

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Staff & Staff Battery  
Mountain Artillery Battalion  
1 April 1944**

Staff

1 Battalion Commander (officer)  
    2 horses, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Adjutant (officer)  
    2 horses, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Combined Artillery Command Officer  
    2 horses, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Ordnance Officer  
    2 horses, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Battalion Doctor (officer)  
    1 horse & 1 pistol  
1 Battalion Veterinarian (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Scissors Telescope NCO  
    1 horse & 1 pistol  
1 Battle Scribe (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
1 Mounted Messenger  
    1 horse & 1 rifle  
1 Draftsman  
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
1 Mounted Messenger (for Combined Artillery Command Officer)  
    1 horse & 1 rifle  
1 Bicycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
3 Horse Holders  
    1 horse & 3 rifles  
1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
    (replaced by driver with 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger  
    vehicle (volkswagen)  
2 Pack Horse Leaders  
    2 pack horses & 2 rifles  
2 Drivers  
    2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen)

Pioneer Troop:

3 Pioneers (later 2)  
    2 (later 1) rifle & 1 submachine gun  
4 Pack Horse Leaders  
    4 pack horses & 4 rifles

Staff Battery:

Battery Staff:

1 Battery Commander (officer)  
    2 (later 1) horses, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Horse Attendant  
    1 rifle

Signals Platoon:

- 1 Signals Officer
  - 1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
- 1 Master Telephone Talker/Radio Operator (NCO)
  - 1 horse & 1 pistol
- 1 Telephone Talker/Radio Operator (NCO)
  - 1 rifle
- 1 Corpsman (NCO)
  - 1 pistol
- 3 Telephone Talkers for exchange
  - 3 rifles
- 2 Pack Horse Leaders
  - 2 rifles & 2 pack horses

Machine Gun Troop:

- 3 (later 2) Machine Gun Riflemen (1 served as troop leader) (NCOs)
  - 1 rifle (later deleted), 2 pistols & 2 light machine guns

- 2 Pack Horse Leaders
  - 2 pack horses & 2 rifles

1st Medium Mountain Field Cable Troop 8

- 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun
- 6 Telephone Talkers
  - 6 rifles & 2 pack horses

2nd Medium Mountain Field Cable Troop 8:

same as 1st Troop

1st Medium Mountain Field Cable Troop 10

- 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun

- 4 Telephone Talkers
  - 4 rifles

- 2 Drivers from the saddle
  - 2 rifles, 4 horses & 1 Nf 2 cable wagon

2nd Medium Mountain Field Cable Troop 8:

same as 1st Troop

3rd Medium Mountain Field Cable Troop 8:

same as 1st Troop

4th Medium Mountain Field Cable Troop 8:

same as 1st Troop

1st Mountain Portable Radio Troop i Mw

- 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun

- 4 Radio Operators
  - 4 rifles & 1 pack horse

2nd Mountain Portable Radio Troop i Mw

same as 1st Troop

3rd Mountain Portable Radio Troop i Mw

same as 1st Troop

4th Mountain Portable Radio Troop i Mw

same as 1st Troop

5th Mountain Portable Radio Troop i Mw

same as 1st Troop

Mountain Artillery Calibration Troop

- 2 NCOs, 8/7 soldiers, 3 draft horses, 8 rifles, 2/1 pistols & 1 submachine gun

Weapons Repair Troop:

1 warrant officer, 1 NCO, 2 soldiers, 2 rifles, 2 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 3-ton truck

Baggage:

8 NCOs, 30/26 soldiers, 2 riding horses, 8/5 draft horses, 24/22 heavy draft horses, 34/30 rifles, 2 pistols, 2 submachine guns, 2/1 HF 1 administration wagon, 1 Hf1 equipment wagon, 1 Hf 1/1 medical wagon, 2 Hf 3/11 light wagons, 1 Hf 12 or Hf 14 field kitchen wagon, 1 Nf 2 signals wagon, 2 Ef 40 Wagons

Motorized Baggage:

1 warrant officer, 2 NCOs, 13/7 soldiers, 15/9 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) (later deleted), 3/2 2-ton trucks, 5/3 3-ton trucks.

Totals:

	Officers	Warrant Officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	6	-	3	18/17
Staff Battery				
Battery Command	1	-	-	1
Signals Platoon	1	-	10	56/55
Calibration Troop	-	-	2	7
Weapons Repair Troop	-	1	1	2
Baggage	-	-	8	30/26
Baggage (mot)	-	1	2	13/7
Total	8	2	26	128/115

If the battalion was equipped with 105mm Geb H40 (Eberesche) howitzers, add a:

Supply Squad

1 Squad Leader (NCO)

    1 submachine gun

12 Munitions Handlers

    12 rifles

7 Drivers

    7 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

    & 6 3-ton trucks.

Note: Double numbers (25/24) indicate where there is a penciled change in the organization charge. The first number is the original strength and the second number is the penciled revised figure.

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