

# Nesting the Main Effort: Example

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ANNEX A: Task Organization to Operation YELLOW

**OKH**

Gen Walter von BRAUCHITSCH

**ME: Army Group A: 45 Divisions** (7 Pz, 3 Mot, 35 Inf)

ColGen K.R. Gerd von RUNDSTEDT

**ME: 12th Army: 17 Divisions** (5 Pz, 3 Mot, 9 Inf)

Gen Sigmund Wilhelm von LIST

**ME: Panzer Group Kleist: 8 Divisions** (5 Pz, 3 Mot)

ColGen Ewald von KLEIST

**ME: XIX Panzer Corps** (1st Pz, 2nd Pz, 10th Pz Div)

Gen Heinz GUDERIAN

**ME: 1st Panzer Division** (REIN)

BGen Friedrich KIRCHNER

Recce, AT, Eng, Sig, AA, Supp Bns + (2) Eng Bns XIX Corps

**ME: 1st Infantry Brigade**

Col Walter KRUGER

**ME: 1st Infantry Regiment** (REIN)

LtCol Hermann BALCK

(I, II, III + Tk Co + AT Btry + AG Btry)

702nd Heavy Infantry Weapons Co (105mm)

1st Motorcycle Bn

Maj Wend von WIETERSHEIM

Attached: **Gross Deutschland Infantry Regiment**, XIX Corps

LtCol Graf von SCHWERIN

**1st Panzer Brigade**

Col Karl KELTSCH

1st Panzer Regiment (I, II)

LtCol NEDTWIG

2nd Panzer Regiment (I, II)

LtCol Hero BREUSING

**73rd Artillery Regiment** (REIN)

LtCol EICHSTADT

(I, II, III + Bn 2nd Pz Div + Bn 10th Pz Div)

Attached: **49th Artillery Regiment**, XIX Corps

(I, II, III + Bn XIX Corps + Rocket Bn)

2nd Panzer Division (-)

MajGen Rudolf VEIEL

10th Panzer Division (-)

MajGen Ferdinand SCHAAL

XLI Panzer Corps (6th Pz, 8th Pz, 2nd Mot Div)

Gen Georg-Hans REINHARDT

XIV Motorized Corps (13th, 29th Mot Div)

Gen Gustav von WIETERSHEIM

XVIII Corps: 3 Divisions

Gen Eugen BEYER

III Corps: 3 Divisions

Gen Curt HAASE

VI Corps: 3 Divisions

Gen Otto FOERSTER

4th Army (4 Corps)

Gen Guenther Hans von KLUGE

16th Army (3 Corps)

Gen Ernst BUSCH

**Army Group B: 29 Divisions** (3 Pz, 2 Mot, 1 Cav, 23 Inf Div)

Gen Fedor von BOCK

18th Army (3 Corps)

Gen Georg von KUCHLER

6th Army (6 Corps)

Gen Walter von REICHENAU

**Army Group C: 19 Divisions**

Gen Wilhelm Ritter von LEEB

1st Army (4 Corps)

Gen WITZLEBEN

7th Army (2 Corps)

Gen DOLLMANN

**Reserve Army: 42 Divisions**

9th Army

Gen Johannes BLASKOWITZ

2nd Army

Gen Maximilian von WEICHS

On May 13, 1940 on the Meuse River, **LtCol Balck** led the ME of the Division that formed the ME of the Corps that formed the ME of the Panzer Group that formed the ME of the Army that formed the ME of the Army Group that formed the ME of the whole German campaign.

**1st Panzer Division**, reinforced by the heavy artillery battalions of its two sister divisions, as well as all the independent artillery in XIX Corps, **controlled 236 artillery pieces** from ten artillery battalions, *ten times* the amount of its two sister divisions at 24 tubes each.

*Guderian's XIX Panzer Corps and The Battle of France: Breakthrough in the Ardennes, May 1940* by Rothbrust. New York: Praeger, 1990.