

**German Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**Very Heavy Machine Gun Company (mot Z)**  
**9 37mm or Quad 20mm towed by Sd Kfz 3/5**  
**1 April 1944**

Command:

- 1 Company Commander (officer) (1 pistol & 1 machine pistol)
- 1 Company Troop Leader (NCO) (1 pistol)
- 1 Messenger (1 rifle)
- 2 Messengers (2 rifles & 2 motorcycles)
- 1 Driver (1 rifle & 1 kubelwagen)

Signals Squad:

- 1 Squad Leader (NCO) (1 machine pistol)
- Light Field Cable Troop 3 (mot)
  - 1 Troop Leader (NCO) (1 machine pistol)
  - 2 Telephone Operators (2 rifles & 1 kubelwagen)
- 3 Portable Radio Troops b Ksw (mot):
  - 1 Troop Leader (NCO) (1 machine pistol)
  - 8 Radio Operators (6 rifles, 2 machine pistols & 3 kubelwagens)

1st Platoon:

- 1 Platoon Leader (officer) (1 pistol & 1 machine pistol)
- 1 Vehicle Squad Leader (NCO) (1 machine pistol)
- 2 Messengers (private) (1 rifle & 1 machine pistol)
- 3 Range Finder Operators (private) (3 pistols)
- 1 Assistant Armorer (private) (1 driver, 1 rifle, 1 kubelwagen)
- 3 Gun Sections:
  - 3 Gun Captains (NCO) (3 machine pistols)
  - 12 Gunners (privates) (9 rifles & 3 pistols)
  - 3 Munitions Workers (privates) (3 rifles)
  - 3 37mm or quad 20mm guns on ground base
  - 3 4.5 ton trucks (Sd Kfz 3/5)
  - 1 3-ton Ammunition Truck
  - 3 Sd Ah 52 or 58 Trailers

2nd & 3rd Platoon:

Same as 1st platoon, but officer replaced by NCO

Munitions Squad (later deleted)

- 1 Squad Leader (NCO) (1 machine pistol)
- 4 Munitions Handlers (4 rifles)
- 4 Truck Drivers (4 rifles & 4 3-ton munition trucks)
- Note: handlers & drivers, etc., reduced from 4 to 2 at some date before the squad was deleted)

Battle Train:

6 NCOs, 6 privates, 8 rifles, 3 pistols, 1 machine pistol, 1 LMG, 3-ton trucks (1 equipment, 1 field kitchen, & 2 fuel)

Maintenance Squad:

- 2 NCOs, 3 privates, 5 rifles, 1 kubelwagen, & 2 2-ton trucks

Supply Train:

- 2 privates, 1 3-ton truck

Train:

- 1 NCO, 3 Privates, 4 rifles, & 1 2-ton truck

Total:

	Warrant			
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Privates
Command	1	0	2	4
Signals Squad	0	0	3	10
1st Platoon	1	0	4	26
2nd Platoon	0	0	5	26
3rd Platoon	0	0	5	26
Battle Train	0	0	6	2
Maintenance Sqd	0	0	2	3
Supply Train	0	0	0	2
Train	0	0	1	3
Total	2	0	29	125

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