

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Battalion Staff  
Panzer IV Battalion  
Panther Battalion  
Assault Gun Battalion  
Sturmpanzer Battalion  
& Tiger Heavy Panzer Battalion  
1 November 1944**

**Panzer IV Battalion:**

Staff:

1 Battalion Commander (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Adjutant (and commander)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Ordnance Officer  
    1 pistol  
1 Battalion Physician (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Battle Scribe (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
1 Messenger Leader (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
2 Messengers  
    2 rifles, 1 350ccm motorcycle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
2 Messengers  
    2 rifles  
3 Drivers  
    3 rifles, 3 light four seat passenger vehicles  
1 Light Machine gun

Staff Company:

1 Company Commander (and battalion signals officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Hauptfeldwebel (Sergeant Major)  
    1 pistol  
1 Weapons NCO  
    1 pistol  
1 Master Radio Operator (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
1 Commander (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
2 Gunners (NCO)  
    2 pistols  
2 Radio Operators (NCO)  
    2 pistols  
1 Radio Operator (loader) (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
3 Armored Vehicle Drivers (NCOs)  
    3 pistols & 3 Panzer IV (75mm cm 40 (L/48) (Sd Kfz 161/2)  
    Panzer Command Vehicles

- 2 Corpsmen (radio operators) (NCO)
  - 2 pistols
- 1 Radio Operator
  - 1 pistol
- 2 Radio Operators (Loaders)
  - 2 pistols
- 1 Telephone Talker
  - 1 rifle
- 1 Scribe (messenger)
  - 1 rifle
- 2 Corpsmen (1 drove half track)
  - 2 pistols & 1 Sd Kfz 251/8 & 2 submachine guns
- 4 Drivers (1 for car, 2 for one truck, & 1 for half track)
  - 2 rifles, 1 2 ton truck (with two drivers), 1 light four seat passenger vehicle, 1 Sd Kfz 251/8 with 2 submachine guns

Reconnaissance Platoon:

- 1 Platoon Leader (officer)
  - 1 pistol
- 4 Commanders (NCOs)
  - 4 pistols
- 4 Gunners
  - no weapons
- 1 Radio Operator
  - 1 pistol
- 5 Drivers for armored vehicles
  - 5 pistols & 5 Panzer IV (75mm cm 40 (L/48) (Sd Kfz 161/2)
- 4 Radio Operators
  - 4 pistols
- 5 Gunners
  - 5 pistols

Reconnaissance and Pioneer Platoon

- 1 Platoon Leader (officer)
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Officer on special assignment
  - 1 pistol (rides Sd Kfz 2)
- 3 Messengers
  - 3 rifles, 1 350ccm motorcycle, & 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
- 1 Driver
  - 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle
- 1 Machine Gunner
  - 1 light machine gun
- 1st Reconnaissance Troop
  - 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
    - 1 submachine gun
  - 1 Machine Gunner
    - 1 pistol & 1 light machine gun
  - 1 Motorcycle Messenger
    - 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2
  - 1 Messenger
    - 1 rifle
  - 1 Driver
    - 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle

2nd, 3rd & 4th Reconnaissance Troops:

1 same as first

1st Pioneer Troop:

1 Troop Leader (NCO)

1 submachine gun

4 Pioneers (1 radio operator, 1 half track driver & 2 truck drivers)

2 Machine Gunners

2 pistols

2 Drivers (1 for Half track & 1 for truck)

1 light machine gun

1 Sd Kfz 3 or 3-ton truck

1 Sd Kfz 251/7 Half track

2nd & 3rd Pioneer Troops:

same as 1st Troop

Anti-Aircraft Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (NCO)

1 pistol

1 Messenger (also Machine Gunner Rifleman)

1 rifle & 1 light machine gun

1 Motorcycle Messenger

1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle

1 Driver

1 rifle & 1 four seat light passenger vehicle

Guns:

3 Gun Captains (NCOs)

3 submachine guns

15 Gunners

6 rifles, 9 pistols, 3 quad 20mm Flak guns

3 Half Track Drivers

3 rifles & 3 Sd Kfz 7/1 half tracks

Munitions Group:

1 Group Leader (NCO)

1 submachine gun

6 Munitions Handlers

6 rifles

3 Truck Drivers

3 rifles & 3 3-ton trucks

Panther Battalion

Same as Panzer IV Battalion, except Mk IV Tanks replaced by Panther Sd Kfz 171 - 75mm KwK 41 (L/70)

Sturmgeschütz Battalion

Staff same as Panzer IV Battalion, but Staff company was reduced by 1 Sd Kfz 251/8, 1 Corpsman (NCO), 1 Corpsman (soldier), & 1 driver). The Panzer IV were replaced by Sturmgeschütz III 75mm StuK 40(L/48) Sd Kfz 142/1 as command vehicles. The reconnaissance platoon was deleted, but the Reconnaissance/Pioneer Platoon and Flak Detachments were the same.

Tiger Battalion

Staff was the same. The staff company had the Panzer IV replaced by

the Tiger Sd Kfz 181 88mm KwK 36 (L/56) or the Tiger Sd Kfz 182 88mm KwK 43 (L/71).  
The Reconnaissance Platoon stood as follows:

Reconnaissance Platoon

- 1 Platoon Commander
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Troop Leader
  - 1 submachine gun
- 2 Radio Operators
  - 2 rifles
- 1 Half Track Driver
  - no weapons
- 1 Light Machine Gun
- 1 Sd Kfz 251/5 Reconnaissance vehicle
  - 1st Group
    - 1 Group Leader (NCO) (commander)
      - 1 submachine gun
    - 1 Group Leader (NCO) (commander)
      - 1 submachine gun
    - 8 Machine Gunners (2 also radio operators)
      - 4 rifles, 4 pistols & 2 light machine guns
    - 2 Half Track Drivers
      - 1 Sd Kfz 251/1 & 1 Sd Kfz 251/3
  - 2nd & 3rd Groups
    - same as 1st Group

Totals:

Panzer IV Battalion

	Officers	Warrants	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	4	-	3	7
Staff Company				
Group Command	1	-	14	11
Reconnaissance Platoon	1	-	14	10
Recon/Pioneer Platoon	1	-	8	45
Flak Platoon	-	-	6	30
Total	7	-	45	103

Tiger Battalion

	Officers	Warrants	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	4	-	3	7
Staff Company				
Group Command	1	-	14	11
Reconnaissance Platoon	1	-	7	33
Recon/Pioneer Platoon	1	-	8	45
Flak Platoon	-	-	6	30
Total	7	-	38	126

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