

**German Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**M1 (355mm) Battery (motZ)**  
**(1 gun)**  
**1 April 1944**

Staff

- 1 Battery Commander (officer)
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Engineering Officer
  - 1 pistol
- 2 Drivers
  - 2 rifles, 1 medium (Kfz 15) & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
- 1 Observation Officer
  - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Scissors Telescope NCO
  - 1 rifle
- 2 Aiming Circle NCOs
  - 2 rifles
- 1 Fire Control Supervisor (NCO)
  - 1 rifle
- 1 Motorcycle Messenger
  - 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle

Signals Squad:

- 1 Telephone & 1 Radio Squad Leader (NCO)
  - 1 pistol
- 2 Special Duty Telephone Operators
  - 2 rifles
- 1 Driver
  - 1 rifle & 1 Kfz 15 Radio Wagon
- (mot) Large Telephone Troop (a):
  - 1 Telephone Troop Leader (NCO)
    - 1 rifle
  - 7 Telephone Talkers & 1 driver
    - 7 rifles
  - 1 Driver
    - 1 rifle
  - 1 Kfz 2 Signals Truck
  - 1 Kfz 23 Telephone Truck
- (mot) Medium Telephone Troop (b):
  - 1 Telephone Troop Leader (NCO)
    - 1 rifle
  - 6 Telephone Talkers
    - 6 rifles
  - 1 Driver
    - 1 rifle & 1 Kfz 15 Signals Vehicle
  - 1 Driver
    - 1 rifle & 1 Kfz 76 Observation Vehicle
- (mot) Radio Troop (c):
  - 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
    - 1 rifle
  - 3 Radio Operators
    - 3 rifles & 1 Kfz 17/1 Radio Vehicle

Portable Radio Troop (f):

2 Radio Operators (1 NCO)  
2 rifles

1st (mot) Portable Radio Troop (f):

1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
1 rifle  
2 Radio Operators  
2 rifles & 1 Kfz 2 Radio Vehicle

2nd (mot) Portable Radio Troop (f):

same as 1st

(mot) Survey and Fire Adjustment Troop

1 Troop Leader (officer)  
1 submachine gun  
1 Engineer Officer  
1 pistol  
2 Survey Troop leaders (NCOs)  
2 rifles  
1 Evaluation NCO  
1 rifle  
6 Observers  
6 rifles  
6 Radio Operators  
6 rifles  
5 Evaluators  
5 rifles  
2 Drivers  
2 rifles & 2 Kfz 3 Survey Troop Vehicles  
5 Truck Drivers  
5 rifles, 1 Kfz 62 Flash Ranging Station Vehicles, & 1 Kfz 62  
Flash Ranging Truck

Gun Battery:

1 Battery Officer  
1 pistol  
1 Special Duty Officer  
1 pistol  
1 Hauptwachtmeister (NCO)  
1 pistol  
1 Gun Captain (NCO)  
1 pistol  
1 Fire Control NCO  
1 pistol  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
1 pistol  
2 Gun Fire Solution Technicians  
2 rifles  
24 Gunners  
24 gunners & 1 M1 355 mortar  
4 Machine Gunners  
4 rifles & 2 light machine guns  
3 Drivers  
3 rifle, 1 Kfz 1, Kfz 4 & Kfz 15 vehicles  
1 Driver  
1 rifle, 1 4.5 truck, 1 15KW Generator Trailer  
8 Half Track Drivers  
8 rifles & 8 Sd Kfz 9 (18 ton) half tracks

Munitions Squad:

1 Squad Leader (NCO)

1 pistol

1 Driver

1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

8 Truck Drivers

8 rifles, 4 3-ton trucks for munition & 4 4.5 ton trucks for munitions

Camouflage , Smoke, and Construction Troop

2 NCOs, 17 soldiers, 19 rifles & 2 3-ton trucks

Field Train/Vehicle Maintenance

1 warrant officer, 3 NCOs, 9 soldiers, 10 rifles, 3 pistols, 1 Hf 11 or Hf 13 field kitchen, 3 3-ton trucks (kitchen, fuel & equipment), 1 motorcycle with sidecar.

Baggage:

1 NCO, 4 soldiers, 5 rifles & 1 4.5 ton truck

Totals:

	Officers	Warrant Officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	3	-	5	4
Signals Squad	-	-	6	28
Survey & Flash Ranging	2	-	3	25
Battle Battery				
Gun Squad	2	-	4	52
Munitions Squad	-	-	1	17
Camouflage, Smoke, Etc	-	-	2	17
Field Train	-	1	3	9
Battery Baggage	-	-	1	4
Total	7	1	25	156

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