Belgian Army 1 September 1939

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<u>Air Defense Command</u>: (Brussels)
     <u>Senior</u> <u>Avaition</u> <u>Command</u> (Brussels)
           1st Avaition Regiment Awans-Bieset
                 1st Battalion (3 sqns)
                 2nd Battalion (3 sqns)
3rd Battalion (3 sqns)
           2nd Avaition Regiment Nivelles
                 1st Battalion (3 sqns)
                 2nd Battalion (3 sqns)
                 3rd Battalion (3 sqns)
           3rd Avaition Regiment (Evere)
                 1st Battalion (3 sqns)
                 2nd Battalion (3 sqns)
     <u>Senior</u> <u>Anti-Aircraft</u> <u>Artillery</u> <u>Command</u> (Brussels)
           1st Flak regiment
                 4th, 5th, 7th, 8th, & 9th (mot) Flak Batteries
                      (40mm guns)
                 I Flak Battalion (Heverle)
                      2 (mot) 20mm batteries
                 III Flak Battalion (Zedelgem)
                      2 (mot) 20mm batteries
                 VII Flak Battalion (Luttich)
                      2 (mot) 20mm batteries
                 IX Flak Battalion (Merksem)
                      2 (mot) 20mm batteries
           2nd Flak Regiment
                 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 6th (mot) Flak Batteries (40mm guns)
                 XI Flak Battalion (Brussels-Etterbeek)
                      2 (mot) 75mm batteries
                 ? Flak Battalion (Brussels)
                      2 (mot) 75mm batteries
                 ? Flak Battalion (Brussel)
                      2 (mot) searchlight batteries
<u>Cavalry</u> <u>Corps</u>:
     1st Cavarly Division:
           1st Cavarly Brigade:
                 1st "Guiden" Regiment
                      1st Battalion
                            2 Bicycle Companies
                            1 (mot) Support Company
                                 1 (mot) AT Platoon (4 AT guns)
1 (mot) MG Platoon (4 machineguns)
                      2nd Battalion
                            same as 1st Battalion
                      3rd Battalion
                            2 Armored Car Companies
                                  (4 armored cars ea)
                            1 (mot) AT Company (4 at guns)
                      2 Self Propelled 20mm Flak Companies
                            (4 SP guns ea)
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2nd "Lancer" Regiment
                    same as 1st Cavalry Regiment
          3rd "Lancer" Regiment:
               1st Battalion
                    2 Bicycle Companies
                    1 (mot) Support Company
                         1 (mot) AT Platoon (4 AT guns)
                          1 (mot) MG Platoon (4 machineguns)
               2nd Battalion
                    same as 1st Battalion
               3rd Battalion
                    1 Armored Car Company
                          (4 armored cars)
                    1 (mot) AT Company (4 at guns)
               2 Self Propelled 20mm Flak Companies
                    (4 SP guns ea)
     <u>1st Bicycle Regiment:</u>
          1st Battalino:
               2 Bicycle Companies (6 LMGs ea)
               1 Heavy Bicycle Company (8 (mot) Hmgs)
          2nd Battalino:
               2 Bicycle Companies (6 LMGs ea)
               1 Heavy Bicycle Company (8 (mot) Hmgs)
               1 (mot) Anti-tank Comany (4 20mm guns)
2nd Cavarly Division:
     2nd Cavarly Brigade:
          1st "Chasseurs à Cheval" Regiment
1st Battalion
                    2 Bicycle Companies
                    1 (mot) Support Company
                         1 (mot) AT Platoon (4 AT guns)
                          1 (mot) MG Platoon (4 machineguns)
               2nd Battalion
                    same as 1st Battalion
               3rd Battalion
                    1 Armored Car Company
                         (4 armored cars)
                    1 (mot) AT Company (4 at guns)
               2 Self Propelled 20mm Flak Companies
                    (4 SP guns ea)
          2nd "Chasseurs à Cheval" Regiment
                   same as 1st Cavalry Regiment
          1st "Lancer" Regiment:
                    same as 1st Cavalry Regiment
     1st Bicycle Regiment:
          1st Battalino:
               2 Bicycle Companies (6 LMGs ea)
               1 Heavy Bicycle Company (8 (mot) Hmgs)
          2nd Battalino:
               2 Bicycle Companies (6 LMGs ea)
               1 Heavy Bicycle Company (8 (mot) Hmgs)
               1 (mot) Anti-tank Comany (4 20mm guns)
Cavalry Corps Artillery
          I Artillery Battalion (3 (mot) 75mm 75TR Btrys)
          II Artillery Battalion (3 (mot) 75mm 75TR Btrys)
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III Artillery Battalion (2 (mot) 75mm 75TR Btrys)
                IV Artillery Battalion (2 (mot) 105mm light howitzer
                     Btrys)
     Other:
                Cavalry Corps Pioneer Battalion (2 mot cos)
I Corps:
     5th Division
           1st Chasseur à pied Regiment
                1st-3rd Battalions, each with: 3 Companies (6 LMGs)
                      1 Company (12 HMGs)
                4th Battalion
                      1 Machinegun Company (12 HMGs)
                      1 (mot) AT Company
                      1 Mortar Company (4 medium mortars)
1 Self Propelled 40mm Flak Battery
                      1 (mot) 20mm Flak Battery (6-20m guns)
                      1 Bicycle Company
           2nd Chasseur à pied Regiment
                      same organization as 1st Chasseur à pied
           3rd Chasseur à pied Regiment
                     same organization as 1st Chasseur à pied
           11th Artillery Regiment
                1st Battalion - 2 btrys, 4-75mm 75TR guns ea
                2nd Battalion - 2 btrys, 4-75mm 75TR guns ea
                3rd Battalion - 2 btrys, 4-75mm 75TR guns ea
4th Battalion - 2 btrys, 4-105mm light howitzers ea
     6th Division:
           1st Grenadier Regiment
                same organization as 1st Chasseur à pied
           1st Carabinier Regiment
                same organization as 1st Chasseur à pied
           9th Infantry Regiment
                same organization as 1st Chasseur à pied
           6th Artillery Regiment
                same organization as 11th Artillery Regiment
           14th Artillery Regiment
                1st Battalion - 2 btrys, 4 155mm howitzers ea
                2nd (mot) Battalion - 2 btrys, 4 155mm guns ea
                3rd Battalion - 2 btrys, 4 105mm 105L guns ea
                4th (mot) Battalion - 2 btrys, 4 120mm howitzers ea
     Corps Engineers:
           1st Pioneer Regiment
                (3 Battalions, each with 2 engineer companies)
II Corps:
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1st Division

2nd Infantry Regiment

Same as 1st Chasseur à pied Regiment

3rd Infantry Regiment

Same as 1st Chasseur à pied Regiment

4th Infantry Regiment

Same as 1st Chasseur à pied Regiment

1st Artillery Regiment

Same organization as 11th Artillery Regiment

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<u>2nd Division</u>
          5th Infantry Regiment
                Same as 1st Chasseur à pied Regiment
          6th Infantry Regiment
                Same as 1st Chasseur à pied Regiment
          8th Infantry Regiment
                Same as 1st Chasseur à pied Regiment
          2nd Artillery Regiment
                Same organization as 11th Artillery Regiment
          13th Artillery Regiment
                1st Battalion - 2 btrys, 4 155mm howitzers ea
                2nd Battalion - 2 btrys, 4 155mm howitzers ea
                3rd Battalion - 2 btrys, 4 105mm 105L guns ea
                4th (mot) Battalion - 2 btrys, 4 120mm howitzers ea
     <u>Corps Engineers:</u>
          2nd Pioneer Regiment
                (3 Battalions, each with 2 engineer companies)
IIII Corps:
     3rd Division
          1st Infantry Regiment
                Same as 1st Chasseur à pied Regiment
          12th Infantry Regiment
                Same as 1st Chasseur à pied Regiment
          3rd Artillery Regiment
                1st Battalion - 2 75mm Btrys
                2nd Battalion - 2 75mm Btrys
               3rd Battalion - 2 75mm Btrys
4th Battalion - 2 75mm Btrys
5th Battalion - 2 75mm Btrys
                6th Battalion - 2 105mm light howitzer Btrys
     4th Division
          7th Infantry Regiment
                Same as 1st Chasseur à pied Regiment
          11th Infantry Regiment
                Same as 1st Chasseur à pied Regiment
          14th Infantry Regiment
                Same as 1st Chasseur à pied Regiment
          8th Artillery Regiment
                Same organization as 11th Artillery Regiment
          15th Artillery Regiment
                1st Battalion - 2 btrys, 4 155mm howitzers ea
                2nd Battalion - 2 btrys, 4 155mm howitzers ea
                3rd Battalion - 2 btrys, 4 105mm 105L guns ea
                4th (mot) Battalion - 2 btrys, 4 120mm howitzers ea
     <u>Corps Engineers:</u>
          3rd Pioneer Regiment
                (3 Battalions, each with 2 engineer companies)
Antwerp Army Artillery Brigade:
     1st Army Artillery Regiment:
                1st Battalion - 2 (mot) btrys
                     (4-155mm 155L or 155M24 guns)
                2nd Battalion - 2 (mot) btrys
                     (4-155mm 155L or 155M24 guns)
                3rd Battalion - 2 (mot) btrys
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(4- 155mm 155L or 155M24 guns)

2nd Army Artillery Regiment:

1st Battalion - 2 (mot) btrys

(4-220mm 122TR Mortars guns)

2nd Battalion

(4- 155mm 155L or 155M24 guns)

3rd Battalion

(4-155mm howitzers)

Brussels Army Engineer Troops:

Engineer Regiment:

Hoogborn Battalion

4 Railroad Engineer companies

1 Depot company

Pontooneer Battalion

3 Pontooneer Companies

1 Depot Company

<u>Signals</u> <u>Regiment</u>:

<u>Signals</u> <u>Battalion</u>:

4 Signals Companies

Radio Battalion:

4 (mot) Radio Companies

Mixed Battalion:

1 Radio Company

1 (mot) Radio Company

1 (mot) Intercept Company 1 (mot) Signals Company

<u>Transport</u> <u>Command</u>:

Brussels Battaliion:

2 Motor Transport Companies

8 Truck Companies

2nd Transportation Corps:

1/,2/,5/ (horse drawn) Companies

3/,4/(mot) Companies

Brusschoet & antwerp Horse Drawn Companies

3/(mot) Company

Helchtern (mot) Company

Lüttich Horse Drawn Company

4th Transportation Corps:

1/,2/,4/,Brussels/(horse drawn) Companies

3/(mot) Company

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