

**German Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**Schützen (Rifle) Company**  
**1 May 1944**

Staff:

1 Company Commander (officer)  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Company Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Vehicle Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Corpsman  
    1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
2 Radio Operators  
    1 rifle & 1 radio each  
1 Radio Operator  
    1 rifle, 1 radio & 1 bicycle  
1 Horse Leader for Jf 8 Infantry Cart  
    1 rifle, 1 Jf 8 Infantry Cart, 1 horse  
1 Jf 8 Infantry, hand drawn

1st Platoon, with a total of:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
2 Messengers  
    2 rifles  
1 Stretcher Bearer  
    1 pistol  
1 Wagon Driver  
    1 rifle  
4 Light Machine Guns (1 as reserve)  
1 Panjewagon for Munitions and Baggage  
    2 horses  
2 Jf8 Infantry Carts for munitions  
    3 Groups:  
    3 Group Leader (NCO)  
        3 submachine guns  
    24 Soldiers & Machine Gunners  
        18 rifles, 3 pistols, 3 submachine guns, 3 Light  
        Machine Guns

2nd Platoon:

    Same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO

3rd Platoon:

    Same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO

Heavy Machine Gun Group, with a total of:

1 Group Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine guns  
1 Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith  
    1 rifle  
1 Wagon Driver  
    1 rifle, 1 panjewagon for munitions & baggage, 2 horses  
    2 Heavy Machine Guns, with:  
    2 Machine Gun Commanders

- 2 submachine guns
- 2 Machine Gun Gunners
  - 2 pistols & 2 heavy machine guns
- 8 Machine Gun Riflemen
  - 6 rifles & 2 pistols
- 2 Horse Leaders
  - 2 rifles, 2 Jf 8 Infantry Carts, 2 horses
- 2 Jf 8 Infantry Carts, hand drawn (for munitions)

Field Train:

4 NCOs, 9 soldiers, 10 draft horses, 2 heavy draft horses, 11 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light machine gun, 5 horse drawn wagons, 2 hand drawn wagons, 1 bicycle.

Totals:

	Officers	Warrant Officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	3	8
1st Platoon	1	-	3	29
2nd Platoon	-	-	4	29
3rd Platoon	-	-	4	29
Heavy Machine Gun Troop	-	-	3	15
Field Train	-	-	4	9

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