

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Bicycle Rifle Company  
1 May 1944**

Company Staff:

- 1 Company Commander (officer)
  - 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
- 1 Company Troop Leader (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Vehicle Commander (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
- 1 Corpsman
  - 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
- 3 Messengers
  - 3 rifles & 3 bicycles
- 4 Radio Operators
  - 4 rifles, 4 radios, & 4 bicycles
- 2 Drivers
  - 2 rifles, 1 RSO Sd Kfz 3, 1 light passenger vehicle & 1 trailer
- 1 Bicycle Repairman
  - 1 rifle

1st (Bicycle) Platoon, with a total of:

- 1 Platoon Commander
  - 1 bicycle, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun
- 2 Messengers
  - 2 rifles & 2 bicycles
- 1 Bicycle Repairman
  - 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
- 1 Stretcher Bearer
  - 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
- 3 Groups:
  - 3 Group Leaders (NCOs)
    - 3 submachine guns & 3 bicycles
  - 24 Riflemen & Machine Gunners
    - 1 18 rifles, 3 pistols, 3 submachine guns & 3 light machine guns & 24 bicycles

2nd Platoon

Same as 1st Platoon, except officer replaced by NCO

3rd Platoon

Same as 1st Platoon, except officer replaced by NCO

Heavy Machine Gun Bicycle Group, with a total of:

- 1 Group Leader (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
- 1 Messenger
  - 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
- 1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
  - 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
- 2 Heavy Machine Gun Groups:
  - 2 Gun Commanders
    - 2 submachine guns & 2 bicycles
  - 10 Machine Gunners
    - 6 rifles, 4 pistols, 2 heavy machine guns
  - 2 Sd Kfz 2 Half Tracks & 2 Ahl Trailers

Field Train:

3 NCOs, 10 soldiers, 8 draft horses, 11 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light machine gun, 4 wagons, 1 3 ton truck, 3 bicycles.

Administration

4 NCOs, 11 soldiers, 10 draft horses, 13 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 5 horse drawn wagons, 1 truck, 3 bicycles

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	3	10
1st Platoon	1	-	3	28
2nd Platoon	-	-	4	28
3rd Platoon	-	-	4	28
Heavy Machine Gun Group	-	-	3	14
Field Train	-	-	4	11

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