Theoretical Organization and Equipment of the Afrika Korps 1 September 1942

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<u>Afrika Korps HQ</u>
          Motorized Afrika Korps Army HQ Section
          104th Motorized Division HQ
          573rd Motorized Company (as of 9/18/42)
          13th Co/800th Lehr Regiment Brandenburg
          182nd "G.F.P." Platoon
          15th Brigade Staff
     Corps Troops:
          576th Motorized Mapping Section
          722nd Motorized Artillery Calibration Section
          Armored Battle Staff Section
               Self Propelled 20mm AA Gun Section
               50mm AT Gun Section
               Armored Car Section
               Light Armored Section
          475th Motorized Signal Battalion
               2 Motorized Telephone Operations Companies
               1 Motorized Telephone Company
               1 Armored Radio Company
               1 Motorized Signals Column
          572nd Motorized Supply column
               1-6th Cos., Motorized Heavy Supply Columns
               7th Co., Motorized heavy POL Supply Column
               1 Motorized Maintenance Platoon
               609th Munitions Utilization Section
               688th Light Motorized Supply Company
               651st Water Supply Column
Army Support Troops:
K. Sta. Battalion
          1 Armored Staff Platoons
               (8 LMGs & 2 HMGs)
          1 Armored Medium Tank Company
          1 Battery (6 English field guns)
          1 Panzerjäger Company (8-20mm guns & 8 50mm AT guns)
Verband 288
          288th Regimental HQ
               HQ Signals Company (4 LMGs)
               HQ Company with
                    Armored Car Section (3 LMGs)
                    Infantry Section (7 LMGs)
                    Motorcycle Section (6 LMGs)
          1st Battalion, with
               4 Companies (18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 81mm
                    mortars, 3 28mm AT rifles, 6 50mm
                    AT quns)
          2nd Battalion, with
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¹ Redesignated as Afrika Division HQ on 9/13/42.

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4 Companies (18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 81mm mortars, 3 28mm AT rifles, 6 50mm AT guns)
9th Company (6 Light Infantry Support Guns)
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10th Engineering Company (10 LMGs, 2 HMGs,, 3 81mm mortars, 3 28mm AT rifles & 3 50mm AT guns)

11th Machine Gun Company (12 HMGs)

288th Light Motorized Supply Column

288th Medical Detachment

605th Panzerjäger Battalion:

Motorized Panzerjäger Battalion HQ

1 Motorized Signals Platoon

3 Self Propelled Panzerjäger Companies

(8 Czech 47mm guns & 6 LMGs)

1 Self Propelled Panzerjäger Company

(8 Russian 76.2mm guns & 6 LMGs)

Flak Forces:

606th Flak Battalion

1 Self Propelled Flak Company (12-20mm guns)

2 Self Propelled Flak Companies (8-20mm guns and 2 quad 20mm guns)

609th Flak Battalion

1 Self Propelled Flak Company (12-20mm guns)

2 Self Propelled Flak Companies (8-20mm guns and 2 quad 20mm guns)

617th Flak Battalion

1 Self Propelled Flak Company (12-20mm guns)

2 Self Propelled Flak Companies (8-20mm guns and 2 quad 20mm guns)

612th Flak Battalion

3 Self Propelled Flak Company (12-20mm guns)

9th Nebelwerfer Battalion:

Motorized HQ Company (2 LMGs)

3 Motorized Nebelwerfer Companies (6 nebelwerfers, 1 HMG & 2 LMGs)

1 Light Motorized Munitions Column (2 LMGs)

Luftwaffe Forces:

Ramke Fallschirmjäger Brigade (4 bns), 135th Flak Regimental Staff, and Flak Battalions: 1/18, 2/25th, 1/43rd, 1/53rd & detached company of the 1/6th Flak Regiments.

1st Afrika Artillery Regiment:

221st Artillery Signals Platoon

1st Motorized Battalion:

Motorized Staff (2/115th)²

1st Motorized Battery (3/553rd)³(4-87.6mm English Field Guns)

2nd Motorized Battery (3/408th) (4-10mm K.18 guns)

3rd Motorized Battery (6/115) (3-210mm Mrs.18 howitzers)

² This was the staff of the 2nd Battalion, 115th Artillery Regiment. This form of identification will continue throughout the artillery.

³ This is the source company and battalion/regiment of the battery.

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2nd Battalion:
         Motorized Staff (533rd)<sup>4</sup>
          4th Motorized Battery (1/533rd) (4-87.6mm English Field Guns)
          5th Motorized Battery (2/408th) (4-10mm K.18 guns)
          6th Motorized Battery (5/115th) (3-210mm Mrs.18 howitzers)
     3rd Battalion:
         Motorized Staff (408th)
          7th Motorized Battery (2/533rd) (4-87.6mm English Field Guns)
          8th Motorized Battery (1/408th) (4-150mm sFH howitzers)
          9th Motorized Battery (4/115th) (3-210mm Mrs.18 howitzers)
          10th Motorized Battery (364th) (4-76.2mm Russian Field Guns)
2nd Afrika Artillery Regiment
          Motorized Staff
          Motorized Signal Platoon
          1/612nd Machine Gun Battalion
     1st Battalion:
          Motorized Staff (902nd)
          1st Motorized Battery (902nd) (3-170mm guns on how.carriage)
          2nd Motorized Battery (4/149) (3-170mm guns on how.carriage)
          3rd Motorized Battery (362nd) (3-170mm guns on how.carriage)
     2nd Battalion:
          Motorized Staff (528th)
          4th Motorized Battery (1/528th) (150mm K16 guns)
          5th Motorized Battery (2/528th) (150mm K16 guns)
          6th Motorized Battery (3/528th) (150mm K16 guns)
     3rd Battalion:
          Motorized Staff (523rd)
          7th Motorized Battery (1/523rd) (4-114mm English guns)
          8th Motorized Battery (2/523rd) (4-150mm K16 guns)
          9th Motorized Battery (3/523rd) (4-150mm K16 guns)
     4th Battalion:
         Motorized Staff (529th)
          10th Motorized Battery (4-100mm K18 guns)
          11th Motorized Battery (4-100mm K18 guns)
          12th Motorized Battery (4-100mm K18 guns)
Observation Battalion "Afrika"
         Motorized Staff Company
          Motorized Sound Ranging Battery
          Motorized Flash Ranging Battery
          621st Motorized Light Transport Column
10th Panzer Signals Regiment:
     1st Battalion:
          1st Co., Motorized Telephone Operations Company
          2nd Co., Armored Radio Company
          621st Motorized Telephone Interception Company
          1 Light Motorized Electrical Generation Column
     2nd Battalion:
          4th Co., Motorized Telephone Construction Company
          5th Co., Motorized Telephone Wire Company
          6th Co., Motorized Telephone Wire Company
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1 Light Motorized Electrical Generation Column

⁴ Staff of the 533rd Independent Artillery Battalion.

10th Panzer "N" (Intelligence?) Platoon

Construction & Engineer Troops:

85th Construction Battalion (5 companies)

1 Light Construction Supply Column

6th, 8th, & 12th Motorized Construction Platoons

200th Combat Construction and Works Battalion (4 cos)

205th Railroad Engineer company

778th Pioneer Landings Company (motorized)

Special Operations Smoke Company

Supply Organization:

619th, 681st, 792nd & 798th Motorized Supply Battalion Staffs

529th, 533rd, 686th & 909th Heavy Motorized Supply Battalions

6 Heavy Motorized Supply Columns (60t)

7th Co, Motorized Heavy POL Column

Motorized Maintenance Platoon

902nd Motorized Supply Battalion

10 Heavy Motorized Supply Columns (60t)

Motorized Maintenance Platoon

148th (Italian) Motorized Supply Battalion

2 Heavy Motorized Supply Columns (132t)

Motorized Maintenance Platoon

149th (Italian) Motorized Supply Battalion

1 Heavy Motorized Supply Column (72t)

Motorized Maintenance Platoon

2 Independent Motorized Maintenance Platoons

Other Units:

532nd Motorized Supply Battalion

- 3 Motorized Munition Companies
- 6 Motorized Munition Platoons
- 6 Motorized Betr. Stff.V. (Operations Echelon Platoons?)
- 2 Motorized Chemical Labs
- 1 Non-Motorized Chemical Lab

580th Water Column

578th & 579th Light Motorized Water Companies

659th Heavy Motorized Water Company

665th Motorized Water Distillation Company

4 Motorized Water Filtration Companies

Ordnance Service

556th Division HQ

937th & 930th Telephone Operations Platoons

Wa Afrika Battalion

4 Companies (9 LMGs & 3 HMGs)

Other.

1/792nd Ordnance Company

498th Motorized Military Police Platoon

741st G.F.P. Platoon

613th Motorized Military Police Company

Combat Troops 21st Panzer Division: Light Armored Command Platoon 200th Motorized Mapping Platoon 5th Panzer Regiment: Headquarters Armored Signals Section 2 Light Armored Platoons Regimental Band Armored Maintenance Company 1st Battalion: Armored Staff Company Light Armored Platoon 3 Light Armored Companies 1 Medium Armored Company Reserve Armored Platoon 2nd Battalion: Armored Staff Company Light Armored Platoon 3 Light Armored Companies 1 Medium Armored Company Reserve Armored Platoon 104th Panzer Grenadier Regiment: Staff Company Panzerjäger Platoon (3-50mm AT guns & 3LMGs) Motorcycle Platoon (6 LMGs) Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs) Signals Platoon 1st Battalion: 4 Companies, each with 18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT Rifles, 6-50mm AT guns 2nd & 3rd Battalion: 4 Panzer Grenadier Companies Other: Self Propelled Heavy Howitzer Company (6 SP 150mm howitzers) Motorized Engineer Company (5 28mm AT guns, 10 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 81mm mortars, & 3 50mm AT guns) 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion: Motorized HQ Company Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs) Panzerjäger Platoon (3-50mm AT guns & 1 28mm AT gun) Signals Platoon Light Armored Car Platoon (3 LMGs) Armored Car Platoon (75mm qun & 6 LMGs) Armored Car Company (40 LMGs, 20 HMGs)

Field Battery (4-87.6mm British guns & 2 LMGs)

Armored Panzer Grenadier Company (half tracks)

(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT rifles &

4 50mm AT guns)

155th Artillery Regiment:

Motorized HQ

Staff HQ Company

155th Motorized Observation Company

724th Motorized Calibration Platoon

1 Motorized Heavy Munitions Column (60t)

1st Battalion:

Motorized HQ Company

3 Motorized Batteries (4 105mm 1FH & 2 LMGs ea)

2nd Battalion:

Motorized HQ Company

3 Motorized Batteries (4 105mm lFH & 2 LMGs ea)

3rd Battalion:

Motorized HQ Company

1 Motorized Battery (4-100mm K18 guns & 2 LMGs)

2 Motorized Batteries (4-150mm sFH 18 howitzers

& 2 LMGs ea)

39th Panzerjäger Battalion:

Self Propelled HQ Platoon

Motorized Signals Section

1 Self Propelled Panzerjäger Company (9 47mm guns

& 6 LMGs)

1 Motorized Panzerjäger Company (9 50mm AT guns & 6 LMGs)

200th Pioneer Battalion:

3 Motorized Engineer Companies (9LMGs, 3 28mm AT Rifles & 3 50mm AT guns)

1 Light Motorized Engineer Column

200th Feldersatz Battalion:

4 Infantry Companies

200th Signals Battalion:

Armored Radio Company

Armored Telephone Company

1 Light Motorized Signals Column

200th Supply Battalion:

1-8th & 12th Cos., Light Motorized Supply Columns

10th & 11th Cos. Heavy Motorized Supply Columns

645th Motorized Water Supply Column

200th Motorized Water Filtration Column

9th Heavy Motorized POL Supply Column

1st Motorized Maintenance Company

200th Motorized Light Supply Company

2nd & 3rd Co/200th Motorized Instruction Cos.

Food Service:

33rd Motorized Bakery Company

33rd Motorized Butcher Company

33rd Motorized Divisional Quartermaster Platoon

Medical & Other:

1/,2/200th Motorized Medical Companies

200th Motorized Field Hospital

1/,2/,3/200th Motorized Ambulance Columns

200th Motorized Field Post Office

200th Motorized Military Police Platoon

15th Panzer Division:

Light Armored Command Platoon

33rd Motorized Mapping Platoon

8th Panzer Regiment:

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Headquarters
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Armored Signals Section 2 Light Armored Platoons

Regimental Band

Armored Maintenance Company

1st Battalion:

Armored Staff Company

Light Armored Platoon

3 Light Armored Companies

1 Medium Armored Company

Reserve Armored Platoon

2nd Battalion:

Armored Staff Company

Light Armored Platoon

3 Light Armored Companies

1 Medium Armored Company

Reserve Armored Platoon

115th Panzer Grenadier Regiment:

Staff Company

Panzerjäger Platoon (3-50mm AT guns & 3LMGs)

Motorcycle Platoon (6 LMGs)

Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)

Signals Platoon

1st Battalion:

4 Companies, each with

18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT Rifles,

6-50mm AT guns

2nd & 3rd Battalion:

4 Panzer Grenadier Companies

Other:

Self Propelled Heavy Howitzer Company

(6 SP 150mm howitzers)

Motorized Engineer Company

(5 28mm AT guns, 10 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 81mm

mortars, & 3 50mm AT guns)

33rd Reconnaissance Battalion:

Motorized HQ Company

Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)

Panzerjäger Platoon (3-50mm AT guns & 1 28mm

AT gun)

Signals Platoon

Light Armored Car Platoon (3 LMGs)

Armored Car Platoon (75mm guns & 6 LMGs)

Armored Car Company (40 LMGs, 20 HMGs)

Field Battery (4-87.6mm British guns & 2 LMGs)

Armored Panzer Grenadier Company (half tracks)

(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT rifles &

4 50mm AT quns)

33rd Artillery Regiment:

Motorized HQ

Staff HQ Company

33rd Motorized Observation Company

723rd Motorized Calibration Platoon

1 Motorized Heavy Munitions Column (60t)

1st Battalion:

Motorized HQ Company

3 Motorized Batteries (4 105mm lFH & 2 LMGs ea)

2nd Battalion:

Motorized HQ Company

3 Motorized Batteries (4 105mm lFH & 2 LMGs ea)

3rd Battalion:

Motorized HQ Company

1 Motorized Battery (4-100mm K18 guns & 2 LMGs)

2 Motorized Batteries (4-150mm sFH 18 howitzers

& 2 LMGs ea)

33rd Panzerjäger Battalion:

Self Propelled HQ Platoon

Motorized Signals Section

1 Self Propelled Panzerjäger Company (9 47mm guns & 6 LMGs)

1 Motorized Panzerjäger Company (9 50mm AT guns & 6 LMGs)

33rd Pioneer Battalion:

3 Motorized Engineer Companies (9LMGs, 3 28mm AT Rifles & 3 50mm AT quns)

1 Light Motorized Engineer Column

78th Signals Battalion:

Armored Radio Company

Armored Telephone Company

1 Light Motorized Signals Column

33rd Feldersatz Battalion:

4 Infantry Companies

33rd Supply Battalion:

1-8th Cos., Light Motorized Supply Columns

13th & 14th Cos. Heavy Motorized Supply Columns

33rd Motorized Armored Replacement Column

10th, 11th, & 12th Heavy Motorized POL Supply Columns

1st, 2nd, & 3rd Motorized Maintenance Companies

641st Motorized Heavy Water Column

Food Service:

33rd Motorized Bakery Company

33rd Motorized Butcher Company

33rd Motorized Divisional Quartermaster Platoon

Medical & Other:

1/,2/33rd Motorized Medical Companies

33rd Motorized Field Hospital

1/,2/,3/33rd Motorized Ambulance Columns

33rd Motorized Field Post Office

33rd Motorized Military Police Platoon

164th Light Division:

HQ Section

220th Motorized Mapping Section

125th Panzer Grenadier Regiments:

Motorized Staff Company

1st Battalion:

4 Motorized Panzer Grenadier Companies

(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 81mm Mortars, 6 50mm AT guns)

2nd Battalion:

4 Motorized Panzer Grenadier Companies

(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 81mm Mortars, 6 50mm AT quns)

Attached:

Motorized Light Infantry Support Company

(6-75 mm quns)

Motorized Engineer Company (6-50mm AT guns, 3 28mm AT guns, & 9 LMGs)

382nd Panzer Grenadier Regiments:

Motorized Staff Company

1st Battalion:

4 Motorized Panzer Grenadier Companies

(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 81mm Mortars, 6 50mm AT quns)

2nd Battalion:

4 Motorized Panzer Grenadier Companies

(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 81mm Mortars, 6 75mm AT quns)

Attached:

Motorized Light Infantry Support Company

(6-75 mm quns)

Motorized Engineer Company (6-50mm AT guns, 3 28mm AT guns, & 9 LMGs)

433rd Panzer Grenadier Regiments:

Motorized Staff Company

1st Battalion:

4 Motorized Panzer Grenadier Companies

(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 81mm Mortars, 6 50mm AT quns)

2nd Battalion:

4 Motorized Panzer Grenadier Companies

(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 2 81mm Mortars, 6 75mm AT quns)

Attached:

Motorized Light Infantry Support Company

(6-75 mm guns)

Motorized Engineer Company (6-50mm AT guns,

3 28mm AT guns, & 9 LMGs)

220th Panzerjäger Battalion:

2 Motorized Panzerjäger Companies (9 50mm AT guns & 6 LMGs)

220th Reconnaissance Battalion:

Motorized HQ Company

Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)

Panzerjäger Platoon (3-50mm AT guns & 1 28mm AT gun)

Signals Platoon

Light Armored Car Platoon (3 LMGs)

Armored Car Platoon (75mm guns & 6 LMGs)

Armored Car Company (40 LMGs, 20 HMGs)

Field Battery (4-87.6mm British guns & 2 LMGs)

Armored Panzer Grenadier Company (half tracks)

(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT rifles &

4 50mm AT guns)

220th Artillery Regiment:

Motorized Artillery Staff

1st Battalion:

Motorized Artillery Staff

3 Motorized Batteries (105mm LFH & 2 LMGs ea)

2nd Battalion:

Motorized Artillery Staff

2 Motorized Batteries (4-75mm Mountain guns

& 2 LMGs ea)

220th Pioneer Battalion:

3 Motorized Engineer Companies (9 LMGs, 3 28mm AT quns & 3 50mm AT quns)

1 Light Engineer Supply Column

220th Signals Battalion:

1 Armored Telephone Company

1 Armored Radio Company

1 Light Motorized Engineer Supply Column

220th Supply Service:

1st-3rd Cos. Motorized Supply Column

4th & 5th Cos. Light Motorized Supply Column

7th Light POL Supply Column

220th Motorized Maintenance Platoon

220th Light Motorized Supply Platoon

Other:

220th Motorized Field Post Office

220th Motorized Military Police

1/,2/220th Motorized Medical Companies

1/,2/220th Motorized Ambulance Columns

90th Light Afrika Division:

HQ Section

259th Motorized Mapping Section

155th Panzer Grenadier Regiment:

Motorized HQ Section

1st Motorized Battalion:

4 Motorized Companies (18 LMGs, 2 HMGS, 1 28mm AT qun & 6-75mm AT quns)

2nd Motorized Battalion:

4 Motorized Companies

Attached:

Motorized Infantry Support Gun Company

(2 150mm & 4 75mm Infantry Support Guns)

200th Panzer Grenadier Regiment:

Motorized HQ Section

1st Motorized Battalion:

4 Motorized Companies

2nd Motorized Battalion:

4 Motorized Companies

Attached:

Motorized Infantry Support Gun Company

(2 150mm & 4 75mm Infantry Support guns)

361st Panzer Grenadier Regiment:

Motorized HQ Section

1st Motorized Battalion:

4 Motorized Companies

2nd Motorized Battalion:

4 Motorized Companies

Attached:

Motorized Infantry Support Gun Company

(2 150mm & 4 75mm Infantry Support guns)

190th Panzerjäger Battalion:

2 Motorized Panzerjäger Companies (9 50mm AT guns & 6 LMGs)

580th Reconnaissance Battalion:

Motorized HQ Company

Engineer Platoon (21 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 1 81mm Mortar)

Panzerjäger Platoon (8-50mm AT guns)

Signals Platoon

Light Armored Car Platoon (3 LMGs)

Armored Car Company (40 LMGs, 20 HMGs)

Field Battery (4-87.6mm British guns & 2 LMGs)

Motorized Panzer Grenadier Company

(18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT rifles &

4 50mm AT guns)

190th Panzer Battalion:

Armored HQ Section

- 1 Medium Armored Company
- 3 Light Armored Companies
- 1 Armored Maintenance Section
- 1 Armor Replacement Column

190th Artillery Regiment:

Motorized Artillery Staff

725th Motorized Calibration Section

1st Battalion:

Motorized Artillery Staff

- 2 Motorized Batteries (105mm LFH & 2 LMGs ea)
- 1 Motorized Battery (4-100mm K18 guns & 2 LMGS)

2nd Battalion:

Motorized Artillery Staff

- 2 Motorized Batteries (105mm LFH & 2 LMGs ea)
- 1 Motorized Battery (4-100mm K18 guns & 2 LMGS)

Attached:

190th Artillery Battery (12-75mm guns)

190th Feldersatz Battalion:

6 Infantry Companies

190th Signals Battalion:

- 1 Armored Radio Company
- 1 Armored Telephone Company
- 1 Light Signals Supply Column

900th Pioneer Battalion:

1st & 2nd Motorized Pioneer Companies (9 LMGs, 3 28mm AT Guns & 3-50mm AT guns)

3rd Motorized "Sturm" Company

1 Light Engineer Supply Column

190th Supply Service:

190th Motorized Maintenance Company

190th Motorized Light Supply Company

Food Service:

190th Motorized Bakery Company

190th Motorized Butcher Company

190th Motorized Divisional Quartermaster Platoon

Medical and Other Services:

1/,2/190th Ambulance Columns

190th Motorized Military Police Platoon

190th Motorized Field Post Office

999th Afrika Brigade:

Brigade HQ

Light Armored Car Section (75mm guns & 6 LMGs) Motorized Signals Company

Motorized Infantry Regiment:

1st Motorized Battalion:

4 Motorized Infantry Companies (18-LMGs, 2-HMGs, 2-81mm Mortars, 2-75mm AT quns)

2nd Motorized Battalion:

4 Motorized Infantry Companies (18-LMGs, 2-HMGs, 2-81mm Mortars, 2-75mm AT guns)

3rd Motorized Artillery Battalion:

- 1 Motorized Staff Company
- 2 Motorized Batteries (4-105mm LFH & 2 LMGs ea)
- 1 Motorized Battery (4-100mm K18 guns & 2 LMGS)

Attached:

1 Motorized Engineer Company (9 LMGs, 3 28mm AT guns & 3 50mm AT guns)

Motorized Infantry Regiment:

1st Motorized Battalion:

4 Motorized Infantry Companies (18-LMGs, 2-HMGs, 2-81mm Mortars, 2-75mm AT guns)

2nd Motorized Battalion:

4 Motorized Infantry Companies (18-LMGs, 2-HMGs, 2-81mm Mortars, 2-75mm AT guns)

3rd Motorized Artillery Battalion:

- 1 Motorized Staff Company
- 2 Motorized Batteries (4-105mm LFH & 2 LMGs ea)
- 1 Motorized Battery (4-100mm K18 guns & 2 LMGS)

Attached:

1 Motorized Engineer Company (9 LMGs, 3 28mm AT guns & 3 50mm AT guns)

<u>Service Units:</u>

Motorized Administration Company

Heavy Motorized Supply Column (2 LMGs)

Light Motorized Supply Column (2 LMGs)

Light Motorized POL Column (2 LMGs)

Motorized Maintenance Company

Light Motorized Supply Company

Motorized Military Police Platoon

Motorized Medical Company (2 LMGs)

Motorized Ambulance Platoon

Reinforced 47th Infantry Regiment:

Motorized HQ Company

Motorcycle Platoon (6 LMGs)

Panzerjäger Platoon (3 LMGs & 3 50mm AT guns)

Signals Platoon

1st Battalion:

4 Motorized Companies (18LMGs, 2 HMGs, 6 75mm AT quns & 3 81mm mortars

2nd Battalion:

4 Motorized Companies (18LMGs, 2 HMGs, 6 75mm AT

guns & 3 81mm mortars

3rd Battalion:

4 Motorized Companies (18LMGs, 2 HMGs, 6 75mm AT quns & 3 81mm mortars

Attached:

Motorized Infantry Support Gun Company

(2 150mm & 6 75mm Infantry Support Guns)

14th (Motorized) Panzerjäger Company

Artillery:

Motorized HQ Company (2 LMGs)

2 Batteries (4-105mm lFH & 6 LMGs ea)

1 Battery (4-100mm K18 guns & 2 LMGS)

1 Light Motorized Munitions Supply Column (1 LMG)

Attached:

1 Light Motorized Supply Column (2 LMGs)

22nd Air Landing Division:

Division HQ

22nd Motorized Mapping Detachment (3 28mm AT guns & 3 LMGs)

16th Infantry Regiment

Regimental HQ

Panzerjäger Platoon (3-50mm AT guns & 3 LMGS) Motorcycle Platoon (6 LMGs)

Engineer Platoon (6 LMGs)

Signals Platoon

1st Battalion:

4 Companies (18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT guns & 3 81mm Mortars)

2nd Battalion:

4 Companies (18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT guns & 3 81mm Mortars)

3rd Battalion:

4 Companies (18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT guns & 3 81mm Mortars)

Attached:

Motorized Panzerjäger Company (9 LMGs

& 9 50mm AT guns)

Motorized Infantry Support Gun Company

(2 150mm & 6 75mm Infantry Support Guns)

47th Infantry Regiment

Regimental HQ

Panzerjäger Platoon (3-50mm AT guns & 3 LMGS)

Motorcycle Platoon (6 LMGs)

Engineer Platoon (6 LMGs)

Signals Platoon

1st Battalion:

4 Companies (18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT guns & 3 81mm Mortars)

2nd Battalion:

4 Companies (18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT guns & 3 81mm Mortars)

3rd Battalion:

4 Companies (18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT guns & 3 81mm Mortars)

Attached:

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Motorized Panzerjäger Company (9 LMGs
               & 9 50mm AT guns)
          Motorized Infantry Support Gun Company
               (2 150mm & 6 75mm Infantry Support Guns)
65th Infantry Regiment
          Regimental HQ
               Panzerjäger Platoon (3-50mm AT guns & 3 LMGS)
               Motorcycle Platoon (6 LMGs)
               Engineer Platoon (6 LMGs)
               Signals Platoon
     1st Battalion:
          4 Companies (18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT guns &
               3 81mm Mortars)
     2nd Battalion:
          4 Companies (18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT guns &
               3 81mm Mortars)
     3rd Battalion:
          4 Companies (18 LMGs, 2 HMGs, 3 28mm AT guns &
               3 81mm Mortars)
    Attached:
          Motorized Panzerjäger Company (9 LMGs
               & 9 50mm AT quns)
          Motorized Infantry Support Gun Company
               (2 150mm & 6 75mm Infantry Support Guns)
22nd Panzerjäger Battalion:
          Self Propelled Battalion HQ Section (2 LMGs)
          2 Self Propelled Panzerjäger Compaines
               (9 75mm AT guns & 6 LMGs)
          1 Motorized Panzerjäger Company
               (9 75mm AT guns & 9 LMGs)
13th Reconnaissance Battalion:
          Motorcycle Battalion HQ Section (3 LMGs)
          Motorized Heavy Company
               1 Engineer Platoon (4 LMGs)
               1 Panzerjäger Platoon (1 LMG & 3 50mm AT guns)
               1 Light Infantry Support Platoon (2 75mm LIS
                    Howitzers)
          3 Motorcycle Companies (2-81mm Mortars, 3 HMGs,
               18 LMGs & 3 28mm AT guns)
          Light Armored Car Company (18 HMGs & 24 LMGs)
          Heavy Armored Car Platoon (75mm guns & 6 LMGs)
22nd Artilley Regiment:
          Motorized HQ Company (2 LMGs)
          Motorized Observation Section (2 LMGs)
     1st Motorized Battalion:
          Motorized HQ Company (2 LMGs)
          3 Motorized Batteries (4 75mm Mountain 36 guns
               & 6 LMGs)
          1 Light Munitions Supply Column (1 LMG)
     2nd Motorized Battalion:
         Motorized HQ Company (2 LMGs)
          3 Motorized Batteries (4 75mm Mountain 36 guns
               & 6 LMGs)
          1 Light Munitions Supply Column (1 LMG)
     3rd Motorized Battalion:
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Motorized HQ Company (2 LMGs)
               3 Motorized Batteries (4 75mm Mountain 36 guns
                     & 6 LMGs)
     22nd Flak Battalion:
               Motorized Battalion HQ Section (1 LMG)
               3 Motorized Flak Batteries (12-20mm guns &
                    7 LMGs)
     22nd Signals Battalion:
               Motorized Telephone Company (11 LMGs)
               Motorized Radio Company (9 LMGs)
               1 Light Motorized Supply Column
     22nd Pioneer Battalion:
               3 Engineer Companies (18LMGs & 3 28mm AT guns)
               1 Light Motorized Engineer Supply Column
     22nd Supply Troops:
               1-7th Cos, Light Motorized Supply Columns (2 LMGs ea)
               8th & 9th Cos., Heavy Motorized POL Supply Columns
                     (2 LMGs ea)
               1st & 2nd Co., Motorized Maintenance Companies
                     (5 LMGs ea)
               22nd Light Motorized Supply Company (6 LMGs)
               22nd Light Motorized "Mu.G." Company (5 LMGs)
     Medical & Other Units:
               1/,2/22nd Motorized Medical Companies (2 LMGs ea)
               1/,2/22nd Ambulance Columns (1 LMG ea)
               22nd Motorized Field Post Office Platoon (1 LMG)
               Motorized Military Police Platoon (1 LMG)
<u>Wüstensonderverband</u> 287 (287th Special Desert Group)<sup>5</sup>
               287th Corps HQ
                    287th Propaganda Detachment
                     8th Motorized Construction Platoon
                    Motorized Map Detachment
     287th Panzer Grenadier Regiment:
               Motorized Battalion HQ
                     (18 Officer, s 68 NCOs, 399 men & 167 vehicles)
                    Motorized Signals Platoon (6 81mm Mortars,
                          6 AT rifles, & 6 LMGs)
                    Motorized Radio Platoon (6 81mm Mortars,
                          6 AT rifles, & 6 LMGs)
          1st Battalion<sup>6</sup>
               (30 officers, 163 NCOs, 935 men & 209 vehicles)
               Armored HQ Platoon
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This formation appears to have gone through at least 3 organizational changes. In its final form it had 204 officers, 811 NCOs, and 4457 men. It was equipped with 4 898mm guns, 19 20mm guns, 3 quad 20mm guns, 6 mebelwervers, 7 selfpropelled guns, 6 76.2mm guns, 13 50mm AT guns, 4 37mm AT guns, 2 75mm light infantry support guns, 10 25mm French AT guns, 14 20mm K.w.K. guns, 40 HMGs, 270 LMGs, 350 English atni-tak rifles 14 81mm mortars, 12 heavy French mortars, 25 light French mortars, 11 smoke throwers 1,447 vehicles.

⁶ Designated as I/So. 287

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Light Armored Signals Platoon
     1st & 3rd Cos. Panzer Grenadier Cos. (Half Track)
          (3 28mm AT guns, 32 LMGs, 2 81mm Mortars)
     2nd Co Panzerjäger Company
          (29 English Anti-Tank rifles, allocation unknown)
          1 Panzerjäger Platoon (3 76.2mm AT guns
                & 6 LMGs)
          1 Panzerjäger Platoon (3 50mm AT guns & 6 LMGs)
          1 Engineer Platoon (6 LMGs, 1 AT rifle & 2 flame
               throwers)
     4th Co., Motorized Panzer Grenadier Co. (1 LMG,
          12 HMGs, 3 50mm AT guns & 6 81mm mortars
2nd Battalion:<sup>8</sup>
     1st Motorized "Engineer" Company
          Engineer Section (11 IMGs, 2 HMGs)
Engineer Section (6 IMGs)
          Panzerjäger Section (3 50mm AT guns
               & 2 AT rifles)
          Engineer Mortar Section (2 81mm Mortars)
     2nd Motorized Company (Half Track)
          Infantry Platoon (8 LMGs & 1-28mm AT qun)
          Infantry Platoon (2 81mm Mortars & 7 LMGs)
          Infantry Platoon (2 28mm AT guns & 17 LMGs) 10
     3rd Motorized Company
          Infantry Platoon (4 LMGs)
          Infantry Platoon (4 LMGs)
          Infantry Platoon (2 81mm mortars, 2 LMGs,
                & 4 HMGs)
          Panzerjäger Platoon (2 50mm AT guns & 1 LMG)
     4th Motorized Company
          Engineer Platoon (9 flame throwers & 4 LMGs)
          Infantry Platoon (2 LMGs, 4 HMGs & 281mm Mortars)
          Panzerjäger Platoon (2 50mm AT guns)
          Infantry Platoon (2 LMGs & 3 3 20mm AA guns)
3rd Battalion: 11
     (11 Officers, 58 NCOs & 145 men - German)
     (12 Officers, 28 NCOs & 171 men - Arabic)
     (86 vehicles)
     Motorized Battalion HQ
     1st Company (not motorized)
          Infantry Platoon (4 28mm AT quns
               & 4 light mortars)
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⁷ One zug with 11 SPW (half tracks?)

⁸ Designated as "II/So 287."

⁹ One zug with 7 SPW.

¹⁰ One zug with 11 SPWs.

¹¹ Identified as III/So 287.

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Infantry Platoon (9 LMGs & 4 81mm Mortars)
               Panzerjäger Platoon (1 AT rifle, 6 HMGs &
                    2-37mm AT guns)
          2nd Company (not motorized)
               Infantry Platoon (4 28mm AT guns
                    & 4 light mortars)
               Infantry Platoon (9 LMGs & 4 81mm Mortars)
               Panzerjäger Platoon (1 AT rifle, 6 HMGs &
                    2-37mm AT quns)
          3rd Company (not motorized)
               Infantry Platoon (4 28mm AT guns
                    & 4 light mortars)
               Infantry Platoon (9 LMGs & 4 81mm Mortars)
               Panzerjäger Platoon (6 HMGs & 2-37mm AT guns)
          4th Company (not motorized)
               Infantry Platoon (2 LMGs & 2 75mm Light Infantry
                    Support Guns)
               Panzerjäger Platoon (2 LMGs & 3 37mm AT guns)
               Panzerjäger Platoon (2 LMGs & 3 50mm AT guns)
               Infantry Platoon (2 LMGs & 4 20mm AA guns)
Attached to Regimental Staff:
     (28 Officers, 151st NCOs, 768th Men, 248 vehicles)
     1/287th Luftwaffe Flak Battalion
          3 Quad 20mm AA guns
          9 20mm AA guns
          9 AT Rifles
          5 LMGs
     2/287th Luftwaffe Flak Battalion
          13 AT Rifles
          3 20mm AA guns
          4 88mm AA guns
          4 LMGs
     287th Armored Car Company
          6 8 wheeled armored cars (6 LMGs & 6 50mm guns)
          6 8 wheeled armored cars (6 LMGs & 6 20mm guns)
          6 6 wheeled armored cars (6 LMGs & 6 20mm guns)
          6 6 wheeled armored cars (6 LMGs & 6 20mm guns)
     287th Nebelwerfer Company
          10 AT rifles
          6 Nebelwerfers
          2 LMGs
          1 37mm AT guns
     287th Self Propelled Artillery Company
          7 Self Propelled Artillery Guns
          11 AT Rifles
          9 LMGs
287th Supply Troops:
     (27 Officers, 92 NCOs, 491 men & 238 vehicles)
          4 Light Motorized Supply Columns
               (7 AT rifles & 2 LMGs)
          2 Light PLO Supply Columns
               (14 AT rifles & 2 LMGs)
          1 Heavy Motorized Supply Column
               (14 AT rifles & 2 LMGs)
          1 Motorized W.V.St. Column
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(10 AT rifles)
287th Motorized Maintenance Company
(10 AT rifles & 2 LMGs)
Chemical Lab Column (6 AT rifles)

Food Service:

(11 Officers, 43 NCOs, 258 men & 64 vehicles) 287th Motorized Bakery Company 287th Motorized Butcher Company 287th Motorized VA Company

Medical Service:

(11 Officers, 21 NCOs, 236 men & 96 vehicles)
287th Medical Company (5 LMGs & 14 AT rifles)
1/,2/287th Ambulance Columns
(1 LMG & 6 AT rifles)

Other:

287th Military Police Platoon (1 Officer, 23 NCOs, 15 men & 17 vehicles) (1 LMG & 1 AT Rifle)

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