

**Organization of German Panzer Divisions,  
May 1940**

<u>Panzer Division</u>	Number of		Number of
	<u>Panzer</u>	<u>Bns</u>	<u>Schützen &amp; Motorcycle Battalions</u>
1-5 & 10th	4		4
6th & 8th	3		4
7th	3		5
9th	2		5

4 Panzer Battalions had approximately 300 tanks  
 3 Panzer Battalions had approximately 210 tanks  
 2 Panzer Battalions had approximately 150 tanks

Types of Tanks:

Pzkfw Mk I - 2 Machine guns  
 Pzkfw Mk II - 1 MG & 1 20mm gun  
 Pzkfw Mk III - 2 MG's & 1 37mm gun  
 Pzkfw Mk IV - 2 MG's & 1 75mm gun  
 Pzkfw 35 (t) - 2 MG's & 1 37mm gun  
 Pzkfw 38 (t) - 2 MG's & 1 37mm gun

The Pzkfw 35 (t) was assigned to the 6th Panzer Division in place of the Mk III, and the Pzkfw 38 (t) was assigned to the 7th & 8th Panzer Divisions in place of the Mk III.

Panzer Troops:

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 10th Panzer Divisions had:

1 Panzer Brigade Staff  
 2 Panzer Regiments, each with  
     2 Panzer Battalions, each with  
         2 Light Panzer Companies  
         1 Medium Panzer Company  
         1 Staff Company  
         1 Light Panzer Column  
 1 Panzer Repair Shop Company

6th, 7th & 8th Panzer Divisions had:

1 Panzer Brigade Staff  
 1 Panzer Regiments, with  
     2 Panzer Battalions, each with  
         2 Light Panzer Companies  
         1 Medium Panzer Company  
         1 Staff Company  
         1 Light Panzer Column  
         1 Repair Shop Company  
         1 Repair Shop Platoon

9th Panzer Division

1 Panzer Brigade Staff  
 2 Panzer Regiments, each with  
     2 Panzer Battalions, each with  
         2 Light Panzer Companies

- 1 Medium Panzer Company
- 1 Staff Company
- 1 Light Panzer Column
- 1 Panzer Repair Shop Platoon

Allocation of Schützen & Motorcycle troops

Panzer Division	# Staff Schützen Brig.	Type of Schützen Regiment				Type of Motorcycle Battalions		
		A	B	C	D	A	B	C
1st	1	1	-	-	-	1*	-	-
2nd	1	1	-	-	-	1*	-	-
3rd	1	1	-	-	-	1*	-	-
4th	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
5th	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
6th	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
7th	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	1
8th	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
9th	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	**
10th	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-

\* The 1st, 2nd, & 3rd had only two motorcycle companies

\*\* The 9th had no independent motorcycle bn, but a similar force in its reconnaissance regiment

Schützen Regiment Type A

Type A

Schützen Regiment, with

3 Battalions, each with

3 Schützen Companies, each with

9 Light MG's

2 Heavy MG's

3 Light Trench Mortars

1 Machine Gun Company

8 Heavy MG's

6 Medium Trench Mortars

1 Heavy Company

2 Light Infantry Support Guns

3 Anti-tank guns

1 Light Infantry Column

Type B

Schützen Regiment, with

3 Battalions, each with

3 Schützen Companies, each with

18 Light MG's

2 Heavy MG's

3 Light Trench Mortars

1 Machine Gun Company

8 Heavy MG's

6 Medium Trench Mortars

3 Anti-tank guns

1 Heavy Company

8 Light Infantry Support Guns

Type C

Schützen Regiment, with

- 2 Battalions, each with
  - 3 Schützen Companies, each with
    - 18 Light MG's
    - 4 Heavy MG's
    - 3 Light Trench Mortars
  - 1 Heavy Company
    - 4 Light Infantry Support Guns
    - 6 Medium Trench Mortars
    - 3 Anti-tank guns
- 1 Motorcycle Platoon
- 1 Light Infantry Column

Type D

Schützen Regiment, with

- 2 Battalions, each with
  - 3 Schützen Companies, each with
    - 9 Light MG's
    - 2 Heavy MG's
    - 3 Light Trench Mortars
  - 1 Machine Gun Company
    - 8 Heavy MG's
    - 6 Medium Trench Mortars
- 1 Infantry Support Company
  - 8 Light Infantry Support Guns
- 1 Anti-tank Company
  - 12 Anti-tank guns
- 1 Light Infantry Column

Type A

Motorcycle Battalion, with

- 3 Motorcycle Companies
  - 9 Light MG's
  - 2 Heavy MG's
  - 3 Light Trench Mortars
- 1 Machine Gun Company
  - 8 Heavy MG's
  - 6 Medium Trench Mortars
- 1 Heavy Company
  - 1 Pioneer Platoon
  - 2 Light Infantry Support Guns
  - 3 Anti-tank guns

Type B

Motorcycle Battalion, with

- 3 Motorcycle Companies
  - 18 Light MG's
  - 2 Heavy MG's
  - 3 Light Trench Mortars
- 1 Machine Gun Company
  - 8 Heavy MG's
  - 6 Medium Trench Mortars
  - 3 Anti-tank guns

1 Light Infantry Column

Type C

Motorcycle Battalion, with

2 Motorcycle Companies

18 Light MG's

4 Heavy MG's

3 Light Trench Mortars

1 Heavy Company

1 Heavy Company

6 Medium Trench Mortars

2 Light Infantry Support Guns

3 Anti-tank guns

Reconnaissance Battalions

1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 8th and 10th Panzer Divisions had:

1 Reconnaissance Battalion, with

2 Armored Car Squadrons

1 Motorcycle Squadron, with

9 Light MG's

2 Heavy MG's

3 Light Trench Mortars

1 Heavy Squadron, with

1 Pioneer Platoon

2 Light Infantry Support Guns

1 3 Anti-tank Guns

1 Light Infantry Column

7th Panzer Division had:

1 Reconnaissance Battalion, with

2 Armored Car Squadrons

1 Motorcycle Squadron, with

18 Light MG's

4 Heavy MG's

3 Light Trench Mortars

1 Heavy Squadron, with

1 Pioneer Platoon

2 Light Infantry Support Guns

1 Light Infantry Column

9th Panzer Division had:

1 Reconnaissance Regiment, with

1 Reconnaissance Battalion, with

3 Motorcycle Squadron, with

18 Light MG's

4 Heavy MG's

3 Light Trench Mortars

1 Heavy Squadron, with

6 Medium Trench Mortars

4 Light Infantry Support Guns

3 Anti-tank Guns

1 Light Infantry Column

1 Reconnaissance Battalion, with

2 Armored Car Squadrons

1 Light Infantry Column

Artillery:

Each Panzer Division had:

Artillery Regiment, with  
    2 Light Battalions, each with  
        3 Batteries, each with  
            4 105mm Light Field Howitzers

In addition, the 2nd & 10th Panzer Divisions had:

1 Heavy Artillery Battalion  
    2 Batteries, each with  
        4 150mm Heavy Field Howitzers  
1 Battery, with  
    4 100mm Field Guns

The 1st Panzer Division had the additional heavy battalion, but all three batteries were 150mm Heavy Field Howitzers.

Anti-Tank Battalion

1st, 2nd, 5th, 9th & 10th Panzer Divisions had 3 companies, each with 12 anti-tank guns. The other divisions had 2 companies, each with 12 anti-tank guns.

Pioneers

Pioneer Battalion, with  
    3 Pioneer Companies, one in armored half tracks  
    1-2 Bridge Columns B and K  
    1 Light Pioneer Column

Signals

1 Signals Battalion, with  
    1 Telephone Company  
    1 Radio Company  
    1 Light Signals Column

Rear Services:

Quartermaster Service  
    1 Quartermaster General  
        7 Light Quartermaster Columns  
        3 Quartermaster Columns for Operations Material  
        2 Repair Shop Companies (3 in 6-9th Pz Divs.)  
        1 Quartermaster Company

Administrative Services  
    1 Bakery Company  
    1 Butcher Platoon  
    1 Commissary Office

Medical  
    2 Medical Companies  
    3 Ambulance Platoons

Other  
    1 Military Police Troop  
    1 Field Post Office

Panzer Division	Panzer		Schützen		Motorcycle Battalion
	Brigade Staff	Panzer Regiments	Brigade Staff	Schützen Regiments	
1st	1st	1st 2nd	1st	1 -	1
2nd	2nd	3 4	2nd	2 -	2
3rd	3rd	5 6	3rd	3 -	3
4th	5th	35 36	4th	12 33*	-
5th	8th	15 31	5th	13 14	-
6th	-	11 -	6th	4 -	6
7th	-	25 -	7th	6 7	7
8th	-	10 -	8th	8 -	8
9th	-	35 -	9th	10 11	-
10th	4th	7 -	10th	69* 86*	-

\* Motorized Infantry Regiment

Panzer Division	Recon Battalion	Art Regt	AT Bn	Pioneer Bn	Signals Bn	Rear Area Services
1st	4	73	37	37	37	81
2nd	5	74	38	38	38	82
3rd	3	75	39	39	39	83
4th	7	103	49	79	79	84
5th	8	116	53	89	77	85
6th	57	76	41	57	82	57
7th	37	78	42	58	83	58
8th	59	80	43	59	84	59
9th	9*	102	50	86	85	60
10th	90	90	Lehr	49	90	90

\* Reconnaissance Regiment

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