

**German Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**105mm leFH Battery (RSO)**  
**1 May 1944**

Staff

1 Battery Commander (officer)  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (swimming)  
1 Advanced Observation Officer  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Observation NCO  
    1 submachine gun  
2 Forward Observers (NCOs)  
    1 rifle & 1 pistol  
1 Scissors Telescope NCO  
    1 horse & 1 pistol  
1 Aiming Circle NCO  
    1 pistol  
1 Messenger (NCO)  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
1 Machine Gunner  
    1 pistol & 1 light machine gun  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Signals Squad:

1 Telephone and Radio Squad Leader (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Radio Operator for T-Receiver  
    1 rifle  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
    (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop 3  
    1 Troop Leader (NCOs)  
        1 rifle  
    3 Telephone Talkers  
        3 rifles & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
    (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop 12  
    1 Troop Leader (NCOs)  
        1 rifle  
    4 Telephone Talkers  
        4 rifles  
    1 Truck Driver  
        1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck  
    1st Portable Radio Troop i Mw (for firing position)  
    2 Radio Operators  
        1 rifle & 1 pistol  
    2nd Portable Radio Troop i Mw  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 submachine gun

1 Radio Operator  
1 rifle  
3rd Portable Radio Troop i Mw  
same as 1st Troop

105mm leFH Howitzer Squad:

1 Battery Officer  
1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Hauptwachtmeister (NCO)  
1 submachine gun  
2 Platoon Leaders (NCOs)  
2 rifles  
4 Gun Captains (NCOs)  
4 rifles  
1 Aiming Circle NCO  
1 rifle  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
1 pistol  
18 Gunners  
18 rifles & 4 105mm leFH 43 howitzers  
2 Assistant Master Gunsmiths (also gunners)  
2 rifles  
2 Gun Fire Solution Calculators  
2 rifles  
2 Machine Gunners  
2 pistols & 2 light machine guns  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
6 RSO Drivers  
6 rifles, 6 Raupenschlepper Ost (RSO) & 2 trailers

Munitions Squad:

1 Squad Leader (NCO)  
1 submachine gun  
8 Munitions Handlers  
7 rifles & 1 pistol  
1 Driver  
1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
2 Truck Drivers  
2 rifles & 2 3-ton trucks for munitions  
2 RSO Drivers  
2 rifles & 2 Raupenschlepper Ost for munitions

Vehicle Maintenance Squad:

1 NCO, 5/3 soldiers, 5/3 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 1 Raupenschlepper Ost, & 1 trailer

Baggage:

4 NCOs, 8 soldiers, 10 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light machine gun,  
4 3-ton trucks

Totals:

<u>105mm leFH Battery</u>		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	2	-	6	5
Signals Squad	-	-	3	15
Battle Battery				
Gun Squad	1	-	9	32
Munitions Squad	-	-	1	13
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	1	5/3
Battery Baggage	-	-	4	8
Total	3	-	34	84/82

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