

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Escort Company
Panzer Division
1 February 1944**

Staff:

- 1 Company Commander
 - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Battle Scribe (NCO)
 - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Truck Driver
 - 1 rifle
- 1 Corpsman (NCO)
 - 1 pistol
- 1 Messenger (radio operator)
 - 1 rifle
- 2 Motorcycle Messengers
 - 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle each
- 2 Motorcycle Messengers
 - 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle with sidecars each
- 1 Truck Driver
 - 1 rifle & 1 light 4 seat personnel vehicle

1st (Schützen) Rifle Platoon

- 1 Platoon Commander
 - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Platoon Leading NCO
 - 1 rifle
- 2 Messengers (radio operators)
 - 1 rifle each
- 1 Stretcher Bearer
 - 1 pistol
- 2 Truck Drivers
 - 1 rifle, 1 light 4 seat personnel vehicle, & 1 trailer each
 - 3 Groups, each with:
 - 1 Group Leader (NCO)
 - 1 submachine gun
 - 1 Assistant Group Leader (NCO)
 - 1 rifle
 - 9 Soldiers & Machine Gunners
 - 1 88mm R. Panzerbüchse 54 5 rifles, 4 pistols,
& 2 light machine guns
 - 1 Driver
 - 1 rifle, 1 2 ton truck, & 1 trailer
 - 1 Heavy Machine Gun Group:
 - 2 Weapons Leaders
 - 1 submachine gun each
 - 10 Machine Gunners
 - 6 rifles, 4 pistols, & 2 heavy machine guns
 - 1 Truck Driver
 - 1 rifle, 1 2 ton truck & 1 trailer
 - 1 Mortar Group:
 - 1 Group Leader
 - 1 submachine gun

2 Troop Leaders
 1 pistol each
 12 Soldiers
 6 rifles, 6 pistols, 2 80mm mortars Mk 34
 2 2 ton open trucks
2nd (Heavy Anti-Tank) Platoon
 1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
 1 Observation NCO
 1 submachine gun
 1 Messenger
 1 rifle
 1 Motorcycle Messenger
 1 rifle, 1 350ccm motorcycle with sidecar
 1 Driver
 1 rifle & 1 4 seat light personnel vehicle
 3 Rifle Leaders (NCOs)
 1 submachine gun each
 19 Soldiers (including 3 machine gunners)
 10 rifles, 9 pistols, & 3 light machine guns
 3 Drivers
 1 rifle each
 3 75mm PAK 4, or 75mm PAK 97/38, or 76.2mm PAK 36 guns
 3 2 ton light open trucks
 1 3 ton truck
3rd (Flak) Platoon:
 1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
 1 Section Leader (NCO)
 1 pistol
 1 Messenger
 1 rifle
 1 Messenger
 1 rifle & 1 halb kettenkraftkrad Sd Kfz 2
 1 Driver
 1 rifle & 1 light 4 seat personnel vehicle
 4 Rifle Leaders (NCOs)
 1 pistol each
 12 Riflemen
 6 rifles & 6 pistols total
 2 Range Finder Operators
 1 pistol each
 6 Drivers
 1 rifle each
 4 20mm Flak Guns
 4 Sd Kfz 10/4 to two guns
 2 Sd Kfz 10/4 to carry ammunition (later reduced to 1 half track)
 4 Sd Ah 51 Trailers
4th (Reconnaissance) Platoon
 1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 1 submachine gun
 1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
 1 pistol
 1 Messenger
 1 rifle

3 Motorcycle Messengers
 1 rifle & 1 motorcycle with sidecar each.
 1 Stretcherbearer
 1 pistol
 2 Drivers
 1 rifle & 1 light 4 seat personnel vehicle each
3 motorcycle Groups: with total of:
 3 Group Leader (NCO in sidecar)
 1 submachine gun each
 21 Motorcyclists (including 12 machine gunners)
 9 rifles, 12 pistols, 5 light machine guns & 18 motorcycles
 with sidecars)
 18 Soldiers (in sidecars)
 18 rifles

Battle Field Train:

4 NCOs, 8 soldiers (later 7), 10 rifles (later 9), 2 pistols, 4 (later 3) motorcycles

Vehicle Maintenance:

1 NCO, 3 soldiers, 3 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 truck, 1 motorcycle with sidecar

Administration:

1 NCO, 2 (later 1) soldiers, 3 (later) 2 rifles, & 1 motorcycle

Totals:

	Warrant			
	Officers	Officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	3	7
1st Platoon	1	-	12	60
2nd Platoon	-	-	5	26
3rd Platoon	-	-	6	23
4th Platoon	1	-	4	46
Battle Field Trn	-	-	4	8
Maintenance Group	-	-	1	3
Administration	-	-	1	2
Total	3	37	176	135

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