

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Schützen (Rifle) Company  
8 July 1944**

Staff:

1 Company Commander (officer)  
    1 submachine gun & 1 horse  
1 Company Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Vehicle Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Corpsman  
    1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
1 Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
1 Messenger  
    1 rifle  
3 Radio Operators  
    1 rifle & 1 radio each  
1 Horse Attendant for officer's horse  
    1 rifle  
1 Jf 8 Infantry, 1 Horse

1st Platoon, with a total of:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
2 Messengers  
    2 rifles  
1 Stretcher Bearer  
    1 pistol  
1 Wagon Driver  
    1 rifle  
3 Light Machine Guns  
1 Panjewagon for Munitions and Baggage  
    1 horse  
    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

4th (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon, with a total of:

1 Platoon Commander (officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
3 Messengers  
    3 rifles  
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith  
    1 rifle  
1 Wagon Driver  
    1 rifle, 1 panjewagon for munitions & baggage, 2 horses  
    4 Heavy Machine Gun Groups, with:

2 Group Leaders  
     2 submachine guns  
 4 Machine Gun Commanders  
     4 submachine guns  
 4 Machine Gun Gunners  
     4 pistols & 4 heavy machine guns  
 18 Machine Gun Riflemen  
     12 rifles & 6 pistols  
 4 Jf 8 Infantry Carts, hand drawn (for munitions)

Field Train:

4 NCOs, 7 soldiers, 2 draft horses, 2 heavy draft horses, 9 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 2 wagons, 1 bicycle.

Totals:

	Officers	Warrant Officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	3	8
1st Platoon	1	-	3	27
2nd Platoon	-	-	4	27
3rd Platoon	-	-	4	27
Heavy Machine Gun Troop	-	-	6	28
Field Train	-	-	4	7

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