German Army Authorized Strength Staff Company "Hornisse" Panzerjäger Battalion 1 November 1943

```
Staff
1 Company Commander (officer)
     1 pistol
1 Motorcycle Messenger
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
Panzerjäger Equipment Reserve:
1 Panzerjägerführer (officer) (later deleted)
     1 pistol
2 Panzerjägerführer (NCOs) (later only 1)
     2 pistols
3 Gunners (NCOs) (later only 2)
     3 pistols
2 Radio Operators/Munitions Handlers
     2 pistols
3 Tank Drivers (NCOs)
     3 pistols & 3 Hornisse Panzerjägers (Sd Kfz 164) (88mm PAK 43/1)Sf
<u>Signals</u> <u>Platoon</u>:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
     1 pistol
1 Master Radio Operator/Assistant Platoon Leader (NCO)
     1 pistol
1 Radio Repairman
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
2 Panzer Radio Repairmen
     2 rifles
3 Drivers
     3 rifles, 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen),
     1 2-ton Signals Truck & 1 Sd Ah 23 trailer
     (mot) Light Field Cable Troop:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 rifle
     2 Telephone Talkers
          2 rifles
     1 Truck Driver
          1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck
     1st (mot) Portable Radio Troop:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 rifle
     2 Radio Operators (1 drove truck)
          2 rifles & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
     2nd-4th (mot) Portable Radio Troops:
          same as 1st Troop
     1st (mot) Light Radio Troop
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 rifle
     2 Radio Operators (one drove truck)
          2 rifles & 1 2-ton truck
```

2nd (mot) Light Radio Troop: same as 1st Troop <u>Pioneer</u> <u>Platoon</u>: 1 Platoon Leader (officer) 1 submachine gun 1 Motorcycle Messenger 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle 1 Driver 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) 1st Pioneer Troop: 1 Troop Leader (NCO) 1 submachine gun 6 Pioneers (including 2 machine gunners & 1 driver) 4 rifles, 2 pistols, 1 LMG & 1 3-ton truck 2nd & 3rd Pioneer Troops: same as 1st Troop <u>Flak</u> <u>Platoon</u>: 1 Platoon Leader (NCO) 1 submachine gun 1 Air Warning NCO 1 pistol 2 Messengers (and machine gunners in passenger vehicle) 1 pistols & 1 LMG 1 Driver 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) <u>1st</u> Flak Troop: 1 Gun Captain (NCO) 1 submachine gun 6 Gunners 3 rifles & 3 pistols 3 (later 2) Munitions Handlers 3 rifles 1 Range Finder Operator 1 pistol 2 Drivers 2 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 7/1 half track with quad 20mm Flak gun and 1 Sd Kfz 3 Maultier for munitions (or 1 3-ton truck) 2nd Flak Troop: same as 1st Troop <u>3rd Flak Troop:</u> same as 1st Troop

Vehicle Recovery and Maintenance Group: 2 warrant officers, 10 NCOs, 54/55/53 soldiers, 58/56 rifles, 8 pistols, 5 submachine guns, 5 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen), 1 2-ton truck, 1 work station truck, 2 trucks hand written in and unreadable, 1 equipment truck, 9 3-ton trucks, 1 heavy machine Shop Truck, 1 Sd Kfz 9 half track.

<u>Field Train</u>

4 NCOs, 16/14 soldiers, 12/11 rifles, 7/6 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 LMG, 1 Sd Kfz 251/8 ambulance half track with 1 submachine gun & 1 LMG, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 4-3ton trucks, & 1 2-ton truck.

Administration & Supply: 1 officer, 1 warrant officer, 7/6 NCOs, 42/35 soldiers, 43/35 rifles, 8 pistols, 2 LMGs, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 1 2-ton truck, 1 3-ton truck, 15 4.5 trucks. Administration:

1 NCO, 5/4 soldiers, 6/5 rifles, 2 3-ton trucks

<u>Baggage</u>:

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

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	10	6
Signals Platoon	1	-	8	23
Pioneer Platoon	1	-	3	20
Flak Platoon	-	-	5	39/36
Vehicle Maintenance	-	2	10	54/53
Field Train	-	-	4	16/14
Admin & Supply	1	1	7/6	42/35
Administration	-	-	5/4	6/5
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	4	3	49/45	5 208/194

Note: Double numbers (25/24) indicate where there is a penciled change in the organization charge. The first number is the original strength and the second number is the penciled revised figure.

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.