

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Heavy Company
Fortress Battalion
1 September 1944**

Staff

1 Company Commander
 1 submachine gun
1 Company Troop Commander (NCO)
 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
1 Medical NCO
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
4 Messengers
 4 submachine guns, & three (3) bicycles
1 Motorcycle Messenger
 1 350ccm motorcycle & 1 submachine gun
1 Truck Driver
 1 rifle & 1 four seat light passenger vehicle
5 NCOs to man fortress weapons
 5 submachine guns
25 Soldiers to man fortress weapons
 25 rifles

1st (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon

1 Platoon Commander (officer)
 1 submachine gun
2 Messengers
 2 submachine guns & one (1) bicycle
1 Range Finder Operator
 1 pistol
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
 1 rifle
1 Corpsman
 1 pistol
 4 Heavy Machine Guns:
 2 Group Leaders
 2 submachine guns
 4 Gun Captains
 4 submachine guns
 4 Machine Gunners (Richtschützen)
 4 pistols
 16 Machine Gunners (MG Schützen)
 12 rifles, 4pistols, 4 heavy machine guns

2nd (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon:

 same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO

3rd (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon:

 same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO

4th (Mortar) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 1 submachine gun
3 Messengers
 3 submachine guns & one (1) bicycle
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith

1 rifle
 1 Corpsman
 1 rifle
6 80mm Mortars Mk 34:
 3 Group Leaders (NCOs)
 3 submachine guns
 3 Direction Ring Operators
 3 pistols
 3 Position NCOs
 3 submachine guns
 30 Mortar Crewman
 12 rifles, 18 pistols, 6 80mm mortars Mk 34
 6 Jf 8 Infantry Carts, hand drawn

Baggage:

4 NCOs, 4 rifles, 6 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 Hf 11 or Hf 13 field kitchens, 2 bicycles

Battalion with 3 rifle companies & 1 heavy company

	Warrant			
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	7	31
1st Platoon	1	-	6	25
2nd Platoon	-	-	7	25
3rd Platoon	-	-	7	25
4th Platoon	1	-	9	13
Baggage	-	-	4	4
Total	3	-	40	145

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