German Army Authorized Strength Staff & Staff Company (Armored) Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1 April 1943

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Staff
1 Regimental Commander (officer)
     1 pistol
1 Regimental Adjutant
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
1 Ordnance Officer
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
1 Regimental Vehicle Officer
     1 pistol
1 Officer
    1 pistol
1 Administration Officer
    1 pistol
1 Regimental Baggage Train Officer
    1 pistol
1 Battle Scribe (NCO)
     1 pistol
1 Messenger Leader (NCO)
     1 rifle
1 Half Track Driver
     1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 251/3 with 1 light machine gun
1 Radio Operator
     1 rifle
2 Messengers
    1 rifle & 1 pistol
4 Messengers
     4 rifles, 1 motorcycle with sidecar & 3 350ccm motorcycles
3 Drivers
     3 rifles, and 1 medium & 2 light passenger vehicles
1 Half Track Driver
     1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 251/3 with 1 light machine gun
Staff Company:
Staff:
1 Company Commander (officer)
     1 pistol
1 Troop Leader/Radio Operator (NCO)
     1 rifle
1 Half Track Driver
     1 rifle 1 Sd Kfz 251/3 with 1 light machine gun
1 Corpsman (NCO)
     1 pistol
1 Messenger/Radioman
     1 rifle
2 Radio Operators
     2 rifles
1 Motorcycle Messenger
     1 pistol & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
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1 Driver
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle
1st (Reconnaissance) Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
1 Troop Leader (NCO)
     1 pistol
6 Messengers
     6 rifles, 3 350ccm motorcycles, & 3 Sd Kfz2 Kettenkraftkrads
2 Drivers
     2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles
1 Corpsman
     1 pistol
     2 Groups:
2 Group Leader
         2 submachine gun
     14 Riflemen (including 8 machine gunners)
          6 rifles, 8 pistols, & 4 light machine guns
     12 Drivers
          12 rifles, 12 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads
2nd (Flame Thrower) Platoon
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
     1 submachine gun
5 "Flammführer" (Troop Leaders) (NCOs)
     5 submachine guns
6 Half Track Drivers (1 was NCO)
     6 rifle & 6 Sd Kfz 251/16 with flamethrower each
12 Flamethrower Riflemen
    12 submachine guns
5 Half Track Driver
     5 rifle & 5 Sd Kfz 251/3 with 1 light machine gun & 1 submachine
          gun each
1 Messenger
    1 rifle
1 Motorcycle Messenger
     1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
1 Flammwart (flamethrower repairman)
    1 rifle
3rd (Anti-tank) Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
     1 submachine gun
1 Troop Leader (NCO)
1 submachine gun
1 Half Track Driver
     1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 251/17 with 1 light machine gun & 1 20mm
     Flak gun.
1 Messenger/Radio Operator
     12 rifle
1 Motorcycle Messenger
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1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad

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3 Gun Captains
         3 submachine guns
     18 Gunners
          6 rifles, 12 pistols, 3 75mm PAK 40 or
          76.2mm PAK 36 guns & 3 light machine guns
     1 Munitions Handler
          1 rifle
     1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
          1 rifle
     3 Half Track Driver
          3 rifle & 3 Sd Kfz 251/17 with 20mm Flak gun
     1 Half Track Driver
          1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 251/1 with 1 light machine gun
          for munitions
4th (Signals) Platoon:
1 Platoon Commander (officer)
    1 pistol
1 Driver (NCO
     1 rifle & Sd Kfz 251/3 with 1 light machine gun & 1
         submachine qun
2 Messengers/Radio Operators
     2 rifles, 1 350ccm motorcycle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
2 Radio Operators
     2 rifles
     1st (armored) Medium Field Cable Troop:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 rifle
     4 Telephone Talkers (1 drives half track)
          3 rifles & 1 Sd Kfz 251/11 with 1 submachine gun & 1
          light machine gun
     2nd (armored) Medium Field Cable Troop:
          Same as 1st
     Armored Light Field Cable Troop:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 submachine gun
     3 Telephone Talkers (1 drives half track & 1 mans LMG)
          2 rifles, & 1 Sd Kfz 251/11 with 1 light machine gun
          and 1 submachine gun
     1st (armored) Portable Radio Troop:
     1 Troop Leader
          1 rifle
     3 Radio Operators
          2 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 251/3 with 1 LMG & 1 submachine gun
     2nd & 3rd (armored) Portable Radio Troops:
          same as 1st Troop
     1st Portable Radio Troop:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
         1 rifle
     1 Radio Operator
          1 rifle1
     2nd Portable Radio Troops:
     2 Radio Operators
          2 rifles
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3rd Portable Radio Troops: same as 1st

<u>Vehicle Maintenance:</u>

11 NCOs, 27 soldiers, 32 rifles, 5 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 light machine gun, 2 light four seat passenger vehicles, 1 Sd Kfz 7 half track, 1 2-ton truck, and 11 3-ton trucks.

Medical Section/Regimental Band

1 officer, 27 NCOs, 11 soldiers, 1 rifle, 38 pistols, 1 utility bus.

Weapons Repair

1 warrant officer, 1 NCO, 3 soldiers, 3 rifles, 2 pistols, 1 3-ton truck. $\underline{\text{Administration}}$

1 NCO, 2 soldiers, 3 rifles & 1 3-ton truck.

Baggage:

2 NCOs, 7 soldiers, 8 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 1 four seat light passenger vehicle & 2 3-ton truck.

Totals:

| | | Warrant | | |
|----------------------|----------|----------|------|----------|
| | Officers | Officers | NCOs | Soldiers |
| Regimental Staff | 7 | _ | 3 | 12 |
| Staff Company | | | | |
| Staff | 1 | _ | 3 | 5 |
| 1st Platoon | 1 | _ | 3 | 35 |
| 2nd Platoon | 1 | _ | 7 | 35 |
| 3rd Platoon | - | _ | 6 | 26 |
| 4th Platoon | 1 | _ | 9 | 28 |
| Field Train | - | _ | 11 | 37 |
| Medical Section/Band | 1 | _ | 27 | 11 |
| Weapons Repair | - | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| Administration | - | _ | 1 | 2 |
| Baggage | - | _ | 2 | 7 |
| Total | 12 | 1 | 73 | 181 |

Note: The original term for the Medical Section/Regimental Band is Hilfskrankenträger-Staffel (zugleich Musickkkorps), which truly translates "Assistant Stretcher Bear Squad (also Musical Corps)." They were a remnant of older days when regimental bands served as stretcher bearers in combat. However, in the sense often used in the German army at this time, a soldier known as a "Krankenträger" was a soldier trained in basic first aid and assigned like the modern "corpsman." This term has been translated as "corpsman" in most of these files, but here it does not truly fit, as it is most probably that the medical training of these men was not to the same level.

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