German Army
Authorized Strength
Machine Gun Company
Fortress Machine Gun Battalion
1 August 1944

<u>Staff</u>
1 Company Commander (officer)
    1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
1 Hauptfeldwebel (Sergeant Major)
    1 pistol & 1 bicycle
1 Company Troop Leader (NCO)
    1 submachine gun
1 Equipment NCO
    1 rifle
1 Medical NCO
    1 pistol & 1 bicycle
1 Messenger
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle
1 Range Finder Operator
    1 pistol
4 Radio Operators
    4 rifles & 4 field radios
<u>1st (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon</u>:
1 Platoon Leader (officer)
    1 submachine gun
2 Group Leaders (NCO)
    2 submachine guns
1 Messenger
    1 submachine gun
1 Corpsman
    1 pistol
    <u>4 Heavy Machine Guns</u>
    4 Gun Captains
        4 submachine guns
    4 Machine Gunners
        4 pistols & 4 heavy machine guns
    12 Machine Gun Riflemen
        4 rifles & 8 pistols
<u>2nd (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon</u>
    same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO
<u>3rd (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon</u>
    same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO
<u>4th (Panzer Destroyer) Platoon</u>:
1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
    1 submachine gun
1 Messenger
    1 rifle
    <u>1st Group</u>:
    1 Group Leader (NCO)
        1 submachine gun
    6 Soldiers
        6 rifles & 6 Panzer Büschen 54 Rocket Launchers
    6 Munitions Handlers
        6 rifles

2nd Group:
            same as 1st Group
        3rd Group:
            same as 1st Group

Totals:
                            Warrant
                    Officers Officers NCOs Soldiers
Troop Command   1   -   4   6
1st Platoon   1   -   6   18
2nd Platoon   -   -   7   18
3rd Platoon   -   -   7   18
4th Platoon   -   -   4   37
        Total   2   -   28   97

Notes: Occasionally the following were added by Army Groups or the AOK:

Staff:
1 Horse Leader
    1 rifle, 1 horse, & 1 Jf8 Infantry Cart

to Machine Gun Platoons
6 Horse Leaders
    12 rifles, 12 horses, & 12 Jf8 Infantry Carts

to 4th Platoon:
    3 rifles, 3 horses, & 3 Jf8 Infantry Carts