

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

Staff

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

1st Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 1 submachine gun
2 Messengers
 2 rifles & one (1) bicycle
1 Corpsman
 1 pistol
3 Groups:
3 Group Leaders
 3 submachine guns
24 Soldiers & Machine gunners
 18 rifles, 3 submachine guns, 3 pistols & 3 light machine
 guns

2nd Platoon

same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO

3rd Platoon

same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO

Heavy Machine Gun Group:

1 Group Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
1 Messenger
 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
1 Range Finder Operator
 1 pistol
2 Heavy Machine Guns:
2 Gun Captains (NCOs)
 2 submachine guns
2 Machine Gunners
 2 pistols & heavy machine guns
8 Machine Gun Riflemen
 6 rifles & 2 pistols

80mm Mortar Group:

1 Group Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
1 Messenger
 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
 2 80mm Mortars Mk. 34
 1 Direction Circle Operator (NCO)
 1 pistol
 1 Position Officer
 1 submachine gun
 10 Mortar Crewmen
 4 rifles, 6 pistols, 3 80mm mortars Mk 34
 2 Jf 8 Infantry Carts, hand drawn

Baggage:

4 NCOs, 5 soldiers, 7 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 Hf11 or Hf 15 field kitchen, & 3 bicycles.

Totals:

If the Battalion had 4 rifle companies the rifle companies were organized with:

	Warrant			
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	7	31
1st Platoon	1	-	3	27
2nd Platoon	-	-	4	27
3rd Platoon	-	-	4	27
Heavy Machine Group	-	-	3	12
Mortar Group	-	-	3	11
Field Train	-	-	4	5
Total	2	-	28	140

If the Battalion had 3 rifle companies & 1 heavy company the rifle companies were organized with:

	Warrant			
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	7	31
1st Platoon	1	-	6	25
2nd Platoon	-	-	7	25
3rd Platoon	-	-	7	25
Heavy Machine Group	-	-	3	12
Baggage	-	-	4	4
Total	3	-	40	145

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