

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Staff Company  
Panther Tank Battalion  
1 November 1943**

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 NCO on Special Assignment  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Reconnaissance Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (and Panzerführer) (officer)  
    1 pistol  
4 Panzerführers (tank commanders) (NCOs)  
    4 pistols  
4 Gunners (NCOs)  
    4 pistols  
1 Radio Operator (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
4 Tank Drivers  
    5 pistols & 4 Sd Kfz 171 Panther Tanks 75mm 42 L70  
1 Gunner  
    1 pistol  
4 Radio Operators  
    4 pistols  
5 Loaders  
    5 pistols

Signals Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Radio Operator (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
3 Panzerführer (Tank Commanders) (NCOs)  
    3 pistols  
3 Gunners (NCOs)  
    3 pistols  
2 Radio Operators  
    2 pistols  
3 Tank Drivers  
    3 pistols & 3 Sd Kfz 171 Panther Tanks 75mm L 70 Command Tanks  
1 Radio Operator  
    1 pistol  
3 Loaders  
    3 pistols  
2 Radio Operators  
    2 pistols  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck

Reconnaissance and Pioneer Platoon

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 pistol

- 1 NCO on special assignment
  - 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
- 2 Kettenkrafttkrad Drivers
  - 2 rifles & 2 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkrafttkrad
- 1 Driver
  - 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (schwimwagen)
- 1 Machine Gunner (rides in passenger vehicle)
  - 1 pistol & 1 light machine gun
  - 1st Reconnaissance Troop:
    - 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
      - 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
    - 1 Machine Gunner (in Kettenkrafttkrad)
      - 1 pistol & 1 light machine gun
  - 2 Messengers
    - 2 rifles & 2 350ccm motorcycles
  - 1 Kettenkrafttkrad Driver
    - 1 rifle & 1 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkrafttkrad
  - 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 submachine guns, & 1 light machine gun
    - 2 Drivers
      - 1 rifle, 1 pistol, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) & 1 2-ton Maultier (Sd Kfz3) or 3-ton truck
  - 2nd Pioneer Group:
    - same as 1st Group
  - 3rd Pioneer Group:
    - same as 1st Group
- Flak Platoon:
  - 1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
    - 1 submachine gun & 1 pistol
  - 1 Air Warning NCO
    - 1 pistol & 1 350ccm motorcycle
  - 2 Messengers (and machine gunners)
    - 2 pistols & 1 light machine gun
  - 1 Driver
    - 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
  - 1st Flak Troop:
    - 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
      - 1 submachine gun & 1 pistol
    - 6 Gunners
      - 3 pistols & 3 rifles
    - 3 (later 2) Munitions Handlers
      - 3 (later 2) rifles
    - 1 Range Finder Operator
      - 1 rifle
    - 2 Half Track Drivers
      - 2 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 7/1 with quad 20mm Flak gun & 1 Sd Kfz 3 Maultier for munitions

2nd Flak Troop:  
 same as 1st Troop  
3rd Flak Troop:  
 same as 1st Troop

Vehicle Maintenance Squad

1 warrant officer, 13 NCOs, 5755 soldiers, 60/58 rifles, 11 pistols, 6 submachine guns, 1 light machine gun, 4 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen), 3 2-ton trucks, 2 squad repair shop trucks, 3 3-ton truck, 1 Sd Kfz 9/1, 5 4.5 ton truck, 1 Sd Kfz 10 half track, 1 machine shop trailer, 1 Sd Ah 23 trailer, 3 Sd Kfz 9 half tracks

Field Train I

4 NCOs, 21/19 Soldiers, 14 rifles, 11/9 pistols, 2 submachine guns, 1 light machine gun, 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen), 1 field kitchen, 3 4.5 ton trucks, 1 2-ton truck, 1 3-ton truck, 1 Sd Kfz 251/8 half track ambulance.

Administration Squad:

1 officer, 1 warrant officer, 8/7 NCOs, 65/56 soldiers, 69/58 rifles, 6 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 350ccm motorcycle, 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen), 12-ton truck, 1 field kitchen, 1 4.5 ton fuel truck, 6 4.5 ton fuel transportation trucks, 19 4.5 ton ammunition trucks

Administration Baggage

1 NCO, 5/3 soldiers, 6/4 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) & 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
Reconnaissance Platoon	1	-	14	10
Signals Platoon	1	-	12/10	5/4
Recon/Pioneer Platoon	1	-	8	44
Flak Platoon	-	-	5	39/36
Vehicle Maintenance	-	1	13	57/55
Field Train I	-	-	4	21/19
Administration	1	1	8/7	65/56
Administration Baggage	-	-	1	5/3
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	3	-	67/64	249/232

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