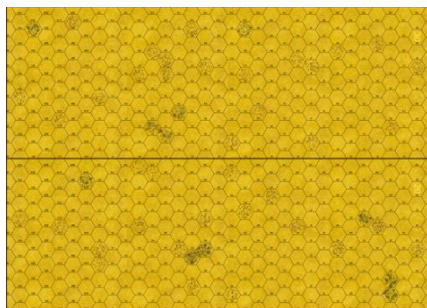


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## Ras El Madaur V6.0



**Battle Introduction; Ras El Madaur, Libya, inside the Tobruk Perimeter 04/30/41:** Following Rommel's initial attempts to breach the Tobruk perimeter on the 13/14<sup>th</sup> of April, a relative calm had descended on the battlefield. Both sides licked their wounds from the opening encounters and plotted their next moves. Rommel's next attack fell at the end of the month as both German and Italian forces made a strong push in the Ras El Madaur area of the Australian positions.



Boards 29 and 30 are in play

Victory Conditions: The Italians win at Game End by controlling/eliminating  $\geq 6$  Trench/Sangars.

Game Length: 6.5 Turns

Australians Setup First

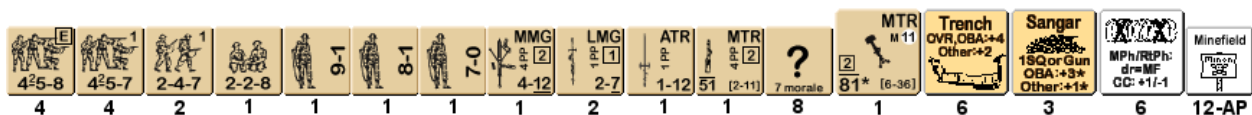
Italians Setup Second/Move First

Balance

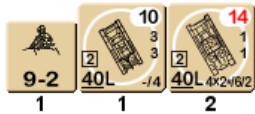
Australian: swap one Sangar for a trench in the Australian at start OB

Italian: Add one MMG to the Italian at start OB

Elements of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Company, 2/24<sup>th</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Australian Division [ELR 4 SAN 3] Setup between hexrows K and W in hexes numbered  $\geq 3$  and  $\leq 7$  on board 30. The Concealment Counters provided may be placed on units IN Trenches or Sangars at Start. They may not be used as Dummies (A12.1-11).



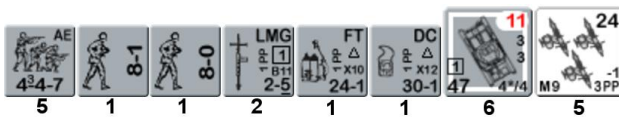
Elements of B Squadron, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion RTR enter along the north edge on turn 2.



Elements of the V Battaglione, 8<sup>th</sup> Reggimento Bersaglieri, 132a Divisione Corazzata “Ariete” [ELR 3 SAN 2] Setup on board 29 in hexes numbered  $\leq 6$  with  $\leq 1$  MMC per hex.



Elements of the 8<sup>th</sup> Battaglione, 32 Reggimento carri, 132 Divisione Corazzata “Ariete” and of the XXXII Battaglione Guastatori, enter along the west OR south OR east board edges of board 29 on turn 1 with all Infantry as MC passengers.



SSR 1 EC are Dry with Light Dust (F11.71) in effect and No Wind at start. Early Morning Sun Blindness (F11.611) is in effect on Game Turns 1-2, despite the EC being Dry.

SSR 2 Italian 4-4-7's are Assault Engineers (H1.22).

SSR 3 Australian units are ANZAC forces (A25.44).

**Battle Summary:** The Italians attacked in their area of responsibility with combined arms. First the infantry of the Trento Division moved into position on the night of the 29<sup>th</sup> of April. The dawn saw the Trento Division placing suppressing fire on the Australian positions while the armor and assault engineers of the Ariete Division passed through their line and pressed the Australian positions. The Italians enjoyed initial success and managed to overrun several of the forward posts of the Australians before resistance stiffened. The fighting was to last three days with heavy loss to both sides. The Australians succeeded in holding however and the perimeter settled down into a state of siege, punctuated by periodic British counteroffensives to relieve the key port.