

German Army
Authorized Strength
240mm Howitzer 39 (mot Z)
(3 guns)
1 August 1944

Staff

1 Battery Commander (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Driver
 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
1 Advanced Observation Officer
 1 submachine gun
1 Observation NCO
 1 submachine gun
2 Forward Observers (NCOs)
 1 pistol & 1 rifle
1 Scissors Telescope Operator (NCO)
 1 pistol
2 Aiming Ring Operators (NCOs)
 2 pistols
1 Messenger (NCO)
 1 rifle
1 Machine Gunner
 1 pistol & 1 light machine gun
1 Motorcycle Messenger
 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
2 Drivers
 2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen)

Signals Squad:

1 Telephone and Radio Squad Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
1 T-Receiver Operator
 1 rifle
1 Driver
 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
 1st (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop 12
 1 Troop Leader (NCOs)
 1 rifle
 4 Telephone Talkers
 4 rifles
 1 Truck Driver
 1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck
 2nd (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop 12
 same as 1st Troop
 1st (mot) Portable Radio Troop i Mw (for firing position)
 3 Radio Operators
 2 rifles & 1 pistol
 2nd (mot) Portable Radio Troop i Mw
 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 pistol
 2 Radio Operators
 2 rifles

Portable Radio Troop i Mw (forward observer)

2 Radio Operators

1 pistol & 1 submachine gun

Gun Squad:

1 Battery Officer

1 submachine gun

1 Hauptfeldwebel (NCO)

1 submachine gun

1 Platoon Leader (NCO)

1 rifle

2/3 Gun Captains (NCOs)

4 rifles

1 Corpsman (NCO)

1 pistol

46/70 Gunners

70 rifles & 3 240mm 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 Motorcycle Messenger

1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle

2 Drivers

2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen)

4/6 Truck Drivers

4/6 rifles & 4/6 4.5 ton trucks

6/10 Half Track Drivers

6/10 rifles, 5/9 Sd Kfz 8 (12 ton) half tracks & 1 Sd Kfz 9

(18 ton) recovery half track

1st Munitions Squad:

1 Squad Leader (NCO)

1 pistol

9/12 Munitions Handlers

9/11 rifles, 1 pistol & 1 light machine gun

1 Driver

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

3/4 Truck Drivers

3/4 rifles & 3/4 4.5 ton trucks for munitions

2nd Munitions Squad

1 Squad Leader (NCO)

1 submahcine gun

8/11 Munitions Handlers

8/11 rifles

3/4 Truck Drivers

3/4 rifles & 3/4 4.5 ton trucks for munitions

Vehicle Maintenance

1 NCO, 3 soldiers, 3 4ifles, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) & 1 2-ton truck with maintenance shop.

Field Train:

4 NCOs, 7 soldiers, 9 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light machine gun, 3 3-ton trucks

Totals:

3 Gun Battery:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	2	-	7	6
Signals Squad	-	-	4	19
Battle Battery				
Gun Squad	1	-	6	95
1st Munitions Squad	-	-	1	17
2nd Munitions Squad	-	-	1	15
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	1	3
Field Train	-	-	4	7
Total	3	-	24	161

2 Gun Battery:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	2	-	7	6
Signals Squad	-	-	4	19
Battle Battery				
Gun Squad	1	-	5	66
1st Munitions Squad	-	-	1	13
2nd Munitions Squad	-	-	1	11
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	1	3
Field Train	-	-	4	7
Total	3	-	23	124

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