

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Staff (mot) 120mm Mortar Battalion  
1 March 1944**

Staff:

1 Battalion Commander  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Battalion Adjutant  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Ordnance Officer  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Battalion Physician  
    1 pistol  
1 Battalion Vehicle Officer  
    1 pistol  
1 Scissors Telescope Operator (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
1 Battle Scribe (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Aiming Ring NCO  
    1 rifle  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
1 Messenger  
    1 submachine gun  
4 Motorcycles Messenger  
    1 submachine gun & 1 350ccm motorcycle each  
3 Truck Drivers, with a total of:  
    3 rifles, 2 light 3 seat trucks & 1 2 ton truck

Signals Platoon:

1 Platoon Commander (officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
2 Messengers & Machine Gunners  
    1 submachine gun each & 1 light machine gun  
3 Truck Drivers  
    1 rifle & 1 3 ton truck each  
1 Car Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 4 seat passenger car  
6 Light Field Cable Troops, with a total of:  
    3 Troop Leaders (NCOs)  
        3 submachine guns  
    21 Telephone Talkers  
        18 rifles & 3 submachine guns  
6 Radio Troops, with a total of:  
    2 Troop Leaders (NCOs)  
        2 submachine guns  
    10 Radio Talkers  
        8 rifles & 2 submachine guns

Support Troops:

1 officer, 1 warrant officer, 15, later 16 NCOs, 44, later 42 soldiers, 51, later 50 rifles, 6 pistols, 5 submachine guns, 1 light machine gun, 2 cars & 17 trucks

Totals:

	Officers	Warrant Officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	4/5	-	4	8
Signals Platoon	1	-	5	37
Support Troops	1	1	15/16	44/42
Total	6/7	1	24/25	89/87

Note: The doubled numbers in the totals indicate the original strength and any subsequent change. The changes are penciled and it is uncertain if they are corrections to the original document or modifications.

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