

Panzer Army Afrika
6 February 1942

Panzer Group Afrika Headquarters: (later redesignated Panzer Army Afrika)

- Corps Staff
- 575th Motorized Mapping Detachment
- 182nd GFP Detachment
- Army Road Service Detachment
- 13th Company/288th Brandenburg Lehr Regiment

Artillery:

- 104th (mot) Arko
- 221st (mot) Artillery Regimental Staff
 - (mot) Signals Platoon
- 151st (mot) Nebelwerfer Battery
- 902nd (mot) Artillery Battery
 - (2 170mm guns on Mrs Carriages)
- 4/149th Artillery Regiment (3-170mm guns on Mrs Carriages)
- 523rd Coastal Artillery Battalion
 - 1 Battery (3-155mm Franch guns)
 - 1 Battery (4-155mm Franch guns)
- 528th Coastal Artillery Battalion
 - 1 Battery (3-155mm Franch guns)
 - 1 Battery (4-155mm Franch guns)
- 533rd Coastal Artillery Battalion
 - 2 Batteries (6-155mm Franch howitzers each)
- 2/115th Artillery Regiment
 - 1 (mot) Staff Battery
 - 1 (mot) Battery (4 100mm Italian guns)
 - 2 (mot) Batteries (3 210mm Morsars)
 - 1 (mot) 48 ton Ammunition Column
- 4/772nd Artillery Regiment (3-170mm guns on Mrs Carriages)
- 1/408th (mot) Artillery Regiment
 - 1 (mot) Staff Battery
 - 1 (mot) Battery (3 100mm K 18 guns)
 - 1 (mot) Battery (4 100mm K 18 guns)
 - 1 (mot) 20 ton Ammunition Column
- 707th Self Propelled Heavy Infantry Gun Company
 - (6 150mm SIGs)
- 708th Self Propelled Heavy Infantry Gun Company
 - (6 150mm SIGs)
- 617th Self Propelled Flak Battalion
 - (3 btrys, each with 12 20mm guns)
- 612th (mot) Flak Battalion
 - (3 btrys, each with 12 20mm guns)
- 617th Self Propelled Flak Battalion
 - (3 btrys, each with 6 20mm guns)

580th Mixed Reconnaissance Company

- 1 Self Propelled Flak Platoon (4-20mm & 1 LMG)
- 1 Infantry Platoon (3-28mm AT, 9 LMGs & 3 HMGs)
- 1 Armored Car Platoon (8 LMGs & 6-37mm AT)
- 1 AT Platoon (3-50mm & 2 LMGs)

11th (mot) Observation Battalion:

- 1 (mot) Staff Battery

1 (mot) Flash Ranging Battery

1 (mot) Sound Ranging Battery

10th Signals Regiment:

1st Battalion:

1/10th (mot) Telephone Operations Company

2/10th (armored) Radio Company

3/56th (mot) Telephone Interception Company

1 (mot) Light 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) Propoganda Company

1 Light (mot) Signals Supply Column

900th (mot) Pioneer Battalion:

2 (mot) Pioneer Companies (9 LMGs & 3 light anti-tank rifles ea)

1 (mot) Pioneer Supply Column

605th (self propelled) Panzerjäger Battalion

2 (self propelled) Panzerjäger Companies
(7 37mm & 6 LMGs ea)

1 (self propelled Panzerjäger Company (6 76.2mm r)

1 (self propelled Panzerjäger Company (2 76.2mm r)

Fallschirmtruppen (without vehicles)

1 (mot) Fallschirmjäger Battalion (18 LMGs, 2 HMGS,
3 80mm mortars & 1 80mm mortars)¹

1 (mot) Fallschirmjäger Heavy Company (8 HMGS, 4 80mm mortars
& 2 light anti-tank rifles)

1 (mot) Panzerjäger Battery (8 37mm PAK 36 & 3 50mm PAK 38)

1 (mot) Infantry Gun Battery (4 75mm leIG)

1 (mot) Pioneer Platoon (3 LMGs)

1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon

Koluff Libyen:

Courier Staffel

2(H)/14 Panzer Reconnaissance Staffel

135th (mot) Artillery Regimental Staff

1/33rd (mot) Flak Battalion

1 (mot) Signals Platoon

4th Battery (7 20mm guns)

5th Battery (7 20mm guns)

1/18th (mot) Flak Battalion

1 (mot) Signals Platoon

1st Battery (3 20mm guns)

2nd Battery (2 20mm guns)

5th Battery (6 20mm guns)

6th Battery (11 20mm guns)

Army Supply Forces:

585th Supply Regiment

619th (mot) Supply Battalion HQ (Benghazi)

681st (mot) Supply Battalion HQ z.b.V. (Tripoli)

¹ This is correct, it lists two separate 80mm mortar categories. However, I strongly suspect that it is 3 50mm and 1 80mm mortars.

792nd (mot) Supply Battalion HQ z.b.V.
 798th (mot) Supply Battalion HQ z.b.V.
 529th Supply Column Battalion (60% of strength)
 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 (50% of strength)
 6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
 1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
 1 Heavy (mot) POL Column
 686th Supply Column Battalion (50% of strength)
 6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
 1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
 1 Heavy (mot) POL Column
 902nd Supply Column Battalion (40% of strength)
 10 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
 90th Supply Column Battalion (60% of strength)
 6 Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
 1 Heavy (mot) POL Column
 148th (Italian) (mot) Supply Battalion HQ
 4 (132 ton) Very Heavy Supply Columns
 1 (mot) Supply Platoon
 149th (Italian) (mot) Supply Battalion HQ
 4 (132 ton) Very Heavy Supply Columns
 1 (mot) Supply Platoon
 648th Instruction Battalion
 134th Vehicle Instruction Company
 10th Panzer Park
 4 unidentified Detachments
 566th Ordnance Division
 3 (mot) Maintenance Parks
 560th Ordnance Division
 3 (mot) Maintenance Parks
 532nd Supply Battalion
 541-547th (mot) Munitions Detachments
 2 (mot) Laboratories
 3 (mot) (mot) Betr St. V. Detachments
 3 (mot) (mot) Feldz D. Detachments

Other:

498th (mot) Military Police Detachment
 741st G.F.P. Detachment
 556th Construction Brigade
 957th Signals Platoon
 Afrika Construction Battalion (3 cos)
 85th Construction Battalion (4 cos)
 1 (mot) Construction Column
 659th (mot) Field Post Office
 762nd (mot) Field Post Office
 317th Army Administration
 445th Army Administration
 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
475th (mot) Signals Battalion
 2 (mot) Telephone Intercept Companies
 1 (mot) Telephone Company
 1 (mot) Panzer Radio Company
572nd Supply Battalion (rear area services) (45% strength)
 1-6th (mot) Heavy Columns (2 LMGs ea)
 7th (mot) Heavy Fuel Column
 1 (mot) Maintenance Platoon
580th Supply Battalion (water service) (45% of strength)
 659th (mot) Salt Water Distillation Company (2 LMGs)
 665th (mot) Water Distillation Company (2 LMGs)
 877th (mot) Water Filtration Column (2 LMGs)
 641st, 646th, 659th Heavy Water Columns (2 LMGs ea)
1/554th (mot) Field Bakery Battalion

21st Panzer Division

Headquarters
 200th (mot) Mapping Detachment
 200th Motorcycle Messenger Platoon

5th Armored Regiment: (about 70 tanks)

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

104th Schützen Regiment:²

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

1st & 2nd Battalions, each with:

 3 (mot) Infantry Companies, each with
 (18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3-50mm mortars & 3 AT rifles)
 1 (mot) Heavy Infantry Company, with
 (8 HMGs & 6-80mm mortars)
 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)

Attached:

² The 104th Schützen Regiment was at about 50% strength. The 1/104th was being rebuilt.

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

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 (3-50mm & 1 LMG)
1 AT Platoon (3-37mm & 1 LMG)
1 Mortar Platoon (6-80mm mortars)
1 Pioneer Platoon (3 LMGs)

1 (mot) AT Company, with
(9-50mm PAK 38 & 3 LMGs)

155th Artillery Regiment: (at about 65% of strength)

1/155th Artillery Regiment, with
1 (mot) Staff Battery
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)³
1 (mot) Light Munitions Supply Column (60t)

3rd Reconnaissance Battalion: (at about 50% of strength)

1 (mot) Signals Platoon
1 Armored Car Company, with
(19 37mm guns & 41 LMGs)

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

1 (mot) Support Company, with
1 Pioneer Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 Panzerjäger Platoon (6-37mm AT & 1 LMG)
1 Panzerjäger Platoon (2-50mm AT & 1 LMG)

200th Feldersatz Battalion:
4 Companies (no heavy weapons)

200th Pioneer Battalion (at about 50% strength)
3 (mot) Pioneer Companies (9 LMGs ea)
1 (mot) Light Supply Column

200th Signals Battalion: (at about 30% strength)
1 Armored Radio Company
1 Armored Signals Company
1 Light (mot) Signals Supply Column

39th Panzerjäger Battalion (actually had about 15 guns)
1 (mot) Signals Platoon
3 (mot) Companies (9-50mm PAK 38 & 6 LMGs ea)

Service Forces:

³

The 100mm K18 battery of the 3/155th Artillery Regiment was sunk enroute to Africa.

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) Tank Replacement Transport Column
579th (mot) "LW" Company
589th (mot) Light Water 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:

200th (mot) Military Police Detachment
200th (mot) Field Post Office z.b.V.

15th Panzer Division:

Headquarters

33rd (mot) Mapping Detachment (2 LMGs)
33rd Motorcycle Messenger Platoon

8th Panzer Regiment: (about 70 tanks)

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

1st & 2nd Battalions, each with:

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 Battalion:

3 (mot) Infantry Companies, each with
(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3-50mm mortars & 3 AT
rifles) (1 co had 2 75mm leIG & another
had 1 37mm PAK 38)
1 (mot) Infantry Company, with
(8 HMGs & 6-80mm mortars)
1 (mot) Support Company, with
1 Pioneer Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 Panzerjäger Platoon (1 28mm AT gun,

2-50mm PAK 38 guns)
1 Panzerjäger Platoon (3-37mm PAK 36
& 1 LMG)

2nd Battalion:

3 (mot) Infantry Companies, each with
(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3-50mm mortars & 3 AT
rifles) (2 cos each had an additional
37mm PAK 36)
1 (mot) Infantry Company, with
(8 HMGs & 6-80mm mortars)
1 (mot) Support Company, with
1 Pioneer Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 Panzerjäger Platoon (1 28mm AT gun,
2-50mm PAK 38 guns)
1 Panzerjäger Platoon (3-37mm PAK 36
& 1 LMG)

200th Regiment:

1 (mot) Signals Platoon
1 Motorcycle Platoon
1 Motorcycle Platoon (4 LMGs) (in Volkswagens)

15th Motorcycle Battalion:

3 Motorcycle Companies, each with
3-50mm mortars, 2 HMGs, 18 LMGs & 3
AT rifles)
1 Motorcycle Company with
(6-80mm mortars & 8 HMGs)
1 (mot) Support Company, with
1 Pioneer Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 Panzerjäger Platoon (1 28mm AT gun,
2-50mm PAK 38 guns & 1 LMG)
1 Panzerjäger Platoon (3-37mm PAK 36
& 1 LMG)

2nd 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 Pioneer Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 Panzerjäger Platoon (3-50mm PAK 38 &
1 LMG)
1 Panzerjäger Platoon (3-37mm PAK 36 &
1 LMG)
1 Mortar Platoon (6-80mm mortars)

33rd Artillery Regiment: (65% of strength)

HQ Company

1 (mot) Staff Battery

1st & 2nd Battalions, each had:

1 (mot) Staff Battery

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

3rd Battalion, with

1 (mot) Staff Battery

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

326th (mot) Observation Company

33rd Reconnaissance Battalion: (50% of strength)
1 (mot) Signals Platoon (2 LMGs)
1 Armored Car Company, with
 (10 37mm guns & 25 LMGs)
1 Motorcycle Company (3 50mm mortars, 2 HMGs, 18 LMGs
 & 3 AT rifles)
1 (mot) Support Company, with
 1 Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)
 1 AT Platoon (3-37mm AT & 1 LMG)
 1 AT Platoon (2-50mm AT & 1 28mm AT gun)

33rd Panzerjäger Battaion: (about a 20 PAK)
1 (mot) Signals Platoon
3 (mot) Companies (9-50mm PAK 38 & 6 LMGs)

33rd (mot) Pioneer Battalion: (about 50% of strength)
3 (mot) Companies (9 LMGs ea)
1 Light (mot) Engineering Supply Column

33rd Feldersatz Battalion:
3 Companies (no heavy weapons)

78th Signals Battalion: (about 50% of strength)
1 (armored) Radio Company
1 (armored) Signals Company
1 Light (mot) Signals Supply Column

Service Forces:

33rd Supply Battalion:
1-7/33rd & 9/33rd Light (mot) Supply Columns
13/,14/33rd Heavy (mot) Supply Columns
33rd (mot) Panzer Replacement Column
1/,2/,3/33rd Heavy (mot) POL Supply Columns
1-3/33rd (mot) Maintenance Companies
33rd (mot) Supply Company
33rd (mot) LW Company
581st (mt) Water Filtration Cmpany

Food Service:
33rd (mot) Quartermaster Detachment
33rd (mot) Bakery Company
33rd (mot) Butcher Company

Medical:
1/,2/33rd (mot) Medical Companies⁴
36th (mot) Field Hospital
1/,2/,3/Ambulance Companies

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

90th Light Afrika Division:
190th (tmot) Signals Company) (30%)
259th (jmot) Mapping Detachment

361st Infantry Regiment
8/81st (mot) Signals Company
Support Company (1 37mm PAK 36, 1 28mm AT gun, 2 LMGs
 & 1 80mm mortar)
1st Battalion

⁴ The 1/33rd (mot) Medical Company was captured shortly before this.

2 Companies⁵ (18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 28mm AT rifles,
4 light AT rifles & 1 37mm PAK 36)

1 Company (12 HMGs, 6-80mm Mortars, 2-28mm AT
guns)

2nd Battalion

5th (3/110th) Company (2 HMGs, 14 LMGs,
& 3 light AT rifles)

6th (3/127th) Company (2 HMGs, 14 LMGs, 3 light
AT rifles, 1 28mm AT rifle & 1 37mm PAK 36)

9th (3/190th) Company (6 37mm PAK 36, 2 50mm PAK 38 &
4 80mm mortars)

155th Infantry Regiment

1 (mot) Regimental Staff

1 (mot) Signals Platoon

2 Infantry Battalions, each with:

3 Companies with:

(12 LMGs, 2 80mm mortars & 3 light AT rifles)

1 Heavy Company (12 HMGs, 6 80mm mortars & 6 light
AT rifles)

1 Battery (30 76.2mm Russian guns)

361st Artillery Battalion⁶

1 Battery (4 LMGs & 7 20mm guns)

1 Battery (11 LMGs & no guns)

1 Battery (4 LMGs, 3 HMGs & 4 37mm PAK 36)

288th Verband: (had no vehicles)

23 LMGs, 2 light AT rifles, 6 37mm PAK 36, 11 20mm guns, 2 37mm
guns, & an unknown number of 50mm mortars.

Records of Headquarters, German Army High Command, National Archives Microcopy No.
T-313, Roll 458, American Historical Association Committee for the Study of War
Documents, Washington, DC., 1580

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⁵ These two companies are labeled the 3/147th (1st Co) and 3/123rd (2nd Co).

⁶ A note indicates that it has "no guns," but symbology is indicated for the following listed weapons. It is probable that the battalion was equipped from existing stocks of weapons.