

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Mortar Company  
Horse Drawn Mortar Battalion  
1 October 1944**

Staff:

1 Company Commander (officer)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Position Officer  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Hauptfeldwebel (sergeant major)  
    1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
1 Weapons NCO  
    1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
1 Direction Circle I NCO  
    1 pistol 1 bicycle  
1 Direction Circle II NCO  
    1 Pistol & 1 bicycle  
1 Equipment NCO  
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
1 Accountant (NCO)  
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
1 Blacksmith (NCO) (later deleted)  
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
    1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
1 Range Finder Operator  
    1 rifle  
3 Messengers  
    3 submachine guns & 1 bicycle  
1 Blacksmith (later deleted)  
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
1 Horse Attendant for officer's horses (later deleted)  
    1 rifle  
1 Horse Leader for Jf 8 Infantry Cart (later deleted)  
    1 rifle, 1 horse, & Jf 8 Infantry Cart  
1 Jf 8 Infantry Cart, hand drawn

Signals Squad:

1 Squad Leader  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Messenger  
    1 submachine gun  
2 Machine Gunners  
    1 rifle, 1 pistol & 1 light machine gun  
1 Horse Leader for Jf 8 Infantry Cart (later deleted)  
    1 rifle, 1 horse & 1 Jf 8 Infantry Cart  
1 Jf 8 Infantry Cart, hand drawn  
10 Field Radios:  
1 Radio NCO  
    1 rifle  
9 Radio Operators  
    9 rifles & 9 field radios

2 Light Field Cable Troops:  
 1 Troop Leader  
     1 submachine gun  
 9 Telephone Talkers  
     8 rifles & 1 submachine gun  
 2 Jf 8 Infantry Carts & 2 horses  
 2 Jf 8 Infantry Carts, hand drawn

1st (Mortar) Platoon:  
 1 Platoon Commander (officer)  
     1 submachine gun & 1 horse  
 1 Direction Circle I NCO  
     1 pistol  
 1 Messenger  
     1 submachine gun  
 1 Direction Circle Ii (soldier)  
     1 rifle  
 1 Assistant Master Gunsmith  
     1 rifle  
 1 Stretcher Bearer  
     1 pistol  
 1 Wagon Driver (driver later deleted, wagon remained)  
     1 rifle, 2 horses, & 1 panjewagon  
4 80mm Mortars 34:  
 1 Position NCO  
     1 submachine gun  
 28 Mortar Crewmen  
     16 rifles, 12 pistols, 4 80mm mortars  
 8 Jf 8 Infantry Carts & 8 horses  
 8 Jf 8 Infantry Cart, hand drawn

2nd (Mortar) Platoon:  
 same as 1st platoon, but officer replaced by NCO  
3rd (Mortar) Platoon:  
 same as 1st platoon, but officer replaced by NCO

Totals:

	Warrant			
	Officers	Officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	2	-	8	7
Signal Squad	-	-	3	22/19
1st Platoon	1	-	2	33/32
2nd Platoon	-	-	3	33/32
3rd Platoon	-	-	3	33/32
Total	3	-	19	128

Note: There are several penciled changes to this organization with mostly horse leaders and non combatants being deleted. Unfortunately, all those changes are not clear and may not be marked above.

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