

**Organizational History of the
German Mountain and Ski Division
1939-1945**

1st Gebirgs (Mountain) Division: Formed on 9 May 1938.

- 1/,2/,3/98th Gebirgsjäger Regiment
- 1/,2/,3/99th Gebirgsjäger Regiment
- 1/,2/,3/100th Gebirgsjäger Regiment
- 1/,2/,3/,4/79th Gebirgs (Mountain) Artillerie Regiment
- 44th Panzerjäger Battalion
- 54th Reconnaissance Battalion
- 54th Pioneer Battalion
- 54th Signals Battalion
- 54th Division Support Units

Reorganized on 3 November 1940 by detachment of 100th Gebirgsjäger Regiment to 5th Gebirgs-Division along with the 1/79th Mountain Artillery Regiment. The 745th Light Artillery Battalion became the new 3/79th and the old 3/79th became the new 1/79th Mountain Artillery Regiment.

In 1943 the division was reinforced by the addition of the 2nd Hochgebirgs Jäger (High Mountain Infantry) Battalion and the 54th Field Battalion. On 20 November 1943 the 2/98th was replaced by the 3rd Hochgebirgs Battalion.

On 12 March 1945 the 1st Mountain Division was renamed the Volks-Gebirgs Division.

1st Skijäger (Ski) Division: Formed on 2 June 1944 as a complete Jäger Division around the staff and troops of the 19th Panzer Grenadier Brigade. The two regiments were formed a third battalion. The 152nd Artillery Regiment was reinforced by the 2/49th and 2/65th Heavy Artillery Regiments, which became the 1/152nd and 3/152nd respectively. No 2/152nd was formed, but the function was filled by the 18th Werfer Battalion. The 152nd Panzer Jäger (Anti-Tank) Battalion was formed the 270th Sturmgeschütz Battalion, already assigned to the 19th Panzer Grenadier Brigade. The division had:

- 1/,2/,3/1st Skijäger Regiment
- 1/,2/,3/2nd Skijäger Regiment
- 1st Ski-Füsilier Battalion
- 1/,3/,4/152nd Artillery Regiment
- 18th Werfer Battalion
- 1st Heavy Ski Battalion
- 152nd Panzer Jäger (AT) Battalion
- 85th Ski Pioneer Battalion
- 152nd Division Support Units

The 1st Heavy Ski Battalion was formed from the staff of the 615th Flak Battalion, an Infantry Support Gun company equipped with 150mm guns and a 3.7mm Flak company

The 1st Skijäger Regiment had two battalions. In 1943 the 1st had the 1-4th Companies, the 2nd had the 5-8th Cos. The 9th Co appeared to be independent. In 1944 the 1st Bn remained unchanged, the 2nd Bn had the 4-8th Cos and 3rd Bn had the 9-12th Cos. The 13th & 14th Cos appeared to be independent.

2nd Mountain Division: Formed on 4/1/38 in Innsbruck.

1/,3/136th Gebirgsjäger Regiment
1/,2/,3/137th Gebirgsjäger Regiment
2/,3/111th Gebirgs (Mountain) Artillerie Regiment
1/113th Gebirgs (Mountain) Artillerie Regiment
11th Reconnaissance Battalion (later 111th Recon Bn)
47th Panzerjäger Battalion
82nd Gebirgs (Mountain) Pioneer Battalion
67th Signals Battalion
67th Division Support Units

On 4/1/40 the independent 2/140th Gebirgsjäger Regiment became the 2/136th Gebirgsjäger Regiment and the 1/113th Gebirgs (Mountain) Artillery Regiment became the 1/111th Gebirgs (Mountain) Artillery Regiment. In the Fall of 1940 the 47th Panzer Jäger Battalion was replaced by the newly raised 55th Panzer Jäger Battalion and the 11th Reconnaissance Battalion was replaced by the 67th Bicycle Reconnaissance Battalion. In 1943 the 3/111th Mountain Artillery regiment was sent to serve with the 112th Artillery Regiment and in its place the 4th (Heavy) Battalion was raised for the 111th Mountain Artillery Regiment from the 852nd Heavy Artillery Battalion. In December 1944 the division was drawn back to Denmark from Norway and reorganized with:

1/,2/,3/136th Gebirgsjäger Regiment
1/,2/,3/137th Gebirgsjäger Regiment
1/,,2/,3/,4/111th Gebirgs (Mountain) Artillery Regiment
44th Panzer Jäger Battalion (AT)
82nd Gebirgs (Mountain) Pioneer Battalion
67th Division Support Units

3rd Mountain Division: Formed on 4/1/38 in Graz from the 4th and 7th Austrian Divisions. On 8/26/39 it mobilized with:

1/,2/,3/138th Gebirgsjäger Regiment
1/,2/,3/139th Gebirgsjäger Regiment
1/,2/,3/112th Gebirgs (Mountain) Artillerie Regiment
12th Reconnaissance Battalion
48th Panzerjäger Battalion
83rd Gebirgs (Mountain) Pioneer Battalion
68th Signals Battalion
68th Division Support Units

On 5/1/40 it transferred the 12th Reconnaissance Battalion and the 3/112th Artillery Regiment to the 6th Mountain Division. When sent to Norway about half of the 139th Mountain Regiment was left behind. On 5/1/40 the detached portion of the 139th formed the 141st Gebirgs Jäger Regiment for the 6th Mountain Division. ON 11/10/40 the 68th Bicycle Battalion was organized in Narvik. When the division went to Finland the 139th Regiment and the 1/112th Artillery Regiment remained behind. Later in 1942 detached portions were rebuilt and the division had:

1/,2/,3/138th Gebirgsjäger Regiment
1/,2/,3/139th Gebirgsjäger Regiment
1/,2/,3/112th Gebirgs (Mountain) Artillerie Regiment
95th Bicycle Battalion

95th Panzerjäger Battalion
83rd Gebirgs (Mountain) Pioneer Battalion
68th Signals Battalion
68th Division Support Units

In 1943 the 4/112th Mountain Artillery Regiment was raised as a heavy battalion from the 3/111th Mountain Artillery Regiment. In 1944 the 95th Reconnaissance Battalion was returned and it formed the 1/95th Bicycle Regiment. The 83rd Reconnaissance Squadron replaced the 83rd Reconnaissance Battalion. The division was captured by Deutsch-Brod in May 1945 by the Russians.

4th Mountain Division: Formed in June 1940 in Rahmen as a 10th Wave unit with:

1/,2/,3/142nd Gebirgsjäger Regiment
1/,2/,3/143rd Gebirgsjäger Regiment
1/,2/,3/94th Gebirgs (Mountain) Artillerie Regiment
94th Panzerjäger Battalion
94th Gebirgs (Mountain) Pioneer Battalion
94th Reconnaissance Battalion
94th Signals Battalion
94th Division Support Units

The 143rd Mountain Regiment was detached to form the 6th Mountain Regiment on 6/4/40. The 142nd Mountain Regt, the artillery and the remainder were disbanded. On 10/23/40 the division began reforming and had:

1/,2/,3/13th Gebirgsjäger Regiment
(from the 13th Infantry Regiment/25th ID)
1/,2/,3/91st Gebirgsjäger Regiment
(from the 91st Infantry Regiment/27th ID)
1/,2/,3/,4/94th Gebirgsjäger Artillery Regiment
(1 from 1/25th & 3 from the 3/27th Artillery Regiments)
94th Panzerjäger Battalion
94th Gebirgs (Mountain) Pioneer Battalion
94th Reconnaissance Battalion
94th Signals Battalion
94th Division (Einheiten) Support Units

In the Fall 1943 the 94th Ersatz Battalion went to the front and became the 94th Gebirgsjäger Battalion and a Crimean Battalion was formed. In 1945 the 3/94th Artillery Regiment was disbanded. In May 1945, with the Capitulation, it was by Olmütz and passed into Russian captivity.

5th Mountain Division: Formed on 10/25/40 in Raum Salzburg-Tirol from the 3rd Regiment of the 1st Geb. Div and the 85th Infantry Regiment from 10th Infantry Division:

1/,2/,3/85th Gebirgsjäger Regiment
1/,2/,3/100th Gebirgsjäger Regiment
1/,2/,3/95th Gebirgs (Mountain) Artillerie Regiment (from the
1/79th and 3/10th Artillery Regiments)
95th Panzerjäger Battalion
95th Reconnaissance Battalion
95th Pioneer Battalion
95th Signals Battalion

95th Division Support Units

On 11/1/41 the 95th Bicycle Battalion and the 95th Mountain Panzerjäger Battalion were formed from the 68th Bicycle Battalion and the 48th Gebirg Panzerjäger Battalion. The two battalions were already in Finland and on 1/5/43 became army troops. On 3/15/43 the 95th Schnelle (Quick) Battalion was formed. On 1/27/44 the 95th Reconnaissance and 85th Panzerjäger Battalions were raised. On 4/29/45 the Division was captured by the Americans near Turin.

6th Mountain Division: Formed on 6/1/40 with:

1/,2/,3/141st Gebirgsjäger Regiment
1/,2/,3/143rd Gebirgsjäger Regiment
1/,2/,3/,4/118th Mountain Artillery Regiment
(formed from 2/113th, 1/752nd , & 3/112nd Artillery)
112nd Reconnaissance Battalion
47th Panzerjäger Battalion
91st Pioneer Battalion
91st Signals Battalion
91st Division Support Units

7th Mountain Division: Formed 15 November 1941 by the conversion of the 99th Light Infantry Division into the 7th Mountain Division. It had:

1/,2/,3/206th Gebirgsjäger Regiment (formed from the 206th IR)
1/,2/,3/218th Gebirgsjäger Regiment (formed from the 218th IR)
1/,2/,3/82nd Gebirgsartillerie Regiment (formed from the 82nd AR)
99th Panzerjäger Battalion
99th Reconnaissance Battalion
99th Pioneer Battalion
99th Signals Battalion
99th Division Support Units

In September 1943 the 99th Feldersatz Battalion became the 82nd Ski Battalion and a new Feldersatz Battalion was formed. In 1945 the Division was in Norway and Finland where it was taken into English captivity.

9th Mountain Division: Formed in March 1945 with two parts. They were:

9th "North" Mountain Division from Kräutler Group Division
9th "East" Mountain Division from Kampfgruppe Semmering

The "North" division was formed on 4/12/45 as the K Mountain Division of the Army Detachment Narvik. The second was formed from the Mountain Jäger NCO School, the Dachstein Mountain Artillery School, the SS Mountain Jäger Ersatz Battalion Loeben and detachments from the Bölcke battle squadron. It served as the Raithel Kampfgruppe in the III Panzer corps. The formation of the 9th Mountain Division from the Raithel Kampfgruppe occurred on 4/25/45 when it was joined by the Steiermark (Schatten Division) Mountain Jäger Division. The Steiermark Jäger Brigade (2 Jäger Regiments, each with 2 bns, an Artillery Battalion and a pioneer battalion).

157th Mountain Division: Organized on 10/1/44 from the 157th Reserve Division, it contained:

1/,2/,3/296th Mountain Jäger Regiment
1/,2/,3/297th Mountain Jäger Regiment
1/,2/,3/,4/1057th Mountain Artillery Regiment
1057th Panzerjäger Battalion
1057th Mountain Signals Battalion
1057th Mountain Pioneer Battalion
1057th Feldersatz Battalion
1057th Mountain Division Supply Units

In March 1945 the division was redesignated as the 8th Mountain Division. Its organization was not altered.

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