

**Italian Forces at Keren  
5 March 1941**

Begana Zelale-Falestoh Sector:

11th Colonial Brigade  
    51st, 52nd 56th & 63rd Battalions  
44th Artillery Group (65mm/17 guns, camel transported)  
1 Battery, 75mm/13 guns

Dologorodoc-Sanchil Sector:

2nd Grenadier Battalion  
"Tipo" Colonial Battalion  
11th Artillery Group (65mm/17 guns)  
5th Artillery Group (65mm/17 guns)  
Anti-Aircraft Battery (20mm guns)  
Anti-Tank Battery (47mm/32 guns)

Mount Amba-Brig's Peak-Rotunda Sector:

5th Colonial Brigade  
    97th & 106th Battalion  
Alpini "Work Amba" Battalion  
5th Colonial Battalion  
1st/60th Artillery Group (65mm/17 guns)  
Artillery Group (105mm/28 howitzers)  
Anti-Aircraft Battery (75mm/27 Ck guns)

Samana (Beit-Garbru-Dobac) Sector:

12th Colonial Brigade  
    36th, 41st, 103rd Battalion  
77mm/28 Battery  
65mm/17 Battery  
4th Colonial Battalion

Northern Sector:

2nd Colonial Brigade  
    9th, 10th & 151st Battalions  
6th Colonial Brigade  
    19th, 24th, 31st, & 34th Battalions  
44th Black Shirt Battalion  
2nd Artillery Group (65mm/17 guns)  
6th Artillery Group (65mm/17 guns)  
13th Artillery Group (65mm/17 guns)  
2 Batteries (77mm/28 guns)

Garrison Commander's Reserve

11th Black Shirt Legion (2 bns)  
44th Colonial Brigade  
    105th & 105th Battalions  
3 Independent Black Shirt Companies  
15th Sqn, Cavarly Group

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