

**German Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**(mot) Fortress Very Heavy (20mm) Machine Gun Battalion**  
**1 October 1944**

Staff

1 Battalion Commander (officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Battalion Adjutant  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Ordnance/Signals Officer  
    1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
1 Battalion Physician  
    1 pistol  
1 Battle Scribe (NCO)  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
    1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
4 Motorcycle Messengers  
    4 350ccm motorcycles & 4 rifles  
2 Driver  
    2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles

Signals Squad:

1 Master Radio Operator  
    1 pistol  
1 Truck Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle  
    3 (mot) Light Field Cable Troops:  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 submachine gun  
    11 Telephone Talkers  
        9 rifles & 2 submachine guns  
    3 (mot) Portable Radio Troops:  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 submachine gun  
    5 Radio Operators  
        3 rifles & 3 submachine guns

Platoon Troops & Transportation

1 officer, 1 warrant officer, 5 NCOs, 14 soldiers, 15 rifles, 3 pistols, 3 submachine guns, 2 350ccm motorcycles, 5 3-ton trucks.

Munitions, Equipment & Fuel Squad

4 NCOs, 13 soldiers, 15 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 8 3-ton trucks.

Administration

2 NCOs, 13 soldiers, 14 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 5 3-ton trucks.

Baggage:

1 NCO, 8 soldiers, 8 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 2 3-ton trucks.

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	4	-	2	6
Signals Squad	-	-	3	17
Platoon Troop & Trans.	1	1	5	14
Munitions, etc.	-	-	4	13
Administration	-	-	2	13
Baggage	-	-	1	8

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