

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Staff & Staff Company  
Turkish Battalion  
1 November 1943**

Staff Company Staff:

- 1 Company Commander (officer) (German)
  - 1 horse & 1 pistol
- 1 Troop Leader (NCO) (German)
  - 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
- 1 Mounted Messenger (German)
  - 1 horse & 1 rifle
- 1 Bicycle Messenger (German)
  - 1 bicycle & 1 rifle
- 1 Bicycle Messenger
  - 1 bicycle & 1 rifle
- 1 Scribe (German)
  - 1 bicycle & 1 rifle
- 1 Horse Attendant for officer's horse
  - 1 rifle & 1 horse

Battalion Signal Squad:

- 1 Squad Leader (NCO) (German)
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Soldier on Special Assignment (German)
  - 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
- 1 Wagon Driver
  - 1 Hf 1/1 wagon & 2 horses
  - 2 Small Radio Troops, each with:
    - 1 Troop Leader
      - 1 rifle
    - 3 Radio Operators
      - 3 rifles

1st (Infantry Anti-Tank) Platoon, with a total of:

- 1 Platoon Leader (NCO) (German)
  - 1 horse, 1 pistol, & 1 submachine gun
- 1 Troop Observation NCO
  - 1 pistol & 1 horse
- 1 Wagon Train Leader (NCO)
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Mounted Messenger
  - 1 horse & 1 rifle
- 2 Bicycle Messengers
  - 2 pistols & 2 bicycles
- 1 Horse Attendant
  - 1 rifle & 1 horse
  - 3 Anti-Tank Guns, manned by a total of:
    - 3 Gun NCOs
      - 3 horses & 3 submachine guns
    - 1 Machine Gun Leader
      - 1 pistol
    - 12 Gunners
      - 9 rifles, 3 pistols, 3 37mm guns & 12 horses
    - 3 Ammunition Handlers

- 3 rifles
- 2 Machine Gunners
  - 2 pistols & 1 light machine gun
- 1 Assistant Weapons Master
  - 1 rifle
- 6 Drivers from the Saddle
  - 6 rifle
- 4 Wagon Drivers
  - 4 rifles
- 3 Munition Wagons (6 horses)
- 1 Machine Gun Wagon Hf3 or Hf4 or Hf 1 (2 horses)

2nd (Heavy Mortar) Platoon, with a total of:

- 1 Platoon Commander (officer)
  - 1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
- 1 NCO on special assignment
  - 1 pistol
- 3 Messengers
  - 3 rifles
  - 6 Heavy Mortars
  - 3 Group Leaders (NCOs)
    - 3 submachine guns
  - 6 Troop Leaders (NCOs)
    - 6 pistols
  - 3 Range Finders
    - 3 pistols
  - 36 Mortar Gunners
    - 18 rifles, 18 pistols, & 6 80mm mortars
  - 6 Horse Leaders for Jf9 Mortar Carts
    - 6 rifles, 6 horses & 6 Jf9 Mortar Carts
  - 3 Wagon Drivers
    - 3 rifles, 3 Hf 1 light field wagons, 6 horses

3rd (Pioneer) Platoon, with a total of:

- 1 Platoon Leader (NCO) (German)
  - 1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
- 1 Platoon NCO
  - 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
- 1 Equipment NCO
  - 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
- 1 Corpsman (NCO)
  - 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
- 2 Messengers
  - 2 rifles & 2 bicycles
- 1 Horse Attendant for platoon leader's horse
  - 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
- 3 Groups, with a total of:
  - 3 Group Leaders (NCOs)
    - 3 submachine guns
  - 27 Pioneers & Machine Gunners
    - 21 rifles, 6 pistols, & 3 light machine guns
  - 3 Wagon Drivers
    - 3 rifles, 3 Hf1 wagons, 6 horses
  - 3 Wagon Escorts
    - 3 Rifles

Battle Field Train

6 German NCOs, 2 Turkish NCOs, 1 German soldier, 12 Turkish soldiers, 12 draft horses, 2 heavy draft horses, 15 rifles, 6 pistols, 3 Hf1 wagons, 1 Hf 1/13 wagon, 1 Hf 1/14 wagon, and 1 Hf 11 or Hf 13 wagon, 1 bicycle

Administration:

2 NCOs, 8 soldiers, 1 mount, 8 draft horses, 10 rifles, 4 carts, 1 2 ton truck, 1 bicycle

Horse Drawn Baggage Train

1 German NCO, 1 Turkish NCO, 7 soldiers, 1 mount, 8 draft horses, 5 rifles, 4 wagons, 1 bicycle

Totals:

|                    |          | Warrant  |      |          |
|--------------------|----------|----------|------|----------|
|                    | Officers | Officers | NCOs | Soldiers |
| Troop Command      | 1        | -        | 1    | 5        |
| Signals            | -        | -        | 3    | 9        |
| 1st Platoon        | -        | -        | 7    | 33       |
| 2nd Platoon        | 1        | -        | 10   | 51       |
| 3rd Platoon        | -        | -        | 7    | 36       |
| Battle Field Train | -        | -        | 8    | 13       |
| Administration     | -        | -        | 2    | 8        |
| Field Train        | -        | -        | 2    | 7        |

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