

**Organization of a French Fortress Brigades
10 May 1940**

1st Example of a Fortress Brigade

3 Infantry Regiments, each with:

 Signals Platoon
 Staff Company

2 Infantry Battalions, each with:

 Signals Platoon
 2 Infantry Companies (6 LMGs)
 2 Infantry Companies (12 LMGs)

1 Infantry Battalion:

 2-3 Occupation Companies
 1 Mechanical maintenance Company

2 Heavy Support Companies:

 2 25mm AT guns, 2 37mm AA guns, 2 infantry support guns,
 4 81mm mortars

2 Bicycle Companies: (3 LMGs ea)

Artillery:

1 Artillery Regiment:

 1 Signals Platoon

1 Artillery Battalion

 1 Signals Platoon
 1 Calibration Detachment
 3 Batteries (4-75mm ea)

1 Artillery Battalion

 1 Signals Platoon
 1 Calibration Detachment
 3 Batteries (4-105mm ea)

2 Artillery Battalions, each with:

 1 Signals Platoon
 1 Calibration Detachment
 3 Batteries (4-160mm howitzers)

1 Artillery Regiment:

 1 Signals Platoon

1 Artillery Battalion

 1 Signals Platoon
 1 Calibration Detachment
 3 Batteries (4-75mm ea)

1 Artillery Battalion

 1 Signals Platoon
 1 Calibration Detachment
 3 Batteries (4-105mm ea)

1 Artillery Battalion:

 1 Signals Platoon
 1 Calibration Detachment
 3 Batteries (4-160mm howitzers)

1 Artillery Battalion:

 1 Signals Platoon
 1 Calibration Detachment
 3 Batteries (4-160mm guns)

Miscellaneous Field Works

 detachments varied

Signals Troop

- 1 (mixed mobility) Radio Company
- 1 (mixed mobility) Telephone Company

Pioneer Battalion:

- 3 Engineer Companies
- 1 Engineer Park

Other

- 1 Electromechanical Engineer Company

2nd Example of a Fortress Brigade

Brigade Staff

Signals Platoon

3 Infantry Regiments, each with:

Signals Platoon

Staff Company

2 Infantry Battalions, each with:

Signals Platoon

2 Infantry Companies (24 HMGs)

2 Garrison Infantry Companies

1 Heavy Support Company (4 81mm mortars, 2 37mm AA guns,
2 25mm AT guns, 2 infantry support guns)

Artillery Brigade:

1 Artillery Regiment:

1 Staff Battery

1 Signals Platoon

2 Battalions

1 Signals Platoon

1 Calibration Detachment

3 Batteries (4-75mm guns ea)

1 Battalion:

1 Signals Platoon

1 Calibration Detachment

2 Mortar Batteries (4 heavy mortars ea)

1 (mot) Artillery Regiment:

1 Staff Battery

1 Signals Platoon

1 Battalion:

1 Signals Platoon

1 Calibration Detachment

3 (mot) Batteries (4-75mm guns ea)

1 Battalion:

1 Signals Platoon

1 Calibration Detachment

3 (mot) Batteries (4-105mm guns ea)

1 Battalion:

1 Signals Platoon

1 Calibration Detachment

3 (mot) Batteries (4-155mm howitzers ea)

Miscellaneous Field Works

These varied considerably in their equipment

Signals Troop

- 1 (mixed mobility) Radio Company
- 1 (mixed mobility) Telephone Company

Pioneer Battalion:

- 3 Engineer Companies
- 1 Engineer Park

Other

- 1 Electromechanical Engineer Company

Note: These are typical fortress brigades, but they did vary considerably.

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