade Anti-Tank Company

1st Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment

2nd Battalion, The King's Own Royal Regiment

2nd Battalion, The York & Lancaster Regiment

**HQ Cairo Sub-Area (later Cairo Base Sub-Area)**

2nd Battalion, Scots Guards

**HQ Alexandria Sub-Area**

9th (Londonderry) Heavy Antiaircraft Regiment, RA

20th Antiaircraft Battery, RA

5th Antiaircraft Battery, Royal Malta Artillery

26th Heavy Antiaircraft Battery, RA

24th Heavy Antiaircraft Battery, RA

5th Light Antiaircraft Battery, RA

3rd Battalion, Coldstream Guards

1st Battalion, The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers

MG battalion