

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Security Heavy Infantry Company  
1 May 1944**

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)  
    1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Company Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
3 Messengers  
    3 horses & 3 rifles  
2 Bicycle Messengers  
    2 rifles & 2 bicycles  
4 Portable Radio Troop:  
    1 Troop Leader  
        1 rifle  
    7 Radio Operators  
        7 rifles & 4 radios

1st (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Messenger  
    1 rifle  
1 Range Finder Operator  
    1 pistol  
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith  
    1 rifle  
1 Corpsman  
    1 pistol  
1 Horse Attendant for officer's horse  
    1 rifle  
1 Wagon Driver  
    1 rifle, 1 Pleskau 2 wagon & 2 horses  
4 Heavy Machine Guns:  
    4 Gun Captions (NCOs)  
        4 submachine guns  
    4 Machine Gunners (NCOs)  
        4 submachine guns & 4 heavy machine guns  
16 Machine Gunner Riflemen  
    12 rifles & 4 pistols  
2 Wagon Drivers  
    2 rifles, 4 draft horses & 2 Pleskau 2 wagons

2nd (80mm Mortar) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Vehicle Commander (NCO)  
    1 machine gun  
2 Mounted Messengers  
    2 horses & 2 rifles  
1 Range Finder Operator  
    1 rifle

1 Assistant Master Gunsmith  
     1 pistol  
 2 Field Radio Operators (later 4)  
     2 (later 4) rifles  
 1 Corpsman  
     1 pistol  
 2 Wagon Drivers  
     2 Wagons, 4 horses & 2 Pleskau 2 Wagons  
     4 80mm Mortars  
     2 Direction Ring Operators (NCOs)  
         2 submachine guns  
     2 Position NCOs  
         2 submachine guns  
     20 Mortar Crewmen (includes 2 machine gunners)  
         12 rifles, 8 pistols, 1 light machine gun & 4 80mm mortars  
         Mk 34  
     4 Munitions Handlers  
         4 rifles  
     4 Wagon Drivers  
         4 rifles, 8 draft horses & 4 Pleskau 2 Wagons  
3rd (Light Anti-Tank) Platoon:  
 1 Platoon Leader (1 NCO)  
     1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
 1 Range Finder Operator  
     1 horse & 1 pistol  
 1 Mounted Messenger  
     1 horse & 1 rifle  
 1 Bicycle Messenger  
     1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
 1 Horse Attendant  
     1 rifle & 1 horse  
     2 37mm PAK Anti-Tank Guns:  
     2 Gun Captions (NCOs)  
         2 submachine guns  
     1 Vehicle Leader (NCO)  
         1 submachine gun  
     10 Gunners  
         6 rifles, 4 pistols & 2 37mm PAK guns  
     4 Machine Gunners  
         2 rifles, 2 pistols, 2 light machine guns  
     4 Horse Leaders  
         4 rifles, 4 M15 Mountain Wagons & 4 horses  
     1 Wagon Driver  
         1 rifle, 2 horses & 1 Pleskau 2 Wagon

Totals:

	Warrant			
	Officers	officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	3	12
1st Platoon	1	-	5	28
2nd Platoon	1	-	5	39
3rd Platoon	-	-	5	23
Field Train	-	-	7	14
Total	3	-	25	116

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