

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Staff Company  
Panzer Battalion  
1 November 1943**

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 four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Reconnaissance Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (and Panzerführer) (officer)  
    1 pistol  
4 Panzerführer (tank commanders) (NCOs)  
    4 pistols  
4 Gunners (NCOs)  
    4 pistols  
1 Radio Operator (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
5 Tank Drivers  
    5 pistols & 5 Mk IV Panzer Tanks (Sd Kfz 161/1 - 75mm 40 L 43)  
1 Gunner  
    1 pistol  
4 Radio Operators  
    4 pistols  
5 Loaders  
    5 pistols

Signals Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Radio Operator on special duty  
    1 rifle  
2 Panzerführer (tank commanders) (NCOs)  
    3 pistols  
2 Gunners (NCOs)  
    2 pistols  
2 Radio Operators (NCOs)  
    2 pistols  
3 Tank Drivers (NCOs)  
    3 pistols & 3 Mk III Panzer Tanks (Sd Kfz 141 - 50mm L 42)  
    Command tanks  
1 Gunner  
    1 pistol  
1 Radio Operator  
    1 pistol  
3 Loaders  
    3 pistols  
2 Radio Operators  
    2 pistols

Driver

1 rifle & 1 2-ton radio truck

Reconnaissance and Pioneer Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)

1 pistol

1 NCO on special duty

1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle

2 Kettenkraftkrad Drivers

2 rifles & 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads

1 Driver

1 rifle & 1 light passenger vehicle

1 Machine Gunner

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 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 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

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 or 3-ton truck for munitions  
2nd Flak Troop:  
     same as 1st Troop  
3rd Flak Troop:  
     same as 1st Troop

Vehicle Maintenance Group

3 NCOs, 14 soldiers, 10 rifles, 7 pistols, 2 submachine guns, 1 light machine gun,  
 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), either 1 2-ton truck or 1 Sd  
 Kfz 10 half track, 1 3-ton truck, & 1 4.5 ton truck

Field Train I

6 NCOs, 21/19 soldiers, 13 rifles, 14/12 pistols, 3 submachine guns, 3 light machine  
 guns, 2 Sd Kfz 251/8 ambulance half tracks, 3 light four seat passenger vehicles  
 (volkswagen), 4 3-ton trucks, 1 2-ton truck as ambulance.

Administration and Supply Squad:

1 officer, 1 warrant officer, 8/7 NCOs, 48/43 soldiers, 51/45 rifles, 7 pistols,  
 1 light machine gun, 2 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 1  
 unidentified truck, 1 3-ton truck, 14.5 ton truck for fuel, 6 4.5 ton trucks for  
 fuel transport, 12 4.5 ton trucks for ammunition

Administration:

1 NCO, 5 soldiers, 6 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:

	Officers	Warrant Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	1	2
Reconnaissance Platoon	1	-	14	10
Signals Platoon	1	-	11/9	6/8
Recon/Pioneer Platoon	1	-	8	44
Flak Platoon	-	-	5	38/36
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	3	14
Field Train I	-	-	6	21/19
Admin & Supply Group	1	1	8/7	48/43
Administration	-	-	1	5
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	5	1	58/55	192/184

Note: When two numbers appear 11/12 the first number is the original strength and the second number is a penciled change to the original document reflecting a later organizational revision.

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