German Army Authorized Strength Schützen (Rifle) Company 1 May 1944

1 Company Commander (officer) 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun 1 Company Troop Leader (NCO) 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun 1 Vehicle Leader (NCO) 1 submachine gun 1 Corpsman 1 pistol & 1 bicycle 2 Radio Operators 1 rifle & 1 radio each 1 Radio Operator 1 rifle, 1 radio & 1 bicycle 1 Horse Leader for Jf 8 Infantry Cart 1 rifle, 1 Jf 8 Infantry Cart, 1 horse 1 Jf 8 Infantry, hand drawn $\frac{1\text{st}}{1\text{ Platoon}}$, with a total of: 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun 2 Messengers 2 rifles 1 Stretcher Bearer 1 pistol 1 Wagon Driver 1 rifle 4 Light Machine Guns (1 as reserve) 1 Panjewagon for Munitions and Baggage 2 horses 2 Jf8 Infantry Carts for munitions 3 Groups: Group Leader (NCO) 3 submachine guns 24 Soldiers & Machine Gunners 18 rifles, 3 pistols, 3 submachine guns, 3 Light Machine Guns 2nd Platoon: Same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO 3rd Platoon: Same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO Heavy Machine Gun Group, with a total of: 1 Group Leader (NCO) 1 submachine guns 1 Messenger 1 rifle & 1 bicycle 1 Assistant Master Gunsmith 1 rifle 1 Wagon Driver 1 rifle, 1 panjewagon for munitions & baggage, 2 horses 2 <u>Heavy Machine</u> Guns, with:

2 Machine Gun Commanders

- 2 submachine guns
- 2 Machine Gun Gunners
 - 2 pistols & 2 heavy machine guns
- 8 Machine Gun Riflemen
 - 6 rifles & 2 pistols
- 2 Horse Leaders
 - 2 rifles, 2 Jf 8 Infantry Carts, 2 horses
- 2 Jf 8 Infantry Carts, hand drawn (for munitions)

Field Train:

4 NCOs, 9 soldiers, 10 draft horses, 2 heavy draft horses, 11 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light machine gun, 5 horse drawn wagons, 2 hand drawn wagons, 1 bicycle.

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	_	3	8
1st Platoon	1	_	3	29
2nd Platoon	_	_	4	29
3rd Platoon	_	_	4	29
Heavy Machine Gun Troo	op -	_	3	15
Field Train	_	-	4	9

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