German Army

Authorized Strength

170mm Gun, 210mm Mörser 18, and 240mm H2 Howitzer Battery (3 Guns)

Fortress Artillery Battalion 2 September 1944

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Staff
1 Battery Commander (officer)
     1 submachine gun
1 Forward Observer (officer)
     1 submachine gun
1 Observation NCO
    1 submachine qun
2 Forward Observers (NCOs)
     2 rifles
1 Scissors Telescope NCO
     1 pistol
1 Machine Gunner
     1 pistol & 1 light machine gun
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
Signals Squad:
1 Telephone and Radio Squad Leader (NCO)
     1 submachine gun
1 Operator for T-Receiver
     1 rifle
     1st (garrison) Medium Field Cable Troop 10
     1 Troop Leader (NCOs)
          1 rifle
     4 Telephone Talkers
          4 rifles
         (garrison) Medium Field Cable Troop 10
          same as 1st
     <u>1st Portable Radio Troop i Mw:</u>
     2 Radio Operators
          2 rifles
     2nd <u>Portable</u> <u>Radio</u> <u>Troop i Mw:</u>
     1 Troop Leader
          1 rifle
     1 Radio Operator
          1 rifle
     3rd Portable Radio Troop i Mw:
     2 Radio Operators
          2 rifles
170mm Guns or 210mm Mörser Squad:
1 Battery Officer
     1 submachine gun
1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
     1 rifle
3 Gun Captains (NCOs)
     3 rifles
1 Fire Control Troop Leader/Aiming Ring NCO)
     1 rifle
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1 Corpsman (NCO)

1 pistol

37 Gunners

37 rifles & 3 170mm guns or 210mm Mörsers

2 Assistant Master Gunsmiths (also gunners)

2 rifles

2 Gun Fire Solution Calculators

2 rifles

2 Machine Gunners

2 pistols & 2 light machine guns

240mm Howitzer Squad:

1 Battery Officer

1 submachine gun

1 Platoon Leader (NCO)

1 rifle

3 Gun Captains (NCOs)

3 rifles

1 Fire Control Troop Leader/Aiming Ring NCO)

1 rifle

1 Corpsman (NCO)

1 pistol

55 Gunners

55 rifles & 240mm Howitzers

2 Assistant Master Gunsmiths (also gunners)

2 rifles

2 Gun Fire Solution Calculators

2 rifles

2 Machine Gunners

2 pistols & 2 light machine guns

Field Train:

4 NCOs, 4 soldiers, 6 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light machine gun, & 2 bicycles

Total:		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	2	_	4	2
Signals Squad	_	_	4	14
Battle Battery				
170mm/210mm	1	_	6	43
240mm	1	_	6	61
Battery Baggage	_	_	4	4
Total 170mm/210mm	3	_	18	63
Total 240mm	3	_	18	81

For Additional 170mm or 210mm gun, add:

1 Platoon Leader (NCO)

1 rifle

1 Gun Captain (NCO)

1 rifle

13 Gunners

13 rifles

For additional 240mm gun, add:
1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
1 rifle
1 Gun Captain (NCO)
1 rifle
19 Gunners
13 rifles

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