Selby Force

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The Selby Force was an ad-hoc force cobbled together mostly from the garrison at Mersa Matruh and commanded by Brig. General A. R. Selby. Their role during Operation Compass was to advance along the coast road in a "demonstration" to keep the Italians busy there. Eventually, however, they were reinforced by the 6th RTR (cruiser tanks) and attacked the 1st Libica division while it was on the move.



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