

**Organization of the Afrika Korps
6 February 1942**

Army Troops:

- 104th Arko (part sunk enroute)
- 221st Artillery Regimental Staff (part sunk enroute)
- 1/408th Artillery Regiment (7 100mm K 18 guns)
- 2/115th Artillery Regiment (6 210mm morsar & 4 Italian 100mm guns)
- 523rd Coastal Artillery Battalion (7 155mm French howitzers)
- 528th Coastal Artillery Battalion (7 155mm French howitzers)
- 533rd Coastal Artillery Battalion (12 155mm French howitzers)
- 4th Btry/149th Artillery Battalion (3 170mm guns)
- 902nd Battery (2 170mm guns)
- 1st Btry/11th Artillery Observation Battalion (majority sunk)
- 580th Mixed Reconnaissance Company
- 606th Flak Battalion
- 612th Flak Battalion (not motorized)
- 617th Flak Battalion (still in Italy)
- 707th Heavy Self Propelled Infantry Gun Company (still in Italy)
- 708th Heavy Self Propelled Infantry Gun Company (still in Italy)
- 605th Panzerjäger Battalio (less 1 company)
- 900th Pioneer Battalion (2 weak companies)
- 10th Panzer Army Signals Regiment (still in Italy)
- Commander Army Rear Areas
- 585th A.N.F. Army Supply Troop (45% operational)
- Koluft Lybia
 - Staff/135th Flak Regiment (still in Italy)
 - 1/18th Flak Regiment
 - 1/33rd Flak Regiment (short of weapons)
 - 2(H)/14 Pz Reconnaissance & Courier Staffel
- XI Fliegerkrops Paratroops (not yet arrived)

Deutsch Afrika Korps:

15th Panzer Division (Actual strength figures listed after 21st Pz Div, what is shown here is theoretical) (Organization indicated as "Many Weapons, Few Men" - proposed new organization)

Headquarters

- 33rd (mot) Mapping Detachment (2 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
- 1 Armored Reserve Detachment (added during period)

15th Schützen Brigade:

115th Schützen Regiment:

- 1 (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 & 3rd Battalions:

3 (mot) Infantry Companies, each with
(13 MP, 18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 80mm mortars
3 Hv Antk-Tank rifles & 6 50mm PAK 38)

1 Pioneer Company

(13 MP, 18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 80mm mortars
3 Hv Anti-Tank rifles & 6 50mm PAK 38)

1 (mot) Heavy Infantry Gun Company, with
(3 150mm self propelled guns)

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)

2 Armored Car Companies

1 Armored Car Company (25 half tracks)

(13 MP, 18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 80mm mortars

3 Hv Antk-Tank rifles & 6 50mm PAK 38)

1 Light Battery

1 (mot) Support Company, with

1 Signals Platoon

1 Engineer Platoon

1 AT Platoon

33rd Panzerjäger Battaion:

1 (mot) Signals Platoon

3 (mot) Companies (9-50mm self propelled)

33rd (mot) Pioneer Battalion:

3 (mot) Companies

(13 MP, 18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 80mm mortars

3 Hv Antk-Tank rifles & 6 50mm PAK 38)

1 Light (mot) Engineering Supply Column

78th Signals Battalion:

6 Signals Troops

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

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

21st Panzer Division: (Actual strength figures listed after 21st Pz Div, what is shown here is theoretical)

Headquarters

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

5th Armored Regiment:

Headquarters

1 Armored HQ Company
2 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
1 Armored Reserve Detachment

104th Schutzen Regiment:

1 (mot) HQ Company
1 (mot) Signals Platoon
1 Motorcycle Platoon
1 AT Platoon (3-50mm Guns)
1 Regimental Band

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Battalions:

3 (mot) Infantry Companies, each with
(13 MP, 18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 80mm mortars
3 Hv Antk-Tank rifles & 6 50mm PAK 38)
1 Pioneer Company
(13 MP, 18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 80mm mortars
3 Hv Antk-Tank rifles & 6 50mm PAK 38)
1 (mot) Heavy Infantry Gun Company, with
(3 150mm self propelled guns)

155th 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

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion:

1 (mot) Signals Platoon (2 LMGs)
2 Armored Car Companies
1 Armored Car Company (25 half tracks)
(13 MP, 18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 80mm mortars)

3 Hv Antk-Tank rifles & 6 50mm PAK 38)
 1 Light Battery
 1 (mot) Support Company, with
 1 Signals Platoon
 1 Engineer Platoon
 1 AT Platoon
200th Feldersatz Battalion:
 4 Companies (no heavy weapons)
200th Panzerjäger Battalion
 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
 3 (mot) Companies (9-50mm self propelled)
200th Pioneer Battalion
 3 (mot) Companies
 (13 MP, 18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 80mm mortars
 3 Hv Antk-Tank rifles & 6 50mm PAK 38)
 1 Light (mot) Engineering Supply Column
200th Signals Battalion:
 6 Signals Troops
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
 579th (mot) "LW" Company
 589th Light Filtration Column
Food Service:
 200th (mot) Bakery Company
 200th (mot) Butcher Company
 200th Divisional Quartermaster Detachment
Medical:
 1/,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

Between 2 Panzer Divisions - 70 tanks, 22 LFH & 15 SFH

90th Light Afrika Division: *(desired organization "Many weapons, few men" indicated under the unit name, actual strength indicated after unit name)*

155th Infantry Regiment (8 cos)
 2 Battalions, each with 4 companies, each co to
 have: 13 MP, 18 LMG, 2 HMGs, 3 80mm mortars, 3
 Hv. Anti-Tank Rifles, 6 76.2mm (r) or 75mm (f)
 anti-tank guns.
 1 Self Propelled Infantry Gun Company
 (3 platoons)
 1 Pioneer Company with:
 13 MP, 18 LMG, 2 HMGs, 3 80mm mortars, 3

Hv. Anti-Tank Rifles, 6 76.2mm (r) or 75mm
(f) anti-tank guns.

- 361st Afrika Regiment (5 cos)
 - same as 155th proposed organization)
- 288th Sonderverband (Special Unit) (8 cos, no vehicles)
- 361st Afrika Artillery Battalion (guns still in Italy)
 - to be expanded to a full regiment, with two
 - bns. Each bn to have 2 105mm 1FH & 1 100mm K
 - 18 gun)
- 3/255th Infantry Regiment (nearly totally destroyed)
- 3/347th Infantry Regiment 2 1/2 cos)
- 1/3rd Mixed Signals Company z.b.V. Afrika

Desired, but not formed

- 1 Reconnaissance Batalion (with two
 - mixed recon companies like 580th)
- 1 Pioneer Battalion (2 companies, each with
 - (13 MP, 18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 80mm mortars
 - 3 Hv Antk-Tank rifles & 6 50mm PAK 38)
- 1 Mixed Signals Company (6 medium platoons)

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