

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Staff Company  
Panther Tank Battalion  
1 November 1943**

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 NCO on Special Assignment  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Reconnaissance Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (and Panzerführer) (officer)  
    1 pistol  
4 Panzerführers (tank commanders) (NCOs)  
    4 pistols  
4 Gunners (NCOs)  
    4 pistols  
1 Radio Operator (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
4 Tank Drivers  
    5 pistols & 4 Sd Kfz 171 Panther Tanks 75mm 42 L70  
1 Gunner  
    1 pistol  
4 Radio Operators  
    4 pistols  
5 Loaders  
    5 pistols

Signals Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Radio Operator (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
3 Panzerführer (Tank Commanders) (NCOs)  
    3 pistols  
3 Gunners (NCOs)  
    3 pistols  
2 Radio Operators  
    2 pistols  
3 Tank Drivers  
    3 pistols & 3 Sd Kfz 171 Panther Tanks 75mm L 70 Command Tanks  
1 Radio Operator  
    1 pistol  
3 Loaders  
    3 pistols  
2 Radio Operators  
    2 pistols  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck

Reconnaissance and Pioneer Platoon

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 pistol

1 NCO on special assignment  
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
 2 Kettenkraftkrad Drivers  
     2 rifles & 2 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
 1 Driver  
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (schwimwagen)  
 1 Machine Gunner (rides in passenger vehicle)  
     1 pistol & 1 light machine gun  
     1st Reconnaissance Troop:  
         1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
             1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
     1 Machine Gunner (in Kettenkraftkrad)  
         1 pistol & 1 light machine gun  
     2 Messengers  
         2 rifles & 2 350ccm motorcycles  
     1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver  
         1 rifle & 1 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
     2nd Reconnaissance Troop:  
         same as 1st Troop  
     3rd Reconnaissance Troop:  
         same as 1st Troop  
     4th Reconnaissance Troop:  
         same as 1st Troop  
     1st Pioneer Group:  
         1 Group Leader (NCO)  
             1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
         4 Pioneers  
             2 pistols, 2 submachine guns, & 1 light machine gun  
         2 Drivers  
             1 rifle, 1 pistol, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle  
                 (volkswagen) & 1 2-ton Maultier (Sd Kfz3) or 3-ton truck  
     2nd Pioneer Group:  
         same as 1st Group  
     3rd Pioneer Group:  
         same as 1st Group  
Flak Platoon:  
 1 Platoon Leader (NCO)  
     1 submachine gun & 1 pistol  
 1 Air Warning NCO  
     1 pistol & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
 2 Messengers (and machine gunners)  
     2 pistols & 1 light machine gun  
 1 Driver  
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
     1st Flak Troop:  
         1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
             1 submachine gun & 1 pistol  
         6 Gunners  
             3 pistols & 3 rifles  
         3 (later 2) Munitions Handlers  
             3 (later 2) rifles  
         1 Range Finder Operator  
             1 rifle  
         2 Half Track Drivers  
             2 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 7/1 with quad 20mm Flak gun & 1  
             Sd Kfz 3 Maultier for munitions

2nd Flak Troop:  
 same as 1st Troop  
3rd Flak Troop:  
 same as 1st Troop

Vehicle Maintenance Squad

1 warrant officer, 13 NCOs, 5755 soldiers, 60/58 rifles, 11 pistols, 6 submachine guns, 1 light machine gun, 4 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen), 3 2-ton trucks, 2 squad repair shop trucks, 3 3-ton truck, 1 Sd Kfz 9/1, 5 4.5 ton truck, 1 Sd Kfz 10 half track, 1 machine shop trailer, 1 Sd Ah 23 trailer, 3 Sd Kfz 9 half tracks

Field Train I

4 NCOs, 21/19 Soldiers, 14 rifles, 11/9 pistols, 2 submachine guns, 1 light machine gun, 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen), 1 field kitchen, 3 4.5 ton trucks, 1 2-ton truck, 1 3-ton truck, 1 Sd Kfz 251/8 half track ambulance.

Administration Squad:

1 officer, 1 warrant officer, 8/7 NCOs, 65/56 soldiers, 69/58 rifles, 6 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 350ccm motorcycle, 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen), 12-ton truck, 1 field kitchen, 1 4.5 ton fuel truck, 6 4.5 ton fuel transportation trucks, 19 4.5 ton ammunition trucks

Administration Baggage

1 NCO, 5/3 soldiers, 6/4 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) & 2 4.5 ton trucks

Baggage:

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

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	1	2
Reconnaissance Platoon	1	-	14	10
Signals Platoon	1	-	12/10	5/4
Recon/Pioneer Platoon	1	-	8	44
Flak Platoon	-	-	5	39/36
Vehicle Maintenance	-	1	13	57/55
Field Train I	-	-	4	21/19
Administration	1	1	8/7	65/56
Administration Baggage	-	-	1	5/3
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	3	-	67/64	249/232

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