

**Native German Forces in Western Germany
May 1940**

Lower Rhine

26th Grenzschutz Division
7 Grenzschutz Companies
3 Pioneer Barrier Platoons
3 Anti-tank guns
36th Grenzschutz Division
4 Grenzschutz Companies
2 Pioneer Barrier Platoons
2 Anti-tank guns
64 Position Machine Guns (2 companies)
16 Position Anti-tank guns (1 company)
46th Grenzschutz Division
4 Grenzschutz Companies
1 Pioneer Barrier Platoon
64 Position Machine Guns (3 companies)
57 Position Anti-tank guns (2 companies)
56th Grenzschutz Division
4 Grenzschutz Companies
1 Pioneer Barrier Platoon
40 Position Machine Guns (2 companies)
20 Position Anti-tank guns (1 company)
66th Grenzschutz Division
4 Grenzschutz Companies
1 Pioneer Barrier Platoon
40 Position Machine Guns (2 companies)
24 Position Anti-tank guns (1 company)
76th Grenzschutz Division
7 Grenzschutz Companies
2 Pioneer Barrier Platoons
128 Position Machine Guns (4 companies)
103 Position Anti-tank guns (5 companies)
14 Position Guns (1 Battery)

Fortress Pioneer Staff and Service

1st Fortress Staff, with
Signals Company
4 Carrier Pigeon Detachments
4 Fortress Signals Groups

16 Bridge Watch Companies from Wesel to Honnef

The Eifel Region

112th Grenzschutz Division
4 Grenzschutz Companies
4 Pioneer Barrier Platoons
16 Anti-tank guns (1 company)
122nd Grenzschutz Division
6 Grenzschutz Companies
7 Pioneer Barrier Platoons

- 1 Position Anti-Tank Battalion
 - 4 Companies with a total of 52 AT guns
- 1 Position Machine Gun Battalion
 - 24 Machine guns
- 1 Position Battery
 - 6 Guns
- Fortress Pioneer Staff & Troops
 - 4 Fortress Pioneer Staffs (#13, 19, 23 & 26)
 - 7 Fortress Pioneer Groups
 - 3 Fortress Construction Battalions (#19, 88 & 89)
- Fortress Signals Staff & Troops
 - 2nd Fortress Signals Staff
 - 2 Fortress Signals Groups
- 6 Bridge Watch Companies (Remagen to Koblenz)

Between the Mosel & Rhine

- 132nd Grenzwacht Division
 - 2/125th Grenzwacht Regiment
 - 1st Fortress Cadre Battalion
 - 74th Grenz Pioneer Battalion
 - 645th Fortress Anti-tank Battalion (6 cos)
- 125th Grenzwacht Division
 - 1/127th Grenzwacht Regiment
 - 2nd Fortress Cadre Battalion
 - 73rd Grenz Pioneer Battalion
 - 545th Fortress Anti-tank Battalion (6 cos)
- 127th Grenzwacht Division
 - 1/128th Grenzwacht Regiment
 - 3rd Fortress Cadre Battalion
 - 511th & 672nd Fortress Anti-tank Battalions (4 cos ea)
- 129th Grenzwacht Division
 - 1/129th Grenzwacht Regiment
 - 4th Fortress Cadre Battalion
 - 625th Fortress Anti-tank Battalion (8 cos)
- Positions Artillery
 - 118th Mountain Artillery (2 batteries)
 - 7 Flak Battalions (801-805, 517 & 518), each with
 - 3 88mm Batteries
 - 2 100mm Artillery Battalions (510 & 769), with
 - 212, 222, 232, 242, 252, 262nd Batteries
 - 5 150mm Batteries (771, 784, 905, 913, 915)
 - 904th Artillery Battery (240mm guns)
 - 770th & 789th Heavy Artillery Batteries
 - 3 Batteries of 150mm Heavy Field Howitzers
 - 738th Artillery Staff, with
 - 6 210mm Mortar Batteries (719, 734, 739, 1/,2/,3/769)
 - 724th Mortar Battery (280mm Mortars)
- Fortress Pioneer Staff & Troops
 - 4 Fortress Pioneer Staffs (2, 12, 17, & 20th)
 - 15 Fortress Pioneer Groups
 - 4 Fortress Construction Battalions (149, 152, 157 & 160th)
- Fortress Signals Staff & Troops
 - 4 Fortress Signals Staffs (3,4, 5, 6,)

12 Fortress Signals Companies

9 Bridge Watch Companies (Rüdesheim to Germersheim)

4 Field Recruit Battalions (123, 125, 127, & 129)

Upper Rhine Region:

Troops

5/182nd Grenzwacht Lower Division

2 Fortress Cadre Battalions (5 & 6)

4 Medium Mortar Platoons

4 Fortress Anti-tank companies (303-306) (16 guns ea)

290th Position Battery (8 75mm Flak)

4 Fortress Pioneer Battalions (305-308)

Position Artillery

806th & 807th Flak Battalions (each with 3 batteries of 88mm)

4 100mm Artillery Batteries (220, 272, 282, & 715)

215th Artillery Battalion Staff, with

217 & 227th Batteries (170mm guns)

224th Battery (240mm guns)

230th Battery (305mm guns)

216th Artillery Battalion Staff, with

237th, 247th, & 257th Batteries (170mm guns)

799th Artillery Battalion

3 Batteries (280mm mortars)

Fortress Pioneer Staff & Troops

3 Fortress Pioneer Staffs (11, 15, & 18)

6 Fortress Pioneer Groups

3 Fortress Construction Battalions (40, 60, & 61)

Fortress Signals Staff and Troops

3 Fortress Signals Staffs (7, 8, 9)

9 Fortress Signals Companies

1 Bridgewartch Company (Maxau)

140th Field Recruit Battalion

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