

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
(mot) Machine Gun Company  
(mot) Machine Gun Battalion  
1 May 1944**

Command:

- 1 Company Commander (1 pistol & 1 machine pistol)
- 1 Company Lead NCO (1 machine pistol)
- 1 Messenger (private) (1 pistol)
- 4 Messengers (private) (4 motorcycles & 4 rifles)
- 1 Driver (1 rifle & 1 medium personnel vehicle (later kubelwagen))

Panzer Destroyer Troop:

- 1 Troop Leader (NCO) (1 machine pistol & 1 motorcycle)
- 4 Motorcyclists (privates) (1 rifle & 4 motorcycles with side cars)
- 4 Rocket Troopers (privates) (4 pistols, 4 88mm RpzB 54, ride in sidecars)
- 4 Riflemen (munition handlers) (4 rifles) (may also ride on motorcycles)

Signals Troop:

- Troop Leader (NCO) (1 machine pistol)
- 1 Light Field Cable Troop 6 (mot)
  - 1 Troop Leader (NCO) (1 machine pistol)
  - 3 Phone Operators (3 rifles & 1 2-5on truck)
- 1st Portable Radio Troop d Ukw (mot)
  - 1 Troop Leader (NCO) (1 machine pistol)
  - 2 Radio Operators (2 rifles & 1 kubelwagen)
- 2nd Portable Radio Troop d Ukw (mot)
  - 1 Troop Leader (NCO) (1 machine pistol)
  - 2 Radio Operators (2 rifles & 1 kubelwagen)
- 3rd Portable Radio Troop d Ukw (mot)
  - 3 Radio Operators (2 rifles & 1 kubelwagen)
- 4th Portable Radio Troop d Ukw (mot)
  - 3 Radio Operators (2 rifles & 1 kubelwagen)

1st Platoon:

Platoon Command:

- 1 Platoon Leader (1 pistol & 1 machine pistol)
- 1 Group Leader (NCO) (1 machine pistol)
- 1 Vehicle Squad Leader (NCO) (1 machine pistol)
- 1 Assistant Master Armorer (private) (1 rifle)
- 1 Range Finder Operator (private) (1 pistol)
- 2 Messengers (2 rifles & 2 motorcycles)
- 2 Drivers (2 rifles & 2 kubelwagens)

Machine Gun Troops

- 4 Weapons Leaders (NCO) (4 machine pistols)
- 4 Machine Gunners (private) (4 pistols & 4 HMGs)
- 16 Riflemen (12 rifles, 4 pistols)
- 4 Drivers (4 rifles & 4 3-ton trucks (later 2-ton trucks))

Rifle Grenade Troop:

- 1 Troop Commander (NCO) (1 machine pistol)
- 4 Grenade Riflemen (4 rifles)
- 1 Driver (1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck)

1 Rifleman (1 rifle)

2nd Platoon:

same as 1st platoon

3rd Platoon:

same as 1st platoon, except officer replaced by NCO

Battle Train:

6 NCOs, 13/12 privates, 14/13 rifles, 4 pistols, 1 machine pistol, 2 kubelwagens, 1 2-ton truck (later eliminated), 2 3-ton trucks, & 1 2-ton truck

Supply Train:

2 privates, 1 rifle, 1 machine pistol, & 1 2-ton truck

Baggage:

1 NCO, 2 privates, 2 rifles, 1 machine pistol, 1 motorcycle, & 1 3-ton baggage truck.

Total:

	Warrant			
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Privates
Staff	1	0	2	18
Signal Troop	0	0	4	13
1st Platoon	1	0	7	36
2nd Platoon	1	0	7	36
3rd Platoon	0	0	8	36
Battle Train	0	0	6	13/12
Supply Train	0	0	0	2
Baggage	0	0	1	2
Total	3	0	35	156/154

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