

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Heavy Company
Fortress Machine Gun Battalion
1 August 1944**

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Hauptfeldwebel (Sergeant Major)
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
1 Company Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
1 Equipment NCO
 1 rifle
1 Corpsman (NCO)
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
1 Messenger
 1 rifle
 5 Portable Radio Troops:
 2 Troop Leaders
 2 submachine guns
 8 Radio Operators
 8 rifles
 2 Light Field Cable Troops:
 1 Troop Leader
 1 submachine gun
 5 Telephone Talkers
 4 rifles & 1 submachine gun

1st (80mm Mortar) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Direction Circle NCO
 1 submachine gun
6 Field Radio Operators
 6 rifles & 6 field radios
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
 1 rifle
2 Messengers
 2 rifles
1 Corpsman
 1 pistol
 6 80mm Mortars Mk 34:
 3 Group Leaders
 3 submachine guns
 1 Position NCO
 1 submachine gun
 24 Mortar Crewman
 6 rifles, 18 pistols, 6-80mm Mortars Mk 34

2nd (80mm Mortar) Platoon

 same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO

3rd (Pioneer) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle

1 Supply Sergeant
 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle

2 Messengers
 2 rifles & 2 bicycles
3 Pioneer Groups:
 3 Group Leaders
 3 submachine guns
 24 Pioneers
 21 rifles, 3 pistols, & 3 light machine guns

4th (Bicycle) Platoon:
 1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle

1 Messenger
 1 rifle & 1 bicycle

1 Corpsman
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
3 Groups:
 3 Group Leaders
 3 submachine guns & 3 bicycles

18 Riflemen & Machine Gunners
 12 rifles, 3 pistols, 3 submachine guns, 3 light machine
 guns & 18 bicycles

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	7	14
1st Platoon	1	-	5	34
2nd Platoon	-	-	6	34
3rd Platoon	-	-	6	34
4th Platoon	1	-	3	20
Total	3	-	26	128

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