

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Heavy Company  
Bicycle Grenadier Battalion  
1 September 1944**

Staff:

- 1 Company Commander (officer)
  - 1 submachine gun & 1 horse
- 1 Hauptfeldwebel (Sergeant Major)
  - 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
- 1 Weapons NCO
  - 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
- 1 Company Troops Leader (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
- 1 Equipment NCO
  - 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
- 1 Accountant
  - 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
- 1 Radio Operator
  - 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
- 1 Corpsman (NCO)
  - 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
- 2 Messengers
  - 2 submachine guns & 2 horses
- 3 Radio Operators
  - 3 rifles, 3 field radios, & 3 bicycles
- 1 Motorcycle Messenger
  - 1 submachine gun & 1 Sd Kfz Kettenkraftkrad
- 1 Bicycle Repairman
  - 1 rifle
- 1 Driver from the saddle
  - 1 rifle
- 1 Wagon Driver
  - 1 rifle, 1 four horse Hf 1 or Ef 43 wagon & 4 horses
- 2 Light Field Cable Troops:
  - 1 Troop leader
    - 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
  - 7 Telephone Talkers
    - 6 rifles, 1 submachine gun, & 7 bicycles
  - 2 Wagon Drivers
    - 2 rifles, 2 Jf8 Infantry carts & 4 horses
- 1st (Heavy Machine Gun Bicycle) Platoon, with a total of:
  - 1 Platoon Leader (officer)
    - 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
  - 2 Messengers
    - 2 submachine guns & 2 bicycles
  - 1 Assistant Master Weapons Smith
    - 1 rifle
  - 1 Bicycle Repairman
    - 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
  - 1 Stretcher Bearer
    - 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
  - 2 (later 3) Driver from the saddle
    - 2 (later 3) rifles

1 Wagon Driver  
     1 rifle  
 1 (later 2) Jf 8 Infantry Carts  
     2 (later 5) horses  
 1 (later 2) Jf 8 Infantry Carts, hand drawn  
 1 four Hose Hf 1 or Ef 43 Wagon for munition (4 horses)  
     4 Heavy Machine Guns  
     2 Group Leaders (NCOs)  
         2 submachine guns & 2 bicycles  
     4 Gun Commanders (NCOs)  
         4 submachine guns & 4 bicycles  
     4 Gunners  
         4 pistols, 4 heavy machine guns, 4 bicycles  
     12 Machine Gun Riflemen  
         8 rifles, 4 pistols, 12 bicycles  
2nd (Heavy Machine Gun Bicycle) Platoon:  
     Same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO  
3rd (Infantry Support Gun) Platoon:  
 1 Platoon Leader (Officer)  
     1 submachine gun & 1 horse  
 1 Direction Ring Operator (NCO)  
     1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
 1 Vehicle NCO  
     1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
 1 Range Finder Operator  
     1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
 1 Messenger  
     1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
 1 Bicycle Repairman  
     1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
 2 Radio Operators  
     2 radios, 2 rifles & 2 bicycles  
 1 Assistant Master Weapons Smith  
     1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
 1 Stretcher Bearer  
     1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
 1 Driver from the saddle  
     1 rifle  
 1 Wagon Driver  
     1 rifle, 1 four horse panjewagon & 4 horses  
Light Field Cable Troop:  
     4 Telephone Talkers  
         3 rifles, 1 submachine gun, & 4 bicycles  
4 Light Infantry Guns:  
     1 Position NCO  
         1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
     4 Gun Commanders  
         4 submachine guns & 4 bicycles  
     1 Direction Ring II Operator  
         1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
     24 Gunners  
         23 rifles, 1 pistol, 4 37mm guns, 1 light machine gun,  
         & 24 bicycles  
     2 Munition Handlers  
         2 rifles

6 Drivers from the saddle  
     6 rifles, 4 Jf 8 infantry carts & 8 horses  
 2 Wagon Drivers  
     2 rifles, 2 Hf 1 or Ef 43 four horse wagons  
4th (80mm Mortar Bicycle) Platoon  
 1 Platoon Leader (NCO)  
     1 submachine gun  
 6 Radio Operators  
     6 radios, 6 rifles & 6 bicycles  
 1 Bicycle Repairman  
     1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
 2 Blacksmiths  
     2 rifle & 2 bicycles  
 1 Assistant Master Weapons Smith  
     1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
 1 Stretcher Bearer  
     1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
6 80mm Mortars 34  
 3 Group Leaders  
     3 submachine guns & 3 bicycles  
 1 Direction Ring I NCO  
     1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
 1 Direction Ring II NCO  
     1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
 1 Position NCO  
     1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
 30 Mortar Crewmen  
     12 rifles, 18 pistols, 6 80mm mortars & 30 bicycles  
 15 drivers from the saddle  
     15 rifles, 12 Jf 8 Infantry Carts & 24 horses  
 12 Jf 8 Infantry Carts, hand drawn  
 3 Wagon Drivers  
     3 rifles, 3 four horse panjewagons & 12 horses

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	8	18
1st Platoon	1	-	6	24/25
2nd Platoon	-	-	6	24/25
3rd Platoon	1	-	7	48
4th Platoon	-	-	7	59
Total	3	-	35	173/175

Note: Second figure is penciled in as a later organization.

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