German Army

Authorized Strength

37mm Flak 43 & Quad 20mm Army Flak Battery (Part Self Propelled and Part MotZ)

(12 guns) 1 May 1944

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Staff
1 Battery Commander (officer)
     1 submachine gun
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
1 Reconnaissance NCO
     1 submachine gun
1 Air Warning NCO
     1 rifle
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)
Signals Squad:
1 Telephone Talker and Radio Operator/Squad Leader (NCO)
     1 submachine gun
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
     (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop (12):
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
         1 submachine gun
     4 Telephone Talkers
          4 rifles
     1 Driver
          1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck
     Portable Radio Troop:
     2 Radio Operators
          1 pistol & 1 rifle
     1st (mot) Portable Radio Troop iMw:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 submachine gun
     2 Radio Operators
          2 rifles & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle
     2nd (mot) Portable Radio Troop iMw:
          same as 1st Troop
     3rd (mot) Portable Radio Troop iMw:
          same as 1st Troop
     (mot) Medium Radio Troop 30 Mw:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 submachine gun
     2 Radio Operators
          2 rifles
     1 Driver
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1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck

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Gun Squad:
1st Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
    1 submachine gun
1 Reconnaissance NCO
     1 rifle
1 Air Warning Soldier
     1 rifle
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
     1 rifle
1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver
     1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
     Gun Platoon:
     3 Gun Captains (NCOs)
          3 rifles
     12 Gunners
          11 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 light machine gun, & 3 37mm Flak 43/1
          guns
     3 Range Finder Operators
          3 rifles
     3 Half Track Drivers
          3 rifles, 3 Heavy Wehrmacht Armored Half Tracks or
          3 \text{ Sd Kfz } 7/2 \text{ Self Propelled Gun Carriages and } 3 \text{ Sd Ah } 58
          Trailers with M & Z Cases
2nd Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
    1 submachine gun
1 Reconnaissance NCO
    1 rifle
1 Air Warning Soldier
    1 rifle
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
     1 rifle
1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver
     1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
     Gun Platoon:
     3 Gun Captains (NCOs)
          3 rifles
     12 Gunners
          11 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 light machine gun, & 3 37mm Flak 43/1
          guns
     3 Range Finder Operators
          3 rifles
     3 Half Track Drivers
          3 rifles, 3 Sd Kfz 3/5 Tracked 4.5 ton trucks or 3 Sd Kfz
          11 half tracks, plus 3 Sd Ah 58 Trailers
3rd Platoon:
     Same as 2nd Platoon
4th Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
     1 submachine gun
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1 Reconnaissance NCO
     1 rifle
1 Air Warning Soldier
     1 rifle
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
     1 rifle
1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver
     1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
2 Drivers
     2 rifles, 1 3-ton truck for munitions and equipment &
     1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
     Gun Platoon:
     3 Gun Captains (NCOs)
          3 rifles
     18 Gunners
          18 rifles & 3 Quad 20mm Flak 38/1
     3 Range Finder Operators
          3 rifles
     3 Half Track Drivers
          3 rifles, 3 Heavy Wehrmacht Armored Half Tracks or
          3 \ \text{Sd} \ \text{Kfz} \ 7/1 \ \text{Self Propelled Gun Carriages} \ \text{and} \ 3 \ \text{Sd} \ \text{Ah} \ 52
          or 3 Sd Ah 56 Trailers
<u>Light</u> <u>Searchlight</u> <u>Squad</u>:
1 Squad Leader (NCO)
     1 submachine gun
4 Searchlight Captains (NCOs)
     4 rifles
8 Search Light Operators
     8 rifles & 4 600mm searchlights
4 Truck Drivers
     4 rifles, 4 2-ton trucks, & 4 Sd Ah 51 Searchlight Trailers
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
Munition Squad:
1 Squad Leader (NCO)
     1 submachine qun
8 Munitions Handlers
     8 rifles
6 Air Warning Soldiers (including 1 machine gunner)
     5 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 light machine gun
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
8 Truck Drivers
     8 rifles & 8 3-ton Trucks for munitions
Vehicle Maintenance:
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1 NCO, 3 soldiers, 3 rifles, 1 submachine qun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle, & 1 2-ton truck

Baggage:
7 NCOs, 10 soldiers, 13 rifles, 3 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 3-ton truck field kitchen, 2 3-ton fuel trucks, 2 3-ton trucks for equipment, and 1 Sd Ah 58 Trailer for supplies.

Totals:

		Civil		
	Officers	Servant	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	1	_	2	2
Signals Squad	-	_	4	19
Gun Squad	2	_	18	94
Searchlight Squad	_	_	5	13
Munitions Squad	-	_	1	23
Vehicle Maintenance	_	_	1	3
Battery Baggage	_	_	7	10
Total	3	_	39	167

Note: If the 3rd Platoon had twin 37mm Flak guns increase the number of gunners to 25 and the number of guns to 28. Replace the Sd Ah 58 trailer with an Sd Ah 206 Trailer.

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