German Army Authorized Strength Armored Train 1 August 1944

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Staff
1 Armored Train Commander (officer)
    1 submachine gun
1 Medical Officer
    1 pistol
1 Armored Train Troop Leader (NCO)
    1 submachine gun
1 Corpsman (NCO)
    1 pistol
3 Messengers
    3 rifles
    Armored Train Signals Troop:
    1 Signals Troop Leader (NCO)
         1 pistol
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
         1 rifle
     8 Radio Operators
          8 rifles
     1 Radio Repairman
         1 rifle
Panzer Grenadier Platoon:
1 Armored Train-Employment Group (officer)
    1 submachine gun
1 Troop Leader (NCO)
    1 submachine qun
2 Messengers
     2 rifles
     2 Panzer Grenadier Groups:
     2 Group Leaders (NCOs)
          2 submachine guns
     8 Machine Gunners
          2 rifles, 6 pistols, 2 light machine guns & 2 heavy
          machine guns
     14 riflemen
          14 rifles, 4 with grenade launchers
     12 Bicycles
     Armored Pioneer Group:
     1 Group Leader
         1 submachine gun
     9 Pioneers
          7 rifles (1 with grenade launcher), 2 pistols, 2 light
          machine guns & 1 flamethrower
     Mortar Group:
     2 Gun Captains
          2 submachine guns
     8 Mortar Crewmen
          4 pistols, 4 rifles, & 2 80mm Mk 34 Mortars
     2 Ij 8 Infantry Carts (hand drawn) for munitions
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Tank and Reconnaissance Group:
     Tank Group:
    2 Tank Commanders (NCOs)
         2 submachine guns
     2 Gunners (NCOs)
          2 pistols
     2 Tank Drivers (NCOs)
          2 pistols & 2 38(t) Tanks (1 37mm & 2 LMGs ea)
     2 Radio Operators/Machine Gunners (NCOs)
          2 pistols
    Reconnaissance Group:
     1 Armored Car Commander (NCO)
         1 submachine gun
     2 Armored Car Drivers
         2 pistols & 1 Panhard (fr) Armored Car (1 25mm qun & 1 LMG)
     1 Radio Operator/Machine Gunner)
          1 pistol
Armored Train Battery:
1 Leader of Heavy Armored Train Weapons (NCOs)
    1 submachine gun
1 Battery NCO
    1 pistol
1 Observer
     1 submachine gun
1 Messenger
    1 pistol
4 Gun Captains
    4 pistols
4 Gunners
    4 pistols
12 Gunners
    12 rifles
4 light machine guns
4 105mm Light Field Howitzer 18 (1FH 18)
Heavy Anti-Tank Half Platoon:
2 Gun Captains
     2 submachine guns
2 Gunners
    2 pistols
2 Gunners
     2 pistols
2 75mm Tank Guns (kampfwagenkanone) 40 (L/48)
Armored Flak Half Platoon:
2 Gun Captains (NCOs)
    2 pistols
12 Gunners
     6 rifles, 6 pistols, 2 light machine guns &
     2 quad 20mm Flak guns
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Technical Group

1 Technical Group Leader (NCO)

1 pistol

1 Railroad Engineer/Assistant Group Leader (NCO)

1 pistol

1 Railroad Engineer

1 pistol

2 Railroad Observer (Streckenbeobachter)

2 rifles

1 Motor & Light Attendant (also wagon master)

1 rifle

3 Men to shovel coal

3 rifles

Baggage

 $\overline{1}$ warrant officer, 5 NCOs, 6 soldiers, 9 rifles, 1 pistol, 2 submachine guns, 2 light machine guns, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) & 1 2-ton truck

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	2	_	4	12
Panzer Grenadier Plato	on 1	_	6	41
Tank & Recon Group	_	_	5	7
Artillery Battery	1	_	6	17
Heavy Anti-Tank 1/2 Pl	at -	_	2	4
Flak 1/2 Platoon	_	_	2	12
Technical Troop	1	_	5	3
Baggage	_	1	5	6
Total	5	1	35	102

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