German Army

Authorized Strength

Staff Company Panzer Battalion C 1 February 1941

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Staff
1 Company Commander (officer)
    1 pistol
1 Company Troop Leader (NCO)
     1 pistol & 1 350ccm motorcycle
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 medium passenger vehicle with equipment case
          (captured vehicle)
2 Motorcycle Messengers
     2 rifles & 2 350ccm motorcycles
Light Panzer Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (and Panzerführer)(officer)
    1 pistol
4 Panzerführer (tank commanders)(NCOs)
     4 pistols
1 Radio Operator (NCO)
     1 pistol
1 Tank Driver (NCO)
     1 pistol
1 Motorcycle Messenger
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle with side car
4 Tank Drivers
     4 pistols, 4 Panzer 38 H (fr) - 4 37mm & 4 LMGs, and
     1 Panzer 35 Som (fr) - 1 47mm & 1 LMG
Signals Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
    1 pistol
1 Radio Operator (NCO)
     1 pistol
1 Motorcycle Messenger
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
4 Radio Operators/Telephone Talkers
     4 rifles
3 Drivers
     3 rifles & 1 medium personal wagon with equipment case (captured
     vehicle) & 2 Kfz 15 radio trucks
     Signals Squad:
     3 Panzerführer (tank commanders)(NCOs)
          3 pistols
     1 Radio Operator (NCO)
          1 pistol
     3 Tank Drivers (NCO)
          3 pistols, 1 Panzer 38 H (fr) - 1 37mm & 1 LMG, and
          2 Panzer 35 Som (fr) - 2 47mm & 2 LMGs
     1 Radio Operator
          1 pistol
     1st (mot) Light Telephone Troop:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 pistol
     3 Telephone Talkers
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3 rifles & 1 Kfz 15 signals truck
     2nd (mot) Light Telephone Troop:
          same as 1st Troop
Replacement Crew:
3 Panzerführer (NCOs)
     3 pistols
8 Drivers and Radio Operators
     8 pistols
1 Truck Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light truck to transport crews
Motorcycle Reconnaissance Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
1 NCO on special duty
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
2 Motorcycle Messengers
     2 rifles & 2 350ccm motorcycles
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light passenger vehicle (Kfz 1)
     1st Reconnaissance Troop:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 pistol, 1 submachine gun & 1 350ccm motorcycle
     2 Machine Gunners (1 in sidecar, 1 rode behind driver)
          2 pistols & 1 LMG
     2 Motorcyclists
          2 rifles & 2 350ccm motorcycles with sidecars
     1 Messenger (rode in sidecar)
          1 rifle
     2nd Reconnaissance Troop:
          same as 1st Troop
     3rd Reconnaissance Troop:
         same as 1st Troop
     4th Reconnaissance Troop:
          same as 1st Troop
Pioneer Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
     1 pistol & 1 submachine qun
1 Motorcycle Messenger
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light passenger vehicle (Kfz 1)
     1st Pioneer Troop:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 pistol& 1 submachine gun
     5 Pioneers
          5 rifles
     1 Truck Driver
          1 rifle & 1 medium (captured) truck for pioneer equipment
          and troop transport
     2nd Pioneer Troop:
          same as 1st Troop
     3rd Pioneer Troop:
          same as 1st Troop
Anti-Aircraft Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
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1 pistol & 1 submachine gun

1st Anti-Aircraft Troop:

1 Troop Leader (NCO)

1 pistol

1 Machine Gunner

1 pistol

1 Driver

1 rifle & 1 Kfz 4 Troop Anti-Aircraft Vehicle Kfz 4

2nd Anti-Aircraft Troop:

same as 1st Troop

3rd Anti-Aircraft Troop:

same as 1st Troop

4th Anti-Aircraft Troop:

same as 1st Troop

Administration:

1 NCO, 5 soldiers, 6 rifles, 1 light personal vehicle & 2 3-ton trucks.

Baggage

1 NCO, 3 soldiers, 1 350ccm motorcycle with sidecar & 1 2-ton truck

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	_	1	3
Light Panzer Platoon	1	_	6	5
Signals Platoon	1	_	10	15
Spare Crews	_	_	3	9
Motorcycle Recon Plat	1	_	5	23
Pioneer Platoon	1	_	4	26
Anti-Aircraft Platoon	_	_	5	8
Field Train	_	_	8	35
Administration	_	_	1	5
Baggage	_	_	1	3
Total	5	-	44	132

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