



# German 5th Light Division

## March, 1941

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 Pz Jg 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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