

2nd South African Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 2nd South African Infantry Division

3rd South African Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 3rd South African Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Imperial Light Horse

1st Royal Durban Light Infantry

1st Rand Light Infantry

4th South African Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 4th South African Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Royal Durban Light Infantry

The Kaffrarian Rifles

The Umvoti Mounted Rifles

6th South African Infantry Brigade ⁽⁴⁾

Headquarters, 6th South African Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st South African Police

2nd South African Police

2nd Transvaal Scottish

Divisional Troops

7th South African Reconnaissance Battalion, South African Tank Corps ⁽⁵⁾

Die Middellandse Regiment ⁽⁶⁾

Headquarters, 2nd South African Infantry Divisional South African Artillery

1st South African Field Regiment (Cape Field Artillery), South African Artillery ⁽⁷⁾

2nd South African Field Regiment (Natal Field Artillery), South African Artillery

5th South African Field Regiment, South African Artillery

2nd South African Anti-Tank Regiment, South African Artillery ⁽⁸⁾

2nd South African Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, South African Artillery

Headquarters, 2nd South African Infantry Divisional South African Engineer Corps

2nd South African Field Company, South African Engineer Corps (9)

4th South African Field Company, South African Engineer Corps

10th South African Field Company, South African Engineer Corps

20th South African Field Park Company, South African Engineer Corps

2nd South African Divisional Signals, South African Corps of Signals

NOTES:

1. The 2nd South African Infantry Division was raised on 23 October 1940 under command of Major General I. P. De VILLIERS. It left South Africa on 20 April 1941, and it arrived in Egypt on 6 June 1941. It joined X Corps on 21 July 1941, transferring to British Troops Egypt on 7 September and 8th Army command on 5 October. Suffering a lack of transport, it was held in reserve. On 2 December, it came under command of XIII Corps, transferring to XXX Corps on 10 December. It first entered battle at Sollum on 11 January 1942 with XXX Corps, transferring to XIII Corps on 27 March. Major General H. B. KLOPPER assumed command of the division on 14 May 1942. The division fought at Gazala between 26 May 1942 and 21 June 1942, being cut off on 18 June and retreating into the Tobruk Fortress. It took under command the 32nd Army Tank Brigade, 201st Guards Infantry Brigade and 11th Indian Infantry Brigade. The division was captured with the fall of Tobruk on 21 June 1942. It was not reformed.
2. This brigade was raised on 8 June 1940 at Zonderwater. It comprised the 1st Imperial Light Horse, an Active Citizen Force (A.C.F.) battalion based in Johannesburg; the 1st Royal Durban Light Infantry, an A.C.F. battalion based in Durban, and the 1st Rand Light Infantry, an A.C.F. battalion based in Johannesburg. This brigade transferred to the 1st South African Division on 20 April 1942 to replace the 5th Brigade following its capture at Gazala.
3. This brigade was raised on 17 June 1940 at Orbi Camp, Pietermaritzburg. It comprised the 2nd Royal Durban Light Infantry, an A.C.F. battalion based in Durban; The Kaffrarian Rifles, an A.C.F. battalion based in East London; and the Umvoti Mounted Rifles, an A.C.F. battalion based at Greytown, Pietermaritzburg. It was captured with the Division at Tobruk on 21 June 1942.
4. This brigade was also formed on 17 June 1940 at Pietermaritzburg. It comprised the 1st and 2nd South African Police, two infantry battalions formed in early 1940 from the South African Police; and the 2nd Transvaal Scottish was an A.C.F. battalion based at Johannesburg. The brigade was captured at Tobruk on 21 June 1942.
5. The reconnaissance battalion joined the division on 1 April 1941. The battalion was captured at Tobruk.
6. This battalion was the divisional machine gun battalion, and it joined the division on 23 March 1941. 'B' Company of this battalion was not with the rest of the unit in Tobruk, and therefore escaped capture with the rest of the division. 'B' Company then went on and joined the 1st South African Division.
7. This regiment transferred to the 1st South African Division on 20 April 1942. It was replaced by the:
3rd South African Field Regiment (Transvaal Horse Artillery), South African Artillery which came in from the 1st Division and was therefore captured at Tobruk.
8. This regiment, other than the 6th Anti-Tank Battery, was detached to come under the command of the 1st South African Division at the start of the battle for Gazala on 26 May 1942. The regiment was disbanded on 20 June 1942.
9. This field company left the division on 1 May 1942, and therefore escaped capture at Tobruk. It later joined the 1st South African Division.

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