

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Staff & Staff Company
Fortress Battalion
1 September 1944**

Staff

1 Battalion Commander (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Battalion Adjutant
 1 submachine gun
1 Ordnance/Signals Officer
1 Battalion Physician
 1 pistol
1 Messenger Commander
 1 submachine gun
1 Battle Scribe
 1 rifle
5 Messengers
 5 submachine guns & 5 bicycles
1 Motorcycle Messenger
 1 submachine gun & 1 350ccm motorcycle
2 Truck Drivers
 2 rifles & 2 four seat passenger vehicles

Staff Company:

1 Corpsman (NCO)
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
1 Messenger
 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle

1st (Signals) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun

2 Messengers
 2 submachine guns

Light Field Cable Troop:

1 Troop Leader
 1 submachine gun

3 Telephone Talkers
 3 rifles

3 Medium Field Cable Troops:

3 Troop Leaders
 3 submachine guns

12 Telephone Talkers
 12 rifles

4 Portable Radio Troops:

2 Troop Leaders
 2 submachine guns

6 Radio Operators
 4 rifles & 2 submachine guns

2nd (Pioneer) Platoon

1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun

1 Supply Sargent
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
2 Messengers
 2 submachine guns & 2 bicycles
1 Corpsman
 1 pistol
 3 Groups:
 3 Group Leaders (NCOs)
 3 submachine guns
 24 Pioneers & Machine Gunners
 18 rifles, 3 pistols, 3 submachine guns & 3 light machine
 guns

3rd (Bicycle Infantry) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
2 Messengers
 2 submachine guns & 2 bicycles
1 Bicycle Repairman
 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
1 Corpsman
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
 3 Groups:
 3 Group Leaders (NCOs)
 3 submachine guns & 3 bicycles
 24 Soldiers & Machine Gunners
 18 rifles, 3 pistols, 3 submachine guns, 3 light machine
 guns, & 24 bicycles

4th (Heavy Anti-Tank) Platoon (mot Z)

1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Troop Leader/Vehicle Commander
 1 submachine gun
1 Motorcycle Messenger
 1 submachine gun & 1 350ccm motorcycle
1 Truck Driver
 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle
 3 75mm PAK 41 or 44
 3 Gun Captains (NCOs)
 3 submachine guns
 15 Gunners
 15 rifles & 3 75mm PAK 41 or 44 AT guns
 3 Ammunition Handlers
 3 rifles
 2 Machine Gunners
 2 pistols & 2 light machine guns
 1 Assistant Master Gunsmith/Machine Gunner
 1 pistol & 1 light machine gun
 4 Truck Drivers
 4 rifles, 3 Sd Kfz 10 & 1 3-ton truck

Baggage:

2 warrant officers, 8 NCOs, 13 soldiers, 16 rifles, 5 pistols, 2 submachine gun,
1 light machine gun, 1 Hf11 or Hf13 field kitchen, 5 3-ton trucks, 4 bicycles

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	4	-	2	8
Company Staff	-	-	1	1
1st Platoon	-	-	7	23
2nd Platoon	-	-	5	27
3rd Platoon	1	-	3	28
4th Platoon	1	-	4	27
Baggage	-	2	8	13
Total	6	2	30	127

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