

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Panzer Grenadier Pioneer Company  
1 November 1944**

Organization A, pioneer company with 3 (mot) platoons assigned to a (mot) Panzer Grenadier Regiment

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Company Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Vehicle Squad Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
1 Messenger  
    1 rifle  
2 Motorcycle Drivers  
    2 rifle & 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads  
1 Motorcycle Driver for Vehicle Squad Leader  
    1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Signals Squad:

(mot) Light Radio Troop:

1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
2 Radio Operators  
    2 rifles  
1 Truck Driver  
    1 rifle & 2-ton truck

1st (mot) Portable Radio Troop:

1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
2 Radio Operators (1 serves as driver)  
    2 rifles & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

2nd (mot) Portable Radio Troop:

1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
2 Radio Operators (1 serves as driver)  
    2 rifles & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

1st Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Platoon Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Messenger  
    1 rifle  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith (also Flamethrower attendant)  
    1 pistol

2 Drivers

- 2 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) &
- 1 3-ton truck for flamethrowers and explosives
- 4 Groups:
- 4 Group Leaders (NCO)
  - 4 submachine guns
- 32 Pioneers (including 8 machine gunners)
  - 28 rifles, 4 pistols, & 4 LMGs
- 4 Drivers
  - 4 rifles & 4 2-ton trucks as pioneer tool vehicles

2nd Platoon

same as 1st

3rd Platoon :

same as 1st, but officer replaced by a NCO

Vehicle Maintenance

2 NCO, 5 soldiers, 6 rifles, 1 pistol, 2 2-ton trucks & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Field Train

4 NCOs, 13 soldiers, 15 rifles, 2 pistols, 6 3-ton trucks, & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Baggage

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

Totals:

	Officers	Warrant Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	3	5
Signals Squad	-	-	2	8
1st Platoon	1	-	5	41
2nd Platoon	1	-	5	41
3rd Platoon	-	-	6	41
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	2	5
Field Train	-	-	4	13
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	3	-	34	180

Organization B, pioneer company with 2 (mot) platoons, 1 armored platoon, & 1 armored flamethrower platoon assigned to an armored panzer grenadier regiment

Staff

- 1 Company Commander (officer)
  - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Company Troop Leader (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Vehicle Squad Leader (NCO) (in Kettenkraftkrad)
  - 1 submachine gun

1 Corpsman (NCO)  
1 pistol  
1 Half track Driver (NCO)  
no personal weapons & 1 Sd Kfz 251/3 half track with 1 sub-  
machine gun and 1 LMG  
1 Radio Operator  
1 rifle  
1 Messenger  
1 rifle  
2 Motorcycle Drivers  
2 rifle & 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads  
1 Motorcycle Driver for Vehicle Squad Leader  
1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads

Signals Squad:

1st (mot) Portable Radio Troop:

1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
1 rifle  
2 Radio Operators (1 serves as driver)  
2 rifles & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle  
(volkswagen)

2nd (mot) Portable Radio Troop:

1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
1 rifle  
2 Radio Operators (1 serves as driver)  
2 rifles & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle  
(volkswagen)

1st Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
1 submachine gun  
1 Platoon Troop Leader (NCO)  
1 submachine gun  
1 Messenger  
1 rifle  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith (also Flamethrower attendant)  
1 pistol  
2 Drivers  
2 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) &  
1 3-ton truck for flamethrowers and explosives

4 Groups:

4 Group Leaders (NCO)  
4 submachine guns  
32 Pioneers (including 8 machine gunners)  
28 rifles, 4 pistols, & 4 LMGs  
4 Drivers  
4 rifles & 4 2-5on trucks as pioneer tool vehicles

2nd Platoon:

same as 1st Platoon, but officer replaced by NCO

3rd (Armored) Platoon

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
1 submachine gun  
1 Platoon Troop Leader (NCO)  
1 submachine gun

1 Half Track Driver (NCO)  
no personal weapon & 1 Sd Kfz 251/17 half track with 1  
submachine gun, 1 20mm flak gun  
1 Radio Operator  
1 rifle  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith (back up driver for truck)  
1 pistol  
1 Driver  
1 rifle & 1 3-ton truck for flamethrowers and explosives  
3 Groups:  
3 Group Leaders (NCO)  
3 submachine guns  
24 Pioneers (including 12 machine gunners)  
18 rifles, 6 pistols, & 6 LMGs  
6 Half Track Drivers  
no personal weapons and 6 Sd Kfz 251/7 half tracks

#### 4th (Flamethrower) Platoon

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
1 submachine gun  
5 Flamethrower Commanders (NCOs)  
5 pistols  
1 Half Track Driver (NCO)  
no personal weapon & 1 Sd Kfz 251/16 half track with 1  
submachine gun & 1 light machine gun  
12 Flamethrower Operators  
12 rifles  
5 Half Track Drivers  
no personal weapons, 5 Sd Kfz 251/16 half tracks with  
1 light machine gun & 1 submachine gun each.  
1 Messenger  
1 rifle  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
1 Flamethrower Attendant  
1 rifle

#### Squad

1 Squad Leader (NCO)  
1 pistol  
3 Truck Drivers  
3 rifles & 3 3-ton Trucks with flame thrower fuel  
2 Assistant Truck Drivers  
2 rifles  
1 600 Kg trailer for baggage

#### Vehicle Maintenance:

1 NCO, 6 soldiers, 7 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 1  
2-ton truck & 1 3-ton truck

#### Field Train:

5 NCOs, 14 soldiers, 16 rifles, 3 pistols, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle  
(volkswagen) & 7 3-ton trucks.

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	4	5
Signals Squad	-	-	1	5
1st Platoon	1	-	5	41
2nd Platoon	-	-	6	41
3rd (Armored) Platoon	1	-	5	44
4th (Flamethrower) Plat	1	-	7	25
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	1	6
Field Train	-	-	5	14
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	4	-	41	209

Note: In these two formations, the 1st and 2nd platoons would form an anti-tank group of one leader and six men armed with 3 88mm R-PzB 54 Panzerschreck anti-tank rocket launchers.

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.