

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Feldersatz Battalion
Panzer or Panzer Grenadier Division
1 November 1943**

Staff

1 Battalion Commander (officer)
 1 pistol
1 Adjutant (officer)
 1 pistol
1 Messenger/Scribe
 1 rifle
1 Driver
 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Training Squad:

5 Company Commanders (officers)
 5 pistols & 5 submachine guns
8 Platoon Leaders
 8 pistols & 8 submachine guns
5 Hauptfeldwebels (NCOs)
 5 pistols & 5 submachine guns
8 Platoon Leaders (NCOs)
 8 pistols & 8 submachine guns
60 Group Leaders (NCOs)
 60 submachine guns
5 Corpsmen (NCOs)
 5 pistols
5 Scribes
 5 rifles

Supply Company

1 Company Commander (officer)
 1 pistol
1 Battalion Physician (officer)
 1 pistol
1 Hauptfeldwebel (NCO)
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
1 Battalion Scribe
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
3 Equipment NCOs
 3 pistols
1 Corpman (NCO)
 1 pistol
1 Scribe (and wagon leader)
 1 rifle
2 Wagon Drivers
 2 rifles, 4 draft horses & 2 panjewagons

Weapons Squad:

50 Light Machine Guns
12 Heavy Machine Guns
6 80mm Mk 34 Mortars
either 2 120mm Mk 42 mortars or 1 75mm leIG 18 (light infantry gun)
1 75mm PAK
1 20mm Flak

2 flamethrowers
 1 105mm LFH 18 (light howitzer)
Administration Squad:
 1 Paymaster (warrant officer)
 1 pistol
 3 Accountants (NCOs)
 3 rifles
 1 Field Cook (NCO)
 1 rifle
 1 Scribe
 1 rifle
 4 Shoemakers
 4 rifles
 4 Tailors
 4 rifles
 14 Wagon Drivers
 14 rifles, 6 Hf 11 or Hf 13 field kitchens with 12 horses
 2 Panjewagons with 4 horses with cobbler & tailor equipment
 6 Panjewagons with 12 horses with kitchen equipment

Commissary Squad:
 1 Commissary Officer
 1 rifle
 5 Wagon Drivers
 6 rifles, 6 panjewagons with 12 horses

Weapons J-Troop:
 1 Weapons NCO
 1 pistol
 4 Assistant Master Gunsmiths
 4 rifles
 2 Wagon Drivers
 2 rifles & 2 panjewagons with 4 horses
 1 Blacksmith
 1 rifle

Vehicle Squad:
 1 Squad NCO
 1 rifle
 7 Drivers
 7 rifles, 5 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
 & 2 3-ton truck drivers

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	2	-	6	3
Weapons Squad	-	-	-	-
Administration	-	1	4	34
Commissary	-	-	1	6
Weapons J-Troop	-	-	1	7
Vehicle Squad	-	-	1	7
Total	2	1	13	57

Replacement Squad:

This contained up to 200 NCOs and men. They brought their personal weapons with them and were deployed with the cadres as necessary.

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