

**German Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**88mm PAK 43 Self Propelled Battery**  
**(tbew./mot)**  
**1 November 1944**

Staff

1 Battery Commander (officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Advanced Observation Officer  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Observation NCO  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Forward Observer (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
1 Scissors Telescope NCO  
    1 pistol  
1 Aiming Circle NCO  
    1 pistol  
1 Machine Gunner  
    1 pistol & 1 light machine gun  
1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
2 Drivers  
    2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Signals Squad:

1 Squad Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
Light Field Cable Troop 3 (bo):  
    3 Telephone Talkers  
        3 rifles  
Medium Field Cable Troop 12 (bo):  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 rifle  
    4 Telephone Talkers  
        4 rifles  
1st Portable Radio Troop i Mw (for forward observation)  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 submachine gun  
    1 Radio Operator  
        1 rifle  
2nd Portable Radio Troop i Mw  
    same as 1st Troop  
(mot) Light Radio Troop 30 Mw:  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 rifle  
    2 Radio Operators  
        2 rifles  
    1 Truck Driver  
        1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck  
(mot) Medium Radio Troop 30 Mw:  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 submachine gun

4 Radio Operators  
4 rifles  
1 Truck Driver  
1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck

Gun Squad:

1 Battery Officer  
1 submachine gun  
1 Assistant Battery Commander (NCO)  
1 pistol  
1 Hauptwachtmeister (NCO)  
1 pistol  
2 Platoon Leaders (NCOs)  
2 rifles  
6 Gun Captains (NCOs)  
6 rifles  
1 Aiming Circle II NCO/Gunfire Solution Calculations Troop Leader  
1 pistol  
2 Armored Vehicle Drivers (NCOs)  
2 rifles & 2 Self Propelled 88mm PAK 43 Gun Carriages  
(probably Nashorns - Sd Kfz 164)  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
1 pistol  
18 (later 24) Gunners  
18 (later 24) rifles  
3 Assistant Master Gunsmiths  
3 rifles  
2 Range Finder Operators (later deleted)  
2 pistols  
2 Gun Firing Solution Calculators  
2 rifles  
2 Machine Gunners  
2 pistols & 1 light machine gun  
2 Drivers  
2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
4 Armored Vehicle Drivers  
4 rifles & 4 Self Propelled 88mm PAK 43 Gun Carriages  
(probably Nashorns - Sd Kfz 164)

Vehicle Maintenance:

2 NCOs, 8 soldiers, 10 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
& 2 3-ton trucks

Battery Baggage:

4/5 NCOs, 4 soldiers, 7rifles, 1/2 pistols, 1 light machine gun, 1 3-ton truck  
& 1 trailer

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	2	-	4	4
Signals Squad	-	-	5	19
Battle Battery				
Gun Squad	1	-	14	33/37
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	2	8
Baggage	-	-	4/5	4
Total	3	-	29/30	68/72

Note: Double numbers (25/24) indicate where there is a penciled change in the organization charge. The first number is the original strength and the second number is the penciled revised figure.

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