

**German Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**Staff & Staff Battery**  
**Panzer Howitzer Battalion (Freie Gliederung)**  
**1 June 1944**

Staff

- 1 Battalion Commander (officer)
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Adjutant (officer)
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Combined Artillery Command Officer
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Ordnance Officer
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Battalion Doctor (officer)
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Battle Scribe (NCO)
  - 1 rifle
- 1 Scissors Telescope NCO
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Driver/Messenger
  - 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (swimming)
- 1 Draftsman
  - 1 rifle
- 1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver
  - 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
- 3 Drivers
  - 3 rifles, 2 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
& 1 2-ton truck

Staff Battery:

Battery Staff:

- 1 Battery Commander (officer)
  - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Kettenkraftkrad
  - 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
- 1 Driver
  - 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Signals Platoon:

- 1 Platoon Leader/Battalion Signals Officer
  - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Master Radio Operator (NCO)
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Telephone Talker/Radio Operator (NCO)
  - 1 pistol
- 2 Telephone Talkers for exchange
  - 2 rifles
- 1 Armored Vehicle Radio Attendant
  - 1 rifle
- 1 Driver
  - 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Telephone Troops:

(mot) Light Field Cable Troop 3:

- 1 Troop Leader (NCO)

1 rifle  
2 Telephone Talkers  
2 rifles & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
1st (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop 12  
1 Troop Leader  
1 submachine gun  
4 Telephone Talkers  
4 rifles  
1 Driver  
1 rifle & 1 Truck  
2nd (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop 12  
same as 1st Troop

Radio Troops:

1 NCO Radio Operator  
1 pistol  
2 Radio Operators (including 1 tank driver)  
2 pistols  
1 Observation Tank Mk III (Sd Kfz 143) or Mk IV  
1 NCO Radio Operator  
1 pistol  
2 Radio Operators (including 1 tank driver)  
2 pistols  
1 Observation Tank Mk III (Sd Kfz 143) or Mk IV  
1 NCO Radio Operator  
1 pistol  
2 Radio Operators (including 1 tank driver)  
2 pistols  
1 Observation Half Track Sd Kfz 250/5 or 251/5

Light (mot) Radio Troop 30 Mw

1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
1 pistol  
3 Radio Operators  
3 rifles & 1 2-ton truck

(mot) Light Aviation Radio Troop 20 Mw

1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
1 submachine gun  
3 Radio Operators  
3 rifles & 1 2-ton truck

Staff Battery Light Armored Howitzer Battalion

1 off, 7 NCOs, 27 soldiers

Staff Heavy & Mixed Armored Howitzer Battalion

1 off, 7 NCOs, 27 soldiers

Artillery Calibration Troop:

1 Leader (NCO)  
1 submachine gun  
1 Calibration NCO  
1 rifle  
4 Calibration Technicians  
4 rifles, 1 3-ton truck

Light Flak Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (NCO)  
1 pistol

3 Gun Captains (NCO)  
    3 rifles  
1 Flak Gun Repairman (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
9 Gunners  
    9 rifles & 3 20mm Mountain Flak 38 guns  
1 Range Finder Operator  
    1 rifle  
1 Messenger  
    1 rifle  
4 Drivers  
    4 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
    & 3 2-ton trucks

Supply Squad:

3 NCOs, 20 soldiers, 21 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light machine gun,  
1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 10 3-ton trucks

Medical Squad:

1 NCO, 2 soldiers, 1 rifle, 2 pistols, 1 ambulance

Light Maintenance Service:

1 warrant officer, 4 NCOs, 19/22 soldiers, 23/26 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 light four  
seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 3 work shop trucks, 1 3-ton truck, 1 15KVA  
generator on truck

Vehicle Recovery Troop:

1 NCO, 6 soldiers, 6 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 1 Sd Kfz 9 18ton half track, 1 Sd  
Kfz 9/1 Crane half track, 1 Sd Ah 116 heavy load trailer.

Weapons Repair Troop:

1 warrant officer, 1 NCO, 2 soldiers, 2 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, & 1  
3-ton truck

Vehicle Maintenance: (later deleted)

1 NCO, 3 soldiers, 3 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle  
(volkswagen) & 1 2-ton truck

Administration:

1 warrant officer, 5 NCOs, 12 soldiers, 16 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1  
light machine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 4 3-ton  
trucks, & 2 1.5-ton trailers

Baggage:

5 NCOs, 9 soldiers, 11 rifles, 2 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat  
passenger vehicle (volkswagen) & 3 3-ton trucks

Totals:

	Officers	Warrant officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	6	-	5	3
Staff Battery				
Command	1	-	-	2
Signals Platoon	1	-	7	27
Calibration Troop	-	-	2	5
Flak Platoon	-	-	5	16
Supply	-	-	3	20
Medical Troop	-	-	1	2
Maintenance				
Light Maintenance	-	1	4	19
Recovery	-	-	1	6
Weapons	-	-	1	3
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	1	3 (later deleted)
Administration	-	1	5	12
Baggage	-	-	5	9
Total	8	3	38	128

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