German Field Army Commands and Army Support Troops May 1940

Oberkommando des Herres with

Staff troops (Printing Platoon, 2 Signals Platoons,

2 Motorcycle Messenger Squadrons & Field Post Office)

4 Army Group Commanders (A, B, C, Oberost) with

Staff troops (Motorcycle Messenger Squadron, Map Bureau, Printing Platoon)

9 Army Senior Commands (1,2,4,5, 6,7,9,12,15, & 18)

Staff Troops (Motorcycle Messenger Sqn & Army Map Bureau)

28 General Commands with

Staff Troops (Motorcycle Messenger Platoon & Map Bureau) Corps Troops (Signals Bn with 4 companies & 1 Column) Quartermaster General with 1 Light Qmtr Column, 1 Operations Material Column, & 1 Repair Shop Squad)

General			
Command	Assigned	Assign	ned
Army	Signals	Staff	
Corps	Battalion	Troops	S
I	41	421	No Qmstr gen or repair shop
II	42	402	
III	43	403	
IV	44	404	
V	45	405	
VI	46	406	
VII	47	407	
VIII	48	408	
IX	49	409	
X	50	410	
XI	51	411	
XII	52	412	
XIII	53	413	
XVII	66	417	
XVIII	70	418	
XXI	463	463	No Qmstr gen or repair shop
XXII	422	422	Also known as "Gruppe Kleist"
XXIII	423	308	
XIV	424	311	
XXV	-	307	Only Qmtr Co , Qmtr gen &
			Field Post Office
XXVI	426	426	
XXVII	427	427	
XXX	430	430	
XXXVIII	438	438	
XXXX	440	440	
XXXXII	442	442	
XXXXIII	443	443	
XXXXIV	444	444	
VIV	60	414	60th Pioneer Bn with
			3 Cos, 2 Bridge Columns &
			1 Light Pioneer Columns

¹ Light Pioneer Columns

XV	61	415	2 Bridge Columns, 1st &
			2/415
XVI	62	473	62nd Pioneer Bn with
			3 Cos, 2 Bridge Columns &
			1 Light Pioneer Columns
XIX	80	419	No repair shop platoon
			(Gruppe Guderian)
XXXXIX	439	439	
XXXXI	441	441	

8 Higher Commands with

Staff Troops

Motorcycle Messenger Platoon (not XXXXV)
Map Bureau(Only with XXXII & XXXVII)

Armored Car Platoon & Anti-Tank Co. (only XXXV)

Corps Troops

Signals Bn with 2 companies

Quartermaster General with 1-3 Qmstr Columns

Military Police Troop

Field Post Office

Command Army Corps	Assigned Signals Battalion	Assign Staff Troops	
XXXI	431	431	
	431		+ Repair shop platoon
XXXII	_	432	Only 1 signals co, no
			qmtr general, no Service
			Bureau, but a Qmtr Co.
XXXIII	433	433	
XXXIV	-	_	Only 1 signals company
XXXV	435	435	No Qmtr Gen. or Service
			Bureau, but had a Qmtr Co.
XXXVI	436	436	No Qmtr Gen.
XXXVII	437	437	
XXXXV	-	445	Only 1 Signals Co., no
			Qmtr Gen, MP troop or
			Post Office, but had a
			Qmtr Co.

Army Troops

Infantry

- 1 Motorized Infantry Regiment "Grossdeutschland"
- 1 Motorized SS Infantry Regiment "Leibstandardt Adolph Hitler"
- 14 Motorized Machine Gun Battalions (#1-1, #13-15)
 - 3 MG Companies
 - 12 Heavy MG's, 3 Light Trench Mortars & 3 Anti-tank rifles)
 - 1 Heavy Company
 - 6 Medium Trench Mortars & 6 anti-tank guns
 - 2 Motorcycle Platoons
 - 1 Pioneer Company (only in 1st & 8th MG Bns)
 - 1 Anti-Tank Company (only in 1st & 8th MG Bns)
- 2 March Grenzwacht Battalions
- 6 Heavy Infantry Gun Companies (701-706)

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6 Light Infantry Support Guns
 1 Mortar Company (#600)
     8 Medium Trench Mortars
 6 Motorized Flak Companies (#601-606)
     3-4 Companies, each with
          12 20mm Flak guns
47 Motorized Flak Companies (Sept. 39 in the divisional Anti-Tank
    Battalions)
Artillery:
 3 Sturmgeschützebatterien (Sturmgeschütz Batteries)
     (659, 660, 665), each with
          6 Stugs (Only 1 battery was deployable)
 6 Light Motorized Artillery Battalions (2/77, 2/677, 3/677,
     1/697, & 3/697) - each with 3 batteries
 1 Light Artillery Battalion (#1/231) - with 3 batteries
 5 100mm Artillery Battalions (729, 730, 757-759), each with
     3 batteries
28 Motorized 100mm Gun Artillery Battalions
     (2/41, 2/53, 2/57, 2/60, 2/62, 2/64, 2/68, 2/69, 2/72, 102,
      103, 1/109, 4/253, 4/263, 4/269, 408, 427, 430, 436, 445,
      611, 631, 633, 634, 709, 714, & 716), each with
          3 Batteries
21 Mixed Motorized Artillery Battalions
     (2/40, 2/45, 2/51, 2/52, 2/54, 2/65, 2/70, 2/71, 1/106,
      1/108, 1/109, 601, 602, 626, 628, 629, 630, 643, 648)
          Each with 2 Batteries Heavy 150mm Field Howitzers
               & 1 Battery 100mm Guns
41 Motorized 105mm Heavy Field Howitzer Battalions
     (2/2, 2/37, 2/38, 2/39, 2/42, 2/43, 2/44, 2/46, 2/47, 2/48,
      2/49, 2/50, 2/55, 2/58, 2/59, 2/63, 2/66, 2/67, 1/77, 2/93,
      101, 3/111 (2 batteries), 2/112 (2 batteries), 4/251, 4/256
      4/258, 4/260, 4/267, 4/268, 422, 446, 506, 526, 536, 605,
      644, 646, 647, 649, 737), each with 3 batteries of 150mm
      Heavy Field Howitzers (except as noted)
 2 Motorized 240mm Howitzer Battalions (1/, 2/814)
          each battalion had two batteries of two guns each
 2 Motorized Mixed Battalions (604 & 607)
          2 210mm mortar batteries (3 guns ea)
          1 150mm gun battery
15 Motorized 210mm Mortar Battalions (2/109, 3/109, 2/115, 615,
     616, 635, 637, 732, 733, 735, 736, 777, 816, & 817)
          each with 3 batteries of 3 mortars each)
 4 Motorized Battalions & 1 Battery of Heaviest Mortars
     624th & 641st each with: 1 210 Mortar Battery (3 guns)
                              2 305mm Mortar Batteries (2 guns
                                   ea)
     815th with: 3 305mm Mortar Batteries (2 guns ea)
     800th with: 810 Battery - 1 355 \text{mm} Gun
                 820 Battery - 1 420mm Gun
                 830 Battery - 1 420mm Gun
      799th Battery - 2 305mm Guns
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4 Motorized Battalions & 1 Motorized Battery (511, 620, 731 & 740) each with 3 Batteries of 3 150mm guns

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698th Battery - 3 150mm guns
 2 Motorized 210mm Battalions
    767th with 2 Batteries of 2 guns
    768th with one battery of 2 guns
 2 Motorized 240mm Battalions
     1/84th with 2 batteries of 2 guns each
     2/84th with 3 batteries of 2 guns each
Railroad Artillery
     655th Railroad Gun Battery (2 - 150mm guns)
    717th & 718th Railroad Gun Batteries (3- 170mm guns ea)
    701st Railroad Gun Battery (1 210mm gun)
     664th, 674th, 721st & 722nd Railroad Gun Batteries,
          (2 240mm guns ea)
     721st Railroad Gun Battery (1 240mm gun)
     688th Railroad Gun Battery (3 280mm guns)
     689th - 690th, 694th - 696th, 710th & 712th Railroad Gun
          Batteries (2 280mm guns ea)
Observation Artillery
30 Motorized Observation Artillery Battalions
     (1-36, 38, & 44), each with 3 batteries) (Light, Sound &
          Survey)
 6 Stable Observation Artillery Battalions
     (52, 57, 554-557) (3 batteries ea)
 320th Flash Ranging Battery
100th & 101st Battalion Batteries
14 V-null Troops
Smoke Troops
 8 Motorized Smoke Battalions (1-8) (each with 3 batteries)
 3 Poison Gas Battalions (101, 102 & 105) (each with 3 companies)
Pioneers
21 Motorized Pioneer Battalions, each with
     3 Companies
    1 Bridge Column
    1 Light Pioneer Column
     - Lehr 1 - only 2 companies & no light column
     - 43rd "sturmbatallion" no bridge column
     - 41st - 2 bridge columns
     - 42, 44-48, 50-52, & 70 - only 2 companies
     - 85th - only 2 companies
     - 505th - 2 bridging columns
     - 627, 630, 635, 651, & 666th (basic organization)
10 Pioneer Battalions (215, 652-660)
     3 Companies
     1 Light Pioneer Column
60 Bridge Columns (11 without trailers and prime movers)
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15 Bridge Building Battalions (521, 522, 531, 548, 552, 560, 566,

Mechanized Troops

13 Pioneer Obstacle Clearing Columns

5 Miner Battalions (750-754)

593, 624, 646, 655, 674, 683, & 699)

- 1 Panzer Battalion (40th) with 3 Light Companies
- 14 Anti-Tank Battalions, each with 3 companies
 - 543, 559, 561, 563, 611, 652, & 654 36 37mm Pak AT guns
 - 521, 616, 643, 670 with 18 47mm Pak AT Guns
 - 525, 560, 605 with 6 88m Flak guns
- 403rd Bicycle Battalion
- 2 Motorized Reconnaissance Battalions (1st & Lehrabt), each with
 - 2 Armored Car Companies
 - 1 Motorcycle Company
 - 1 Heavy Company
 - 1 Light Column
- 21st Cavalry Regiment (in French Campaign assigned to 1st Cavalry Division)

Construction Troops

135 Construction Battalions - 1-4, 7-9, 11, 12, 15-18, 21-27, 41-59, 62-64, 78-81, 83-87, 91, 94-103, 105-112, 115, 117-137, 139, 141, 143-148, 150, 151, 153-156, 158, 159, 161, 208, 210, 211, 213, 214, 216-219, 221, 222, 244-246, 248, 250, 254-257, 305, 306, 320, 321, & 326)

Transportation Service

3 Truck Regiments (602, 605, & 616) each with 3 battalions
- each regiment is able to transport an infantry division)

501st Transportation Battalion

Railroad Troops:

- 4 Railroad Pioneer Regiments (1-4) (each with 2 battalions)
- 27 Railroad Construction Companies (101-127)
- 21 Railroad Telephone Companies (141-161)
- 7 Water Station Companies (191-197)
- 13 Switch Box Companies (171-183)
- 2 Pier Construction Companies (131 & 132)
- 5 Traffic Companies (201-205)
- 8 Field Track Companies (301-308)
- 3 Railroad Pioneer Park Companies (401-403)
- 2 Heavy War Bridges with Traffic Commandos
- 28 Cable Railroad Troops (601-628)
- 2 Cable Railroad Commandos (601-602)
- 1 Railroad Bridge Building Battalion (501)
- 5 Railroad Construction Battalions (511-515)
- 13 Armored Trains (1-71, 15, 21-25)

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