

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Light Howitzer Tower Platoon
15 August 1943**

Command Group:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)
1 pistol

Forward Observation Group:

1 Wachtmeister (master observer) (NCO) (in tower)
1 pistol
1 Assistant Observer
1 rifle & 1 bicycle
1 Telephone Talker
1 rifle & 1 bicycle
1 Radio Operator
1 rifle & 1 bicycle

Main Observation Position:

1 Main Observer in Tower (NCO)
1 submachine gun
1 Map NCO (assistant Main Observer) (NCO)
1 rifle
2 Telephone Talkers
2 rifles
2 Radio Operator
2 rifles
1 Fire Control Assistants
2 rifles

Gun Platoon:

1st Tower:

1 Tower Commander (NCO)
1 submachine gun
3 Gunners
3 rifles & 1 105mm howitzer
4 Munitions Handlers (including 1 machine gunner)
3 rifles, 1 pistol & 1 light machine gun

2nd Tower:

same as 1st

Administrative Troops:

5 NCOs, 3 soldiers, 2 rifles, 6 pistols, 1 1.5 ton truck & 1 bicycle

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