

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Machine Gun Company
Machine Gun Battalion
1 October 1944**

Staff:

- 1 Company Commander (officer)
 - 1 horse & 1 submachine gun
- 1 Hauptfeldwebel
 - 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
- 1 Weapons NCO
 - 1 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
- 1 Company Troop Leader
 - 1 submachine gun & 1 horse
- 1 Equipment NCO
 - 1 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
- 1 Accountant
 - 1 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
- 1 Radio Operator
 - 1 rifle & 1 field radio
- 1 Stretcher Bearer
 - 1 pistol
- 1 Mounted Messenger
 - 1 submachine gun & 1 horse
- 5 Radio Operators
 - 5 rifles, 5 field radios
- 1 Blacksmith
 - 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
- 1 Jf8 Infantry Cart & 1 horse
- 1 Jf8 Infantry Cart, horse drawn
- 2 Light Field Cable Troops:
 - 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 - 1 submachine gun
 - 9 Telephone Talkers
 - 1 submachine gun & 8 rifles
 - 1 Jf8 Infantry Cart & 1 horse
 - 1 Jf8 Infantry Cart, hand drawn
- 1st (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon:
 - 1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
 - 1 submachine gun
 - 2 Messengers
 - 2 submachine guns
 - 1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
 - 1 rifle
 - 1 Stretcher Bearer
 - 1 pistol
 - 1 Wagon Driver
 - 1 rifle, 1 Hf1 or Hf6 Wagon & 2 horses
 - 4 Heavy Machine Guns:
 - 2 Group Leaders (NCOs)
 - 2 submachine guns
 - 4 Gun Commanders (NCOs)
 - 4 submachine guns
 - 4 Machine Gunners
 - 4 pistols & 4 MG42 Heavy Machine Guns

14 Machine Gun Riflemen
 10 rifles & 4 pistols
 1 Hf8 Wagon & 2 horses
 2 Jf8 Infantry Carts, hand drawn
2nd (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon:
 like 1st platoon, but officer replaced by NCO
3rd (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon:
 like 1st platoon, but officer replaced by NCO
4th (Anti-Tank) Platoon:
 1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
 1 Messenger
 1 submachine gun
 2 Machine Gunners
 1 rifle, 1 pistol, 1 light machine gun
 1 Stretcher Bearer
 1 pistol
 1 Jf8 Infantry Cart & 1 horse
 1 Jf8 Infantry Cart, hand drawn
 1 Hf1 or Hf6 Wagon & 2 horses
 1st Group:
 1 Group Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
 1 Horse Leader for Jf8 Infantry Cart
 1 rifle, 1 Jf8 Infantry Cart & 1 horse
 6 Anti-Tank Gunners
 6 pistols, 6 R-Panzerbüsche 54 anti-tank rocket launchers
 6 Munition Handlers
 6 rifles
 1 Jf8 Infantry Cart & 1 horse
 1 Jf8 Infantry Cart, hand drawn
 2nd Group:
 same as 1st Group
 3rd Group:
 same as 1st Group

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	7	17
1st Platoon	1	-	6	23
2nd Platoon	-	-	7	23
3rd Platoon	-	-	7	23
4th Platoon	1	-	7	23
Total	3	-	32	132

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