

German Army
Authorized Strength
(mot) Fortress Very Heavy (20mm) Machine Gun Battalion
1 October 1944

Staff

1 Battalion Commander (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Battalion Adjutant
 1 submachine gun
1 Ordnance/Signals Officer
 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
1 Battalion Physician
 1 pistol
1 Battle Scribe (NCO)
 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
1 Corpsman (NCO)
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
4 Motorcycle Messengers
 4 350ccm motorcycles & 4 rifles
2 Driver
 2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles

Signals Squad:

1 Master Radio Operator
 1 pistol
1 Truck Driver
 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle
3 (mot) Light Field Cable Troops:
1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
11 Telephone Talkers
 9 rifles & 2 submachine guns
3 (mot) Portable Radio Troops:
1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
5 Radio Operators
 3 rifles & 3 submachine guns

Platoon Troops & Transportation

1 officer, 1 warrant officer, 5 NCOs, 14 soldiers, 15 rifles, 3 pistols, 3 submachine guns, 2 350ccm motorcycles, 5 3-ton trucks.

Munitions, Equipment & Fuel Squad

4 NCOs, 13 soldiers, 15 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 8 3-ton trucks.

Administration

2 NCOs, 13 soldiers, 14 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 5 3-ton trucks.

Baggage:

1 NCO, 8 soldiers, 8 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 2 3-ton trucks.

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	4	-	2	6
Signals Squad	-	-	3	17
Platoon Troop & Trans.	1	1	5	14
Munitions, etc.	-	-	4	13
Administration	-	-	2	13
Baggage	-	-	1	8

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