5th Light (Leichte) Division: (Veteran/9)

**Headquarters:**
1 command stand
1 car

**Headquarters Company:**
1 staff radio SdKfz 263

**3rd Reconnaissance Battalion:**

**Headquarters:**
1 command SdKfz 247

**1st Armored Car Company:**
1 command SdKfz 223 armored car
1 recon SdKfz 231 (8 rad) armored car
3 recon SdKfz 221 armored cars
3 recon SdKfz 22 armored cars

**2nd Motorcycle Company:**
1 motorcycle command rifle stand
2 motorcycle rifle stands
1 motorcycle MMG stands

**3rd Heavy Company:**
1 command engineer stand
1 75L12 infantry gun and crew (*battalion gun*)
1 37L45 AT gun and crew
3 light trucks

**39th Antitank Battalion:**

**Headquarters:**
1 command stand
1 kubelwagen

**Headquarters Battery:**
1 medium supply truck

**3 Antitank Companies, each with:**
1 command infantry stand
1 light truck
2 37L45 AT guns and crews
1 50L60 AT gun and crew
3 SdKfz 10 tractors

**605th Self-Propelled Antitank Battalion:**

**Headquarters:**
1 command PzKw I tank

**Headquarters Battery:**
1 medium supply truck

**3 Self-Propelled Antitank Batteries, each with:**
1 command Panzerjaeger I
1 Panzerjaeger I

**606th Light Antiaircraft Battalion:**
Command Decision: Test of Battle
Order of Battle
5th Light Division March 1941
Dr. Jeff Glasco

Headquarters:
   1 command stand
   1 kubelwagen

Headquarters Battery:
   1 medium supply truck

3 Self-Propelled Antiaircraft Batteries, each with:
   1 command infantry stand
   1 light truck
   3 SdKfz 10/4

200th Engineer Battalion:
   Headquarters:
      1 command stand
      1 kubelwagen

   2 Motorized Engineer Companies, each with:
      1 command engineer stand
      1 light truck
      2 engineer stand
      1 medium truck

I/75th Artillery Battalion (Direct Support):
   Headquarters:
      1 command observation stand
      1 kubelwagen

   Headquarters Battery:
      1 medium supply truck

3 Artillery Batteries, each with:
   1 command infantry stand
   1 light truck
   1 105L28 howitzer and crew (ds)
   1 SdKfz 11 tractor

I/33rd (Luftwaffe) Antiaircraft Battalion:
   Headquarters:
      1 command stand
      1 car

   Headquarters Battery:
      1 medium supply truck

3 Heavy Batteries (1-3), each with:
   1 command infantry stand
   1 light truck
   1 88L56 AA gun and crew (ds)
   1 SdKfz 7 tractor

2 Light Batteries (4-5), each with:
   1 command stand
   3 20L113 AA guns and crews
   4 light trucks
5th Panzer Regiment:

**Headquarters:**
1 command PzKw IIIH BfWg

**Headquarters Company:**
1 staff radio PzKw I BfWg tank
2 recon PzKw I tanks
1 recon PzKw IIF tank
1 medium supply truck

I/5th Panzer Battalion:

**Headquarters:**
1 command PzKw IIIH tank

**Headquarters Company:**
1 recon motorcycle infantry stand
1 engineer stand
1 light truck
1 kubelwagen with LMG *(AA platoon)*
1 recon PzKw I tank
1 recon PzKw IIF tank
1 medium supply truck

2 Light Tank Companies (1 and 2), each with:
1 command PzKw IIIG tank
2 PzKw IIIG tanks
1 PzKw IIF tank

1 Medium Tank Company (4):
1 command PzKw IVE tank
1 PzKw IVE tank
1 PzKw IIF tank

II/5th Panzer Battalion:

**Headquarters:**
1 command PzKw IIIG tank

**Headquarters Company:**
1 recon motorcycle infantry stand
1 engineer stand
1 light truck
1 kubelwagen with LMG *(AA platoon)*
2 recon PzKw I tanks
1 recon PzKw IIF tank
1 medium supply truck

2 Light Tank Companies (5 and 6), each with:
1 command PzKw IIIG tank
2 PzKw IIIG tanks
1 PzKw IIF tank

1 Medium Tank Company (8):
1 command PzKw IVE tank
Command Decision: Test of Battle
Order of Battle
5th Light Division March 1941
Dr. Jeff Glasco

1 PzKw IVE tank
1 PzKw IIF tank

200th Rifle Regiment (Special Duty):
  Headquarters:
   1 command stand
   1 car
  Headquarters Company:
   1 staff radio truck
   1 medium supply truck

2nd Machinegun Battalion:
  Headquarters:
   1 command stand
   1 car
  Headquarters Company:
   2 recon infantry stands
   2 SdKfz 251/1 halftracks
  3 Machinegun Companies, each with:
   1 command MMG stand \textit{(integral ATR)}
   2 MMG stands \textit{(integral ATR)}
   3 light trucks
  Heavy Company:
   1 command infantry stand
   1 37L45 AT gun and crew
   2 light trucks
   1 8cm mortar stand (ds)
   1 medium truck

8th Machinegun Battalion:
  Headquarters:
   1 command stand
   1 car
  Headquarters Company:
   2 recon infantry stands
   2 SdKfz 251/1 halftracks
  3 Machinegun Companies, each with:
   1 command MMG stand \textit{(integral ATR)}
   2 MMG stands \textit{(integral ATR)}
   3 light trucks
  Heavy Company:
   1 command infantry stand
   1 37L45 AT gun and crew
   2 light trucks
   1 8cm mortar stand (ds)
   1 medium truck

Antitank Company:
Notes:

1. **Overall Note:** This order of battle represents a different interpretation from the one presented in *Benghazi Handicap*. It is based on the primary source organization chart (kriegsgliederung) for the division and the other sources listed below.

2. **Armored Car Company:** The 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion had an overly large authorized number of armored cars. The kriegsgliederung shows 41, of which 19-20 were armored with cannons (20mm). These were probably 1 x SdKfz 263 and 6 x SdKfz 223 in the company headquarters and 3 x SdKfz 231/8, 3 x SdKfz 232/8, 14 x SdKfz 222, and 14 x SdKfz 221 in the armored car platoons. The 3rd Reconnaissance Battalion came from the 3rd Panzer Division. In the 3rd Panzer Division, the reconnaissance battalion had two armored car companies (each of 1 x SdKfz 263, 4 x SdKfz 223, 3 x SdKfz 231/8, 3 x SdKfz 232/8, 10 x SdKfz 221 and 4 x SdKfz 222). I suspect that the larger number of armored cars in the armored car company came from merging parts of both companies along with additional armored cars. If you can't find a model SdKfz 247 for your headquarters command stand, you can replace it with a SdKfz 263 stand. If you play in 6mm - 1/285th scale, Heroics and Ros do make a SdKfz 263 model (G111).

3. **200th Engineer Battalion:** This unit was formed from 5/Machinegun Battalion 2 and 6/Machinegun Battalion 8. The third engineer company (6/Machinegun Battalion 2) returned to the 15th Panzer Division; it had been formed from 2/Engineer battalion 33, which was part of the 15th Panzer Division.

4. **Attached Artillery Battalion:** The attached artillery battalion was I/75th Artillery Battalion, not II/75th Artillery Battalion.

5. **I/33rd Antiaircraft Battalion:** This was an attached Luftwaffe battalion. The light batteries had 12 20L113 AA guns, which is why there are 3 stand of them (instead of the 2 listed in *Benghazi Handicap*).

6. **5th Panzer Regiment:** I've added the tank battalion staff company that was not included in the *Benghazi Handicap* order of battle. I've also listed the tanks as per the specific battalions they were in (as per Jentz). A total of 10 PzKw IIIG and 3 PzKw IVE tanks were sunk in transit. They were replaced by April 29, 1941. To reflect this remove one PzKw IIIG tank from each battalion until late April 1941. In mid-May 1941, another 25 PzKw I tanks (5 stands) were added to the division, which by that time had become the 21st Panzer Division.

7. **2nd and 8th Machinegun Battalions:** Each machinegun company had 3 antitank rifles, enough to give an integral ATR to each stand. The heavy companies did not have an engineer platoon, so I have added a command infantry stand. Additionally, each battalion received 10 armored personal carriers (SdKfz 251/1). While not 100% clear where they went, they most probably went to the recon platoons in each battalion. Finally, all of the antitank guns in the two machinegun battalions were 37L45s; later they were upgraded (when the division became the 21st Panzer Division).

8. **Comments or Corrections:** Any comments or corrections are welcome. You can leave them on my Gentlemanly Wargaming blog: [https://jdglasco.wordpress.com/](https://jdglasco.wordpress.com/).
Sources:


__________. *Benghazi Handicap*. Test of Battle Games, 2007.


Strupelanz.

http://www.strupelanz.com/Default.aspx?tabindex=5&tabid=620&item=3&sec0
