

**Organization of the German 5th Light (mot) Division
February 1941**

Divisional HQ:

- 3/39th (Mot) Signals Company
- (Mot) Radio Company
- 200th (mot) Mapping Platoon
- 200th Printing Detachment

5th Panzer Regiment:

- 2 Light Panzer Platoons
- 1 Armored Signal Platoon
- 1 Regimental Band

1st Battalion:

- 1 Staff Panzer Company
- 1 Light Panzer Platoon
- 1 Medium Panzer Company
- 2 Light Panzer Companies
- 1 Light Panzer Supply Column

2nd Battalion:

- 1 Staff Panzer Company
- 1 Light Panzer Platoon
- 1 Medium Panzer Company
- 2 Light Panzer Companies
- 1 Light Panzer Supply Column

Attached:

- 1 (mot) Armored Maintenance Company
- 1 (mot) Reserve Detachment

Total Tanks on Arrival in Africa

25 Mk 1B, 45 Mk II, 75 Mk III, & 20 Mk IV

200th Schützen Regiment:

- 1 (mot) Signals Platoon

2nd (mot) Machine Gun Battalion:

- 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
- 1 Motorcycle Company (8 LMGs)
- 3 (mot) Machine Gun Companies, each with
(12 HMGs, 3 50mm Mortars, 3 AT Rifles)
- 1 (mot) Heavy Company
 - 1 Anti-Tank Platoon (6-37mm PAK guns & 2 LMGs)
 - 1 Mortar Section (6-81mm mortars)
- 2 (mot) Pioneer Companies (9 LMGs ea)¹

8th (mot) Machine Gun Battalion:

- 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
- 1 Motorcycle Company (8 LMGs)
- 3 (mot) Machine Gun Companies, each with
(12 HMGs, 3 50mm Mortars, 3 AT Rifles)
- 1 (mot) Support Company, with
 - 1 Anti-Tank Company (6-37mm PAK guns & 2 LMGs)
 - 1 Mortar Section (6-81mm mortars)
- 1 (mot) Support Company, with
(9 37mm PAK guns & 3 LMGs)

¹ The three (mot) pioneer companies were later organized into the 200th z.b.V. Pioneer Battalion.

1 (mot) Pioneer Companies (9 LMGs)

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion:

1 Light Armored Car Company (1 zug had Volkswagens)
10-37mm PAK guns & 25 LMGs
1 Motorcycle Company, with
(3-50mm Mortars, 2 AT Rifles & 18 LMGs)
1 (mot) Support Company, with
1 Cavalry Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 AT Platoon, with 3-37mm PAK guns & 1 LMG)
1 Infantry Support Gun Section (2 75mm guns)
1 (mot) Light Supply Column (3 LMGs)

1/75th Artillery Regiment:

Battalion Headquarters
1 (mot) Signal Detachment
1 (mot) Calibration Detachment
3 (mot) Batteries (4-105mm FH18 field guns)

605th Armored Panzerjäger Battalion:

Armored HQ Section
1 (mot) Signals Detachment
3 Self Propelled AT Companies (3 47mm PAK guns ea)

39th (Mot) Panzerjäger Battalion:

(mot) HQ Section
3 (mot) Panzerjäger Companies (9-37mm, 2-50mm PAK guns &
6 LMGs)

606th Self Propelled Flak Battalion:

Self Propelled HQ Section
3 Self Propelled Flak Companies (12-20mm each)

1/33rd Flak Regiment:

Battalion HQ Section
Signals Section
2 20mm Batteries (4 20mm guns ea)
3 88mm Batteries (4 88mm guns ea)
1 Light (horse drawn) Supply column

Luftwaffe:

2 (H)/14 Pz Reconnaissance Staffel

Support Troops:

Staff/683rd Administration Battalion
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688th Support Troops HQ
1 (mot) Light Supply Column
641st (heavy) Water Column
1 (mot) Panzer Replacement Column
588th Munition Column
129th (mot) Instruction Company
122nd (mot) Instruction Company
1 (mot) Supply Battalion (3 cos)
619th Supply Battalion
797th (mot) Light Supply Column
800th (mot) Light Supply Column
801st (mot) Light Supply Column
803rd (mot) Light Supply Column
804th (mot) Light Supply Column
822nd (mot) Light Supply Column
5/619th (mot) Heavy Supply Column
6/619th (mot) Heavy Supply Column

622nd (mot) Heavy Supply Column
533rd Supply Battalion
6 (mot) Heavy Supply Columns
1 (mot) Heavy Fuel Column
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
735th (mot) Field Post Office
309th (mot) Military Police Platoon
631st (mot) Ambulance Company
633rd (mot) Ambulance Company
4/572nd (mot) Field Hospital
1/83rd (mot) Medical Company
877th (mot) Medical Supply Column
645th (mot) Water Column
503rd (mot) Butcher Section
531st (mot) Bakery Section
341st Administration Section

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