

**History and Structure of the
22nd (Air Landing) Infantry Division
in WWII**

The 22nd Infantry Division was mobilized on 8/18/39 with:

- 1/,2/,3/16th Infantry Regiment
- 1/,2/,3/47th Infantry Regiment
- 1/,2/,3/65th Infantry Regiment
- 1/,2/,3/22nd Artillery Regiment
- 1/58th Artillery Regiment
- 22nd Division (Einheiten) Service Units

In the winter of 1940/41 the 22nd Flak Battalion was assigned to the division. At that time the regimental support companies, the 13th, 14th and Staff Companies, were formed into 4th Battalions. On 7/29/42 the division was reorganized and renamed "Air Landing Motorized Troop". The 1/58th Artillery Regiment was detached and the 4/207th Artillery Regiment was assigned in its place, eventually becoming the 4/22nd Artillery Regiment. The heavy machine gun and anti-tank forces were broken into four equal strength companies and distributed by sections to the battalions. On 10/1/42 the division was prepared for the assault on Crete. The 2/22nd Artillery Regiment and 1/47th Grenadier Regiment were detached, became Kampfgruppe Buhse, and were sent to Africa, where they were destroyed. Sometime in late 1942 the 22nd Reconnaissance Battalion became the 122nd Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion. The 4/22nd Artillery Regiment was detached in late 1942 to become the 716th Heavy Artillery Battalion. In 1943 the 2/22nd Artillery Regiment and the 1/47th Grenadier Regiment were rebuilt from the 22nd Feldersatzbattalion. May 1944 shows the division being fully reformed.

**Organization German 22nd Infantry Division
10 February through Summer 1941**

Infantry Division:

- Division HQ Company (2 LMGs)
- 1st Motorized Mapping Platoon
- 16th, 47th, & 65th Infantry Regiments
- Regimental HQ Company
- Signals Platoon
- Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)
- Regimental Band
- 3 Battalions
 - 3 Infantry Companies (12 LMGs, 3 50 Mortars)
 - 1 Heavy Support Company (12 HMGs & 6 80mm Mortars)
- 1 Machine Gun Company (8 HMGs, 6 80mm mortars)
- 1 Cavalry Platoon
- 1 Infantry Support Gun Company (2-150mm & 6-75mm guns)
- Panzerjäger (motorized) Company

(6 LMGs, 12 37mm AT guns & 4 LMGs)

22nd Reconnaissance Battalion:

Mounted (Mixed Mobility) HQ Signals Platoon
Bicycle Company (2 HMGs & 9 LMGs, later
3-50mm mortars were added)
1 Bicycle Company (3 50mm mortars, 2 HMGs, & 9 LMGs)
Motorized Support Company
Panzerjäger Platoon (1 LMG & 3 37mm AT guns)
Armored Car Section (2 LMGs)
Infantry Support Gun Platoon (2 75mm guns)

22nd Panzerjäger Battalion:

3 Motorized Panzerjäger Companies (12 37mm AT & 6 LMGs)

22nd Artillery Regiment:

Regimental Staff
Regimental Band
Meteorology Section
3 Artillery Battalions, each with
1 Staff Company
Calibration Section
3 Batteries (3 105mm LFH & 2 LMGs)

22nd Signals Battalion:

Telephone Company (Mixed Mobility)
Motorized Radio Company
1 Light (mot) Signals Supply Column

22nd Pioneer Battalion:

2 Pioneer Companies (9 LMGs)
1 Motorized Pioneer Company (9 LMGs)
1 Light (mot) Engineer Supply Column
1 Motorized "B" Bridging Column

22nd Feldersatz (Replacement) Battalion:

3 Rifle Companies

Food Service:

1 Motorized Bakery Section
1 Motorized Butcher Section
1 Motorized Quartermaster Section

Supply Troops:

1st & 3rd Cos., Light Motorized Supply Columns
4-6th Cos., Horse Drawn Supply Columns
8-10th Cos., Light Horse Drawn Supply Columns
2 Light (mot) POL Supply Columns
1 Maintenance (mot) Company
1 Light (mot) Supply Company

Other:

1st & 2nd Medical Companies (1 motorized, one foot)
1 (mot) Field Hospital

2 Ambulance Columns
1 Veterinary Company
1 Motorized Military Police Platoon
1 Motorized Field Post Office

**Organization German 22nd Air-Landing Infantry Divisions
16 May 1941 - 15 October 1942**

Infantry Division:

Division HQ Company (2 LMGs)
1st Motorized Mapping Platoon
16th & 65th Infantry Regiments
Regimental HQ Company
Signals Platoon (
Engineer Platoon (6 LMGs)
Motorcycle Platoon (6 LMGs)
Anti-Tank Platoon (3-37mm & 3 LMGs)
Regimental Band
1st Battalion
3 Infantry Companies (12 LMGs, 3 AT rifles & 2
Light Mortars)
1 Heavy Support Company (12 HMGs & 6 80mm Mortars)
2nd Battalion
3 Infantry Companies (12 LMGs, 3 AT rifles & 2
Light Mortars)
1 Heavy Support Company (12 HMGs & 6 80mm Mortars)
3rd Battalion
3 Infantry Companies (12 LMGs, 3 AT rifles & 2
Light Mortars)
1 Heavy Support Company (12 HMGs & 6 80mm Mortars)
1 Machine Gun Company (8 HMGs)
1 Infantry Support Gun Company (8-75mm guns)
22nd Panzerjäger Battalion:
1 Motorized Panzerjäger Company (9 75mm PAK 40
& 9 LMGs)
1 Self Propelled Panzerjäger Company
(9-75mm & 6 LMGs)
22nd Artillery Regiment:
Regimental Staff
Regimental Band
3 (mot) Artillery Battalions, each with
1 Staff Company
2 Batteries (3 105mm 1FH18 & 2 LMGs)
1 Batteries (3 100mm K18 & 2 LMGs)
22nd Reconnaissance Battalion:
Headquarters Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 (mot) Heavy Support Company
1 Engineer Platoon (4 LMGs)
1 Panzerjäger Platoon (1 LMG & 3-37mm)
1 Infantry Support Platoon (2-75mm guns)
3 Motorcycle Companies (2-80mm mortars, 4 HMGs,
18 LMGs, & 3 AT rifles)
1 Armored Car Platoon (75mm guns & 6 LMGs)
1 Armored Car Company (18 HMGs & 24 LMGs)

22nd Flak Battalion:

Battalion HQ (1 LMG with HQ)
3 (mot) Batteries (12 20mm guns & 7 LMGs)

22nd Signals Battalion:

Telephone Company (Mixed Mobility) (6 LMGs)
Motorized Radio Company (4 LMGs)
1 Light Signals Supply Column (Mixed Mobility) (1 LMG)

22nd Pioneer Battalion:

3 (mot) Pioneer Companies (9 LMGs & 3 AT rifles)
1 (mot) Light Engineer Supply Column (2 LMGs)

Food Service:

1 Motorized Bakery Company
1 Motorized Butcher Company
1 Motorized Divisional Quartermaster Company

Supply Troops:

2 (mot) Heavy Supply Companies (2 LMGs)
1 (Mixed Mobility) Maintenance Company
1 (Mixed Mobility) Light Supply Company (6 LMGs)

Other:

1st (mot) Medical Companies (2 LMGs)
1 Ambulance Column
1 Veterinary Company
1 Motorized Military Police Platoon (1 LMG)
1 Motorized Field Post Office

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