German Army Authorized Strength Staff Company Tiger Tank Battalion 1 November 1943

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Staff
1 Company Commander (officer)
     1 pistol
1 NCO on special duty
     1 pistol & 1 350ccm motorcycle
1 Motorcycle messenger
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 medium personnel vehicle
Armored Reconnaissance Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
     1 pistol
1 Troop Leader NCO
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
2 Radio Operators (and machine gunners)
     1 rifle, 1 pistol & 1 light machine gun
1 Half Track Driver
     1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 250/5 light observation half track with
     1 LMG & 1 submachine gun
     1st Group:
     1 Group Leader (NCO)
          1 submachine gun
     1 Assistant Group Leader (NCO)
          1 rifle
     8 Machine Gunners (including 2 radio operators)
          4 rifles, 4 pistols & 2 LMGs
     2 Half Track Drivers
          2 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 250/1 half track with 1 LMG & 1 \,
          submachine gun, & 2 Sd Kfz 250/5 observation half track
          with 1 LMG & 1 submachine gun.
     2nd Group:
          same as 1st Group
     3rd Group:
          same as 1st Group
Signals Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
    1 pistol
1 Telephone Talker/Radio Operator on special assignment
     1 rifle
3 Panzerführer (tank commanders) (NCOs)
     3 pistols
3 Gunners (NCOs)
     3 pistols
2 Radio Operators (NCOs)
     2 pistols
3 Tank Drivers
     3 pistols & either:
          3 Tiger Tanks, Sd Kfz 181 88mm 36/56 command tanks or
          3 Tiger Tanks, Sd Kfz 182 88mm 43/ L 71 command tanks
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1 Radio Operator
    1 pistol
3 Loaders (two working as radio operators)
     3 pistols
1 Truck Driver
    1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck
Reconnaissance & Pioneer Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
     1 pistol
1 NCO on special duty
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
2 Motorcycle Messengers
     2 rifles & 2 350ccm motorcycles
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
1 Machine Gunner
     1 pistol & 1 LMG
     1st Reconnaissance Troop:
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
     1 Machine Gunner (in Kettenkraftkrad)
          1 pistol & 1 LMG
     2 Motorcycle Messengers
          2 rifles & 2 350ccm motorcycles
     1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver
          1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
     2nd Reconnaissance Troop:
          same as 1st Troop
     3rd Reconnaissance Troop:
         same as 1st Troop
     4th Reconnaissance Troop:
         same as 1st Troop
     1st Pioneer Group:
     1 Group Leader (NCO)
          1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
     4 Pioneers
          2 pistols & 2 rifles
     2 Machine Gunners
          2 pistols & 1 LMG
     2 Drivers
          2 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 251/7 pioneer half track
          & 1 Sd Kfz 3 Maultier or 1 3-ton truck
     2nd Pioneer Group:
          same as 1st Pioneer Group
     3rd Pioneer Group:
         same as 1st Pioneer Group
Flak Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
     1 submachine qun & 1 pistol
1 Air Warning NCO
     1 pistol & 1 350ccm motorcycle
2 Messengers/Machine Gunners (in passenger vehicle)
     2 pistols & 1 LMG
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
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1st Flak Troop:

1 Troop Leader (NCO)

1 pistol & 1 submachine gun

6 Gunners

3 pistols & 3 rifles

3 (later 2) Munitions Handlers

3 (later 2) rifles

1 Range Finder Operator

1 pistol

2 Drivers

2 rifles, 1 2-ton Truck Maultier (Sd Kfz 3) for munitions and 1 Sd Kfz 7/1 self propelled gun carriage with a quad 20mm Flak gun

2nd Flak Troop:

same as 1st Troop

3rd Flak Troop:

same as 1st Troop

<u>Vehicle</u> <u>Maintenance</u> <u>Squad</u>

1 warrant officer, 10 NCOs, 44/43 soldiers, 48/47 rifles, 7 pistols, 5 submachine guns, 1 light machine gun, 5 4.5 ton trucks, 1 3-ton truck, 1 Sd Kfz 10, Sd Kfz2 9/1 6 ton half track mounted crane, 1 3ton crane truck, 1 Work Shop Truck, 1 2-ton truck, 2 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 1 Sd Ah 23 Trailer, 1 heavy machine shop trailer,

Field Train/Medical Detachment:

6 NCOs, 21/17 soldiers, 13 4rifles, 14/10 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 LMG, 1 350ccm motorcycle with sidecar, 1 Sd Kfz 251/8 ambulance half track (with 1 submachine gun & 1 LMG)1 2-ton truck, 4 4.5 ton truck & 3 3-ton trucks

Administration and Supply

1 Officer, 1 warrant officer, 9/8 NCOs, 61/43 soldiers, 65/45 rifles, 7 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 2 LMGs,1 4.5 ton truck for fuel, 7 4.5 ton trucks for fuel transport, 16 4.5 ton trucks for munitions

Battalion <u>Administration</u>:

1 NCO, 5/3 soldiers, 6/4 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) (later deleted), & 2 4.5 ton trucks

Baggage:

1 NCO, 3 soldiers, 4 rifles & 1 3-ton truck

Totals:

| | | Warrant | | |
|------------------------|----------|----------|-------|----------|
| | Officers | Officers | NCOs | Soldiers |
| Troop Command | 1 | _ | 1 | 2 |
| Armored Recon Platoon | 1 | _ | 7 | 33 |
| Signals Platoon | 1 | _ | 12 | 5 |
| Recon & Pioneer Platoo | on 1 | _ | 8 | 44 |
| Flak Platoon | _ | _ | 5 | 39/36 |
| Vehicle Maintenance | _ | 1 | 10 | 44/43 |
| Field Train I | _ | _ | 6 | 21/17 |
| Admin & Supply | 1 | 1 | 9/8 | 61/43 |
| Administration | _ | _ | 1 | 5/4 |
| Baggage | _ | _ | 1 | 3 |
| Total | 5 | 2 | 60/59 | 257/227 |

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