

**Organization of Miscellaneous French Corps Formations
2 September 1939 to 23 June 1940**

1st Armored Group (1/16/40 to 6/25/40)

1st Armored Division (1/16/40-5/14/40)
2nd Armored Division (1/16/40-5/13/40)
3rd Armored Division (3/20/40-5/12/40)

2nd Armored Division (2-3 June 1940)
4th Armored Division (2-19 June 1940)
1st Armored Division (5-7 June 1940)
2nd Armored Division (10-19 June 1940)
12th Armored Battalion (13-14 June 1940)

2nd Armored Group (3-16 June 1940)

Created 6/3/40, its staff was formed between 3-8 June 1940. On 9 June the staff passed under the command of General Buisson, commander of the 3rd Armored Division. ON 10 June it was organized with:

3rd Armored Division
7th (mot) Infantry Division
508th Armored Group¹
 10th Armored Battalion (R35 tanks)
3rd Armored Battalion (R35 tanks)
Maczek Brigade (did not arrive)

Dubuisson Group (13-22 June 1940)

Organic Units

3rd Colonial Infantry Division
1st Colonial Infantry Regiment
23rd Colonial Infantry Regiment
73rd Divisional Reconnaissance Group
3rd Colonial Artillery Regiment
203rd Colonial Artillery Regiment

Burtaire Light Division
132nd Fortress Infantry Regiment
136th Fortress Infantry Regiment
147th Fortress Infantry Regiment
155th Fortress Infantry Regiment
99th Fortress Artillery Regiment
1/169th (mot) Artillery Regiment

African Light Infantry Demi-Brigade
15th Light Infantry Battalion
16th Light Infantry Battalion
18th Light Infantry Battalion

Other

21/1st Moroccan Tirailleur Regiment
Det/65th Regional Regiment
Det/444th Pioneer Regiment
482nd Pioneer Regiment

¹ Contained Staff & 10th Tank Battalion (R35 tanks).

486th Pioneer Regiment

Detachments:

1/43rd Colonial Infantry Regiment (detached 1 day, 6/18/40)
Divisional Artillery, 6th Colonial Infantry Division
(2 groups 75mm & 1 group 155mm) (detached for two days,
19-20 June 1940)
13th Divisional Reconnaissance Group (captured 6/21/40)
36th Infantry Regiment (captured 6/21/40)

Attachments:

21/1st Moroccan Tirailleur Regiment (disappeared 6/14/40)
3/3rd Heavy Colonial Artillery Regiment (destroyed 6/14/40)
6th North African Infantry Division (14-16 June 1940)
6th Colonial Infantry Division (17-22 June 1940)
Remains/21st Colonial Infantry Regiment (17-22 June 1940)
5th RICMS (17 June 1940)
3/204th Infantry Regiment (18-20 June 1940)
14th Corps Reconnaissance Group (18-22 June 1940)
70th Divisional Reconnaissance Group (18-22 June 1940)
5/243rd Heavy Artillery Regiment (155mm C) (19 June 1940)
43d Artillery Regiment² (19 June 1940)
Remains of 21 RMVE (20-22 June 1940)
2/,3/128th Fortress Infantry Regiment (20-22 June 1940)
Remains/XLII Corps (51st & 58th Infantry Divisions)
(21-22 June 1940)
Remains/6th North African Infantry Division
(21-22 June 1940)
Remains/6th Infantry Division (21-22 June 1940)
6/220th North African Artillery Regiment (21-22 June 1940)

Duffour Group (5/19/40-6/22/40)

Organic Units:

31st Regional Regiment
1st Machine Gun Battalion, 32nd Infantry Depot
4/239th Infantry Regiment
23rd Customs Battalion
24th Customs Battalion
1st (mot) Free Company (irregular light forces)
2nd (mot) Free Company (irregular light forces)
4th (mot) Free Company (irregular light forces)
5th (mot) Free Company (irregular light forces)
109th Armored Battalion
2 Machine Gun Sqns, 3rd Cavalry Depot
Independent Group, 11th Artillery Regiment
58th Anti-Tank Battery, 11th Artillery Regiment
196th Heavy Artillery Regiment (tractor drawn)
165th Anti-Tank Battery, 406th Artillery Regiment
252nd Anti-Tank Battery, 406th Artillery Regiment
8th Polish Anti-Tank Battery
2nd Sapper-Miner Battalion
559th Sapper-Miner Company
339th Sapper-Miner Company

² Three groups of 75mm guns and one 47mm anti-tank company.

Detachments:

1st GF (taken prisoner 6/10/40)

Attachments:

17th Light Infantry Division (10-22 June 1940)
236th Light Infantry Division (10-22 June 1940)
10th Anti-Tank Company, 329th Artillery Regiment
(10- June 1940)
126th Divisional Reconnaissance Group (13-14 June 1940)

Molinié Group (5/28/40-6/1/40)

III Corps:

Staff/General HQ
6th Corps Reconnaissance Group
105th Heavy Artillery Regiment
603rd Pioneer Regiment
103/1 Engineering Company
103/2 Engineering Company
103/16 Engineering Company
103/21 Engineering Company
103/81 Telephone Company
103/82 Radio Company
253/3 Train Company
353/3 Train Company

Assigned non-organic units

1st (mot) Infantry Division

1st Infantry Regiment
43rd Infantry Regiment
110th Infantry Regiment
7th Divisional Reconnaissance Group
15th Artillery Regiment
215th Heavy Artillery Regiment
Anti-Tank Company, 15th Artillery Regiment
1/1 Engineer Company
1/2 Engineer Company
1/81 Telephone Company
1/82 Radio Company
201/1 Train Company
301/1 Train Company
Divisional Services

Assigned to 1st (mot) Division

Infantry Group (5/28/40-6/1/40)
Det, 2/72nd Infantry Regiment
Det, 3/121st Infantry Regiment
1 Co., 24th Tunisian Tirailleur Regiment
1 Co., 124th Infantry Regiment
1 Co., 22nd Algerian Tirailleur Regiment
1 Co., 92nd Infantry Regiment
Stragglers, 27th Infantry Regiment
45th Infantry Regiment
54th Fortress Infantry Regiment
84th Fortress Infantry Regiment
87th Fortress Infantry Regiment
Det/ 1/106th Infantry Regiment

Det/2nd Moroccan Tirailleur Regiment
Engineer Group (5/28/40-6/1/40)
80th Divisional Reconnaissance Group (3 plats)
3/604th Pioneer Regiment
2nd Co., 1/604th Pioneer Regiment
95/1 Engineer Company (2 sections)
Artillery Group (5/28/40-6/1/40)
1 Btry, 5/240th Heavy North African Artillery
Regiment
7th & 8th Btrys, 3/29th Artillery Regiment
16th & 18th Btrys, 229th Heavy Artillery Regiment
Artillery Group (5/28/40-6/1/40)
1/1st Artillery Division
6th Btry, 2/1st Artillery Division
Infantry Group (5/28/40-6/1/40)
Dets, 2/,3/110th Infantry Regiment
Artillery Group (5/28/40 only)
1/40th North African Artillery Regiment
Infantry Group (5/30/40-6/1/40)
2/,3/134th Infantry Regiment

IV Corps:

Staff/General HQ
7th Corps Reconnaissance Group
106th Heavy Artillery Regiment
604th Pioneer Regiment
104/1 Engineering Company
104/2 Engineering Company
104/16 Engineering Company
104/21 Engineering Company
104/81 Signals Company
104/82 Radio Company
254/3 Train Company
354/3 Train Company

Assigned non-organic units

4th Infantry Division

16th & 18th Btrys, 5/229th Heavy Artillery Regiment
(5/28/40)
15th Btry, 6/229th Heavy Artillery Regiment (5/28/40)
29th Artillery Regiment (5/28/40)
1/29th Artillery Regiment (1 btry missing) (5/28/40)
2/29th Artillery Regiment (1 btry missing) (5/28/40)
7th & 8th Btrys, 3/29th Artillery Regiment (5/28/40)
2/71st Infantry Regiment (5/28/40)
3/124th Infantry Regiment (5/28/40)
1/124th Infantry Regiment (5/28/40)
Det, 3/72nd Infantry Regiment (5/28/40)
Machine Gun Co., 1/72nd (5/28/40)

15th (mot) Infantry Division

4th Infantry Regiment
27th Infantry Regiment
134th Infantry Regiment
4th Divisional Reconnaissance Group
1st Artillery Regiment
201st Heavy Artillery Regiment
Anti-Tank Company, 1st Artillery Regiment

15/1 Engineering Company
15/2 Engineering Company
15/81 Telephone Company
15/82 Radio Company
215/8th Train Company
315/8th Train Company
Services

Assigned to 15th (mot) Division:

2/,3/106th Infantry Regiment (28-29 May 1940)
3/72nd Infantry Regiment (28-29 May 1940)
1/72nd Infantry Regiment (Machine Gun Co) (28-29 May 1940)
3/124th Infantry Regiment (28-29 May 1940)
Det. 1/124th Infantry Regiment (28-29 May 1940)
1/106th Infantry Regiment (28-29 May 1940)
16th & 18th Btrys, 6/229th Heavy Artillery Regiment
(28-29 May 1940)

Detached from 15th (mot) Division:

4th Infantry Regiment (some dets) (28-29 May 1940)
1/1st Artillery Regiment (28-29 May 1940)
6th Btry, 2/1st Artillery Regiment (28-29 May 1940)
2/,3/134th Infantry Regiment (some dets)
(28-29 May 1940)
Det. 2/,3/4th Infantry Regiment (27-28 May 1940)
Det 1/4th Infantry Regiment (27-29 May 1940)
Det 2/27th Infantry Regiment (27-29 May 1940)

V Corps:

Staff/General HQ
3rd Corps Reconnaissance Group
104th Heavy Artillery Regiment
105/1 Engineering Company
105/2 Engineering Company
105/16 Engineering Company
105/21 Engineering Company
105/81 Signals Company
105/82 Radio Company
256/3 Train Company
356/3 Train Company

Assigned non-organic units

25th (mot) Infantry Division (5/28/40)

3/16th Artillery Regiment
Det, 16th Artillery Regiment
5/216th Heavy Artillery Regiment (no equipment)
5th Divisional Reconnaissance Group
Det. 92nd Infantry Regiment
Remains, 1/92nd Infantry Regiment
3/92nd Infantry Regiment
Det. 3/121st Infantry Regiment
1/,3/38th Infantry Regiment
Remains, 2/38th Infantry Regiment
121st Infantry Regiment (strength of 2 bns)

2nd North African Infantry Division:

13th Algerian Tirailleur Regiment
22nd Algerian Tirailleur Regiment
11th Zouave Regiment
92nd Divisional Reconnaissance Group

40th Artillery Regiment
240th Heavy Artillery Regiment
Anti-Tank Company, 40th Artillery Regiment
92/1 Engineer Company
92/2 Engineer Company
92/81 Telephone Company
92/82 Radio Company
92/3 Train Company
192/3 Train Company

Services

Attached to 2nd North African Infantry Division:

1 btry, 29th Artillery Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
15th Btry, 5/229th Artillery Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
2/16th Artillery Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
2/,3/4th Infantry Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
Det. 2/72nd Infantry Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
3rd Divisional Reconnaissance Group (28-31 May 1940)
Det. 5th Divisional Reconnaissance Group
(28-31 May 1940)
Dets, 3rd, 9th & 22nd Armored Battalions
(28-31 May 1940)

Detached from 2nd North African Infantry Division

1 Btry, 5/240th North African Heavy Artillery Regiment
(28-31 May 1940)
3/11th Zouave Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
1/40th North African Artillery Regiment (28 May 1940)
3/22nd Algerian Tirailleur Regiment (27 May 1940)
1/22nd Algerian Tirailleur Regiment (27 May 1940)
1/13th Algerian Tirailleur Regiment (27 May 1940)
3/11th Zouave Regiment (27 May 1940)
Remains, 2/22nd Algerian Tirailleur Regiment
(28-29 June 1940)
Remains, 3/13th Algerian Tirailleur Regiment
(28-29 June 1940)

5th North African Infantry Division

14th Zouave Regiment
1/,2/24th Tunisian Tirailleur Regiment
22nd Colonial Artillery Regiment
222nd Heavy Colonial Artillery Regiment
Anti-Tank Company, 22nd Colonial Artillery Regiment
95/1 Engineering Company
95/2 Engineering Company
95/81 Telephone Company
95/14 Train Company

Detached from the 5th North African Infantry Division

Staff/,1/,23/14th Zouave Regiment (detached 5/28/40)

Attached to 5th North African Infantry Division

1st BM (5/27/40-6/1/40)
106th Infantry Regiment (27-28 May 1940)
655th Anti-Tank Company (47mm) (27-28 May 1940)
Infantry Group (5/28/40-6/1/40)
Det. 1/4th Infantry Regiment
Det. 2/72nd Infantry Regiment
Det. 92nd Infantry Regiment
Remains, 2/22nd Algerian Tirailleur Regiment

Remains, 3/13th Algerian Tirailleur Regiment
5/216th Heavy Artillery Regiment (no guns)
(5/28/40-6/1/40)
15th Btry, 5/229th Heavy Artillery Regiment
(5/28/40-6/1/40)
2/,3/106th Infantry Regiment (27-30 May 1940)
Det. 1/106th Infantry Regiment (5/28/40-6/1/40)

1st Moroccan Infantry Division:

1st Moroccan Tirailleur Regiment (1 Machine Gun Bn)
2nd Moroccan Tirailleur Regiment (1 Machine Gun Bn)
7th Moroccan Tirailleur Regiment (1 Machine Gun Bn)
80th Divisional Reconnaissance Group (horse elements)
3rd, 4th, 6th & 9th Btrys, 64th Artillery Regiment
80/1 Engineering Company
80/2 Engineering Company

Detached from the 1st Moroccan Infantry Division:

Det. 2nd Moroccan Tirailleur Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
80th Divisional Reconnaissance Group (28-31 May 1940)

Attached to the 1st Moroccan Infantry Division:

Staff/,1/,2/14th Zouave Regiment (5/27/40)
3/22nd Algerian Tirailleur Regiment (5/27/40)
3rd Divisional Reconnaissance Group (mot elements)
(27-28 May 1940)
1 Co, 22nd Armored Battalion (27-28 May 1940)
121st Infantry Regiment (equal to 2 bns)
(28-31 May 1940)
3/92nd Infantry Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
Remains, 1/92nd Infantry Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
3/38th Infantry Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
Remains, 2/38th Infantry Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
Det. 1/4th Infantry Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
15th Tunisian Tirailleur Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
2/22nd Algerian Tirailleur Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
3/11th Zouave Regiment (29-31 May 1940)
2/,3/134th Infantry Regiment (some dets)
(28-29 May 1940)
7th Corps Reconnaissance Group (horse elements)
(28-31 May 1940)
4th Divisional Reconnaissance Group (28-31 May 1940)
95th Divisional Reconnaissance Group (28-31 May 1940)
1/29th Artillery Regiment (- 1 btry) (28-31 May 1940)
2/29th Artillery Regiment (- 1 btry) (28-31 May 1940)
3/16th Artillery Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
22nd Colonial Artillery Regiment (28-31 May 1940)
25th Anti-Tank Company, 5/229th Heavy Artillery
Regiment (4 guns) (28-31 May 1940)
105/82 Engineering Company (28-31 May 1940)
Det. 4/1 Engineering Company (28-31 May 1940)
Det. 4/2 Engineering Company (28-31 May 1940)
25/1 Engineering Company (1 sqn) (28-31 May 1940)
95/81 Telephone Company (major portion) (28-31 May 1940)

Escaut Fortified Sector:

Staff/HQ

54th Fortress Infantry Regiment

1/161st (mot) Artillery Regiment

17th Regional Workers Regiment

101st Fortress Infantry Division (former Maubeuge Fortified Sector

Staff/HQ

84th Fortress Infantry Regiment

87th Fortress Infantry Regiment

2/,3/161st (mot) Artillery Regiment

12th (mot) Infantry Division:

Staff/HGQ

106th Infantry Regiment

3rd Divisional Reconnaissance Group

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