

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Staff Company
Panther Battalion
(Freie-Gliederung)
1 April 1944**

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Hauptfeldwebel (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
1 Equipment NCO
 1 rifle
1 Driver
 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
1 Scribe/Messenger
 1 rifle

1st (Signals& Reconnaissance) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 1 pistol
 1st (Command) Group
 1 Radio Operator (NCO)
 1 pistol
 1 Vehicle Commander (NCO)
 1 pistol
 2 Gunners (NCO)
 no personal weapons
 1 Radio Operator/Gunner (NCO)
 1 pistol
 2 Radio Operators (NCO)
 2 pistols
 3 Tank Drivers
 3 pistols & 3 Sd Kfz 171 Panther Tanks
 1 Radio Operator
 1 pistol
 2 Radio Operators/Loaders
 2 pistols
 1 Telephone Talker
 1 rifle
 1 Truck Driver
 1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck
 2nd (Reconnaissance) Group
 1 Group Leader (NCO)
 1 pistol
 3 Vehicle Commanders
 3 pistols
 1 Gunner
 no personal weapon
 1 Radio Operator
 1 pistol
 5 Tank Drivers
 5 rifles & 5 Sd Kfz 171 Panther Tanks

- 2 Corpsmen
 - 2 pistols
- 4 Gunners
 - no personal weapons
- 5 Loaders
 - 5 pistols
- 4 Radio Operators
 - 4 pistols
- 2 Corpsmen
 - 2 pistols
- 2 Half Track Drivers
 - no personal weapons & 2 Sd Kfz 251/8 ambulance half tracks with 1 submachine gun & 1 LMG

2nd (Reconnaissance/Pioneer) Platoon

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

1st Reconnaissance Troop:

- 1 Troop leader (NCO)
 - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Machine Gunner
 - 1 pistol & 1 light machine gun
- 1 Messenger (rides in Kettenkraftkrad)
 - 1 rifle
- 1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver
 - 1 rifle & 1 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
- 1 Driver
 - 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

2nd Reconnaissance Troop:

- same as 1st Troop

3rd Reconnaissance Troop:

- same as 1st Troop

1st Pioneer Group:

- 1 Group Leader (NCO)
 - 1 submachine gun
- 4 Pioneers
 - 4 rifles
- 2 Machine Gunners
 - 2 pistols & 1 light machine gun
- 1 Half Track Driver
 - 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 3 Maultier or 1 3 ton truck
- 1 Half Track Driver
 - 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 251/7

2nd Pioneer Group:
same as 1st Group

3rd Pioneer Group:
same as 1st Group

3rd (Flak) Platoon:

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

1st Flak Troop:

1 Troop Leader/Gun Captain (NCO)
1 submachine gun
6 Gunners
3 rifles, 3 pistols
2 Munitions Handlers
2 rifles
1 Range Finder Operator
1 pistol
1 Half Track Driver
1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 3 for munitions
1 Half Track Driver
1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 7/1 with 1 20mm Quad Flak gun

2nd Flak Troop:

same as 1st Troop

3rd Flak Troop:

same as 1st Troop

Totals:

	Officers	Warrant Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	2	2
Signals/Recon Platoon	1	-	23	22
Recon/Pioneer Platoon	1	-	8	45
Flak Platoon	-	-	5	35
Total	3	-	38	104

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