






# British 7th Armored Division





September, 1942

22nd  
Armored  
Brigade





1st  
Royal  
Tank  
Regiment

5 A 5	8 A 8	2 I 4
		
4 Honey 12	6 Grant 8	3 Humber SC 15
x 3	x 6	x 1







6th  
Royal  
Tank  
Regiment

6 A 3	5 H 8	8 A 8	2 I 4
			
4 Crusader II 9	4 Crusader CS 9	6 Grant 8	3 Humber SC 15
x 2	x 1	x 6	x 1

4th County  
Of London  
Yeomanry  
Tank  
Regiment



6 A 3	9 A 5	8 A 8	2 I 4
			
4 Crusader II 9	5 Crusader III 9	6 Grant 8	3 Humber SC 15
x 4	x 2	x 2	x 1

1st Battalion,  
Rifle  
Brigade  
Motor  
Battalion



2 I 2*	9 A 5	0 C 0	2 I 2*	2 C(I) 2*	2 I 2*
					
6 RIFLE 1	2 6 pdr 0	1 Truck 14	4 M-G 1	2 Bren 10	2 Bren 10
x 6	x 4	x 10	x 3	x 3	x 2

Minefield  
Task  
Force



Royal  
Engineers

3 I 2	2 C(I) 2*
	
10 1	2 Bren 10
x 4	x 4



Tank  
Support

5 A 5	0 - 0
	
4 Honey 12	8 Scorpion 5
x 1	x 2

4th  
Royal  
Horse  
Artillery

35 (H) 35	0 C 0
	
2 25 pdr 0	1 Matador 12
x 4	x 4



97th  
Royal  
Horse  
Artillery

35 (H) 35	0 C 0
	
2 25 pdr 0	1 Matador 12
x 4	x 4




Attached  
from 44th  
Infantry  
Division

4th  
Light  
Armored  
Brigade







4th/8th  
Hussars  
Tank  
Regiment

5	A	5	2	I	4
4		12	3		15
x 5			x 1		



Royal  
Scots  
Greys  
Tank  
Regiment

5	A	5	8	A	8	2	I	4
4		12	6		8	3		15
x 1			x 4			x 1		


1st Battalion,  
Kings Royal  
Rifle Corps

2	I	2*	9	A	5	0	C	0	2	I	2*	2	C(I)	2*	2	I	2*
6		1	2		0	1		14	4		1	2		10	2		10
x 8			x 4			x 12			x 4			x 4			x 2		


3rd  
Royal  
Horse  
Artillery

35	(H)	35	0	C	0
2		0	1		12
x 4			x 4		

11th  
Hussars  
Recon  
Regiment

2	I	4
3		15
x 10		








2nd  
Derbyshire  
Yeomanry  
Recon  
Regiment

2	I	4
3		15
x 8		








Attached  
from 8th  
Armored  
Division

131st  
Queen's  
Infantry  
Brigade








5th  
Battalion,  
Queen's  
Regiment

2	I	2*	1	I	1	0	C	0	3	M	8	6	A	3	2	C(I)	2*	2	I	2*
6		1	6		1	1		14	3		1	3		0	2		10	2		10
x 12			x 1			x 13			x 1			x 1			x 2			x 2		



6th  
Battalion,  
Queen's  
Regiment

2	I	2*	1	I	1	0	C	0	3	M	8	6	A	3	2	C(I)	2*	2	I	2*
6		1	6		1	1		14	3		1	3		0	2		10	2		10
x 12			x 1			x 13			x 1			x 1			x 2			x 2		



7th  
Battalion,  
Queen's  
Regiment

2	I	2*	1	I	1	0	C	0	3	M	8	6	A	3	2	C(I)	2*	2	I	2*
6		1	6		1	1		14	3		1	3		0	2		10	2		10
x 12			x 1			x 13			x 1			x 1			x 2			x 2		



11th  
Royal  
Engineers  
(-)

3	I	2	0	C	0
10		1	1		14
x 3			x 3		

65th  
Anti-Tank  
Regiment

9	A	5	0	C	0
2		0	1		14
x 16			x 16		

15th  
Light  
AA  
Regiment

8	H	12	0	C	0
2		0	1		14
x 8			x 8		

The 7th Armored Division began the battle near the southern end of the front. Its job in this battle was to attack, along with the 44th Infantry, against what was perceived to be the weak end of the Axis line. It was hoped that the 7th could break through the Italian infantry facing it and threaten the Axis rear while the main thrust pushed through in the north. Failing that, it was expected that the attack would pin the Axis armored reserve in the south so that they could not respond to the northern attack. The 7th was able to have some initial success but the tough Italian paratroopers of the Folgore Division proved equal to the task, stopping the drive and forcing it back. On November 4th, the still relatively fresh 7th Armored was sent to the northern part of the line to participate in the pursuit of the Axis forces as their defense crumbled. The 7th continued to flank Axis forces on the coast road, driving to the border of Libya by November 11th.