

The cobbled together Afrika Division was still a work in progress when Operation Crusader began. The division was stationed near Tobruk and was slated to play a major role in the upcoming assault on the fortress city. With the start of the offensive, the Afrika Division was sent to the front and operated in conjunction with 15th and 21st Panzer for most of the battle. In late November, after finally reaching something like full division strength, the Afrika Division became the 90th Light Division.