German Army

Authorized Strength

Staff Company Heavy Panzer (Tiger) Battalion 15 August 1942

```
Staff
1 Company Commander (officer)
     1 pistol
1 NCO on special duty
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
1 Motorcycle messenger
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light personal vehicle Kfz 15
Light Tank Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (and Panzerführer)(officer)
    1 pistol
4 Panzerführer (tank commanders)(NCOs)
     4 pistols
1 Radio Operator (NCO)
     1 pistol
5 Tank Driver (NCOs)
     5 pistols & 5 Tanks, Panzer Mk III Sd Kfz 141
1 Gunner
     1 pistol
4 Radio Operator
     4 pistols
5 Loaders
     5 pistols
Signals Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
     1 pistol
1 Radio Operator on special duty (NCO)
     1 rifle
3 Panzerführer (tank commanders)(NCOs)
     3 pistols
2 Radio Operators
     2 pistols
3 Gunners (NCOs)
     3 pistols
3 Drivers
     3 pistols, 1 Panzer III Sd Kfz 141 (50mm gun) as a Command
    Vehicle (Pz.Bef.Wg 268) and either
     2 Panzer VI P (Sd Kfz 181) or Panzer VI H (Sd Kfz 182) as
     Command vehicles (Pz. Bef.Wg.)
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 personal 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
5 Drivers
     5 rifle, 1 light passenger vehicle (schwimmfähig), 2 2-ton trucks
     for pioneer equipment & 2 Sd Kfz 10 half tracks
     1st Pioneer Troop:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 pistol& 1 submachine qun
     5 Pioneers (including 2 machine gunners)
          4 rifles, 1 pistol, & 1 light machine gun
     2nd Pioneer Troop:
          same as 1st Troop
     3rd Pioneer Troop:
          same as 1st Troop
Anti-Aircraft Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
     1 pistol & 1 submachine qun
2 Group Leaders (NCOs)
     2 pistols
1 Messenger (and machine gunner)
     1 pistol & 1 light machine gun
2 Motorcycle Messengers
     2 rifles & 2 350ccm motorcycles
3 Drivers
     3 rifles & 3 light personnel vehicles, (Kfz 1)
     1st Anti-Aircraft Troop:
     2 Gun Captains (NCO)(apparently served as gunner)
          2 pistols
     2 Munitions Handlers
          1 pistol
     2 Range Finder Operators
          2 pistols
     3 Drivers for trucks or half tracks
          3 pistols, 1 Kfz 81 truck for ammunition, and either
          2 Kfz 81 trucks with 1 20mm flak gun each, or 2 Sd Kfz 10/4
          half tracks with 1 20mm flak gun mounted on them.
     2nd Anti-Aircraft Troop:
```


Vehicle Maintenance Group:

2 NCOs, 14 soldiers, 14 rifles, 2 pistols, 2 submachine guns, 2 light personnel vehicles (Kfz 1), & 1 maintenance Truck Kfz 2/10.

Field Train I: (includes medical detachment)

7 NCOs, 22 soldiers, 14 rifles, 15 pistols, 2 submachine guns, 1 light machine gun, 1 Kfz 1 light personnel vehicles, 6 other trucks, 1 Sd Kfz 251/8 ambulance half track, and 1 350ccm motorcycle with sidecar

Field Train II:

4 NCOs, 6 soldiers, 1 rifle, 9 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 light machine gun and 1 heavy truck.

Administration and Supply Squad:

2 warrant officers, 8 NCOs, 48 soldiers, 51 rifles, 7 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 1 350ccm motorcycle & 23 trucks

Administration:

1 NCO, 5 soldiers, 6 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen),& 2 heavy trucks.

Baggage:

1 NCO, 3 soldiers, 4 rifles & 1 medium truck.

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	_	1	2
Light Tank Platoon	1	_	14	10
Signals Platoon	1	_	12	6
Reconnaissance Platoor	n 1	_	5	23
Pioneer Platoon	1	_	3	21
Flak Platoon	1	_	8	51
Vehicle Maintenance	_	_	2	14
Field Train I	_	_	7	22
Field Train II	_	_	4	6
Admin and Supply	_	2	8	48
Administration	_	_	1	5
Baggage	_	_	1	3
Total	6	2	66	211

Records of Headquarters, German Army High Command, National Archives Microcopy No. T-78, Roll 393, American Historical Association Committee for the Study of War Documents, Washington, DC., 1960

Copyright GFN 1993.