

**German Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**Light (Wespe) & Heavy (Hummel) Armored Howitzer Battery**  
**(Freie Gliederung)**  
**1 June 1944**

Staff

1 Battery Commander (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
1 Advanced Observation Officer  
    1 pistol  
1 Observation NCO  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Forward Observer (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
1 Scissors Telescope NCO  
    1 pistol  
1 Messenger/Driver (NCO)  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
1 Messenger/Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 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)  
    (mot) Light Field Cable Troop 3  
    3 Telephone Talkers  
        3 rifles & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
    (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop 12:  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 rifle  
    4 Telephone Talkers  
        4 rifles  
    1 Driver  
        1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck

Radio Troops:

1 Armored Vehicle Driver (NCO)  
    1 pistol & 1 Observation Tank Mk III (Sd Kfz 143)  
    or Mk IV variant  
2 Radio Operators  
    2 pistols  
    (mot) Light Radio Troop 30 Mw:  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 rifle  
    3 Radio Operators  
        2 rifles & 1 2-ton truck  
    3 Radio Operators  
        3 rifles & 1 Sd Kfz 250/5 or 251/18 observation half  
        track with 1 submachine gun & 1 light machine gun

1 Portable Radio Troop i Mw:

1 Troop Leader (NCO)

1 pistol

1 Radio Operator

1 rifle

Battle Battery for Light Armored Howitzers:

1 Battery Officer

1 pistol

3 Platoon Leaders (NCOs)

3 pistols

6 Gun Captains (NCOs)

6 pistols

1 Aiming Circle II NCO

1 pistol

2 Armored Vehicle Drivers (NCOs)

2 pistols

1 Corpsman (NCO)

1 pistol

17 Gunners

17 rifles

2 Assistant Master Gunsmiths (1 also gunner)

2 rifles

2 Gun Fire Solution Calculators

2 rifles

3 Machine Gunners

1 rifle, 2 pistols & 2 light machine guns

2 Munitions Handlers

2 rifles

1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver

1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad

6 Armored Vehicle Drivers

6 pistols, 4 Sd Kfz 124 "Wespe" with 1 105mm howitzer

& 2 Sd Kfz 124 munitions carriers

2 Drivers

2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Battle Battery for Heavy Armored Howitzers:

1 Battery Officer

1 pistol

3 Platoon Leaders (NCOs)

3 pistols

6 Gun Captains (NCOs)

6 pistols

1 Aiming Circle II NCO

1 pistol

2 Armored Vehicle Drivers (NCOs)

2 pistols

1 Corpsman (NCO)

1 pistol

29 Gunners

29 rifles

2 Assistant Master Gunsmiths (1 also gunner)

2 rifles

2 Gun Fire Solution Calculators

2 rifles

3 Machine Gunners  
 1 rifle, 2 pistols & 2 light machine guns  
 2 Munitions Handlers  
 2 rifles  
 1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver  
 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
 6 Armored Vehicle Drivers  
 pistols, 4 Sd Kfz 165 "Hummels" with 1 150mm howitzer  
 & 2 Sd Kfz 165 munitions carriers  
 2 Drivers  
 2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Vehicle Maintenance:

4 NCOs, 13/12 soldiers, 15/14 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 2 3-ton trucks, 1 Sd Kfz 11 half track (later deleted)

Baggage

4 NCOs, 5 soldiers, 8 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 3 3-ton trucks

Totals:

<u>Light Armored Howitzer Battery</u>	<u>Warrant</u>			
Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers	
Staff	2	-	4	3
Signals Squad	-	-	5	18
Gun Squad	1	-	13	35
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	4	13
Battery Baggage	-	-	4	5
Total	3	-	30	74

<u>Heavy Armored Howitzer Battery</u>	<u>Warrant</u>			
Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers	
Staff	2	-	4	3
Signals Squad	-	-	5	18
Gun Squad	1	-	13	47
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	4	13/12
Battery Baggage	-	-	4	5
Total	3	-	30	86/85

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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