

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Heavy Panzer Company "Tiger"  
(Freie Gliederung)  
1 June 1944**

Formation A, as part of a Tiger Battalion:

Staff

- 1 Company Commander (officer)
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Hauptfeldwebel (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Weapons NCO
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Equipment NCO
  - 1 rifle
- 1 Tank Commander (NCO)
  - 1 pistol
- 2 Gunners (NCO)
  - no personal weapons
- 1 Radio Operator (NCO)
  - 1 pistol
- 2 Tank Drivers (NCO)
  - 2 pistols & either
    - 2 Tiger Tanks, Sd Kfz 181 (88mm 36 L/56)
    - or 2 Tiger Tanks, Sd Kfz 182 (88mm 43 L/71)
- 1 Radio Operator
  - 1 pistol
- 2 Loaders
  - 2 pistols
- 1 Messenger
  - 1 rifle
- 2 Motorcycle Messengers
  - 2 rifles & 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads
- 2 Drivers
  - 2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen)

1st Platoon:

- 1 Platoon Leader (& tank commander) (officer)
  - 1 pistol
- 3 Tank Commanders (NCOs)
  - 3 pistols
- 3 Gunners (NCOs)
  - no personal weapons
- 1 Radio Operator (NCO)
  - 1 pistol
- 4 Tank Drivers
  - 4 pistols and either
    - 4 Tiger Tanks, Sd Kfz 181 (88mm 36 L/56)
    - or 4 Tiger Tanks, Sd Kfz 182 (88mm 43 L/71)
- 1 Gunner
  - no personal weapon
- 3 Radio Operators
  - 3 pistols
- 4 Loaders
  - 4 pistols

2nd Platoon:

same as 1st Platoon

3rd Platoon:  
same as 1st Platoon

Spare Crews:  
2 Tank Commanders (NCOs)  
    2 pistols  
2 Drivers (NCOs)  
    2 pistols  
2 Gunners  
    2 pistols  
2 Radio Operators  
    2 pistols  
2 Loaders  
    2 pistols

Totals:

	Officers	Warrant Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	9	8
1st Platoon	1	-	11	8
2nd Platoon	1	-	11	8
3rd Platoon	1	-	11	8
Spare Crews	-	-	4	6
Total	4	-	46	38

Organization B, for a single Tiger (F.K.L.) Company as part of a Tiger Battalion:  
Added to Company Staff

1 Officer on Special duty  
    1 pistol  
1 Master Radio Operator (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
1 Messenger  
    1 rifle  
1 Driver (& radio repairman)  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Added to 1st Platoon:

1 Pioneer (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Driver (NCO)  
    1 pistol & 1 Sd Kfz 301 (explosive carrier)  
1 Half Track Driver  
    no personal weapon & 1 Sd Kfz 251/1 half track with 1 LMG &  
    1 submachine gun  
8 Drivers  
    8 pistols & 8 Sd Kfz 301 (explosive carriers)  
1 Radio Mechanic (and Machine Gunner)  
    1 pistol

Added to 2nd Platoon:  
 same as to 1st Platoon  
Added to 3rd Platoon:  
 same as to 1st Platoon

Special Reserve:  
 1 Reserve Leader (NCO)  
 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
 9 Drivers for Sd Kfz 301  
 9 pistols & 9 Sd Kfz 301 (explosive carriers)

<u>Totals</u>	<u>Warrant</u>			
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	2	-	10	10
1st Platoon	1	-	12	18
2nd Platoon	1	-	12	18
3rd Platoon	1	-	12	18
Spare Crews	-	-	4	6
Special Reserve	-	-	1	9
Total	5	-	51	79

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