

**Organizational History of the
German Fast Troop Formations
1939-1945**

1st Light Division: Formed 8/1/39 in Wuppertal. On 8/1/39 it mobilized with:

- 1/,2/,3/4th Kavallerie Schützen Regiment
- 6th Kradschützen (Motorcycle) Battalion
- 65th Panzer Battalion
- 76th Artillery Regiment
- 6th Reconnaissance Battalion
- 41st Panzer Abwehr (AT) Battalion
- 82nd Signals Battalion
- 57th Pioneer Battalion
- 57th Division (Einheiten) Service Units

On 10/18/39 the division was reorganized into the 6th Panzer Division.

2nd Light Division: Formed 11/10/38 in Gera. On 8/19/39 it was mobilized with:

- 1/,2/6th Kavallerie Schützen Regiment
- 1/,2/7th Kavallerie Schützen Regiment
- 1/,2/7th Reconnaissance Regiment
- 66th Panzer Battalion
- 1/,2/78th Artillery Regiment
- 58th Reconnaissance Battalion
- 58th Panzer Abwehr (AT) Battalion
- 58th Signals Battalion
- 58th Pioneer Battalion
- 58th Division (Einheiten) Service Units

On 10/18/39 the division was reorganized into the 7th Panzer Division.

3rd Light Division: Formed 11/10/38 in Cottbus. On 8/23/39 it mobilized with:

- 1/,2/8th Kavallerie Schützen Regiment
- 1/,2/9th Kavallerie Schützen Regiment
- 1/,2/8th Reconnaissance Regiment
- 67th Panzer Battalion
- 1/,2/80th Artillery Regiment
- 43rd Panzer Abwehr (AT) Battalion
- 84th Divisional Signals Battalion
- 59th Pioneer Battalion
- 59th Division (Einheiten) Service Units

On 10/16/39 it was reorganized as the 8th Panzer Division.

4th Light Division: Formed Vienna on 4/1/38. On 8/19/39 it mobilized with:

1/,2/10th Kavallerie Schützen Regiment
1/,2/11th Kavallerie Schützen Regiment
1/,2/9th Reconnaissance Regiment
33rd Panzer Battalion
1/,2/102nd Artillery Regiment
50th Panzer Abwehr (AT) Battalion
86th Pioneer Battalion
85th Divisional Signals Battalion
59th Division (Einheiten) Service Units

On 1/3/40 was reorganized as the 9th Panzer Division.

5th Light Division: Formed on 2/18/41 from troops sent to Africa, part of the 3rd Panzer Division and the 2nd Army Machine Gun Battalion. The division had:

Division Staff (from Staff 3rd Panzer brigade)
Infantry Regiment z.b.V. 200
2nd Army Machine Gun Battalion
89th Army Machine Gun Battalion
3rd Reconnaissance Battalion (from 3rd Panzer Division)
1/,2/5th Panzer Regiment (from 3rd Panzer Division)
39th Panzerjäger Battalion (from 3rd Panzer Division)
1/75th Artillery Regiment (from 3rd Panzer Division)
605th Panzerjäger Battalion (from 3rd Panzer Division)
606th Flak Battalion (from 3rd Panzer Division)

On 8/1/41 this force was formed into the 21st Panzer Division and the Staff 200 and the 2nd MG Battalion were sent to the 15th Panzer Division.

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