

## 11<sup>th</sup> (African) Division <sup>(1)</sup>

Headquarters, 11<sup>th</sup> (African) Division

21<sup>st</sup> (East Africa) Infantry Brigade <sup>(2)</sup>

H.Q. 21<sup>st</sup> (East Africa) Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The King's African Rifles

1<sup>st</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Bn. The King's African Rifles

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Northern Rhodesia Regiment <sup>(3)</sup>

53<sup>rd</sup> (East Africa) Light Battery, East African Artillery

53<sup>rd</sup> (Gold Coast) Field Company, West African Engineers

21<sup>st</sup> (East Africa) Infantry Brigade Group Company, East African Army Service Corps

2<sup>nd</sup> (Zanzibar) Field Ambulance, East African Army Medical Corps

23<sup>rd</sup> (Nigerian) Infantry Brigade <sup>(4)</sup>

H.Q. 23<sup>rd</sup> (Nigerian) Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. The Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

52<sup>nd</sup> (Nigeria) Light Battery, West African Artillery

51<sup>st</sup> (Nigeria) Field Company, West African Engineers

23<sup>rd</sup> (Nigeria) Infantry Brigade Group Company, West African Army Service Corps

3<sup>rd</sup> (Nigeria) Field Ambulance, West African Army Medical Corps

Divisional Troops

'C' Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> East African Armoured Car Regiment

'C' Company, 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. The King's African Rifles (5)

7<sup>th</sup> (South African) Field Brigade, South African Artillery  
(5<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> (South African) Field Batteries, South African Artillery)

1<sup>st</sup> (South African) Anti-Tank Battery, South African Artillery

16<sup>th</sup> (South African) Field Company, South African Engineers

11<sup>th</sup> (African) Divisional Signals, East African Corps of Signals

1<sup>st</sup> (East African) Pioneers

3<sup>rd</sup> (East African) Field Hygiene Section, East African Army Medical Corps

11<sup>th</sup> Divisional Ordnance Field Park, East African Army Ordnance Corps

No. 4 Irregular Company

## NOTES:

1. The division was formed in East Africa on 24 July 1940 as the 1<sup>st</sup> (African) Division. On 24 November 1940, it was redesignated the 11<sup>th</sup> (African) Division. It entered Italian Somaliland on 15 February 1941, fighting throughout the campaign. This is the Order of Battle at the commencement of operations on 10 February 1941.
2. This brigade had been formed on 31 August 1939 in East Africa as the 1<sup>st</sup> (East Africa) Infantry Brigade, with three Regular Army battalions of the King's African Rifles under command. It joined this division when it was formed. It was redesignated as the 21<sup>st</sup> (East Africa) Infantry Brigade on 18 October 1940, when the East and West African brigades were consolidated into one numbering system. On 27 February 1941, it came under the command of 1<sup>st</sup> South African Division. Then on 7 April 1941, it transferred to come under command of 12<sup>th</sup> (African) Division until 13 July 1941. When the division was disbanded, the brigade went on to serve in Burma with the 11<sup>th</sup> (East Africa) Infantry Division.
3. This battalion had joined the brigade on 9 February 1940 and left on 9 May 1940 to pass to Command Troops.
4. On 3 October 1939, the Regimental Headquarters of The Nigeria Regiment was redesignated as the 1<sup>st</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Brigade. The three battalions under command were all pre-war Regular Army units of The Nigeria Regiment. On 18 June 1940, the brigade was redesignated as the 23<sup>rd</sup> (Nigeria) Infantry Brigade. It joined this division when it was formed, having moved to East Africa by sea in June 1940. Following the East African campaign, the brigade was redesignated as the 1<sup>st</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Brigade, and later joined the 82<sup>nd</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Division when it was formed in November 1943, serving with that division in Burma.
5. A machine gun company attached to the division.
6. This battery joined the division on 3 April 1941:  
18<sup>th</sup> Indian Mountain Battery, Indian Artillery

## 11<sup>th</sup> (African) Division <sup>(1)</sup>

### 22<sup>nd</sup> (East Africa) Infantry Brigade <sup>(2)</sup>

H.Q. 22<sup>nd</sup> (East Africa) Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1<sup>st</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The King's African Rifles

5<sup>th</sup> Bn. The King's African Rifles

1<sup>st</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> Bn. The King's African Rifles

22<sup>nd</sup> Indian Mountain Battery, Indian Artillery

54<sup>th</sup> (East Africa) Field Company, East African Engineers

22<sup>nd</sup> (East Africa) Infantry Brigade Group Company, East African Army Service Corps

1<sup>st</sup> (Tanganyika) Field Ambulance, East African Army Medical Corps

### 23<sup>rd</sup> (Nigerian) Infantry Brigade <sup>(4)</sup>

H.Q. 23<sup>rd</sup> (Nigerian) Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. The Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force

52<sup>nd</sup> (Nigeria) Light Battery, West African Artillery

51<sup>st</sup> (Nigeria) Field Company, West African Engineers

23<sup>rd</sup> (Nigeria) Infantry Brigade Group Company, West African Army Service Corps

3<sup>rd</sup> (Nigeria) Field Ambulance, West African Army Medical Corps

Divisional Troops

H.Q, 'B' & 'C' Squadrons, 1<sup>st</sup> East African Armoured Car Regiment  
1<sup>st</sup> South African Light Tank Company, South African Tank Corps

'C' Company, 1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. The King's African Rifles (6)

7<sup>th</sup> South African Field Brigade, South African Artillery  
(H.Q., 5<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> (South African) Field Batteries, South African Artillery)

1<sup>st</sup> South African Field Battery, South African Artillery

1<sup>st</sup> South African Medium Battery, South African Artillery

1<sup>st</sup> South African Anti-Tank Battery, South African Artillery

16<sup>th</sup> South African Field Company, South African Engineers

17<sup>th</sup> South African Field Park Company, South African Engineers

11<sup>th</sup> (African) Divisional Signals, East African Corps of Signals

1<sup>st</sup> (East African) Pioneers

5<sup>th</sup> (Kenya) Field Ambulance, East African Army Medical Corps

3<sup>rd</sup> (East African) Field Hygiene Section, East African Army Medical Corps

11<sup>th</sup> Divisional Ordnance Field Park, East African Army Ordnance Corps

## NOTES:

1. This is the Order of Battle of the division on 23 February 1941. This was as the battle of the River Juba was coming to a conclusion, and a reorganization of the brigade groups within the three divisions under command of East Africa Force took place in order to pursue the retreating Italian Army, and to thrust to take Mogadishu in Italian Somaliland and then to attack towards the capital of Abyssinia, Addis Ababa.
2. This brigade had been under command of the 12<sup>th</sup> (African) Division until 23 February 1941 when it transferred to this division.
3. On 3 October 1939, the Regimental Headquarters of The Nigeria Regiment was redesignated as the 1<sup>st</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Brigade. The three battalions under command were all pre-war Regular Army units of The Nigeria Regiment. On 18 June 1940, the brigade was redesignated as the 23<sup>rd</sup> (Nigeria) Infantry Brigade. It joined this division when it was formed, having moved to East Africa by sea in June 1940. Following the East African campaign, the brigade was redesignated as the 1<sup>st</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Brigade, and later joined the 82<sup>nd</sup> (West Africa) Infantry Division when it was formed in November 1943, serving with that division in Burma.
4. The 22<sup>nd</sup> (East Africa) Brigade came under command of this division for periods of time during the campaign, (see 12<sup>th</sup> (African) Division).
5. A machine gun company attached to the division.
6. This battery joined the division on 3 April 1941, having served in Aden and British Somaliland prior to East Africa:  
18<sup>th</sup> (Sohan) Indian Mountain Battery, Indian Artillery