

Organization of the Independent Armored Battalions
10 May 1940

1st Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion

Battalion Headquarters:

- 3 Motorcycles
- 2 Motorcycles with sidecars
- 1 Van (Kfz 17)
- 1 Armored Car (Sd Kfz 247)

1 (mot) Signals Platoon

Platoon Headquarters:

- 1 Motorcycle
- 2 Motorcycles with sidecars
- 1 Car (Kfz 15/2)

1 Light Telephone Section:

- 1 Car (Kfz 15/1)

2 Pack Radio Sections, each with:

- 1 Car (Kfz 2/2)

2 Medium Armored Radio Sections, each with:

- 1 Car (Kfz 15/2)
- 1 Armored Car (Kfz 263)

4 Light Armored Radio Sections, each with:

- 1 Armored Car (Kfz 261)

1 Light Armored Car Radio Section:

- 1 Armored Car (Kfz 260)

2 Armored Car Companies, each with

Company Headquarters:

Headquarter's Section:

- 6 Motorcycles
- 6 Motorcycles with sidecars
- 1 Car (Kfz 11)
- 1 Armored Car (Sd Kfz 247)

1 Medium Armored Radio Section:

- 1 Car (Kfz 15/2)
- 1 Armored Car (Sd Kfz 263)

4 Light Armored Radio Sections, each with:

- 1 Armored Car (Sd Kfz 223)

1 Heavy Platoon:

- 3 Armored Cars (Sd Kfz 231)
- 3 Armored Cars (Sd Kfz 232)

1 Light Platoon:

- 4 Armored Cars (Sd Kfz 221)
- 4 Armored Cars (Sd Kfz 222)

1 Light Platoon:

- 6 Armored Cars (Sd Kfz 221)

1 Motorcycle Reconnaissance Company

Company Headquarters

HQ Section

- 3 Motorcycles
- 1 Motorcycle with sidecar
- 1 Car (Kfz 11)
- 1 Car (Kfz 18)

Machinegun Platoon

- 10 Motorcycles with sidecars

- 2 HMGs
- 3 Motorcycle Platoons, each with
 - HQ Section
 - 2 Motorcycles
 - 1 Car (Kfz 11)
 - 1 Car (Kfz 18)
 - 3 Infantry Squads, each with
 - 3 Motorcycles with sidecars
 - 1 Infantry Squad with 1 LMG
 - 1 Mortar Section,
 - 2 Motorcycles with sidecars
 - 1 50mm Mortar)
- 1 (mot) Heavy Company, with
 - Company Headquarters:
 - 2 Motorcycles
 - 2 Motorcycles with sidecars
 - 1 Car (Kfz 11)
 - 1 (mot) Panzerjäger Platoon
 - Headquarters Section:
 - 1 Motorcycle
 - 1 Motorcycle with sidecar
 - 1 Truck (Kfz 69)
 - Gun Section:
 - 4 Trucks (Kfz 69)
 - 3 37mm PAK (towed)
 - 1 LMG
 - 1 (mot) Light Infantry Gun Platoon
 - Headquarters Section:
 - 1 Motorcycle
 - 2 Motorcycles with sidecars
 - 1 Car (Kfz 12)
 - Light Telephone Section
 - 1 Car (Kfz 15/1)
 - Ammunition Section:
 - 1 Motorcycle with sidecar
 - 1 Truck (Kfz 69)
 - 1 Ammunition Trailer
 - 2 Gun Sections, each with:
 - 1 Truck (Kfz 69)
 - 1 75mm towed infantry gun
 - 1 (mot) Engineer Platoon:
 - Headquarters Section:
 - 1 Motorcycle
 - 1 Motorcycle with sidecar
 - 1 Car (Kfz 15)
 - 1 Section:
 - 1 Motorcycle
 - 1 Motorcycle with sidecar
 - 2 Trucks (2 tons)
 - 1 Engineer Section with 1 LMG
 - 2 Sections, each with:
 - 1 Car (Kfz 15)
 - 2 Trucks (2 tons)
 - 1 Engineer Section with 1 LMG

40th Panzer Battalion zbV (Special Purpose)

Battalion Headquarters

- 4 Motorcycles
- 2 Motorcycles with sidecars
- 1 Light Car
- 2 Cars (Kfz 15)

Signal Platoon

HQ Section

- 1 Car (Kfz 15)
- 1 Pz Mk I (Sd Kfz 101)

2 Telephone Sections, each with:

- 1 Car (Kfz 15/1)

3 Armored Radio Sections, each with

- 1 Command Pz Mk I (Sd Kfz 265)

3 Light Panzer Companies, each with:

Company Headquarters

- 3 Motorcycles
- 1 Car (Kfz 15/2)
- 1 Pz Mk I (Sd Kfz 101)
- 1 Pz Mk III (Sd Kfz 141)
- 1 Command Pz Mk I (Sd Kfz 265)

3 Light Tank Platoons, each with

- 4 Pz Mk I (Sd Kfz 101)
- 1z Mk II (Sd Kfz 121)

1 Light Tank Platoon:

- 5 Pz Mk II (Sd Kfz 121)

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