## German Army Authorized Strength Staff Company Heavy Panzer (Tiger) Battalion 15 August 1942

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Staff
1 Company Commander (officer)
     1 pistol
1 NCO on special duty
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
1 Motorcycle messenger
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light personal vehicle Kfz 15
Light Tank Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (and Panzerführer) (officer)
     1 pistol
4 Panzerführer (tank commanders) (NCOs)
     4 pistols
1 Radio Operator (NCO)
     1 pistol
5 Tank Driver (NCOs)
     5 pistols & 5 Tanks, Panzer Mk III Sd Kfz 141
1 Gunner
     1 pistol
4 Radio Operator
     4 pistols
5 Loaders
     5 pistols
Signals Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
     1 pistol
1 Radio Operator on special duty (NCO)
     1 rifle
3 Panzerführer (tank commanders) (NCOs)
     3 pistols
2 Radio Operators
     2 pistols
3 Gunners (NCOs)
     3 pistols
3 Drivers
     3 pistols, 1 Panzer III Sd Kfz 141 (50mm gun) as a Command
     Vehicle Pz.Bef.Wg 268) and either
     2 Panzer VI P (Sd Kfz 181) or Panzer VI H (Sd Kfz 182) as
     Command vehicles (Pz. Bef.Wg.)
Motorcycle Reconnaissance Platoon
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
1 NCO on special duty
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
2 Motorcycle Messengers
     2 rifles & 2 350ccm motorcycles
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light personal vehicle Kfz 1
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1st Reconnaissance Troop:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 pistol, 1 submachine gun & 1 350ccm motorcycle
     2 Machine Gunners (1 in sidecar, 1 rode behind driver)
          2 pistols & 1 LMG
     2 Motorcyclists
          2 rifles & 2 350ccm motorcycles with sidecars
     1 Messenger (rode in sidecar)
          1 rifle
     2nd Reconnaissance Troop:
          same as 1st Troop
     3rd Reconnaissance Troop:
          same as 1st Troop
     4th Reconnaissance Troop:
          same as 1st Troop :
<u>Pioneer</u> <u>Pl</u>atoon:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
1 Motorcycle Messenger
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
5 Drivers
     5 rifle, 1 light passenger vehicle (schwimmfähig), 2 2-ton trucks
     for pioneer equipment & 2 Sd Kfz 10 half tracks
     1st Pioneer Troop:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 pistol& 1 submachine gun
     5 Pioneers (including 2 machine gunners)
          4 rifles, 1 pistol, & 1 light machine gun
     2nd Pioneer Troop:
same as 1st Troop
     3rd Pioneer Troop:
         same as 1st Troop
Anti-Aircraft Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
2 Group Leaders (NCOs)
     2 pistols
1 Messenger (and machine gunner)
     1 pistol & 1 light machine gun
2 Motorcycle Messengers
     2 rifles & 2 350ccm motorcycles
3 Drivers
     3 rifles & 3 light personnel vehicles, (Kfz 1)
     1st Anti-Aircraft Troop:
     2 Gun Captains (NCO) (apparently served as gunner)
          2 pistols
     2 Munitions Handlers
          1 pistol
     2 Range Finder Operators
          2 pistols
     3 Drivers for trucks or half tracks
          3 pistols, 1 Kfz 81 truck for ammunition, and either
          2 Kfz 81 trucks with 1 20mm flak gun each, or 2 Sd Kfz 10/4
          half tracks with 1 20mm flak gun mounted on them.
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2nd Anti-Aircraft Troop: same as 1st Troop 3rd Anti-Aircraft Troop: same as 1st Troop Vehicle Maintenance Group: 2 NCOs, 14 soldiers, 14 rifles, 2 pistols, 2 submachine guns, 2 light personnel vehicles (Kfz 1), & 1 maintenance Truck Kfz 2/10. Field Train I: (includes medical detachment) 7 NCOs, 22 soldiers, 14 rifles, 15 pistols, 2 submachine guns, 1 light machine qun, 1 Kfz 1 light personnel vehicles, 6 other trucks, 1 Sd Kfz 251/8 ambulance half track, and 1 350ccm motorcycle with sidecar Field Train II: 4 NCOs, 6 soldiers, 1 rifle, 9 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 light machine gun and 1 heavy truck. Administration and Supply Squad: 2 warrant officers, 8 NCOs, 48 soldiers, 51 rifles, 7 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 1 350ccm motorcycle & 23 trucks Administration: 1 NCO, 5 soldiers, 6 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen),& 2 heavy trucks. Baggage: 1 NCO, 3 soldiers, 4 rifles & 1 medium truck. Totals: Warrant Officers Officers NCOs Soldiers Troop Command 1 – 1 2 Light Tank Platoon 1 Signals Platoon 1 Reconnaissance Platoon 1 Pioneer Platoon 1 \_ 14 10 \_ 12 6 \_ 5 3 23 Pioneer Platoon -21 \_ 8 51 1 Flak Platoon 2 Vehicle Maintenance --14 Field Train I \_ -7 22 \_ \_ 4 Field Train II 6 Admin and Supply Administration \_ 2 8 48 \_ -1 5 \_ -Baggage 1 3 6 2 66 Total 211 Records of Headquarters, German Army High Command, National Archives Microcopy No. T-78, Roll 393, American Historical Association Committee for the Study of

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