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

St	caff
1	Company Commander (officer)
	1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
1	Hauptfeldwebel (Sergeant Major)
	1 pistol & 1 bicycle
1	Company Troop Leader (NCO)
	1 submachine gun
1	Equipment NCO
	1 rifle
1	Medical NCO
	1 pistol & 1 bicycle
1	Messenger
	1 rifle & 1 bicycle
1	Range Finder Operator
	1 pistol
4	Radio Operators
	4 rifles & 4 field radios
	st (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon:
1	Platoon Leader (officer)
_	1 submachine gun
2	Group Leaders (NCO)
_	2 submachine guns
Τ	Messenger
1	1 submachine gun
Τ	Corpsman
	1 pistol
	4 Heavy Machine Guns
	4 Gun Captains
	4 submachine guns 4 Machine Gunners
	4 machine Gumers 4 pistols & 4 heavy machine guns
	12 Machine Gun Riflemen
	4 rifles & 8 pistols
2r	nd (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon
21	same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO
3 r	rd (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon
_	same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO
4 t	th (Panzer Destroyer) Platoon:
	Platoon Leader (NCO)
	1 submachine gun
1	Messenger
	1 rifle
	1st Group:
	1 Group Leader (NCO)
	1 submachine gun
	6 Soldiers
	6 rifles & 6 Panzer Büschen 54 Rocket Launchers
	6 Munitions Handlers
	6 rifles

2nd Group:

same as 1st Group

3rd Group:

same as 1st Group

## Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	_	4	6
1st Platoon	1	_	6	18
2nd Platoon	_	_	7	18
3rd Platoon	-	_	7	18
4th Platoon	-	_	4	37
Total	2	_	28	97

Notes: Occasionally the following were added by Army Groups or the AOK:

# Staff:

1 Horse Leader

1 rifle, 1 horse, & 1 Jf8 Infantry Cart

# to Machine Gun Platoons

6 Horse Leaders

12 rifles, 12 horses, & 12 Jf8 Infantry Carts

# to 4th Platoon:

3 rifles, 3 horses, & 3 Jf8 Infantry Carts

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