

**German Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**Independent 194mm Gun 486(f) Gun Battery**  
**(Self Propelled Carriages)**  
**1 August 1944**

Staff

1 Battery Commander (officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Observation NCO  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Scissors Telescope NCO  
    1 pistol  
1 Messenger (NCO)  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
1 Machine Gunner  
    1 pistol & 1 machine gun  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Signals Troop:

1 Telephone Talker & Radio Operator Squad Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 T-Receiver Operator  
    1 rifle  
1 Radio Repairman  
    1 rifle  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
1st (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop 12  
1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
4 Telephone Talkers  
    4 rifles  
1 Truck Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck  
2nd (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop 12  
    same as 1st Troop  
3rd (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop 12  
    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 30Mw/Light Aviation Radio Troop 20Ukw:  
1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
4 Radio Operators  
    4 rifles  
1 Truck Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck

Survey & Flash Ranging Troop:

- 1 Survey & Flash Ranging Troop Leader (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun
- 4 Survey Leaders (NCOs)
  - 4 rifles
- 1 Evaluator (NCO)
  - 1 rifle
- 8 Observers
  - 8 rifles
- 5 Radio Operators
  - 5 rifles
- 4 Evaluators
  - 4 rifles
- 1 Motorcycle Messenger
  - 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
- 1 Driver
  - 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
- 3 Drivers
  - 3 rifles, 1 2-ton truck & 2 3-ton trucks

Gun Battery:

- 1 Battery Officer (officer)
  - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Hauptwachtmeister (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
  - 1 rifle
- 3 Gun Captain (NCOs)
  - 3 rifles
- 1 Fire Control Solution Troop Leader/Aiming Ring NCO
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Corpsman
  - 1 pistol
- 22 Gunners
  - 22 rifles
- 2 Assistant Master Gunsmiths
  - 2 rifles
- 2 Gun Fire Control Operators
  - 2 rifles
- 2 Machine Gunners
  - 2 pistols & 2 light machine guns
- 1 Motorcycle Messenger
  - 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
- 2 Drivers
  - 2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
- 3 Drivers
  - 3 Diesel-Electric Carriages with 194mm 486(f) guns
- 4 Drivers
  - 4 Diesel-Electric Carriages

Munitions Squad:

- 1 Squad Leader (NCO)
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Munitions NCO
  - 1 rifle
- 11 Munitions Handlers
  - 10 rifles, 1 pistol

1 Driver  
 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
 4 Truck Drivers  
 4 rifles & 4 4.5 ton trucks

Vehicle Maintenance:

2 NCOs, 6 soldiers, 7 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 2 2-ton trucks & 1 Kfz 9 (18-ton) heavy recovery vehicle

Weapons Maintenance Group:

1 NCO, 2 soldiers, 2 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 3-ton truck

Field Train:

4 NCOs, 8 soldiers, 10 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light machine gun, 3-3ton trucks (field kitchen, fuel & equipment)

Totals:

	Warrant			
	Officers	Officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	1	-	3	3
Signals Squad	-	-	6	26
Survey & Flash Ranging	1	-	5	22
Battle Battery				
Gun Squad	1	-	7	38
Munitions Squad	-	-	2	16
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	2	6
Weapons Maintenance	-	-	1	2
Field Train	-	-	4	8
Total	3	-	30	121

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