

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Staff & Administration
(mot) Fortress Very Heavy (20mm) Machine Gun Battalion
1 August 1944**

Staff

1 Battalion Commander (officer)
 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
1 Battalion Adjutant
 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
1 Ordnance/Signals Officer
 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
1 Officer in charge of vehicle park
 1 pistol
1 Battalion Physician
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
1 Battle Scribe (NCO)
 1 rifle
1 Corpsman (NCO)
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
2 Motorcycle Messengers
 2 350ccm motorcycles & 2 rifles
3 Driver
 3 rifles & 3 light four seat passenger vehicles

Signals Squad:

1 Master Radio Operator
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
 3 (mot) Light Field Cable Troops:
 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
 8 Telephone Talkers
 6 rifles & 2 submachine guns
 3 Truck Drivers
 3 rifles & 3 2-ton trucks
 3 (mot) Portable Radio Troops:
 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
 8 Radio Operators
 6 rifles, 2 submachine guns &
 3 light four seat passenger vehicles

Administration:

1 officer, 1 warrant officer, 7 NCOs, 10 soldiers, 13 rifles, 5 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 3 light machine guns, 1 350ccm motorcycle & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles

Munitions & Equipment Squad

1 NCO, 24 soldiers, 24 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 8 3-ton trucks

Vehicle Maintenance

1 warrant officer, 2 NCOs, 8 soldiers, 10 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle, 3 -ton trucks, 1 900kg trailer

Fuel Squad

1 NCO, 6 soldiers, 6 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 3 3-ton fuel trucks.

Commissary Squad

2 NCOs, 15 soldiers, 16 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 2 3-ton trucks, 4 field kitchens.

Field Train:

1 NCO, 9 soldiers, 9 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 1 3-ton truck, & 1 2-ton truck.

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	5	-	2	7
Signals Squad	-	-	3	19
Administration	1	1	7	10
Munition & Equipment	-	-	1	24
Vehicle Repair	-	1	2	8
Fuel Squad	-	-	1	6
Commissary	-	-	2	15
Field Train	-	-	1	9
Total	6	2	19	98

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