

Evolution of the Afrika Korps
15 May 1941 - 31 December 1941

Note: The Afrika Korps underwent almost constant modification. The documents reviewed provide the details of those changes, but almost never indicates the dates of the reorganizations. As a result, I have been obliged to limit my indications of time to undated reorganization phases. Within each phase those formations that were raised, newly added, or deleted are so indicated. Also, please note this listing is of what was "assigned" to the army, not what made it to North Africa. The source document was color coded to indicate if it was in Italy, Afrika or Germany. Unfortunately, the microfilm used did not display the colors, making location impossible.

Initial Organization:
Organization as of
15 May 1941

Afrika Korps Headquarters:

- Corps Staff
- 575th Motorized Mapping Detachment

Infantry:

- 155th (mot) Regimental Staff (formed after 15 May)
- 3/241st Infantry Regiment
- 3/255th Infantry Regiment
- 3/258th Infantry Regiment
- 3/268th Infantry Regiment
- 3/347th Infantry Regiment

Each battalion had:

- 3 Companies with:
 - 15 LMGs & 2 81mm mortars
- 1 Heavy Company with:
 - 12 HMGs & 6 LMGs

- 2nd, 6th, 10th, 12th, & 13th Oasis Companies
- 12 LMGs, 3-50mm mortars & 6 AT rifles each

Artillery:

- 1/672nd (mot) Flak Regiment
 - 12-20mm AA guns
- 2/115th Artillery Regiment
 - 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
 - 1 (mot) Calibration Detachment
 - 3 (mot) Batteries, each with
 - 3-210mm Mrs 18 howitzers
 - 1 Light (mot) Munitions Column (48t)
- 408th Artillery Battalion
 - 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
 - 1 (mot) Calibration Detachment
 - 3 (mot) Batteries, each with
 - 4-100mm K18 guns
 - 1 Light (mot) Munitions Column (20t)
- 155th Artillery Regiment (Regiment formed later)
 - 1st Battalion, with
 - 1 (mot) HQ Company
 - 3 (mot) Batteries (4-105mm 1FH 18 & 2 LMGs ea)
 - 3rd Battalion, with

1 (mot) HQ Company
2 (mot) Batteries (4-150mm sFH & 2 LMGs ea)
1 (mot) Battery (4-100 K18 guns & 2 LMGs)
612th Flak Battalion (formed on 17 May 1941?)
3 Batteries (12-20mm AA guns ea)

Coast Artillery:

221st Coast Artillery Regiment (organized later)
1 (mot) Signals Platoon (organized later)
523rd Coastal Artillery Battalion
3 Batteries (6-155mm French guns each)
533rd Coastal Artillery Battalion
3 Batteries (6-155mm French guns each)
528th Coastal Artillery Battalion (formed 30 May 1941?)
3 Batteries (6-155mm French guns each)
529th Coastal Artillery Battalion (formed 30 May 1941?)
3 Batteries (6-155mm French guns each)

Pioneers:

900th Pioneer Battalion
2 (mot) Pioneer Companies (9 LMGs & 3 armored
vehicles ea)
1 Light (mot) Engineering Supply Column
1 37mm AT gun & 1 heavy Armored Command Vehicle

Supply Service:

Independent Staffs

585th Regiment
619th Battalion
681st Battalion
148th Italian Battalion
149th Italian Battalion

Supply Units:

529th Supply Battalion
6 Light (mot) Supply Columns
534th, 535th & 536th Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
1 Light (mot) POL Supply Column
592nd Supply Battalion
6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
1 Heavy (mot) POL Supply Column
533rd Supply Battalion
6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
1 Heavy (mot) POL Supply Column
686th Supply Battalion
6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
1 Heavy (mot) POL Supply Column
909th Supply Battalion (formed later)
6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
532nd (mot) Supply Battalion
2 Supply Companies
4 miscellaneous unidentifiable supply formations
548th Instructional Battalion
122nd, 129th & 134th Vehicle Instruction Companies
4 miscellaneous unidentifiable supply formations

Other

641st, 645th & 651st (mot) Heavy Water Columns
659th (mot) Water Purification Company

Medical:

1/3rd Medical Park 530 (formed later)
667th (mot) Field Hospital
2/83rd (mot) Medical Company (formed later)
1/705th (mot) Kr. Tp. Troop

Other:

85th Construction Battalion (4 Companies)
1 Light (mot) Construction Supply Column
317th Quartermaster Detachment
1/278th Military Police

5th Light Division:

Headquarters
2/439th (halftrack) Signals Company
200 (mot) Mapping Detachment
200th (mot) Communication Section
200th Construction Section

5th Armored Regiment:

Headquarters
1 Armored HQ Company
1 Light Armored Platoons
1 Band
Support Units
1 Armored Maintenance Company
1 Reserve Armored Detachment

1st & 2nd Battalions, each with

1 Armored HQ Company
1 Light Armored Platoon
1 Medium Armored Company
2 Light Armored Companies

200th Machine Gun Regiment :

1 (mot) Signals Platoon

2nd Machine Gun Battalion

1 (mot) HQ Company, with
1 Signals Platoon
1 Motorcycle Platoons (4 LMGs ea)
3 (mot) Machine Gun Companies, each with
12 HMGs, 3-50mm mortars & 3 AT rifles
1 (mot) Support Company, with
6-37mm AT guns, 2 LMGs, & 6 81mm mortars

8th Machine Gun Battalion

1 (mot) HQ Company, with
1 Signals Platoon
1 Motorcycle Platoons (4 LMGs ea)
3 (mot) Machine Gun Companies, each with
12 HMGs, 3-50mm mortars & 3 AT rifles
1 (mot) Support Company, with
6-37mm AT guns, 1 LMGs, & 6 81mm mortars
1 (mot) AT Company, with
3-37mm AT guns & 3 LMGs)

200th Pioneer Battalion

2 (mot) Pioneer Companies (9 LMGs ea)

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion:

1 (mot) Signals Platoon
1 Light (mot) Armored Supply Column
1 Armored Car Company, with
10 37mm guns & 25 LMGs (later 19-37mm and 41 LMGs)
1 Motorcycle Company (3 50mm mortars, 2 HMGs & 18 LMGs)
1 (mot) Support Company, with
1 Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 AT Platoon (3-37mm AT & 1 LMG)
1 Infantry Support Platoon (2-75mm guns)

Artillery:

1/75th Artillery Battalion
1 (mot) Signals Platoon
1 (mot) Calibration Detachment
3 Batteries (4-105mm LFH 18 & 2 LMGs ea)
1/33rd (mot) Flak Regiment
1 (mixed mobility) Signals Platoon
3 Batteries (4- 88mm guns ea)
2 Batteries (12-20mm guns ea)
1 Light (mixed mobility) Munitions Column

Anti-Tank Formations:

39th Panzerjäger Battalion
1 (mot) Signals Platoon
3 (mot) Companies (3-50mm AT, 8-37mm AT, & 6 LMGs)
605th Panzerjäger Battalion
1 (mot) Signals Platoon
3 Self Propelled Companies (9-50mm & 2 LMGs ea)

Feldersatz Battalion:

4 Companies

2(H)/14 Pz Luftwaffe Liaison/Reconnaissance Staffel:

organization unknown

Service Forces:

822nd, 804th, 803rd, 801st, 800th, 797th Light (mot)
Supply Columns
622nd, 6/619th & 5/619th Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
I/, II/Pz.5 Heavy (mot) Transport Columns
200th (mot) Maintenance Company
532nd (mot) Supply Company
1st (mot) Pz. Ers. Transport Column

Food Service:

531st (mot) Bakery Company
503rd (mot) Butcher Company
341st Divisional Quartermaster Detachment

Medical:

1/82nd & 2/592nd (mot) Medical Companies
4/572nd (mot) Field Hospital
631st & 633rd Ambulance Columns
877th Light Filtration Column

Other:

309th (mot) Military Police Detachment
735th (mot) Field Post Office

15th Panzer Division:

Headquarters

1 (mot) Mapping Detachment (1 LMGs)

8th Panzer Regiment:

Armored Signals Platoon

1 Light Armored Platoon

Regimental Band

1 Armored Maintenance Company

1st & 2nd Battalions

1 Armored Staff Company

1 Medium Armored Company

2 Light Armored Companies

1 Armored Reserve Detachment

15th Schützen Brigade:

104th & 115th Schützen Regiment:

(mot) Headquarters Company

1 Signals Platoon

1 Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)

1 Motorcycle Platoon

1 Anti-Tank Platoon (3-50mm AT guns)

1 Regimental Band

Attached:

1 (mot) Infantry Support Gun Section
(2-150mm & 4 75mm guns)

1st & 2nd Battalions:

3 (mot) Infantry Companies, each with
(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs & 3-50mm mortars)

1 (mot) Infantry Company, with
(8 HMGs & 6-81mm mortars)

1 (mot) Support Company, with
1 Engineering Platoon (3 LMGs)

1 AT Platoon (1 28mm AT gun, 3-37mm AT
guns & 1 LMG)

Attached:

1 Infantry Support Gun Section (2-75mm)

15th Motorcycle Battalion: (Transferred to 21st Panzer
Division on 4/1/42 and became 3/115th Panzer Grenadier
Regiment)

3 Motorcycle Companies, each with
3-50mm mortars, 2 HMGs & 18 LMGs)

1 Motorcycle Company with
6-81mm mortars & 8 HMGs

1 (mot) Support Company, with
1 Engineering Platoon (3 LMGs)

1 AT Platoon (1 28mm AT gun, 3-37mm AT
guns & 1 LMG)

1 Infantry Support Gun Section (2-75mm guns)

33rd Artillery Regiment:

HQ Company

1 (mot) Signals Platoon

1 Regimental Band

1st & 2nd Battalions, each had:

1 (mot) Signals Platoon

1 (mot) Calibration Section

3 (mot) Batteries (4-105mm 1FH 18 & 2 LMGs ea)

3rd Battalion, with
1 (mot) Signals Platoon
1 (mot) Calibration Section
3 (mot) Batteries (4-150mm LFH 18 & 2 LMGs ea)
326th (mot) Observation Company

33rd Panzerjäger Battalion:

1 (mot) Signals Platoon
3 (mot) Companies (3-50mm AT, 8-37mm AT, & 6 LMGs)

33rd Reconnaissance Battalion:

1 (mot) Signals Platoon (2 LMGs)
1 Light (mot) Armored Supply Column
1 Armored Car Company, with
10 37mm guns & 25 LMGs
1 Motorcycle Company (3 50mm mortars, 2 HMGs & 18 LMGs)
1 (mot) Support Company, with
1 Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 AT Platoon (3-37mm AT & 1 LMG)
1 Infantry Support Platoon (2-75mm guns)

33rd (mot) Pioneer Battalion:

1 (mot) Company, no heavy weapons
2 (mot) Companies (9 LMGs ea)
1 Light (mot) Engineering Supply Column

78th Signals Battalion:

1 (half track) Radio Company
1 (half track) Signals Company
1 Light (mot) Signals Supply Column

Service Forces:

33rd Supply Battalion:

9 Light (mot) Supply Columns
2 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
1 (mot) Pz. Ers. Column
3 Heavy (mot) POL Supply Columns
3 (mot) Maintenance Companies
33rd (mot) Supply Company

Food Service:

33rd (mot) Quartermaster Detachment
33rd (mot) Bakery Company

Medical:

1/,2/33rd (mot) Medical Companies
36th (mot) Field Hospital
1/,2/,3/Ambulance Companies

Other:

33rd (mot) Military Police Detachment
33rd (mot) Field Post Office

**2nd Formation
of the Afrika Korps**
(date unknown)

Afrika Korps Headquarters:

Corps Staff
575th Motorized Mapping Detachment
Division Staff
259th Motorized Mapping Detachment
Signals Company

Infantry:

155th (mot) Regimental Staff (formed after 15 May)

1 (mot) Staff Company

3/241st Infantry Regiment

3/255th Infantry Regiment

3/258th Infantry Regiment

3/268th Infantry Regiment

3/347th Infantry Regiment

Each battalion had:

3 Companies with:

15 LMGs & 2 81mm mortars

1 Heavy Company with:

12 HMGs & 6 LMGs

361st Infantry Regiment

1 (mixed mobility) Staff Company

2 Battalions, each with

3 Companies (18 LMGs, 2-81mm mortars & 2 37mm AT
guns) (the 37mm AT guns were replaced with
4-28mm AT guns)

1 Company (12 HMGs & 6-81mm Mortars) (2-28mm
AT guns added later)

361st Artillery Battalion, with

2 (mountain) Batteries, each with 4-105mm LFH 18
& 2 LMGs) (3rd Battery added later & mountain
pieces may have replaced with regular field
howitzers).

1/613th Flak Battalion (12-20mm AT guns)

1 Light (horse drawn) Supply Column

2nd, 6th, 10th, 12th, & 13th Oasis Companies

12 LMGs, 3-50mm mortars & 6 AT rifles each

Feldersatz Battalions:

598th Feldersatz Battalion (4 Companies, no heavy wpns)

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Reconnaissance Forces:

580th Mixed Reconnaissance Company

1 Infantry Platoon (2-28mm AT, 9 LMGs & 3 HMGs)

1 Armored Car Platoon (8 LMGs & 6-37mm AT)

1 AT Platoon (3-50mm & 2 LMGs)

1 Self Propelled Flak Platoon (4-20mm & 1 LMG)

Artillery:

612th Flak Battalion (formed on 17 May 1941?)
 3 Batteries (12-20mm AA guns ea)
2/115th Artillery Regiment
 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
 1 (mot) Calibration Detachment
 3 (mot) Batteries, each with
 3-210mm Mrs 18 howitzers
 1 Light (mot) Munitions Column (48t)
 1/612th (mot) Flak Battery (12-20mm AA guns)
408th Artillery Battalion
 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
 1 (mot) Calibration Detachment
 3 (mot) Batteries, each with
 4-100mm K18 guns
 1 Light (mot) Munitions Column (20t)
902nd (mot) Artillery Battery
 3-170mm on Mrs. Carriages
11th Artillery Battalion Staff
 1 (mot) Staff Company
 1 (mot) Sound Locating Company
 1 (mot) Flash Locating Company
 (no artillery guns assigned)

Coast Artillery:

221st Coast Artillery Regiment
 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
523rd Coastal Artillery Battalion
 3 Batteries (6-155mm French guns each)
533rd Coastal Artillery Battalion
 3 Batteries (6-155mm French guns each)
528th Coastal Artillery Battalion
 3 Batteries (6-155mm French guns each)
529th Coastal Artillery Battalion
 3 Batteries (6-155mm French guns each)

Pioneers:

900th Pioneer Battalion
 2 (mot) Pioneer Companies (9 LMGs & 3 armored
 vehicles ea)
 1 Light (mot) Engineering Supply Column

Signals Troops:

Libyan (later 475th) Signals Battalion
 1 (mot) Telephone Company
 1 (mot) Radio Company

Added later:

 2 (mot) Telephone Wire Companies
 1 (mot) Radio Company

Other Signals Formations

Afrika (mot) Propaganda Company
3/56th (mot) Radio Company
540th Signals Battalion (added later)
 1 (mot) Telephone Wire Company
 1 (mot) Signals Company
 1 Light (mot) Signals Supply Column

Supply Service:

Independent Staffs

585th Regiment
619th Battalion
681st Battalion
148th Italian Battalion
149th Italian Battalion

Supply Units:

529th Supply Battalion
6 Light (mot) Supply Columns
534th, 535th & 536th Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
1 Light (mot) POL Supply Column
592nd (renumbered 572nd) Supply Battalion
6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
1 Heavy (mot) POL Supply Column
533rd Supply Battalion
6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
1 Heavy (mot) POL Supply Column
686th Supply Battalion
6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
1 Heavy (mot) POL Supply Column
909th Supply Battalion (formed later)
6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
532nd (mot) Supply Battalion
2 Supply Companies
4 miscellaneous unidentifiable supply formations
548th Instructional Battalion
122nd, 129th & 134th Vehicle Instruction Companies
4 miscellaneous unidentifiable supply formations
560th (mot) Army Maintenance Park
3 (mot) Maintenance Platoons
1 Light (mot) Supply Column
566th (mot) Army Maintenance Park
3 (mot) Maintenance Platoons
1 Light (mot) Supply Column
Other
641st, 645th & 651st (mot) Heavy Water Columns
659th (mot) Water Purification Company

Medical:

1/3rd Medical Park 530 (formed later)
5/542nd & 667th (mot) Field Hospital
2/83rd (mot) Medical Company (formed later)
1/705th (mot) Kr. Tp. Troop
Tripoli Hospital

Other:

85th Construction Battalion (4 Companies)
1 Light (mot) Construction Supply Column
317th Quartermaster Detachment
1/278th Military Police

5th Light Division: (redesignated 21st Panzer Division on 8/1/41.)

Headquarters

- 2/439th (halftrack) Signals Company
- 200 (mot) Mapping Detachment
- 200th (mot) Communication Section
- 200th Construction Section

5th Armored Regiment:

Headquarters

- 1 Armored HQ Company
- 1 Light Armored Platoons
- 1 Band

Support Units

- 1 Armored Maintenance Company
- 1 Reserve Armored Detachment

1st & 2nd Battalions, each with

- 1 Armored HQ Company
 - 1 Light Armored Platoon
 - 1 Medium Armored Company
 - 2 Light Armored Companies
- (3rd Light Companies raised around 8/9/41)

200th Machine Gun Regiment :

- 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
- 1 Motorcycle Platoon (added later)

2nd Machine Gun Battalion (Assigned on 9/1/41)

- 1 (mot) HQ Company, with
 - 1 Signals Platoon
 - 2 Motorcycle Platoons (4 LMGs ea)
- 3 (mot) Machine Gun Companies, each with
 - 12 HMGs, 3-50mm mortars & 3 AT rifles
- 1 (mot) Support Company, with
 - 6-37mm AT guns, 2 LMGs, & 6 81mm mortars
 - (reequipped with 3-50mm, 3-37mm, 2 LMGs and 6-81mm mortars 7/31/41)

8th Machine Gun Battalion

- 1 (mot) HQ Company, with
 - 1 Signals Platoon
 - 2 Motorcycle Platoons (4 LMGs ea)
- 3 (mot) Machine Gun Companies, each with
 - 12 HMGs, 3-50mm mortars & 3 AT rifles
- 1 (mot) Support Company, with
 - 6-37mm AT guns, 1 LMGs, & 6 81mm mortars
 - (reequipped with 3-50mm, 3-37mm, 2 LMGs and 6-81mm mortars on 7/31/41)
- 1 (mot) AT Company, with
 - 3-37mm AT guns & 3 LMGs)

200th Pioneer Battalion

- 2 (mot) Pioneer Companies (9 LMGs ea)
- 3rd (mot) Pioneer Co raised later, date unknown)

200th Signals Battalion:

- 1 Armored Radio Company
- 1 Armored Signals Company
- 1 Light (mot) Signals Supply Column

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion:

- 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
- 1 Light (mot) Armored Supply Column

- 1 Armored Car Company, with
 - 10 37mm guns & 25 LMGs (later 19-37mm and 41 LMGs)
- 1 Motorcycle Company (3 50mm mortars, 2 HMGs & 18 LMGs)
- 1 (mot) Support Company, with
 - 1 Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)
 - 1 AT Platoon (3-37mm AT & 1 LMG)
 - 1 Infantry Support Platoon (2-75mm guns)

Artillery:

- 1/75th (later 2/155th) Artillery Battalion
 - 1 (mot) Signals Platoon¹
 - 1 (mot) Calibration Detachment
 - 3 Batteries (4-105mm 1FH 18 & 2 LMGs ea)
- 155th Artillery Regiment (Regiment formed later)
 - 1st Battalion, with
 - 1 (mot) HQ Company
 - 3 (mot) Batteries (4-105mm 1FH 18 & 2 LMGs ea)
 - 3rd Battalion, with
 - 1 (mot) HQ Company
 - 2 (mot) Batteries (4-150mm sFH & 2 LMGs ea)
 - 1 (mot) Battery (4-100 K18 guns & 2 LMGs)
- 606th Self Propelled Flak Battalion (detached on 8/27/41)
 - 3 Self Propelled Batteries (12-20mm AA guns)
- 1/33rd (mot) (Luftwaffe) Flak Regiment
 - 1 (mixed mobility) Signals Platoon
 - 3 Batteries (4- 88mm guns ea)
 - 2 Batteries (12-20mm guns ea)
 - 1 Light (mixed mobility) Munitions Column

Anti-Tank Formations:

- 39th Panzerjäger Battalion
 - 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
 - 3 (mot) Companies (3-50mm AT, 8-37mm AT, & 6 LMGs)
 (37mm guns eliminated and 50mm guns increased to 9 by 6/14/41)
- 605th Panzerjäger Battalion (detached from division on 8/27/41 and assigned to Corps HQ.)
 - 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
 - 3 Self Propelled Companies (9-50mm & 2 LMGs ea)

Feldersatz Battalion:

- 4 Companies

2(H)/14 Pz Luftwaffe Liaison/Reconnaissance Staffel:

organization unknown

Service Forces:²

- 822nd, 804th, 803rd, 801st, 800th, 797th Light (mot) Supply Columns
- 622nd, 6/619th & 5/619th Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
- I/,II/Pz.5 Heavy (mot) Transport Columns
- 9/200th Heavy (mot) POL Supply Column
- 200th (mot) Maintenance Company

¹ The signals and calibration units were eliminated and relaced by a standard artillery batatlion HQ company.

² All service forces renumbered as the 200th by 8/15/41.

532nd (mot) Supply Company
1st (mot) Pz. Ers. Transport Column

Food Service:

531st (mot) Bakery Company
503rd (mot) Butcher Company
341st Divisional Quartermaster Detachment

Medical:

1/82nd & 2/592nd (mot) Medical Companies
4/572nd (mot) Field Hospital
631st & 633rd Ambulance Columns
877th Light Filtration Column

Other:

309th (mot) Military Police Detachment
735th (mot) Field Post Office

15th Panzer Division:

Headquarters

1 (mot) Mapping Detachment (1 LMGs)

8th Panzer Regiment:

Armored Signals Platoon
1 Light Armored Platoon
Regimental Band
1 Armored Maintenance Company

1st & 2nd Battalions

1 Armored Staff Company
1 Medium Armored Company
2 Light Armored Companies
(3rd Light Armored Company raised 8/9/41)
1 Armored Reserve Detachment

15th Schützen Brigade:

104th & 115th Schützen Regiment:

(mot) Headquarters Company
1 Signals Platoon
1 Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 Motorcycle Platoon
1 Anti-Tank Platoon (3-50mm AT guns)
1 Regimental Band

Attached:

1 (mot) Infantry Support Gun Section
(2-150mm & 4 75mm guns)

1st & 2nd Battalions:

3 (mot) Infantry Companies, each with
(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs & 3-50mm mortars)
1 (mot) Infantry Company, with
(8 HMGs & 6-81mm mortars)
1 (mot) Support Company, with
1 Engineering Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 AT Platoon (1 28mm AT gun, 3-37mm AT
guns & 1 LMG)
1 Infantry Support Gun Section (2-75mm)

15th Motorcycle Battalion:

3 Motorcycle Companies, each with
3-50mm mortars, 2 HMGs & 18 LMGs)
1 Motorcycle Company with
6-81mm mortars & 8 HMGs

- 1 (mot) Support Company, with
 - 1 Engineering Platoon (3 LMGs)
 - 1 AT Platoon (1 28mm AT gun, 3-37mm AT guns & 1 LMG)
 - 1 Infantry Support Gun Section (2-75mm guns)

33rd Artillery Regiment:

HQ Company

- 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
- 1 Regimental Band

1st & 2nd Battalions, each had:

- 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
- 1 (mot) Calibration Section
- 3 (mot) Batteries (4-105mm 1FH 18 & 2 LMGs ea)

3rd Battalion, with

- 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
- 1 (mot) Calibration Section
- 3 (mot) Batteries (4-150mm 1FH 18 & 2 LMGs ea)

326th (mot) Observation Company

33rd Reconnaissance Battalion:

- 1 (mot) Signals Platoon (2 LMGs)
- 1 Light (mot) Armored Supply Column
- 1 Armored Car Company, with
 - 10 37mm guns & 25 LMGs
- 1 Motorcycle Company (3 50mm mortars, 2 HMGs & 18 LMGs)
- 1 (mot) Support Company, with
 - 1 Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)
 - 1 AT Platoon (3-37mm AT & 1 LMG)
 - 1 Infantry Support Platoon (2-75mm guns)

33rd Panzerjäger Battalion:

- 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
- 3 (mot) Companies (3-50mm AT, 8-37mm AT, & 6 LMGs)
- (37mm reduced to 4, 50mm raised to 8 on 6/19/41)

33rd (mot) Pioneer Battalion:

- 1 (mot) Company, no heavy weapons
- 2 (mot) Companies (9 LMGs ea)
- 1 Light (mot) Engineering Supply Column

78th Signals Battalion:

- 1 (half track) Radio Company
- 1 (half track) Signals Company
- 1 Light (mot) Signals Supply Column

Service Forces:

33rd Supply Battalion:

- 9 Light (mot) Supply Columns
- 2 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
- 1 (mot) Pz. Ers. Column
- 3 Heavy (mot) POL Supply Columns
- 3 (mot) Maintenance Companies
- 33rd (mot) Supply Company

Food Service:

- 33rd (mot) Quartermaster Detachment
- 33rd (mot) Bakery Company
- 33rd (mot) Butcher Company

Medical:

- 1/,2/33rd (mot) Medical Companies
- 36th (mot) Field Hospital

1/,2/,3/Ambulance Companies

Other:

33rd (mot) Military Police Detachment

33rd (mot) Field Post Office

**3rd Formation
of the Afrika Korps**

(Appears to date from 1 September 1941)

Afrika Korps Headquarters:

Corps Staff

575th Motorized Mapping Detachment

Luftwaffe:

Courier Squadron (Added 8/29?)

2(H0)14 Pz Reconnaissance Staffel

Anti-Aircraft:

612th Flak Battalion

3 Batteries (12-20mm AA guns ea)

Coast Artillery:

523rd Coastal Artillery Battalion

3 Batteries (6-155mm French guns each)

533rd Coastal Artillery Battalion

3 Batteries (6-155mm French guns each)

528th Coastal Artillery Battalion

3 Batteries (6-155mm French guns each)

529th Coastal Artillery Battalion

3 Batteries (6-155mm French guns each)

4/149th Artillery Regiment (3-170mm guns on Mrs Carriages)

(added 5/12)

4/772nd Artillery Regiment (3-170mm guns on Mrs Carriages)

(added 5/12)

659th (later 636 and finally 10th) Signals Regiment:

1st Battalion:

1/10th (mot) Telephone Operations Company

2/10th (mot) (later armored) Radio Company

3/56th (mot) Telephone Interception Company

1 Light (mot) Signals Supply Column

2nd Battalion:

4/10th (mot) Telephone Construction Company

5/10th (mot) Telephone Wire Company

6/10th (mot) Telephone Wire Company

Afrika (mot) Propaganda Company

German Afrikakorps

12th Construction Platoon (later detached)

Reconnaissance Forces:

580th Mixed Reconnaissance Company

1 Infantry Platoon (2-28mm AT, 9 LMGs & 3 HMGs)

1 Armored Car Platoon (8 LMGs & 6-37mm AT)

1 AT Platoon (3-50mm & 2 LMGs)

1 Self Propelled Flak Platoon (4-20mm & 1 LMG)

104th Artillery Brigade:

221st Artillery Regiment:

1 (mot) Signals Platoon

2/115th Artillery Regiment

1 (mot) HQ Company

3 (mot) Batteries, each with

3-210mm Mrs 18 howitzers

1 Light (mot) Munitions Column (48t)

1/612th (mot) Flak Battery (12-20mm AA guns)

408th Artillery Battalion

1 (mot) HQ Company

3 (mot) Batteries, each with

4-100mm K18 guns

1 Light (mot) Munitions Column (20t)

902nd (mot) Artillery Battery

3-170mm on Mrs. Carriages

11th Artillery Battalion Staff

1 (mot) Staff Company

1 (mot) Sound Locating Company

1 (mot) Flash Locating Company

721st, 722nd, 723rd, 724th & 725th Astronomical

Measuring Detachments

526th Light (mot) "Vo" Column

(no artillery guns assigned)

363rd Coastal Defense Battery (6 French 155mm guns)

(added 8/6/41?)

364th Coastal Defense Battery (6 French 155mm guns)

(added 8/6/41?)

Flak Forces:

606th Flak Battalion

3 Self Propelled Flak Batteries (12-20mm AA guns ea)

1/33rd (mot) (Luftwaffe) Flak Regiment

1 (mixed mobility) Signals Platoon

3 Batteries (4- 88mm guns ea)

2 Batteries (12-20mm guns ea)

1 Light (mot) Munitions Column

1/18th (mot) (Luftwaffe) Flak Regiment (added later)

1 (mixed mobility) Signals Platoon

3 Batteries (4- 88mm guns ea)

2 Batteries (12-20mm guns ea)

1 Light (mot) Munitions Column

Other Corps Forces:

605th Panzerjäger Battalion (detached from division
on 8/27/41? and assigned to Corps HQ.)

1 (mot) Signals Platoon

3 Self Propelled Companies (9-50mm & 2 LMGs ea)

900th Pioneer Battalion
2 (mot) Pioneer Companies (9 LMGs & 3 armored
vehicles ea)
1 Light (mot) Engineering Supply Column

475th Signals Battalion
1 (mot) Radio Company
2 (mot) Telephone Wire Companies
1 (mot) Telephone Company
1 (armored) Radio Company
1 Light (mot) Signals Supply Column

361st Infantry Regiment

1 (mixed mobility) Staff Company
2 Battalions, each with
3 Companies (18 LMGs, 2-81mm mortars & 4-28mm
AT guns)
1 Company (12 HMGs, 6-81mm Mortars, 2-28mm AT
guns)
1 Light (horse drawn) Supply Column
361st Artillery Battalion, with
1 Signals Platoon
1 Calibration Detachment
3 Batteries, each with 4-105mm 1FH 18 & 2 LMGs)
(later 6 LMGs)

1/613th Flak Battalion (12-20mm AT guns)

Independent Infantry Battalions:

3/255th Infantry Regiment
3/347th Infantry Regiment
3/241st Infantry Regiment
3/258th Infantry Regiment
3/155th Infantry Regiment

Each battalion had:³

3 Companies with:
15 LMGs, 2 81mm mortars & 6 AT rifles
1 Heavy Company with:
12 HMGs & 6 LMGs

300th Infantry Battalion
5 Companies, each with (12 LMGs, 3-50mm mortars
& 6 AT rifles)

155th Infantry Regiment⁴

1 (mot) Regimental Staff
3 Infantry Battalions, with⁵
3 Companies with:
15 LMGs & 2 81mm mortars
1 Heavy Company (12 HMGs & 6 LMGs)

³ In addition, each battalion had 2 37mm AT guns, 10 cars & 15 trucks.

⁴ Formed from the 3/241st (which became 1/155th), 3/258th (which became 2/155th) and 3/268th (which became 3/155th). Date unknown.

⁵ In addition, each battalion had 2 37mm AT guns, 10 cars & 15 trucks.

Army Supply Forces:

585th Supply Regiment
619th Supply Battalion HQ (Benghazi)
681st Supply Battalion HQ (Tripoli)
580th Water Battalion
659th (mot) Salt Water Distillation Company
665th (mixed mobility) Distillation Company
641st, 645th, & 651st (mot) Water Transport Columns
877th, & 581st (mot) Water Filtration Columns
589th, & 590th (mot) Water Filtration Columns
(added later)
8th & 12th Construction Platoons
529th Supply Column Battalion
6 Light (mot) Supply Columns
534th, 535th & 536th Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
1 Light (mot) POL Column
533rd Supply Column Battalion
6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
1 Heavy (mot) POL Column
572nd Supply Column Battalion
6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
1 Heavy (mot) POL Column
686th Supply Column Battalion
6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
1 Heavy (mot) POL Column
902nd Supply Column Battalion
10 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
909th Supply Column Battalion
6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
1 Heavy (mot) POL Column
148th Italian Supply Column
241st, 242nd, 343rd, 244th Very Heavy Supply Columns
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
149th Italian Supply Column
3 Heavy Supply Columns (72t)
1 Heavy Supply Column (30t)
1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
556th Ordnance Division
8 Miscellaneous Detachments in rear area cities
(Misurata, Barce, Tripoli, Benghasi, Derna) formed during
this period)
532nd Supply Battalion
2 (mot) Supply Companies
2 Munitions Detachments
2 Laboratories
1 (mot) Betr St. V. Detachment
548th Instruction Battalion
560th & 566th Army Vehicle Parks, with
3 (mot) Maintenance Platoons & 1 transport column ea)
122nd Vehicle Instruction Company (disbanded later)

129th Vehicle Instruction Company (disbanded later)
134th Vehicle Instruction Company
4 unidentified Detachments

Medical Services:

2/83rd (later 2/592nd) (mot) Medical Company
1/705th (mot) Medical (formation of unknown type)
5/542nd (mot) Field Hospital
667th (mot) Field Hospital
Tripoli Hospital
531st Medical Park

Food Service:

317th Quartermaster Company
1/554th (mot) Bakery Company

Other Units:

639th (mot) Field Post Office
85th Construction Battalion
 4 Companies (no heavy weapons)
 1 (mot) Construction Transport Column
556th Ordnance Division
1/278th "LS" Company
498th (mot) Military Police Detachment
930th Telephone Operations Company

21st Panzer Division

Headquarters
 200 (mot) Mapping Detachment
 200th (mot) Communication Section
 200th Construction Section

5th Armored Regiment:

Headquarters
 1 Armored HQ Company
 1 Light Armored Platoons
 1 Regimental Band
Support Units
 1 Armored Maintenance Company

1st & 2nd Battalions, each with

 1 Armored HQ Company
 1 Light Armored Platoon
 1 Medium Armored Company
 3 Light Armored Companies

200th Schützen Regiment:

 1 (mot) HQ Company
 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
 1 Motorcycle Platoon
 (2nd motorcycle platoon added later)
 1 AT Platoon (3-50mm Guns)
 1 Regimental Band

2nd Machine Gun Battalions:

 (mot) Battalion HQ Company with
 2 Motorcycle Platoons (4 LMGs ea)
 1 Signals Platoon
 3 (mot) Machine Gun Companies, each with
 (12 HMGs, 3-50mm mortars& 3 AT rifles)
 1 (mot) Support Company, with
 1 AT Platoon (3-37mm AT gun, 3-50mm AT
 guns)

1 Mortar Platoon (6-81mm mortars)

Support Companies reorganized as follows on 8/27/41:

- 1 (mot) Support Company, with
 - 1 Engineering Platoon (3 LMGs)
 - 1 AT Platoon (1 28mm AT gun, 2-50mm AT guns)
 - 1 AT Platoon (3-37mm & 1 LMG)
 - 1 Mortar Platoon (6-81mm mortars)

8th Machine Gun Battalion

- 1 (mot) HQ Company, with
 - 1 Signals Platoon
 - 2 Motorcycle Platoons (4 LMGs ea)
- 3 (mot) Machine Gun Companies, each with
 - 12 HMGs, 3-50mm mortars & 3 AT rifles
- 1 (mot) Support Company, with
 - 1 AT Platoon (3-37mm AT gun, 3-50mm AT guns)
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 - 1 AT Platoon (3-37mm & 1 LMG)
 - 1 Mortar Platoon (6-81mm mortars)
- 1 (mot) AT Company, with
 - 9-50mm AT guns & 3 LMGs)

155th Artillery Regiment:

- 1/155th Artillery Regiment, with
 - 1 (mot) HQ Company
 - 3 (mot) Batteries (4-105mm LFH 18 & 2 LMGs ea)
- 2/155th Artillery Regiment
 - 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
 - 1 (mot) Calibration Detachment
 - 3 Batteries (4-105mm LFH 18 & 2 LMGs ea)
- 3/155th Artillery Regiment
 - 1 (mot) HQ Company
 - 2 (mot) Batteries (4-150mm sFH & 2 LMGs ea)
 - 1 (mot) Battery (4-100 K18 guns & 2 LMGs)

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion:

- 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
- 1 Light (mot) Armored Supply Column
- 1 Armored Car Company, with
 - 19 37mm guns & 41 LMGs
- 1 Motorcycle Company (3 50mm mortars, 2 HMGs & 18 LMGs)
- 1 (mot) Support Company, with
 - 1 Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)
 - 1 AT Platoon (3-37mm AT, 2-50mm AT & 1 LMG)
(50mm AT later formed into separate platoon)
 - 1 Infantry Support Platoon (2-75mm guns)

200th Feldersatz Battalion:

- 4 Companies (no heavy weapons)

200th Pioneer Battalion

- 3 (mot) Pioneer Companies (9 LMGs ea)

200th Signals Battalion:

1 Armored Radio Company
1 Armored Signals Company
1 Light (mot) Signals Supply Column

39th Panzerjäger Battalion

1 (mot) Signals Platoon
3 (mot) Companies (9-50mm AT & 6 LMGs)

Service Forces:

3/,4/,5/,6/,7/,8/,12/200th Light (mot) Supply Columns
1/,2/,10/,11/Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
9/200th Heavy (mot) POL Supply Column
1/200th (mot) Maintenance Company
2/,3/200th (mot) Vehicle Instruction Companies
200th (mot) Supply Company
200th (mot) Pz. Ers. Transport Column
200th (later 579th) (mot) "LW" Company
589th Light Filtration Column (may have been deleted)

Food Service:

200th (mot) Bakery Company
200th (mot) Butcher Company
200th Divisional Quartermaster Detachment

Medical:

1/82nd & 2/200th (mot) Medical Companies
200th (mot) Field Hospital
1/,2/200th Ambulance Columns

Other:

309th (mot) Military Police Detachment
735th (mot) Field Post Office

15th Panzer Division:

Headquarters
33rd (mot) Mapping Detachment (1 LMGs)

8th Panzer Regiment:

Armored Signals Platoon
1 Light Armored Platoon
1 Regimental Band
1 Armored Maintenance Company

1st & 2nd Battalions

1 Armored Staff Company
1 Medium Armored Company
3 Light Armored Companies

15th Schützen Brigade:

104th & 115th Schützen Regiment:

(mot) Headquarters Company
1 Signals Platoon
1 Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 Motorcycle Platoon
1 Anti-Tank Platoon (3-50mm AT guns)
1 Regimental Band

Attached:

1 (mot) Infantry Support Gun Section
(2-150mm & 4 75mm guns)

1st & 2nd Battalions:

3 (mot) Infantry Companies, each with
(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs & 3-50mm mortars)
1 (mot) Infantry Company, with
(8 HMGs & 6-81mm mortars)

1 (mot) Support Company, with
1 Engineering Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 AT Platoon (1 28mm AT gun, 3-37mm AT
guns, 2-50mm AT guns & 1 LMG)
(50mm AT guns later formed into new platoon)

Attached:

1 Regimental Infantry Support Gun Company
(2-150mm & 4 75mm guns)

15th Motorcycle Battalion:

3 Motorcycle Companies, each with
3-50mm mortars, 2 HMGs & 18 LMGs)
1 Motorcycle Company with
6-81mm mortars & 8 HMGs
1 (mot) Support Company, with
1 Engineering Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 AT Platoon (1 28mm AT gun, 3-37mm AT
guns & 1 LMG)
1 AT Platoon (2-50mm & 1 LMG)

33rd Artillery Regiment:

HQ Company

1 (mot) HQ Company

1st & 2nd Battalions, each had:

1 (mot) HQ Company

3 (mot) Batteries (4-105mm 1FH 18 & 2 LMGs ea)

3rd Battalion, with

1 (mot) HQ Company

3 (mot) Batteries (4-150mm 1FH 18 & 2 LMGs ea)

1 (mot) Observation Company

33rd Reconnaissance Battalion:

1 (mot) Signals Platoon (2 LMGs)

1 Light (mot) Armored Supply Column

1 Armored Car Company, with

10 37mm guns & 25 LMGs

1 Motorcycle Company (3 50mm mortars, 2 HMGs & 18 LMGs)

1 (mot) Support Company, with

1 Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)

1 AT Platoon (1-28mm AT, 3-37mm AT, 2-50mm AT

& 1 LMG) (later broken into two platoons with

2nd AT Platoon having 2-50mm AT & 1 28mm AT gun)

33rd Panzerjäger Battaion:

1 (mot) Signals Platoon

3 (mot) Companies (9-50mm AT & 6 LMGs)

33rd (mot) Pioneer Battalion:

3 (mot) Companies (9 LMGs ea)

1 Light (mot) Engineering Supply Column

78th Signals Battalion:

1 (half track) Radio Company

1 (half track) Signals Company

1 Light (mot) Signals Supply Column

Service Forces:

33rd Supply Battalion:

9 Light (mot) Supply Columns (one deleted later)

2 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns

1 (mot) Pz. Ers. Column

3 Heavy (mot) POL Supply Columns
3 (mot) Maintenance Companies
33rd (mot) Supply Company
(mot) Filtration Column (later deleted)

Food Service:

33rd (mot) Quartermaster Detachment
33rd (mot) Bakery Company
33rd (mot) Butcher Company

Medical:

1/,2/33rd (mto) Medical Companies
36th (mot) Field Hospital
1/,2/,3/Ambulance Companies

Other:

33rd (mot) Military Police Detachment
33rd (mot) Field Post Office

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