

German Army
Authorized Strength
Panther or Mk IV Panzer Company
(17 and 14 Tanks)
(Freie Gliederung)
1 November 1944

Formation A, 17 Tanks

Staff

- 1 Company Commander (& Tank Commander) (officer)
 - 1 pistol
- 1 Hauptfeldwebel (NCO)
 - 1 pistol
- 1 Weapons NCO
 - 1 pistol
- 1 Tank Commander (NCO)
 - 1 pistol
- 1 Gunner (NCO)
 - no personal weapon
- 2 Tank Drivers (NCO)
 - 2 pistols & either:
 - 2 Panther Tanks, Sd Kfz 171, 75mm 42 (L/70)
 - or 2 Panzer Mk IV, Sd Kfz 161/2, 75mm 40 (L/48)
 - or 2 Panzer 604/9 75mm 42 (L 70)
- 1 Radio Operator
 - 1 pistol
- 1 Gunner
 - no personal weapon
- 2 Loaders
 - 2 pistols
- 1 Radio Operator
 - 1 pistol
- 1 Messenger
 - 1 rifle
- 2 Kettenkraftkrad Drivers
 - 2 rifles & 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
- 2 Drivers
 - 2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

1st Platoon:

- 1 Platoon Leader (& tank commander) (officer)
 - 1 pistol
- 4 Tank Commanders (NCO)
 - 4 pistols
- 4 Gunners (NCOs)
 - no personal weapons
- 1 Radio Operator (NCO)
 - 1 pistol
- 5 Drivers (NCOs)
 - 5 pistols & either:
 - 5 Panther Tanks, Sd Kfz 171, 75mm 42 (L/70)
 - or 5 Panzer Mk IV, Sd Kfz 161/2, 75mm 40 (L/48)
 - or 5 Panzer 604/9 75mm 42 (L 70)
- 1 Gunner
 - no personal weapon

4 Radio Operators
 4 pistols
 5 Loaders
 5 pistols
2nd Platoon
 same as 1st Platoon
3rd Platoon:
 same as 1st Platoon, but officer replaced by NCO

Spare Crews:
 2 Tank Commanders (NCOs)
 2 pistols
 2 Tank Drivers (NCOs)
 2 pistols
 2 Gunners
 2 pistols
 2 Loaders
 2 pistols
 2 Radio Operators
 2 pistols

Totals:
Formation A, 17 tanks

	Officers	Warrant Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	7	9
1st Platoon	1	-	14	10
2nd Platoon	1	-	14	10
3rd Platoon	-	-	15	10
Spare Crews	-	-	4	6
Total	3	-	54	45

Formation B, 14 Tanks
 Delete the following from each platoon of Formation A:
 1 Tank Commander (NCO)
 1 pistol
 1 Tank Driver (NCO)
 1 pistol & 1 tank
 1 Gunner
 no personal weapon
 1 Radio Operator
 1 pistol
 1 Loader
 1 pistol

Totals:
Formation A, 17 tanks

	Officers	Warrant Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	7	9
1st Platoon	1	-	12	7
2nd Platoon	1	-	12	7
3rd Platoon	-	-	13	7
Spare Crews	-	-	4	6
Total	3	-	48	36

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