

**German Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**105mm leFH Battery (RSO)**  
**(6 gun)**  
**1 June 1944**

Staff

1 Battery Commander (officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (swimming)  
1 Advanced Observation Officer  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Observation NCO  
    1 submachine gun  
2 Forward Observers (NCOs)  
    1 rifle & 1 submachine gun  
1 Scissors Telescope NCO  
    1 pistol  
1 Aiming Circle NCO  
    1 pistol  
1 Messenger (NCO)  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
1 Machine Gunner  
    1 pistol & 1 light machine gun  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
2 Driver  
    2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen)

Signals Squad:

1 Telephone and Radio Squad Leader (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Radio Operator for T-Receiver  
    1 rifle  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
    1st (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop 12  
    1 Troop Leader (NCOs)  
        1 rifle  
    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  
    1st Portable Radio Troop i Mw (for firing position)  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 submachine gun  
    2 Radio Operators  
        1 rifle & 1 pistol  
    2nd Portable Radio Troop i Mw  
        same as 1st Troop  
    Portable Radio Troop i Mw  
    2 Radio Operators  
        1 rifle & 1 submachine gun

105mm leFH Howitzer Squad:

- 1 Battery Officer
  - 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
- 1 Hauptwachtmeister (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun
- 2 Platoon Leaders (NCOs)
  - 2 rifles
- 6 Gun Captains (NCOs)
  - 6 rifles
- 1 Aiming Circle NCO
  - 1 rifle
- 1 Corpsman (NCO)
  - 1 pistol
- 28 Gunners
  - 28 rifles & 6 105mm leFH 43 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
- 1 Motorcycle Messenger
  - 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
- 7 RSO Drivers
  - 7 rifles, 7 Raupenschlepper Ost (RSO) (1 for supplies) & 1 trailer

Munitions Squad:

- 1 Squad Leader (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun
- 7 Munitions Handlers
  - 6 rifles & 1 pistol
- 2 Truck Drivers
  - 2 rifles & 2 3-ton trucks for munitions
- 2 RSO Drivers
  - 2 rifles & 2 Raupenschlepper Ost for munitions with 2 trailers

Vehicle Maintenance Squad:

1 NCO, 3 soldiers, 3 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen), 1 Raupenschlepper Ost, & 1 trailer

Baggage:

3 NCOs, 5 soldiers, 7 rifles, 1 light machine gun, 3 3-ton trucks

Totals:

<u>105mm leFH Battery</u>	Warrant			
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	2	-	6	5
Signals Squad	-	-	5	18
Battle Battery				
Gun Squad	1	-	12	44
Munitions Squad	-	-	1	11
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	1	3
Battery Baggage	-	-	3	5
Total	3	-	28	86

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