

Italian Forces in Sicily
10 July 1943

6th Army

Army Troops

2nd Battalion/10th Arditi (commandos) Rgt. (elements)
1 x Camionette Sahariane coy
several parachutist raiders detachments
10th SPA Battalion (Sem.M42 90mm/53)
161st SPA Battalion (Sem.M42 75mm/18)
162nd SPA Battalion (Sem.M42 75mm/18)
163rd SPA Battalion (Sem.M42 75/18)
505th Artillery Battalion (2 90mm/53 btys)
103rd Artillery Battalion (1 battery, 75mm/28, motor)

"Livorno" (mot) Infantry Division

33th Infantry Regiment
34th Infantry Regiment
11th Guastatori (assault eng) Battalion
Mortar Battalion
28th Artillery Regiment
1st Battalion (75mm/18, motor)
2nd Battalion (75mm/18, motor)
3rd Battalion (100mm/17, motor)
4th Battalion (100mm/17, motor)
3 x Light AA coys (20mm)
1 x Eng.Battalionr

12th Corps

"Aosta" Infantry Division

3/5th Infantry Regiment
6th Infantry Regiment
28th Mortars Battalion
22nd Artillery Regiment
2nd Battalion (75mm/27, horse)
3rd Battalion (75mm/18, motor)
4th Battalion (75mm/13, pack-horses)
2 Light Flak Companies (20mm) - less 1 section
Engineer Battalion

"Assietta" Infantry Division

29th Infantry Regiment
30th Infantry Regiment
17th Blackshirts Legion (Regiment)
18st Battalion
126th Mortars Battalion
25nd Artillery Regiment
2nd Battalion (100mm/17, horse)
3rd Battalion (75mm/27, horse)
4th Battalion (75mm/27, horse) - less 1 bty
2 Light Flak coys (20mm) - less 2 sections
Engineer Battalion
50th Motorcycle Company (attached)
233rd "Centauro" Arty Battalion (2 motorized 75mm/27 btrys)
136th Independent Costal Infantry Regiment
103rd Infantry Battalion
465th Infantry Battalion

Harbour Defense Group "P"

304th Infantry Battalion
344th Infantry Battalion
476th Infantry Battalion
41st Heavy Artillery Battalion
51st Heavy Artillery Company
30th Cavalry Battalion (dismounted)

Attached

1/25th Artillery Regiment (100mm/17) from "Assietta" Infantry Div.

208th Coastal Division

133rd Coastal Regiment
244th Infantry Battalion
423rd Infantry Battalion
498th Infantry Battalion
215th Artillery Battalion (100mm/17)
147th Coastal Regiment
438th Infantry Battalion
539th Infantry Battalion
378th Infantry Battalion
124th Artillery Battalion (105mm/45)
112th Machine Gun Battalion (attached)

202nd Coastal Division

120th Coastal Regiment
387th Infantry Battalion
497th Infantry Battalion
245th Infantry Battalion
380th Infantry Battalion
857th Infantry Battalion
20th Artillery Battalion (1 149mm/35 bty & 1 155mm/36 bty)
56th Artillery Battalion
218th Artillery Battalion (100mm/22)
143th Artillery Battalion (149mm/35)
142nd Coastal Regiment
377th Infantry Battalion
427th Infantry Battalion
466th Infantry Battalion
490th Infantry Battalion
157th Artillery Battalion (149mm/19)
141st Artillery Battalion (75mm/27)
124th Coastal Regiment
376th Infantry Battalion
386th Infantry Battalion
543rd Infantry Battalion
171st Artillery Battalion (105mm/28)
22nd Heavy Artillery Battalion

207th Coastal Division

138th Coastal Regiment
420th Infantry Battalion
388th Infantry Battalion
380th Infantry Battalion
109th MG Battalion
160th Artillery Battalion (2 149mm/35 btys & 1 105mm/27 bty)
35th Artillery Battalion (3 105mm/27 btys & 1 75mm/27 bty)
177th Bersaglieri Rgt (attached)
525th Bersaglieri Battalion

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 1st Motor Machine Gun Company (attached)
 104th Anti-Tank Battalion (attached, less 1 coy)
 1x Navy Armored Train (4 120mm/45 guns) - attached
 139th Coastal Regiment
 419th Infantry Battalion
 390th Infantry Battalion
 538th Infantry Battalion
 222nd Artillery Battalion (2 100mm/22 btys)
 145th Artillery Battalion (2 105mm/27 btys & 1 75mm/34 bty)
 Navy Armored Train (4 76mm/40 guns) - attached

Corps Troops

12th Artillery Group
 21st Artillery Battalion (105mm/28)
 22nd Arty Battalion (105mm/28)
 121st Artillery Battalion (149mm/13)
 122nd Artillery Battalion (149mm/13)
 48th Artillery Battalion (195mm/28)
 8th Flak Artillery Battalion (75mmCK)
 19th "Centauro" Arty Battalion (105mm/28)
 1st Bersaglieri AT Battalion
 Tactical Group "Chiusa Scalafani"
 10th Bersaglieri Regiment
 35th Bersaglieri Battalion
 73rd Bersaglieri Battalion
 74th Bersaglieri Battalion
 10th Armored Car (AB41)
 103rd Artillery Battalion (1 motorized 75mm/27 btry)
 4th Semovetti Company (M42 75/18 - without crews)
 Tactical Group "Alcamo-Partinico"
 171th Blackshirts Legion (detached from "Aosta"
 Infantry Division)
 171st Blackshirts Battalion
 168th Blackshirts Battalion
 1/22nd Artillery Rgt (75mm/27) (detached from "Aosta"
 Infantry Division)
 Tactical Group "Inchiapparo-Casale"
 51st Bersaglieri Battalion (reduced)
 82nd Artillery Battery (75mm mod 97/37)
 Tactical Group "Campobello (or Licata)-Ravenusa"
 1st Battalion, "Lancieri di Palermo" Rgt.
 17th Blackshirts Battalion (detached "Assietta" Inf Div)
 259th Blackshirts Machine Gun Company
 Mobile Group "A"
 HQ coy, 12th Light Tank Battalion (L3)
 448th (mot) Coastal Infantry Battalion (1 company)
 102nd Tank Battalion (1 company - R35 tanks)
 133rd SPAT Battalion (1 company - Sem.L6 47mm/32)
 110th Artillery Battalion (1 battery 75mm/27, motor)
 20mm Falk Section (from "Aosta" Infantry Division)
 Mobile Group "B"
 448th (mot) Coastal Infantry Battalion (2 cos)
 161st Motorcycle Company
 102nd Tank Battalion (1 company - R35 tanks)

133rd SPAT Battalion (1 company - Sem.L6 47mm/32)
 233rd "Centauro" Arty Battalion (1 mot 75mm/27 btry)
 20mm Flak Section from "Assietta" Infantry Division
 Mobile Group "C"
 HQ coy 102 Tank Battalion (R35)
 448th (mot) Coastal Infantry Battalion (1 company)
 102nd Tank Battalion (1 company - R35 tanks)
 133rd SPAT Battalion (1 company - Sem.L6 47mm/32)
 104th Anti-Tank Battalion (1 company - 47mm/32)
 1 x AA section (20mm) from InfantryDiv."Assietta"
 4/25th Artillery Regiment (1 btry 75mm/27) from "Assietta"
 Infantry Division)
 Detachment of tank crews (6 officers & 130 rank & file,
 no tanks)

16th Corps

"Napoli" Infantry Division
 75th Infantry Regiment
 76th Infantry Regiment (less 1 coy)
 173rd Blackshirts Legion (Rgt)
 173rd Battalion
 54th Mortars Battalion
 54nd Artillery Regiment
 2nd Battalion (75mm/27, horse drawn)
 2 20mm Flak Companies - less 1 section
 126th Artillery Battalion (2 (mot) battalions, 75mm/27)
 18th Coastal Brigade
 178th Coastal Regiment
 501st Infantry Battalion
 389th Infantry Battalion
 162nd Artillery Battalion (1 149mm/35 bty)
 21st Artillery Battalion (5 75mm/27 btys)
 134th Coastal Regiment
 429th Infantry Battalion
 384th Infantry Battalion
 209th Artillery Battalion (3 100mm/22 btys)
 81st Artillery Battery (75mm/34)
 19th Coastal Brigade
 179th Coastal Regiment
 435th Infantry Battalion
 500th Infantry Battalion
 1 Artillery Battery (122mm/45)
 2 Artillery Batteries (75mm/27)
 52nd (or 55th?) Motorcycle Company (attached)
 140th Coastal Regiment
 101st Infantry Battalion
 447th Infantry Battalion
 15th Anti-Tank Battalion (47mm/32) - attached
 3 Artillery Batteries (122mm/45)
 1 Artillery Battery (105mm)
 2 Artillery Batteries (75mm/27)
 213rd Coastal Division
 135th Coastal Regiment
 369th Infantry Battalion
 102nd Infantry Battalion

144th Artillery Battalion (2 btys 105/17)
 372nd Independent Coastal Infantry Battalion
 30th Artillery Battalion
 2 Artillery Batteries (149mm/35)
 1 Artillery Battery (105mm/14)
 2 Artillery Batteries (105mm/27)
 1 Artillery Battery (149mm/19)
 230th Artillery Battalion (3 btrys, 100mm/22)
 55th Machine Gun Company
 206th Coastal Division
 146th Coastal Regiment
 430th Infantry Battalion
 437 Infantry Battalion
 374th Infantry Battalion
 164th Artillery Battalion (3 brys, 149mm/35)
 122nd Coastal Regiment
 243rd Infantry Battalion
 375th Infantry Battalion
 102nd Artillery Battalion (2 btrys, 75mm)
 161st Artillery Battalion (3 btrys, 149mm/35)
 123rd Coastal Regiment
 381st Infantry Battalion
 383rd Infantry Battalion
 542nd Bersaglieri Battalion (less 1 coy)
 162nd Artillery Battalion (2 btrys, 149mm/35)
 227th Artillery bty (105mm/14)
 3 Machine Gun Companies
 224th Artillery Battalion (3 btrys, 100mm/22)
 220th SPAT Battalion (Sem.L6 47mm/32 - attached)
 Harbour Defense Group "E"
 434th Infantry Battalion
 477th Infantry Battalion
 26th Artillery bty (75mm/27)
 1 Navy Armored Grain (4-120mm/45 guns)- attached
Corps Troops
 12th Machine Gun Battalion
 40th Artillery Group
 10th Artillery Battalion (2 105mm/28 btys)
 16th Artillery Battalion (105mm/28)
 109th Artillery Battalion (149mm/13)
 110th Artillery Battalion (149mm/13)
 29th Artillery Battalion (105mm/28)
 9th Flak Artillery Battalion (75mmCK)
 Tactical Group "Linguaglossa"
 57th Bersaglieri Battalion
 54th Motorcycle Company
 4/54th Artillery Regiment (1 btry, 75mm/18)
 Tactical Group "Carmito"
 4th SPAT Battalion (Sem.L6 47mm/32)
 53rd Motorcycle Company
 Tactical Group "Barcellona"
 7th Motorcycle Company
 "Arditi" (assault troops) (447th Coastal Infantry Bn)
 103rd Anti-Tank Battalion (1 company, 47mm/32)
 4/54th Artillery Regiment (1 btry, 75mm/18)

Tactical Group "Comiso-Ispica"
 173rd Blackshirts Battalion
 174th Blackshirts MG Company
 54th Mortar Battalion (1 company)
 1 Anti-Tank platoon (47mm/32)
 1/54th Artillery Regiment (100mm/17, horse)

Mobile Group "D"
 HQ coy, 101st Tank Battalion (R35)
 2nd Motorcycle Company
 101st Tank Battalion (1 company- R35)
 103rd Anti-Tank Battalion (1 company - 47mm/32)
 2nd/76th Infantry Regiment (1 company)
 4th/54th Artillery Regiment (1 battery)
 1 20mm Flak Section ("Napoli" Infantry Division)

Mobile Group "E"
 155th Motorcycle Company
 542nd Coastal Bersaglieri Battalion (1 company)
 101st Tank Battalion (1 company- R35)
 102nd Anti-Tank Battalion (1 company - 47mm/32)
 3rd/54th Artillery Regiment (1 battery)
 1 20mm Flak section (from "Napoli" Infantry Division)

Mobile Group "F"
 3rd Motorcycle Company
 101st Tank Battalion (1 company - R35)
 102nd Anti-Tank Battalion (1 company- 47mm/32)
 126th Artillery Battalion (1 mot btry - 75mm/27)
 542nd Coastal Bersaglieri Battalion (1 company)
 126th Coastal Artillery Battalion (1 75mm btry)

Mobile Group "G"
 169th Blackshirts Battalion (from InfantryDiv."Napoli")
 Tank Battalion (1 platoon - R35)
 102nd Anti-Tank Battalion (1 company - 47mm/32)
 3rd/54th Artillery Regiment (1 btry)

Mobile Group "H"
 2 Tank Companies (Fiat 3000)
 103rd Anti-Tank Battalion (2 companies, 47mm/32)
 1 (45mm) Mortar Platoon 1/76th Infantry Regiment
 3rd/54th Artillery Regiment (1 btry)

Units under Navy control (all Army if not specified)

Naval Base Messina-Reggio Calabria
 116th Coastal Regiment
 156th Infantry Battalion
 502nd Infantry Battalion
 255th Artillery Battalion (100mm/22)

119th Coastal Regiment
 370th Infantry Battalion
 371st Infantry Battalion
 442nd Infantry Battalion
 503rd Infantry Battalion
 158th Artillery Battalion (149mm/19)

23rd Cavalry Group (dismounted)
 95th Blackshirts Legion (2 battalions)
 14 Anti-ship Batteries (Navy)
 38 Flak Batteries (Navy)

Naval Base Augusta-Siracusa
 121st Coastal Regiment
 246th Infantry Battalion
 385th Infantry Battalion
 504th Infantry Battalion
 540th Infantry Battalion
 80th Artillery bty (76mm/42)
 Navy Infantry Battalion (Navy)
 Air Force Infantry Battalion (Air Force)
 6 Heavy Anti-ship Batteries (Navy)
 11 Flack/Light anti-ship Batteries (Navy)
 6 Flak Batteries (navy)
 1 Armed train (6x102mm guns - Navy)
 2 Floating Batteries (2 190mm & 2 149mm guns - Navy)

Naval Base Trapani
 137th Coastal Regiment
 443rd Infantry Battalion
 505th Infantry Battalion
 844th Infantry Battalion
 9 Flai/Light Anti-ship Batteries (Navy)

Units under Air Force Control

Each operative airfield had an Army defence detachment, usually of 1 or 2 independent companies each, plus a mortar platoon and occasionally a light artillery section. The operative airfields were:

Milazzo
 Catania-Sigonella
 Catania-Boccadifalco
 Gerbini
 Finocchiara
 Augusta
 Comiso
 Sciacca
 Stagnone
 Chinisia
 Milo
 Castelvetrano

Garrison of Pantelleria Island (under Navy control - all Army if not specified)

1/,2/5th Infantry Regiment
 3rd Special Mobile Defense Battalion
 Independent Garrison Infantry Company
 526th Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
 535th Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
 654th Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
 655th Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
 656th Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
 657th Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
 658th Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
 753rd Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
 540th Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company

455th Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
3 Machine Gun Companies (from "Aosta" Infantry Division)
21st Special Infantry Company (from 5th IR, "Aosta" Infantry Division)
6th "Special" Company (from 129th Coastal Infantry Regiment)
7th "Special" Company (from 129th Coastal Infantry Regiment)
201st Mortar Company (81mm)
Independent Light Tank Company (from 4th Tank Regiment)
Miscellaneous Air Force ground crews (at the Airport)
150th Artillery Battalion (1 65mm/17 btry and 1 75mm/27 btry)
Elements, 9th Milmart Legion (Naval Blackshirts Regiment)
 Artillery Battalion
 Flak Artillery Battalion
 Flak Machine Gun Battalion
 20 Flak and Anti-Ship Batteries
5 Construction Engineer Companies

Garrison of Lampedusa Island (under Navy control
- all Army if not otherwise specified)

365th Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
617th Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
653rd Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
656th Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
601st Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
625th Frontier Guards Machine Gun Company
3 Independent Infantry Companies (from 77th Infantry Regiment
- "Lupi di Toscana" Division)
3 (81mm) Mortar Platoons
2 (47mm/32) Anti-Tank Platoons
1 Light Tank Platoon (L3)
6 Construction Engineer Companies
6th Milmart independent Artillery Battalion (Blackshirts)
 6 Flak/Light Anti-ship Batteries
2 Flak/Light Anti-ship Batteries (Navy)
45th Artillery Battery (75mm/27)
625th AA Artillery Battery (75mm/46)
2 Flak Artillery Batteries (75mm/46)
89th (20mm) Light Flak section
90th (20mm) Light Flak section
20th (20mm) Light Flak section
10th (20mm) Light Flak section

Notes:

A)- The "Livorno" was released to the 16th Corps on July 10th. Actually the 3/28th Artillery and all the 33rd Infantry Regiment were released to 16th Corps at 3:15 a.m. on 10 July. The rest of the Division was released at 1:45 p.m.

B)- On 10 July the 230th Coastal Division was formed with elements of the 202nd and 208th Coastal Divisions to cover the sector around Trapani (western most part of the Island).

C)- In addition there were also present about 100 Anti-Parachutist Units (NAP - Nuclei Anti-Paracadutisti), with a strength of about 1 platoon each, formed with reservists and with equipped with only light

weapons. Those units were either attached to the regular divisions or operated independently. Their value should probably be rated as extremely low, but it is worth noting that the 5 NAPs attached to the 206th Coastal Division were able to capture 174 British paras in the night of the landing. Another 45 NAPs, formed by elderly Blackshirts reservists, were disbanded on mid-June due to their limited effectiveness.

D) At the moment of the landing the "Napoli" Division was divided into several battlegroups. It is possible, but not known if the other infantry divisions were also restructured in the same way.

The "Napoli" was organized as follows: =

Gruppo Tattico "Ramacca"

1/76th Infantry Regiment
110th Artillery Battalion (149mm/13)

Gruppo Tattico "Carlentini"

2/76th Infantry Regiment
126th Artillery Battalion (1 btry, 75mm/27)

Gruppo Tattico "Scordia"

3/76th Infantry Regiment
2/54th Artillery Regiment
1 Company of Sem L6 47/32

Gruppo Tattico "Canicatti Bagni"

1/75th Infantry Regiment
126th Artillery Battalion (1 btry, 75mm/27)

Gruppo Tattico "Palazzolo Acreide"

2/75th Infantry Regiment
2 Anti-tank companies (47mm/32)

Gruppo Tattico "Buccheri"

3/75th Infantry Regiment
16th Artillery Battalion (105m/28)

This last group was reinforced in the early afternoon of 10 July with one 20mm flak battery and one platoon of Sem.L6 47/32 (from 230th bn). The "Napoli" Division had also a Recruit Battalion that was attached to the tactical Group "Buccheri".

E)- Flak units were under the Regio Esercito (Royal Army - abbreviated RE), Regia Marina (Royal Navy- abbreviated RM), and the Milizia Artiglieri a Contraerea (AA Artillery Militia - Blackshirts - abbreviated MACA). All units were batteries, under control of the DICAT (Difesa Contraerea Territoriale - Territorial Air Defence).

Reggio Calabria: 2 RM batteries (90/53)
 1 RM battery (90/42)
 4 RM batteries (76/40)

Messina: 2 RE Batteries (20mm)
3 RE Batteries (75/46)
6 RE Batteries (76/40)
6 RM Batteries (90/53)
3 RM Batteries (90/42)
12 RM Batteries (76/40)
13 MACA Batteries (90/53)

Jonia: 2 RE Batteries (90/53)
2 RE Batteries (20mm)

Gerbini: 1 RE Battery (37mm)
1 MAC Battery A (37mm)
2 RE Batteries (76/40)

Catania: 2 RE Batteries (37mm)
2 RE Batteries (75/46)
1 RM Battery (76/40)
6 MACA Batteries (90/53)
5 MACA Batteries (76/40)
2 MACA Batteries (37mm)
5 MACA Batteries (20mm)

Augusta-Siracusa: 6 RM Batteries (102/35)
11 RM Batteries (76/40)

San Pietro: 3 Batteries MACA (76/40)

Gela: 3 RE Batteries (37mm)
2 RE Batteries (20mm)
3 MACA Batteries (76/40)

Licata: 1 RM Battery (76/40)
1 MACA Battery (20mm)

Porto Empedocle: 1 RM Battery (76/40)
4 MACA Batteries (90/53) - 2 non operational
1 MACA Battery (20mm)
1 RE Battery (37mm)

Sciacca: 1 RE Battery (37mm)
1 MACA Battery (90/53) - non operational
3 Batteries MACA (76/40)
2 MACA Batteries (20mm)

Castelvetrano: 3 RE Batteries (75/27)
4 RE Batteries (37mm)
4 MACA Batteries (90/53)
2 MACA Batteries (76/40)
2 MACA Batteries (75/46)
2 MACA Batteries (20mm)

Marsala: 3 MACA Batteries (90/53)
2 Batteries MACA (20mm)

Trapani: 3 RM Batteries (102/35)
 1 RM Battery (90/53)
 5 RM Batteries (76/40)
 1 MACA Battery (102/35)
 2 MACA Batteries (90/53)
 3 MACA Batteries (76/40)

Chinisia: 3 RE Batteries (37mm)
 1 MACA Battery (90/53) - non operational
 3 MACA Batteries (76/40)

Palermo: 2 RE Batteries (20mm)
 3 MACA Batteries (102/35)
 7 MACA Batteries (90/53)
 8 MACA Batteries (76/40) - 1 non operational
 Batteries 4 x MACA (37mm) 3 x MACA (20mm)

Termini Imerese: 4 RE Batteries (90/53)
 1 RE Battery (20mm)

Milazzo: 1 MACA Batteries (75/46)
 2 RE Batteries (75/27)
 1 MACA Battery (20mm)

1 MACA Battery at: Porto Palo, Motta S.Anastasia, Vizzini, Pozzallo, Cassibile (2 x btys), Pachino (RE battery), Acireale (RE battery), Vittoria, Punta Secca, Ragusa (RE battery), Costa Raia, Lercara, Friddi, Roccapalumba (RE battery).

G)- Logistical Organization.

6th Army Food depots: Lercara Friddi, Salemi, Militello, San Cataldo, Corleone, Canicatti, Caltanissetta, Enna, Dittaino, Piazza Armerina, Caltagirone, Vizzini, Ragusa, Paterno, Palermo, Messina, and Catania.

12th Corps Food depots: Alcamo, Paceco, Casa Bambina, Castelvetro, Melfi, Aragona, & Campobello di Licata

16th Corps Food depots: Messina, Vittoria, Modica, Rosolini, Florida, Catania, & Patti.

6th Army Ammo depots: Palermo, Messina, Vittoria, Enna, Costa Raja, Scalilli, Camporeale, Lercara Friddi, Piano San Nicola, Sommatino, Bellia, Francavilla di Sicilia, Campo Italia, & Grammichele

12th Corps Ammo depots: Favarotta, Agrigento, Castelvetro, Marsala, Trapani, Valguarnera, Cerda, Sciacca, Villagrazia, Mazara del Vallo, & Altofonte

16th Corps Ammo depots: Milazzo, Misterbianco, Carlentini, Florida, Modica, Vittoria, Noto, & Messina

6th Army Engineers and Radio-Telephone depots: Roccapalumba, Dattino, Salemi, Aragona, Ragusa, Ferla, & Randazzo

6th Army Chemical depot: Caltanissetta

6th Army trucks depot: Palermo

6th Army trucks workshops: Palermo, Paterno, & Caltanissetta

6th Army POL depots: Santa Ninfa, Alcamo, Partinico, Roccapalumba, Serradifalco, Leonforte, Piazza Armerina, & Misterbianco

6th Army POL distribution points: Marsala, Trapani, Salemi, Castelvetrano, Alcamo, Gibellina, Santa Margherita Belice, Partinico, Sciacca, Bisacquino, Corleone, Palermo, Marineo, Bivona, Lercara Friddi, Termini Imerese, Casteltermini, Agrigento, Vallelunga, Canicatti, Collesano, Petralia, Caltanissetta, Enna, Santo Stefano di Camastra, Gela, Leonforte, Piazza Armerina, Caltagirone, Vittoria, Palagonia, Modica, Patti, Randazzo, Paterno', Palazzolo Acreide, Catania, Noto, Siracusa, & Messina.

6th Army Wood and Straw depots: Caltanissetta, Salemi, Scordia, & Roccapalumba

6th Army Clothes and Shoes depots: Palermo & San Cataldo

6th Army Veterinarian depots: Lercara Friddi & Mineo

Units of the Italian Air Force that fought over Sicily on July 10th 1943.

Note: Figures are operational/not-operational aircraft (so a 8/4 means 8 operational planes and 4 non-operational, for a total of 12 aircraft.)

3rd Air Fleet (3° Squadra Aerea)

Bomber Group:

Based at Perugia - Umbria, central Italy:
28th Bomber Squadron (10th and 19th flights)
86th Bomber Squadron (190th and 191th flights)
88th Bomber Squadron (264th and 265th flights)
106th Bomber Squadron (260th and 261st flights)
with a total of 31 Cant.Z.1007bis (2011)

Torpedo-Bomber Group

Based at Pisa - Tuscany: central Italy:
108th TB Sq (256th and 257th flights)
284th TB Flight
Based at Siena -Tuscany: central Italy:
89th TB Sq (228th and 229th flights)
204th TB Flight
Pisa and Siena had a combined total of 44 SM.79 (1529)

4th Air Fleet:

Based at Manduria (Puglie:south-eastern Italy):

8th Bomber Wing
27th Bomber Squadron (18th and 52nd flights)
(total of 10 Cant.Z.1007 bis (28))

Based at Crotone (Calabria: south-western Italy):

97th Ind.Interceptor Squadron (226th and 227th flights)
with a total of:
3 CR.42 (all operational)
15 Ro.57 (105)

Based at Grottaglie (Puglie: south-eastern Italy):

157th Independent Fighter Squadron
(357th, 371st, 384th flights)
with a total of:
13 MC.200 (57)
5 CR.42 (41)

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Based at Gerbini :

131st Ind.Torpedo-Bomber Sq (279th flight only)
with a total of 4 SM.79 (13)

Based at Catania:

4th Fighter Wing
9th Fighter Squadron (73rd, 96th and 97th flights)
10th Fighter Squadron (84th, 90th and 91st flights)
with a total of:
10 MC.205V (28) & 38 MC.202 (1226)

Based at Comiso :

3rd Ind. Fighter Squadron /153rd, 154th and 155th flights)
with a total of 17 Bf.109G (710)

Based at Sciacca :

150th Ind.Fighter Squadron /363rd, 364th and 365th flights)
with a total of 25 Bf.109G (619)

Based at Reggio Calabria (just over the Messina strait) :

161st Ind. Fighter Squadron (162nd, 164th and 371st flights)
with a total of:
18 MC.202 (117)
4 MC.200 (none operational)
2 CR.42 (all operational)
13 De.520 (French - 47)

Based at Chinisia :

21st Fighter Squadron (356th, 361st, 386th flights)
with a total of 12 MC.202 (66)

Based at Palermo :

66th Recce Squadron (131st flight 87th flight at Catania)
with a total of :
1 Ca.311 (operational)
5 Ca.313 (23)
16 Ca.314 (88)

153rd Fighter Squadron (377th flight only)
with a total of 7 MC.202 (61)

Based at Augusta :

8th Naval Recce Squadron (170th and 186th flights 197th flight
at Stagnone)
10th Fighter Squadron (84th, 90th and 91st flights)
with a total of :
6 Cant.Z.501 (none operational), 22 Cant.Z.506 (616) &
12 RS.14 (57)

Independent Units:

Based at Littoria - near Rome

130th Torpedo-Bomber Sq (280th and 283rd flights)
with a total of 9 SM.79 (27)

Based at Guidonia - near Roma:

274th Long Range Bomber Flight with P.108 (44)

Units of the Italian Air Force assigned to the 4th Air Fleet
immediately after the landings available for combat from 11 July

At Catania from Capodichino (near Naples)

22nd Fighter Squadron (362nd flight only) with 8 Re.2005

At Chinisia from Monserrato (Sardinia) 155th Fighter Squadron
(351st and 360th flights) with 12 MC.205V

At Palermo from Cerveteri (near Roma)

elements of the 3rd Fighter Wing with 8 MC.202

At Palermo from Decimomannu (Sardinia)

103rd Dive-Bomber Squadron (207th flight only) with 6 Ju.87D
"Stuka" (In Italian airforce slang the Stuka was known as
"Picchiatelli" or "slightly mad")

At Palermo from Capoterra (Sardinia)

46th Assault Squadron (20th flight only)
and from Oristano (Sardinia)
47th Assault Squadron (53rd flight only) with a combined
total of 15 CR.42

At Crotone (Calabria) from Tarquinia (near Roma)

102th Dive-Bomber Squadron (209th and 239th flights) with
20 Re.2002

At Crotone (Calabria) from Pistoia (Tuscany- central Italy)

159th Assault Squadron (389th, 390th and 391st flights) with
14 G.50

At Crotone (Calabria) from Osoppo (Friuli: north-eastern Italy)
158th Assault Squadron (elements from 236th, 387th and 388th
flights) with 5 G.50

At Gioia del Colle (Puglie: south-eastern Italy) from Decimomannu
(Sardinia)
103rd Dive-Bomber Squadron (237th flight only) with 8 (or 6?)
Ju.87D "Stuka"

At Gioia del Colle (Puglie) from Lonate Pozzolo (near Milano)
121st Dive-Bomber Squadron (206th and 216th flights) with 14
(or 8?) Ju.87D "Stuka"

At Manduria (Puglie) from Lonate Pozzolo (near Milano)
101st Dive-Bomber Squadron (208th and 238th flights)
with 12 Re.2002

At Gioia del Colle (Puglie) from Lonate Pozzolo (near Milano)
98th Bomber Squadron (240th and 241st flights) with 11 SM.84

1)- Sources vary on the equipment assigned to the 144th Artillery
Battalion (213th Coastal Division) as 100/17, 105/17 or even 305/17.

2)- As a reference for campaign, the fixed defences of the 206th
Coastal Division were as follows (on a front of 132 km!) : 250 kms of
barbed wire (good), 8 kms of AT ditches (risible), 15.000 mines (even
more risible).

3) Naval OOB.

20 Torpedo Boats available in Sicily (3rd and 7th Flottilas),
the Italians 16 (2 others were lost 1 month before, resupplying Lampe-
dusa). The Italian Fleet was ready to leave its ports at 3:00 p.m. on
10 July. The Littorio, Vittorio Veneto and Roma were at La Spezia,
with the bulk of the cruisers. The old battleships Andrea Doria and
the Giulio Cesare (with some escorts) at Taranto.

The battleships Caio Duilio and Conte di Cavour were still unservice-
able after the Taranto attack early in the war. The escorts available
were as follows (total available/operative): Cruisers: 13/6 Destroyers:
39/12 Corvettes etc: 70/30 Submarines: 58/26 Torpedo boats: 83/35
Submarine Chasers: 23/12. The strenght of the Kriegsmarine in the
Mediterranean at that time, was 9 corvettes, etc, 11 Subchasers, 2
minelayers, 63 minesweepers, 4 support ships, 17 submarines (besides
the aforementioned 20 torpedo boats).

4)- Air Forces. The general efficiency of all the the Italian AIR Force
planes on 10 July was 449 on 930 (48%), while the Luftwaffe in Italy
fared quite better with 563 on 932 (60%). Usefull to know if setting a
Campaign!

Date	Air Missions
11 July:	198 Italians & 283 German
12 July:	171 Italians & 202 German
13 July:	197 Italians & 164 German

14 July: 88 Italians & 156 German
15 July: 76 Italians & 85 German

5) The Italian High Command had entrusted the defence of Sicily almost entirely in Sicilian hands. The Coastal Division were almost totally manned by Sicilians and even the "regular" divisions were over 65% Sicilians. The hope was that the troops, defending their own land, should have been more motivated. The predictable result was a very high rate of desertions and "easy" surrenders, especially in the "Coastal" units. Some units fought very well, like the "Livorno" and the customary reliable Bersaglieri. The other "regular" divisions did their duty more or less without praise and without shame. The coastal divisions did poorly. The small tactical groups and mobile groups did the best that they could, but this was not much. The Italians lost 40,751 KIA during the campaign (about 16% of the original available strength!). As a comparison the Germans lost 8,908 KIA (13%). Though they did poorly, they were apparently more than willing to engage in serious combat, unlike they are frequently portrayed.

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