

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Staff & Staff Company
Independent Tiger Tank Battalion
1 June 1944**

Staff

1 Battalion Commander (officer)
 1 pistol
1 Adjutant
 1 submachine gun
1 Ordnance Officer
 1 pistol
1 Doctor (officer)
 1 pistol
1 Battalion Vehicle Officer
 1 pistol
1 Officer for Special Equipment
 1 pistol
1 Battle Scribe (NCO)
 1 rifle
1 Messenger and Vehicle Leader (NCO)
 1 rifle
1 Corpsman (NCO)
 1 pistol
4 Drivers
 4 rifles, 2 medium passenger vehicles & 2 four seat passenger
 vehicles
2 Messengers
 2 rifles
2 Kettenkraftkrad Drivers
 2 rifles & 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
1 Light Machine Gun

Staff Company

Staff

1 Company Commander (signals & gunner in command vehicle) (officer)
 1 pistol
1 Hauptfeldwebel (NCO)
 1 pistol
1 Master Radio Operator (NCO)
 1 pistol
1 Telephone Talker & Radio Operator on special assignment
 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
1 Equipment NCO
 1 rifle
1 Tank Commander (NCO)
 1 pistol
2 Gunners (NCO)
 no weapons
2 Radio Operators in armored vehicle (NCO)
 2 pistols

3 Tank Drivers (NCO)
 3 pistols
 1 Corpsman (NCO)
 1 pistol
 1 Scribe/Messenger
 1 rifle
 1 Radio Operator
 1 pistol
 3 Gunners
 3 pistols
 1 Corpsman
 1 pistol
 3 Drivers
 3 2 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle, 1 2-5 truck,
 & 1 Sd Kfz 251/8
 3 Tiger Tanks Sd Kfz 181 (88mm 36 L/56) or Sd Kfz 182 (88mm 43 L/71)
 as command vehicles

Armored Reconnaissance Platoon

1 Platoon Leader (Officer)
 1 pistol
 1 Troop Commander (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
 2 Radio Operators (also machine gunners)
 1 rifle, 1 pistol, & 1 light machine gun
 1 Driver
 1 Sd Kfz 251/5 Reconnaissance Half Track with 1 light machine gun
 & 1 submachine gun
 1st Group:
 1 Group Leader (radio operator)
 1 submachine gun
 1 Assistant Group Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
 8 Machine Gunners (including 2 radio operators)
 4 rifles, 4 pistols & 2 light machine guns
 2 Drivers
 2 1 Sd Kfz 251/1 rifle half track & 1 Sd Kfz 251/5
 reconnaissance half track, each with 1 submachine gun
 & 1 light machine gun
 2nd & 3rd Groups:
 same as 1st Group

Reconnaissance and Pioneer Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 1 pistol
 1 NCO on special assignment
 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
 2 Messengers
 2 rifles & 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads
 1 Motorcycle Messenger
 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
 1 Driver
 1 rifle & 1 light 4 seat passenger vehicle
 1 Machine Gunner
 1 pistol & 1 light machine gun

1st Group:

1 Group Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
1 Machine Gunner (on Kettenkraftkrad)
 1 pistol & light machine gun
1 Driver
 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
1 Driver
 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle

2nd, 3rd & 4th Groups:

same as 1st Group

1st Pioneer Group:

1 Group Leader
 1 submachine gun
4 Pioneers (1 radio operator, 1 assistant half track driver
 & 1 assistant truck driver)
 4 rifles
2 Machine Gunners
 2 pistols & 1 light machine gun
2 Drivers
 2 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 3 half track or 3-ton truck for
 pioneer equipment, and 1 Sd Kfz 251/7

2nd & 3rd Pioneer Groups

same as 1st Group

Flak Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
1 Air Reconnaissance NCO
 1 rifle
1 Messenger
 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
1 Driver
 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle

1st Flak Troop:

1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
6 Gunners
 3 rifles, 3 pistols, 1 quad 20mm flak gun
2 Munitions Handlers
 2 rifles
1 Range Finder Operator
 1 pistol
2 Drivers
 2 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 3 for munitions & 1 Sd Kfz 7/1 self
 propelled carriage

2nd & 3rd Flak Troop:

same as 1st Troop

Totals:

	Officers	Warrant officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	6		3	8
Staff Company				
Company Staff	1	-	14	9
Recon Platoon	1	-	7	33
Recon/Pioneer Platoon	1	-	8	45
Flak Platoon	-	-	5	35
Total	9	-	37	130

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