

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Staff, (mot) Machine Gun Battalion  
1 May 1944**

**Battalion Staff**

1 Battalion Commander  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Battalion Adjutant (officer)  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Battalion Ordnance Officer  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Battalion Physician (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Assistant Physician (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Officers' Assistant  
    1 pistol  
1 Scissors Telescope Operator  
    1 pistol  
1 Battle Scribe  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Corpsman  
    1 pistol  
4 Motorcycle Messengers  
    1 submachine gun & 1 350ccm motorcycle each  
3 Drivers  
    1 rifle each  
1 light 4 seat truck, & 2 medium (later light) 4 seat trucks

**Staff Company**

Command Section

1 Company Commander (officer)  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Senior Company NCO  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Driver Staff NCO  
    1 submachine gun  
5 Motorcycle Messengers  
    1 submachine gun & 1 350ccm motorcycle each  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle  
1st (Motorcycle Machine gun) Platoon:  
1 Platoon Commander (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun & 1 pistol  
1 Group Leader NCO  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Leader of Drivers  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith  
    1 rifle  
1 Range Finder Operator  
    1 pistol  
2 Motorcycle Messengers  
    1 submachine gun & 1 350ccm motorcycle each

2 Drivers

- 1 rifle & 2 light 4 seat trucks
- 4 Section Troops, with a total of:
- 4 Gun Leaders
  - 4 submachine guns
- 16 Motorcycle Machine gunners (in sidecars)
  - 8 rifles, 1 pistols
- 8 Motorcyclist Riflemen
  - 4 rifles, 4 pistols
- 12 Motorcyclist Drivers for motorcycles with sidecars
  - 4 Rifles
- 12 motorcycles with sidecars
- 16 motorcycles without sidecars

2nd (Motorcycle Machine gun) Platoon

same as 1st (Motorcycle Machine gun) Platoon

3rd (Signals) Platoon:

- 1 Platoon Commander (NCO)
  - 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
- 1 Driver for Signals Equipment Truck
  - 1 Rifle & 1 light 4 seat truck
- 2 Light (mot) Field Cable Troop, each with
- 1 Telephone Troop Leader (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun
- 3 Telephone Talkers
  - 1 rifle each
- 1 Light 2 ton Truck
- 4 (mot) Radio Troops, each with:
- 3 Radio Operators, with
  - 2 rifles, 1 submachine gun & 1 2 ton 3 seat car

Vehicle Maintenance Squadron:

1 warrant officer, 1 NCO, 7 soldiers, 8 rifles, 1 pistol, 4 trucks & 1 trailer

Weapons Repair Troop:

1 warrant officer, 1 NCO, 4 soldiers, 2 rifles, 4 pistols, 1 light machine gun, 2 4 ton trucks.

Munitions Squadron:

1 NCO, 7 soldiers, 7 rifles, 1 submachine gun 4 2 ton trucks.

Battle Field Train:

4 NCOs, 13 soldiers, 14 carbines, 2 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 8 2 and 3 ton trucks.

Administrative Field Train:

1 NCO, 2 soldiers, 2 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 1 2 ton truck.

Field Train:

1 warrant officer, 2 NCOs, 3 soldiers, 4 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, & 1 4 seat car & 1 2 ton truck.

<u>Totals</u>	Warrant			
	Officers	officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	7	-	3	7
Staff Company				
Group Leader	1	-	2	6
1st Platoon	1	-	6	42
2nd Platoon	1	-	6	42
3rd Platoon	-	-	5	23
Vehicle Maint.	-	1	1	7
Weapons Repair	-	1	1	4
Munitions	-	-	1	7
Battle Field Trn	-	-	4	13
Administration	-	-	1	2
Field Train	-	1	2	3
Total	10	3	32	156

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