

**Organization of German Infantry Divisions
May 1940**

35 First Wave Infantry Divisions, each with

Divisional Headquarters

Motorcycle Messenger Platoon
Map Bureau

3 Infantry Regiments, each with

3 Infantry Battalions, each with
3 Schützen Companies, each with
12 Light MG's
3 Light Trench Mortars
1 Machine Gun Company, with
12 Heavy MG's
6 Medium Trench Mortars

1 Mounted Platoon
1 Pioneer Platoon
1 Close Infantry Support Platoon
2 Heavy Infantry Guns
6 Light Infantry Guns
1 Motorized Anti-Tank Company
12 Anti-Tank Guns
1 Light Infantry Column

1 Reconnaissance Battalion, with

1 Mounted Squadron, with
9 Light MG's
2 Heavy MG's
1 Bicycle Squadron, with
9 Light MG's
2 Heavy MG's
3 Light Trench Mortars
1 Heavy Motorized Reconnaissance Squadron, with
1 Armored Car Platoon
1 Infantry Support Platoon, with
2 Light Infantry Support Guns
1 Anti-Tank Platoon
3 Anti-tank guns

1 Artillery Regiment, with

3 Light Artillery Battalions, each with
3 Batteries, each with
4 105mm Light Field Howitzers
1 Heavy Artillery Battalion, with
3 Batteries, each with
4 150mm Heavy Field Howitzers

1 Anti-Tank Battalion, with

3 Companies, each with
4 Anti-tank guns

1 Pioneer Battalion, with

3 Pioneer Companies, (one motorized) each with
9 Light MG's
1 Motorized Bridge Column B
1 Motorized Light Pioneer Column

1 Motorized Signals Battalion, with
 1 Motorized Telephone Company
 1 Motorized Radio Company
 1 Motorized Light Signal Columns
 Quartermaster Service
 1 Quartermaster General, with
 6 Light Quartermaster Columns (3 motorized)
 1 Light Quartermaster Column for Operations Material
 1 Motorized Repair Shop Company
 1 Motorized Quartermaster Company
 Administrative Services
 1 Motorized Bakery Company
 1 Motorized Butcher Company
 1 Commissary Office
 Medical Service
 2 Medical Companies, 1 motorized
 1 Motorized Field Hospital
 2 Ambulance Platoons
 Other Administrative Services
 1 Veterinary Company
 1 Military Police Troop
 1 Field Post Office

Division Number	Assigned Regiments	Notes
1	1 22 43	
3	8 29 50	Reconnaissance Bn lacks Motorcycle sqn Anti-tank Bn lacks 1 company
4	10 52 103	Anti-tank Bn lacks 1 company
5	14 56 75	
6	18 37 58	
7	19 61 62	Reconnaissance Bn lacks Motorcycle sqn Anti-tank Bn lacks 1 company
8	28 38 84	Reconnaissance Bn lacks Motorcycle sqn Anti-tank Bn lacks 1 company
9	36 57 116	Anti-tank Bn lacks 1 company
10	20 41 85	Reconnaissance Bn lacks mounted sqn Anti-tank Bn lacks 1 company
11	2 23 44	Anti-tank Bn lacks 1 company
12	27 48 39	
14	11 53 101	Reconnaissance Bn lacks Motorcycle sqn Anti-tank Bn lacks 1 company
15	81 88 106	
16	60 64 79	
17	21 55 95	Reconnaissance Bn lacks Motorcycle sqn
18	30 51 54	
19	59 73 74	
21	3 24 45	Reconnaissance Bn lacks Motorcycle sqn Anti-tank Bn lacks 1 company
22	16 47 65	
23	9 67 68	
24	31 32 102	Anti-tank Bn lacks 1 company
25	13 35 119	
26	39 77 78	
27	40 63 91	Anti-tank Bn lacks 1 company

28	7 49 83	Reconnaissance Bn lacks Motorcycle sqn Anti-tank Bn lacks 1 company
30	6 26 46	Reconnaissance Bn lacks Motorcycle sqn
31	12 17 82	
32	4 94 96	
33	104 110 105	Anti-tank Bn lacks 1 company
34	80 253 107	
35	34 109 111	
36	70 87 118	
44	131 132 134	
45	130 133 135	
46	42 72 97	Reconnaissance Bn lacks mounted sqn Anti-tank Bn lacks 1 company

The other assigned troops carried the number of their division with the following exceptions:

4th Infantry Division	- 13th Pioneer Battalion
15th Infantry Division	- 51st Artillery Regiment
32nd Infantry Division	- 2nd Pioneer Battalion
44th Infantry Division	- 96th Art Regt, 46th AT Bn, 80th Pioneer Bn, & 64th Signals Bn
45th Infantry Division	- 98th Art Regt, 81st Pioneer Bn, & 65th Signals Bn
46th Infantry Division	- 115th Art Regt, 52nd AT Bn, 88th Pioneer Bn, & 76th Signals Bn.

19 2nd Wave Infantry Divisions, each organized as 1st Wave,
with the following exceptions:

Schützen Companies had only 9 Light MG's

MG Companies had 12 Heavy MG's

Infantry Support Companies had 8 Light Infantry Support Guns

Most divisions had surrendered their mortars.

Pioneers: Most divisions had a bridge column

Division Number	Assigned Regiments	Notes
50	121 122 123	Infantry organized as in 1st Wave Recon Bn lacked one bicycle sqn
52	163 181 205	
56	171 192 234	Recon Bn lacked one bicycle sqn
57	179 199 217	Recon Bn lacked one bicycle sqn and had no mounted sqn
60	154 209 220	Infantry organized as in 1st Wave Recon Bn lacked one bicycle sqn
61	92 243 244	
62	151 162 176	Recon Bn lacked one bicycle sqn
68	169 188 196	
69	159 193 236	
71	191 192 211	
72	105 124 266	Infantry organized as in 1st Wave Recon Bn lacked one bicycle sqn Medical Svc lacked 1 Medical Co.
73	170 185 213	Recon Bn lacked one bicycle sqn

75	172	202	222
76	178	203	230
78	195	215	238
79	208	212	226
86	167	184	216
87	173	185	187

The assigned support units were numbered the same as the division, except for the following divisions:

50th Infantry Division	- 71st Pioneer Bn & 71st Signals Bn
72nd Infantry Division	- 315th Bicycle Sqn, 315th AT Bn, 315th Pioneer Bn, & 315th Signals Bn

22 3rd Wave Divisions:

Infantry: No trench mortars in the Close Infantry Support Companies, 8 Light Infantry Support Guns
Most had a bicycle platoon instead of a mounted sqn.
Reconnaissance Bn: Missing the bicycle squadron, but strengthened with an Infantry Support Gun Platoon and an AT Platoon.
Pioneer Bn: Missing the bridging column
Signals Bn: Telephone company was horse drawn.
Rear Svcs: Bakery and Field Hospital horse drawn, missing one medical company, Quartermaster services all horse drawn.

<u>Division Number</u>	<u>Assigned Regiments</u>	<u>Notes</u>
205	335 353 358	Motorcycle Sqn not strengthened AT Bn short 1 company
206	301 312 413	Recon Bn as in 1st Wave Divisions Art Regt had only 1 Light Bn, AT Bn had only 1 company
207	322 368 374	
208	309 337 338	
209	304 394 414	Recon Bn as in 1st Wave Divisions Art Regt had only 1 Light Bn, AT Bn had only 1 company
211	306 317 365	
212	316 320 423	
213	318 354 406	Recon Bn as in 1st Wave Divisions Art Regt had only 1 Light Bn, AT Bn had only 1 company
214	355 367 388	
215	380 390 435	
216	348 396 398	
217	311 346 389	Recon Bn as in 1st Wave Divisions, but had one additional Motorcycle squadron.
218	323 386 397	Recon Bn as in 1st Wave Divisions Art Regt had only 1 Light Bn, AT Bn had only 1 company

221	350 360 375	Recon Bn as in 1st Wave Divisions Art Regt had only 1 Light Bn, AT Bn had only 1 company
223	344 385 425	
225	333 376 377	
227	328 366 412	
228	325 356 400	Recon Bn as in 1st Wave Divisions only 1 light radio company
231	302 319 342	Recon Bn as in 1st Wave Divisions Art Regt had only 1 Light Bn, AT Bn had only 1 company
239	327 372 444	Recon Bn as in 1st Wave Divisions Art Regt had only 1 Light Bn
246	313 352 404	
311	247 249 250	Recon Bn had 1 mounted, two bicycle sqns, 1 Armored Car Platoon Art Regt had only 1 Light Bn, Service had only 1 Qmtr Column for Operations Material, 1 Work Shop Company, 1 Bakery Company, 1 Butcher Platoon, 1 Motorized Medical Co., & 1 Motorized Field Hospital

All of the other divisional forces bore the division's number with the following exceptions:

215th Infantry Division	- 204th Pioneer Battalion
311th Infantry Division	- 341st Recon Bn, 1/311 Artillery Bn, 341st Pioneer Bn, 341st Signals Bn, and all rear area support units were numbered 341st.

The nine infantry divisions that had only one light artillery division were posted in the east as occupation divisions.

4th Wave Divisions:

Variations:

Infantry:	Armed & organized like 2nd Wave Divisions
Recon Bns:	A second bicycle squadron instead of the mounted squadron.
Pioneers:	No bridging column
Signals Bn:	All components were motorized.

<u>Division</u>	<u>Assigned</u>	<u>Notes</u>
<u>Number</u>	<u>Regiments</u>	
251	451 459 471	
252	452 460 472	
253	453 464 473	
254	454 474 484	The heavy art. bn was motorized
255	455 465 475	
256	456 476 481	
257	457 466 477	The heavy art. bn was motorized
258	458 478 479	

260	460 470 480	The heavy art. bn was motorized Recon Bn had one less bicycle sqn.
262	462 482 486	The heavy art. bn was motorized
263	463 483 485	
267	467 487 497	
268	468 488 499	
269	469 489 490	

Without exception, all of the other assigned divisional forces bore the division number.

5 5th Wave Divisions:

Normal organization as in the 1st Wave, except:

Infantry Instead of the Close Light Infantry Support Co. they had a mortar company with 8 medium trench mortars.
The anti-tank companies were horse drawn.
The mounted platoon was replaced by a bicycle platoon.

Recon Bn: There was a single bicycle Co. (9 Light MG's)

Pioneers: Bridging trains had the "T" equipment

Rear Svcs: Qmtrs, bakers & both medical cos were horse drawn

Division Number	Assigned Regiments	Notes
93	270 271 272	3/271th known as "Feldherrnhalle"
94	267 274 276	
95	278 279 280	
96	283 284 287	
98	282 289 290	

4 6th Wave Divisions:

Organized like the 5th Wave divisions, except the Qmtr had 8 light quartermaster columns, of which one was motorized.

Division Number	Assigned Regiments	Notes
81	161 174 189	
82	158 166 168	
83	251 257 277	
88	245 246 248	

13 7th Wave Divisions:

Normal organization as in the 1st Wave, except:

Infantry Trench mortars not available in the Infantry Support Co., instead it had 4 Lt. Inf Support Guns. Bicycle Platoon replaced Mounted Platoon

Recon Bn & AT Bn: Combined into a AT/Recon Bn with one Bicycle Sqn & 1 AT Company.

Artillery Regt: 3 Light Bns, each with 2 Batteries.

Pioneer Battalion: Totally horse drawn, lacked bridge column

Rear Services: 6-8 Qmtr Columns, one motorized. Qmtr Co., Bakery Co, & Medical Co. horse drawn. No Field Hospital or ,Qmtr Column for Operations Material.

Division Number	Assigned Regiments			Number Assigned to other Div Units	Notes
161	336	364	371	241	
162	303	314	329	236	
163	307	310	324	234	
164	382	433	440	220	
167	315	331	339	238	
168	417	429	442	248	
169	378	379	392	230	
170	391	399	401	240	
181	334	349	359	222	
183	330	343	351	219	
196	340	345	362	233	
197	321	332	347	229	
198	305	308	326	235	

8th Wave Divisions:

Organized like 1st Wave Infantry Divisions, with the following exceptions:

Infantry: Inf. Support Cos had 4-6 Lt. Inf. Support Guns
Had Bicycle Platoon instead of Mounted Platoon.
Recon Bn & AT Bn: As in 7th Wave Divisions
Pioneer Bn: As in 7th Wave Divisions
Rear Area Svcs: As in 7th Wave Divisions

Division Number	Assigned Regiments			Notes
290	501	502	503	
291	504	505	506	
292	507	508	509	
293	510	511	512	
294	513	514	515	
295	516	517	518	
296	519	520	521	
297	522	523	524	
298	525	526	527	
299	528	529	530	

4 Stationary Divisions:

The infantry was organized in 3 regiments, except for the 555th Infantry Division, which had four regiments. Each regiment had 3 battalions. The Schützen Companies had (6 Light MG's, 12 Heavy MG's). The Infantry Regiment had, aside from the light infantry column, no regimental units.

Artillery Regiment had 2 light and one heavy battalions, each with three batteries equipped with captured Polish equipment.

Signals Bn: Totally motorized.

Rear Svcs: Insignificant.

Division Number	Assigned Regiments			
554	621	622	623	
555	624	625	626	627
556	628	629	630	
557	632	633	634	

10 Landesschützendivision of the 9th Wave:

These units were stationed in Germany and in the east. Their equipment was not completed. Each division generally had:

3 Infantry Regiments, each with
 3 Infantry Battalions, each with
 3 Schützen Cos, each with
 12 Light MG's
 1 Machine Gun Company
 8 Heavy MG's
1 Mounted Platoon
1 Infantry Support Platoon
 4 Light Infantry Support Guns
1 Pioneer company
1 Anti-tank Platoon
1 Bicycle Squadron
1 Artillery Battery
1 Reconnaissance Company

Artillery Regiment
 2 Light Battalions, each with
 3 Batteries, equipped with
 Captured Polish equipment

Division Number	Assigned Regiments			Notes
351	641	642	643	
358	644	645	646	
365	647	648	649	
372	650	651	652	
379	653	654	655	
386	656	657	658	
393	659	660	661	
395	665	674	675	
399	662	663	664	

10th Wave Infantry Divisions:

Founded by May 1940, but nothing more was done.

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