

September 1940 - The Italian Invasion of Egypt

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

GHQ Troops

No 50 Middle East Commando
Long Range Patrol Unit

Western Desert Force

Force Troops (Western Desert Force)

16th Heavy Antiaircraft Battery, RA one section
1st Light Antiaircraft Battery, RA less two troops (GHQ
4th Royal Horse Artillery less 'C' Battery
7th Medium Regiment, RA
2nd Field Company, RE
54th Field Company, RE

7th Armoured Division

11th Hussars (Prince Albert's Own)
2nd (Cheshire) Field Squadron, RE
141st Field Park Troop, RE

7th Support Group

'M' Battery, 3rd Royal Horse Artillery
'C' Battery, 4th Royal Horse Artillery
2nd Battalion, The Rifle Brigade
1st Battalion, The King's Royal Rifle Corps

4th Armoured Brigade

7th Queen's Own Hussars
6th Royal Tank Regiment

7th Armoured Brigade

8th (King's Royal Irish) Hussars
1st Royal Tank Regiment

4th Indian Infantry Division

Central India Horse
3rd Royal Horse Artillery less 'M' Battery
1st Field Regiment, RA
31st 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 Northumberland Fusiliers MG battalion attached from WDF Troops

5th Indian Infantry Brigade

1st Battalion, The Royal Fusiliers
4th Battalion (Outram's), 6th Rajputana Rifles
3rd Battalion, 1st Punjab Regiment

11th Indian Infantry Brigade

2nd Battalion, The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders
1st Battalion (Wellesley's), 6th Rajputana Rifles
4th Battalion, 7th Rajput Regiment

16th Infantry Brigade

104th (Essex Yeomanry) Royal Horse Artillery attached
56th Field Company, RE attached
2nd Battalion, The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey) HQ BTE Troops attached
2nd Battalion, The Leicestershire Regiment
1st Battalion, Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders

HQ Mersa Matruh Sub-Area (or 'Mersa Matruh Fortress')

16th Heavy Antiaircraft Battery, RA less one section
1st Light Antiaircraft Battery, RA two troops (GHQ Troops)
8th Field Regiment, RA (GHQ Troops)
107th (South Notts Hussars) Royal Horse Artillery
12th Field Company, RE
42nd Field Company, RE
3rd Battalion, Coldstream Guards
1st Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment MG battalion
2nd Battalion, The King's Own Royal Regiment
1st Battalion, The Durham Light Infantry
1st Battalion, South Staffordshire Regiment

British and Commonwealth Orders of Battle

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1st Battalion, The Hampshire Regiment

Line of Communication Sub-Area (WDF)

HQ British Troops Egypt

2nd New Zealand Infantry Division

NZ Divisional Cavalry Regiment

33rd Anti-Tank Battery, NZA

4th Field Regiment, NZA

6th Field Regiment, NZA

19th Army Troops Company, NZE

6th Field Company, NZE

5th Field Park Company, NZE

27th New Zealand Machine Gun Battalion

4th New Zealand Infantry Brigade

18th New Zealand Battalion

19th New Zealand Battalion

20th New Zealand Battalion

'A' and 'B' Sqns only

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

6th Australian Infantry Division

6th Divisional Cavalry Regiment

2/1st Anti-Tank Regiment, RAA

2/1st Field Regiment, RAA

2/2nd Field Regiment, RAA

2/3rd Field Regiment, RAA

2/3rd Light Antiaircraft Regiment, RAA

2/1st Field Company, RAE

2/2nd Field Company, RAE

2/8th Field Company, RAE

2/1st Field Park Company, RAE

2/1st Machine Gun Battalion

2/1st Pioneer Battalion

16th Australian Infantry Brigade

2/1st Battalion

2/2nd Battalion

2/3rd Battalion

less 19th Brigade in Palestine

17th Australian Infantry Brigade

2/5th Battalion

2/6th Battalion

2/7th Battalion

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

2nd Heavy Antiaircraft Regiment, RA

2nd Battalion, Scots Guards

2nd Battalion, The Black Watch

RHQ and attached battery only ?

HQ Alexandria Sub-Area

9th (Londonderry) Heavy Antiaircraft Regiment, RA

26th Heavy Antiaircraft Battery, RA

24th Heavy Antiaircraft Battery, RA

5th Antiaircraft Battery, Royal Malta Artillery

5th Light Antiaircraft Battery, RA

2nd Battalion, The York & Lancaster Regiment

attached

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HQ Suez Canal Sub-Area

19th Heavy Battery (Coastal), RA

'Y', 'X' Batteries

20th Antiaircraft Battery, RA

45th Fortress Company, RE

1st Battalion, The Royal Sussex Regiment

2nd Battalion, The Highland Light Infantry Regiment

3rd Battalion, 7th Rajput Regiment

ex HQ 23rd Infantry Brigade
Port Said and Suez

less two sections (GHQ Troops)