

**German Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**105mm leFH Battery (Horse Drawn/RSO Supply)**  
**Model 1944 Infantry Division**  
**1 May 1944**

Staff

1 Battery Commander (officer)  
    2 horses, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Horse Attendant  
    1 rifle  
1 Advanced Observation Officer  
    1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Observation NCO  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
2 Forward Observers (NCOs)  
    2 rifles  
1 Scissors Telescope NCO  
    1 horse & 1 pistol  
2 Aiming Circle NCOs  
    2 pistols  
1 Mounted Messenger (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 rifle  
1 Mounted Messenger  
    1 horse & 1 rifle  
1 Battalion Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
1 Machine Gunner  
    1 pistol & 1 light machine gun  
1 Horse Holder  
    1 rifle  
1 Wagon Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 panjewagon with 2 horses

Signals Squad:

1 Telephone and Radio Squad Leader (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Radio Operator for T-Receiver  
    1 rifle  
    (4 horse) Medium Field Cable Troop 10  
    1 Troop Leader (NCOs)  
        1 rifle & 1 horse  
    4 Telephone Talkers  
        4 rifles  
    2 Drivers from the Saddle  
        2 rifles, 4 horses, & 1 Nf 2 radio wagon  
    (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop 12  
    1 Troop Leader (NCOs)  
        1 submachine gun  
    4 Telephone Talkers  
        4 rifles  
    1 Driver  
        1 rifle & 1 Raupenschlepper Ost  
    1st Portable Radio Troop i Mw (for firing position)  
    2 Radio Operators  
        1 rifle & 1 pistol

2nd Portable Radio Troop i Mw

same as 1st Troop

(1 horse) Portable Radio Troop i Mw (forward observation)

1 Troop Leader (NCO)

1 pistol

2 Radio Operators

2 rifles

1 Jf 8 Infantry Cart & 1 horse for radio equipment

1 Jf 8 Infantry Cart, hand drawn

105mm leFH Howitzer Squad:

1 Battery Officer

1 pistol & 1 submachine gun

1 Hauptwachtmeister (NCO)

1 submachine gun

2 Platoon Leaders (NCOs)

2 rifles

4 Gun Captains (NCOs)

4 rifles

1 Driver (NCO)

1 Raupenschlepper Ost & 1 rifle

1 Corpsman (NCO)

1 pistol & 1 bicycle

18 Gunners

18 rifles & 4 105mm leFH howitzers

2 Assistant Master Gunsmiths (also gunners)

2 rifles

2 Gun Fire Solution Calculators

2 rifles

2 Machine Gunners

2 pistols & 2 light machine guns

1 Driver

1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

5 RSO Drivers

5 rifles & 5 Raupenschlepper Ost

Munitions Squad:

1 Squad Leader (NCO)

1 submachine gun & 1 horse

1 Wagon Troop Leader (NCO)

1 rifle & 1 horse

7 Munitions Handlers

6 rifle, 1 pistol & 1 light machine gun

7 Drivers from the saddle

7 rifles

7 Wagon Drivers

7 rifles

7 Ef 40 Wagons and 28 draft horses for ammunition

or 14 Panjewagons with 8 draft horses for ammunition

Baggage:

6 NCOs, 14 soldiers, 3 riding horses, 12 draft horses, 8 heavy draft horses, 18 rifles, 2 pistols, 1 Hf1 wagon, 1 Hf 1/13 blacksmith wagon, 1 Hf 11 or Hf 13 field kitchen, 1 Hf 1 wagon, 2 Ef 40 wagon, 1 rack wagon & 1 bicycle

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	2	-	7	6
Signals Squad	-	-	4	18
Battle Battery				
Gun Squad	1	-	9	30
Munitions Squad	-	-	2	21
Battery Baggage	-	-	6	14
Total	3	-	28	89

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