

**Table of Organization**  
**German 653rd (Elephant) Schwere Panzerjäger Battalion**  
**1 July 1944**

Commanding officer: Major Grillenberger

Group Command:

- 1 Halftrack
- 1 Quad 20mm Flak gun on Panther Chassis
- 1 Command Halftrack
- 1 Command Tank (Panther with Pz IV Turret)
- 1 Tiger Command Tank (Sd Kfz 181)
- 1 Armored Ambulance Halftrack

Staff Company: Lt. Klos

Signals Platoon:

organization not indicated

Flak Platoon:

- 1 Towed Quad 20mm gun
- 1 Quad 20mm gun on T-34 Chassis
- 1 Self Propelled Quad 20mm gun (Halftrack chassis)

Pioneer Platoon:

organization unknown

Halftrack Reconnaissance Platoon:

organization unknown

Panzerjäger Platoon:

- 1 T-34 ammunition carrier
- 6 Elephants (Sd Kfz 148)

2nd Company: Oberleutnant Salamon

Company Command:

- 2 Elephants (Sd Kfz 148)

1st, 2nd & 3rd Platoons, each with:

- 4 Elephants (Sd Kfz 148)

Baggage:

organization unknown

Ordnance:

- 1 Pz III Ammunition Carrier
- 1 T-34 Ammunition Carrier
- 1 Recoverly Elephant (Sd Kfz )

Maintenance Detachment:

organization unknown

3rd Company: Oberleutnant Kretzschmer

Company Command:

- 2 Elephants (Sd Kfz 148)

1st, 2nd & 3rd Platoons, each with:

- 4 Elephants (Sd Kfz 148)

Baggage:

organization unknown

Ordnance:

- 1 Pz III Ammunition Carrier
- 1 T-34 Ammunition Carrier
- 1 Recoverly Elephant (Sd Kfz )

Maintenance Detachment:

organization unknown

Maintenance Company:

Baggage  
Signals Maintenance  
1st Platoon (Command)  
2nd (workshop) Platoon  
3rd (recovery) Platoon

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22	19	Officers
8	8	Warrant Officers
235	196	NCOs
731	756	Men
-	47	Hiwis
1026	996	Total
639	633	Rifles
991	362	Pistols
101	82	Machine pistols
-	35	Army Pi.(b) replacing Machine Pistols
58	36	Flare Guns
64	54	MG34 in Vehicles
4	4	20mm Quad 38
34	34	88mm Pack 43/2 L71 in Elephants
1	1	88m KwK 36 L/56 in Tiger
1	1	75mm KwK 40 L/48 in Panther
26	23	Motorcycles
9	6	Heavy motorcycle wit sidecar
45	39	Armored vehicles
90	56	Trucks
11	25	Medium Maultier
-	5	Heavy Maultier
29	23	Halftrack prime movers
11	13	Heavy Trailers
34	34	Elephants
2	2	Elephant Recovery Tanks
1	1	Pz VI Tiger Tank
-	2	Pz V Panther Tanks
2	-	Pz V Panther Recovery Tanks
4	3	Pz III Munitions Tanks
-	-	T-34 Munitions Tanks
-	1	T-34 with Quad 20mm gun
1	1	Armored Ambulance

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