

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Heavy Company  
Grenadier Battalion  
1 September 1944**

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Troop Commander (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
1 Assistant Master Gun Smith  
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
1 Company Troop Leader  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Equipment NCO  
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
1 Accountant (NCO)  
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
1 Radio Operator  
    1 rifle & 1 field radio  
2 Mounted Messengers  
    2 horses & 2 submachine guns  
3 Radio Operators  
    3 radios & 3 rifles  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
    2 Light Field Cable Troops:  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 submachine gun  
    9 Telephone Talkers  
        8 rifles & 1 submachine gun  
    2 Jf8 Infantry Carts & 2 horses  
    2 Jf8 Infantry Carts, hand drawn  
1st Heavy Machine Gun Platoon:  
1 Platoon Commander (officer)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
2 Messengers  
    2 rifles  
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith  
    1 rifle  
1 Stretcher Bearer  
    1 pistol  
1 Wagon Driver  
    1 rifle, 1 Hf 1 or Hf 43 & 2 horses  
1 (later 2) Jf 8 Infantry Carts (2 - later 4 - horses)  
1 (later 2) Jf 8 Infantry Carts, hand drawn  
    4 Heavy Machine Guns  
    2 Group Leaders  
        2 submachine guns  
    4 gun Leaders  
        4 submachine guns

4 Machine Gunners  
     4 pistols  
 12 Machine Gun Riflemen  
     8 rifles, 4 pistols & 4 MG42 heavy machine guns  
2nd Heavy Machine Gun Platoon:  
     Like 1st, but officer replaced by NCO  
3rd Light Infantry Support Gun Platoon  
 1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
     1 submachine gun  
 1 Vehicle NCO (later deleted)  
     1 submachine gun  
 1 Range Finder Operator  
     1 rifle  
 1 Messenger  
     1 submachine gun  
 1 Assistant Master Gunsmith  
     1 rifle  
 2 Radio Operators  
     2 rifles & 2 field radios  
 1 Stretcher Bearer  
     1 pistol  
 1 Wagon Driver  
     1 rifle, 1 panjewagon & 2 horses  
Light Field Cable Troop:  
 4 Telephone Talkers  
     3 rifles & 1 submachine gun  
4 Light Infantry Guns:  
 1 Position NCO  
     1 submachine gun  
 4 Gun Commanders  
     4 submachine guns  
 1 Direction Ring Operator  
     1 pistol  
 24 Gunners, including 2 machine gunners  
     23 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 light machine gun, 4 75mm leIG  
 2 Munition Handlers  
     2 rifles  
 2 Wagon Drivers  
     2 rifles, 2 Hf1 or Hf 43 wagons & 4 horses  
 4 Horse Leaders for Infantry Carts  
     4 rifles, 4 Jf 8, Jf3 or Jf4 Infantry Carts & 8 horses  
4th (80mm Mortar) Platoon  
 1 Platoon Leader (NCO)  
     1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
 6 Radio Operators  
     6 rifles & 6 field radios  
 1 Assistant Master Gunsmith  
     1 rifle  
 1 Stretcher Bearer  
     1 pistol  
6 80mm Mortars Gr. W. 34:  
 3 Group Leaders  
     3 submachine guns  
 2 Direction Ring NCOs  
     2 pistols

1 Position Commander  
     1 submachine gun  
 30 Mortar Crewmen  
     12 rifles, 18 pistols, 6 Gr.W. 34 80mm Mortars  
 12 Horse Leaders for Jf 8 Infantry Carts  
     12 rifles, 12 Jf 8 Infantry Carts & 12 horses  
 12 Jf 8 Infantry Carts, hand drawn  
 3 Wagon Drivers  
     3 rifles, 3 Panjewagons, & 6 horses

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	8	15
1st Platoon	1	-	6	22/23
2nd Platoon	-	-	7	22
3rd Platoon	1	-	7/6	44
4th Platoon	-	-	7	53
Total	3	-	35/34	156/157

Note: When two numbers appear 11/12 the first number is the original strength and the second number is a penciled change to the original document reflecting a later organizational revision.

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