

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Battalion Staff Company
Panzer Battalion
1 June 1944**

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)

Signals Platoon:

- 1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 - 1 pistol
- 1 Master Radio Operator (NCO)
 - 1 pistol
- 1 Tank Commander (NCO)
 - 1 pistol
- 2 Gunners
 - no personal weapons
- 2 Tank Radio Operators (NCOs)
 - 2 pistols
- 1 Radio Operator/Loader (NCO)
 - 1 pistol
- 3 Tank Drivers (NCOs)
 - 3 pistols & 3 Mk III Tanks (50mm L 42) (Sd Kfz 141) as command tank
- 1 Tank Radio Operator
 - 1 pistol
- 2 Radio Operators/loaders
 - 2 pistols
- 2 Telephone Talkers
 - 2 rifles
- 1 Truck Driver
 - 1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck

Reconnaissance Platoon:

- 1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 - 1 submachine gun
 - 1 Motorcycle Messenger
 - 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
 - 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) (also Machine Gun Captain)
 - 1 submachine gun
 - 1 Machine Gunner (rides in Sd Kfz 2)
 - 1 pistol
 - 1 Motorcycle Messenger
 - 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
 - 1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver
 - 1 rifle

2nd Reconnaissance Troop:

same as 1st Troop

3rd Reconnaissance Troop:

same as 1st Troop

Pioneer Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)

1 pistol

1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver

1 rifles & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad

1st Pioneer Group:

1 Group Leader (NCO)

1 submachine gun

4 Pioneers

4 rifles

2 Machine Gunners

2 pistols & 1 light machine gun

2 Drivers

2 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 251/7 pioneer half track with 1 LMG

& 1 submachine gun, and 1 Maultier Sd Kfz 3 or 3-ton truck
for pioneer equipment

2nd Pioneer Group:

same as 1st Group

3rd Pioneer Group:

same as 1st Group

Vehicle Maintenance Group

2 NCOs, 11 soldiers, 8 rifles, 4 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 LMG, 1 light four
seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 2 2-ton truck, 1 3-ton truck

Field Train:

7 NCOs, 18 soldiers, 15 rifles, 8 pistols, 2 submachine guns, 1 LMG, 1 Sd Kfz
251/8 ambulance with 1 submachine gun & 1 LMG, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle
(volkswagen), 1 2-ton truck, 5 3-ton trucks.

Administration:

1 Warrant officer, 2/1 NCOs, 4 soldiers, 6/5 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 light four seat
passenger vehicle (volkswagen) & 2 3-ton trucks

Baggage:

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

Totals:

Formation A, with pioneer platoon

	Officers	Warrant officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	-	2
Signals Platoon	1	-	10	6
Reconnaissance Platoon	1	-	3	12
Pioneer Platoon	-	-	4	25
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	2	11
Field Train	-	-	7	18
Administration	-	1	2	4
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	3	1	29	81

Formation A, without pioneer platoon

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	-	2
Signals Platoon	1	-	10	6
Reconnaissance Platoon	1	-	3	12
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	2	11
Field Train	-	-	7	18
Administration	-	1	2/1	4
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	3	1	25/24	56

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.

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