



German 5th Light Division

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5th
Panzer
Regiment

Panzer
Battalion
x 2

2 I 2	2 A 2	8 A 3	8 A 3	5 H 8
2 PzKw IA 7	3 PzKw IIF 8	3 PzKw III G 8	6 PzKw III G 8	5 PzKw IV 8
x 2	x 4	x 5	x 1	x 2

Pz I is early A version. Pz II represents c version with extra armor bolted on. Most Pz III are early production G model without extra armor. Only a few have the extra armor.

zbV 200
Infantry
Regiment

2nd
Machine
Gun
Battalion

4 I 4	3 I 2	3 M 12	5 A 2	2 H 12	0 C 0
4 HMG 1	10 MG 1	3 81 mm 1	3 37 mm 0	2 75 mm 0	1 Truck 12
x 9	x 6	x 1	x 1	x 1	x 18

8th
Machine
Gun
Battalion

4 I 4	3 I 2	3 M 12	5 A 2	2 H 12	0 C 0
4 HMG 1	10 MG 1	3 81 mm 1	3 37 mm 0	2 75 mm 0	1 Truck 12
x 9	x 3	x 1	x 3	x 1	x 17

75th
Artillery
Regiment

40 (H) 32	0 C 0
2 105 mm 0	1 SdKfz 8 10
x 2	x 2

605th
Panzer
Jager
Battalion

8 A 3
3 PzJg 47 6
x 4

606th
Light
Anti-Aircraft
Battalion

4 H 10
1 SdKfz 10/4 12
x 4

39th
Anti-Tank
Battalion

8 A 5	5 A 2	0 C 0
3 50 mm 0	3 37 mm 0	1 Truck 12
x 2	x 6	x 8

33rd
Anti-Aircraft
Regiment

15 A 20	0 C 0	4 H 10	0 C 0
1 88 mm 0	1 SdKfz 8 10	1 20 mm 0	1 Truck 12
x 3	x 3	x 4	x 4

3rd
Recon
Battalion

3 I 2	5 A 2	2 H 12	0 C 0	2 I 2*	2 H 4	2 I 2*
10 MG 1	3 37 mm 0	2 75 mm 0	1 Truck 12	2 Motorcycle 12	2 SdKfz 231/8 16	2 SdKfz 221 8
x 1	x 1	x 1	x 3	x 3	x 1	x 2

The 5th Light Division was a makeshift division built in piecemeal fashion from available units. It was not organized like the previous light divisions used in the Polish Campaign and was called a light division because it had a regiment of tanks but lacked enough pieces to qualify as a full panzer division. The 5th Panzer Regiment was sent from the 3rd Panzer Division but only after its 37mm armed Pz III's were traded in for 50L42 armed tanks. The infantry component was composed of two machine gun battalions put together in a provisional regiment (zbV 200). The artillery was only half a regiment. The 3rd Recon Battalion and 33rd Anti-Aircraft Regiment were also provided by the 3rd Panzer Division.

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