

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Heavy Panzer Company "Tiger"  
(Freie Gliederung)  
1 November 1943**

Formation A, found in independent Heavy Armored Battalions Staff

1 Company Commander (& Tank Commander) (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Panzerführer (Tank Commander) (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
2 Gunners  
    2 pistols  
1 Radio Operator  
    1 pistol  
2 Tank Drivers  
    2 pistols & either  
        2 Tiger Tanks, Sd Kfz 181 (88mm 36 L/56)  
        or 2 Tiger Tanks, Sd Kfz 182 (88mm 43 L/71)  
3 Motorcycle Messengers  
    3 rifles & 3 350ccm motorcycle, 1 with sidecar  
1 Radio Operator  
    1 pistol  
2 Loaders  
    2 pistols  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
1 Bicycle (not identified to whom it was assigned)

1st Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (& tank commander) (officer)  
    1 pistol  
3 Tank Commanders (NCOs)  
    3 pistols  
3 Gunners (NCOs)  
    3 pistols  
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

Vehicle Maintenance/Spare Crews:

5 NCOs, 28/27 soldiers, 23/22 rifles, 10 pistols, 4 submachine guns, 1 LMG, 3 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 1 2-ton truck, 1 3-ton truck, 2 4.5 ton trucks, & 2 Sd Kfz 10 half tracks

Field Train:

7 NCOs, 17/15 soldiers, 15/13 rifles, 9/8 pistols, 2 submachine guns, 1 light machine gun, 2 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 1 3-ton truck, 4 4.5 ton trucks, & 1 bicycle

Baggage:

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

Totals:

	Warrant			
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	6	7
1st Platoon	1	-	11	8
2nd Platoon	1	-	11	8
3rd Platoon	1	-	11	8
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	5	28/27
Field Train	-	-	7/6	15/13
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	3	-	53/52	79/76

Formation B, a single company assigned to a Panzer Regiment

Add to field train:

2 NCOs, 10 drivers, 10/8 assistant drivers, 1 3-ton truck, 3 4.5 ton fuel transport trucks & 6 4.5 munitions trucks

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