## German Army Authorized Strength 88mm Flak Battery (Self Propelled) (4 or 6 guns)(Freie Gliederung) 1 September 1944

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Staff
1 Battery Commander (officer)
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
1 Reconnaissance/Scissors Telescope NCO
     1 submachine gun
1 Air Warning/Aiming Circle NCO
     1 pistol
1 Messenger/Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle
2 Air Warning Soldiers
     2 rifles
1 Motorcycle Messenger
     1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
Ranging Squad:
1 Survey Officer
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
     1st Ranging Troop:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
         1 submachine gun
     3 Range Finder Operators (NCOs)
          3 rifles
     3 Range Finding Equipment Support Soldiers
          3 rifles
     1 Truck Driver
          1 rifle, 1 Kfz 415 flak range finding truck or 4.5 ton truck
          and 1 Sd Ah 52 trailer for Command Equipment 40.
     2nd Ranging Troop:
     1 Troop Leader/Machine Gunner (NCO)
          1 pistol
     3 Range Finder Operators (NCOs)
          3 rifles
     10 Range Finding Equipment Support Soldiers (including
           2 machine gunners)
          9 rifles, 1 pistol, & 1 light machine gun
     1 Truck Driver
          1 rifle & 1 Kfz 415 flak range finding truck or 4.5 ton
          truck and 1 Sd Ah 53 trailer for Command Assistance
          Equipment
Signals Squad:
1 Telephone Talker and Radio Operator/Squad Leader (NCO)
     1 submachine gun
     1st (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop (12):
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 submachine gun
     4 Telephone Talkers
          4 rifles
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1 Driver
          1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck
     (mot) Medium Radio Troop 30 Mw:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
         1 submachine gun
     2 Radio Operators
          2 rifles
     1 Driver
          1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck
Light Flak Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
    1 pistol
3 Gun Captains (NCOs)
    3 rifles
9 Gunners
     9 rifles & 3 20mm Flak 38 guns
3 Range Finder Operators
    3/2 rifles
3 Drivers
     3 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (later deleted),
     3 2-ton trucks & 3 Sd Ah 51 trailers
88mm 4 Gun Squad
1 Battery Officer
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
4 Gun Captains (NCOs)
     4 rifles
1 Corpsman (NCO)
     1 pistol
7 Air Warning Soldiers (including 1 machine gunner)
     6 rifles, 1 pistol, & 1 light machine gun
27 Gunners
    28 rifles & 4 88mm Flak 37/3 guns on self propelled carriages
1 Assistant Master Gun Smith (also gunner)
     1 rifle
4 Radio Operators
     4 rifles
1 Motorcycle Driver
     1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
5 Drivers
     5 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 9 for supplies & 4 Sd Kfz 9 (18 ton)
    self propelled gun carriages
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
1 Assistant Half Track Driver
    1 rifle
88mm 6 Gun Squad
1 Battery Officer
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
6 Gun Captains (NCOs)
     6 rifles
1 Corpsman (NCO)
     1 pistol
7 Air Warning Soldiers (including 1 machine gunner)
     6 rifles, 1 pistol, & 1 light machine gun
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40 Gunners 40 rifles & 6 88mm Flak 37/3 gun on self propelled carriages 2 Assistant Master Gun Smiths (also gunners) 2 rifles 6 Radio Operators 6 rifles 1 Motorcycle Messenger 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad 7 Drivers 7 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 9 for supplies & 6 Sd Kfz 9 (18 ton) self propelled gun carriages 1 Driver 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) 1 Assistant Half Track Driver 1 rifle Munition Squad: 1 Squad Leader (NCO) 1 submachine gun & 1 pistol 7 Munitions Handlers (including 1 machine gunner) 6 rifles, 1 pistol, & 1 light machine gun 4 Drivers 4 rifles & 4 3-ton ammunition trucks Vehicle Maintenance:\* 1 NCO, 3 soldiers, 3 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle, & 1 2-ton truck Baggage: 5 NCOs, 5 soldiers, 9 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 1 3-ton truck field kitchen, 1 3-ton fuel truck, & 1 3-ton truck for equipment. Totals: (4 gun battery) Civil Officers Servant NCOs Soldiers Staff 1 – 3 4 \_ Ranging Squad 1 8 15 3 4 Signals Squad \_ -8 Light Flak Squad \_ -13 5 \_ 47 Battery 1 Munitions Squad \_ -1 11 3 Vehicle Maintenance Troop -Battery Baggage -1 5 -\_ 5 - 30 106 3 Total T<u>otals</u>: (6 gun battery) Civil Officers Servant NCOs Soldiers Staff 1 - 3 4 Ranging Squad 1 -8 15 Signals Squad \_ \_ 3 8 Light Flak Squad \_ 4 \_ 13 \_ Battery 1 65 8 Battery Munitions Squad Munitions Squad -Vehicle Maintenance Troop - -11 1 3 1 Battery Baggage -5 5 - 33 3 Total 124

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