## **British 51st Highland Infantry Division**

## October 1942



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After losing most of the division in the battle for France, the 51st Highland had been rebuilt from the 9th Highland Division and had spent the last two years in England helping guard the home islands. The new 51st arrived in North Africa in June and saw its first combat as part of Operation Lightfoot. The Highlanders had a major role in the offensive, advancing forward between the 2nd New Zealand and the 9th Australian. Although the division did not gain its initial objectives, it did help tie up the 21st Panzer, and the minefields it cleared were helpful in Operation Supercharge.