Al- Alamein Battle 1942

There are two battles with same name (Al Alamein) . The first one had occurred from 1 to 26 July 1942, the second battle occurred from 23 October to 11 November 1942 .

The first battle : In general it was one of the Western Desert Campaign battles of the Second World War, taken place on the northern coast of Egypt between Axis forces (Germany and Italy) commanded by Field Marshal Erwin Rommel, and Allied (specifically British Imperial) forces (Britain, British India, Australia, South Africa and New Zealand) which formed the British Eighth Army commanded by General Claude Auchinleck. In spite of the stalemate, that resulted from halting the second advance of the Axis forces into Egypt. However, an Axis presence near Al Alamein only (106 km) from Alexandria, was too dangerously close to major population centers and the Suez Canal . If Allied forces want to prevent the status quo to continue; a Second Battle of Al Alamein would be necessary to drive the Axis armies out of Egypt.