# German Army

#### Authorized Strength

150mm, 170mm, 203mm, 240mm, 274mm, 320mm,
Short Bruno (240mm), Theodor (240mm),
and Theodor Bruno (240mm) (E) Railroad Batteries
(2 guns)

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Staff
1 Battery Commander (officer)
     1 submachine gun
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
1 Command Position Officer
     1 submachine gun
1 Scissors Telescope NCO
    1 pistol
2 Evaluators (NCOs)
     2 pistols
1 Fire Control Troop Leader (NCO)
     1 rifle
1 Railroad Pioneer (NCO)
     1 rifle
1 Motorcycle Messenger (NCO)
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
4 Gun Fire Control Technicians
     4 rifles
4 Evaluators
    4 rifles
1 Motorcycle Messenger
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
3 Drivers
     3 rifles, 2 light 4 seat passenger vehicles & 1 2-ton truck
Signals Squad:
1 Squad Leader
     1 pistol
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
     1st Medium (mot) Field Cable Troop (12):
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 submachine gun
     4 Telephone Talkers
          4 rifles
     1 Drivers
          1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck
     2nd Medium (mot) Field Cable Troop (12):
          same as 1st Troop
     3rd Medium (mot) Field Cable Troop (12):
          same as 1st Troop, for sound and flash ranging
     1st Portable Radio Troop iMw:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 rifle
     1 Radio Operator
          1 rifle
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2nd Portable Radio Troop iMw:
     2 Radio Operators
          2 rifles
     Medium (mot) Radio Troop 100 Mw:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 rifle
     4 Radio Operators
          4 rifles
     1 Driver
          1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck
Sound and Flash Ranging Troop:
1 Troop Leader (officer)
     1 submachine gun
4 Calculation Station Leaders (NCOs)
     4 rifles
1 Evaluator (NCO)
    1 rifle
8 Observers
     8 rifles
5 Radio Operators
     5 rifles
4 Evaluators
     4 rifles
1 Motorcycle Messenger
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
4 Drivers
     4 rifles, 1 light 4 seat passenger vehicle,, 1 2-ton truck,
     & 2 3-ton trucks
Gun Battery (150mm, 170mm, 240mm (E) 557(f):
1 Battery Officer
    1 pistol
1 Weapons NCO
    1 pistol
1 Gun Captain (NCO)
     1 pistol
1 Gun Captain (NCO)
     1 rifle
2 Aiming Circle NCOs
     2 pistols
2 Diesel Locomotive Drivers (NCO)
     2 rifles
2 Diesel Locomotive Escorts (NCO)
     2 rifles
2 Corpsman (NCO)
     2 pistols & 2 bicycles
24 Gunners
     24 rifles & 2 guns
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
     1 rifle & 1 bicycle
1 Diesel Locomotive
3 Miscellaneous Railroad Cars
Munitions Squad:
1 Pyrotechnician/Squad Leader (NCO)
     1 pistol
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1 Munitions NCO
   1 pistol
8 Munitions Handlers
    8 rifles
4 Railroad Cars for Munitions
Gun Battery 203mm, 274mm (E)651(f), 320mm(E)651(f), Short Bruno, Theodore, and
Theodor Bruno Railroad Batteries
1 Battery Officer
     1 pistol
1 Weapons NCO
     1 pistol
1 Gun Captain (NCO)
     1 pistol
1 Gun Captain (NCO)
    1 rifle
2 Railcar Drivers (NCO)
    2 rifles
2 Gunfire NCOs
     2 rifles
2 Power Train Operators (NCOs)
     2 rifles
3 Diesel Locomotive Drivers (NCO)
     3 rifles
3 Railcar Escorts (NCO)
     3 rifles
2 Corpsman (NCO)
     2 pistols & 2 bicycles
44 Gunners
    44 rifles & 2 guns
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle
2 Electricians
     2 rifles
18 Miscellaneous Railroad Cars
Munitions Squad:
1 Pyrotechnician/Squad Leader (NCO)
    1 pistol
1 Munitions NCO
    1 pistol
16 Munitions Handlers
     16 rifles
4 Railroad Cars for Munitions
<u>Flak Detachment - Organization A</u>
1st Flak Platoon
1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
     1 pistol
2 Gun Captains (NCOs)
     2 rifles
12 Gunners
     12 rifles, 1 20mm Quad 38/1, & 1 20mm Quad 38/4
2 Range Finder Operators
     2 rifles
     1 rifle, 1 3-ton truck, & 1 Sd Ah 52 trailer
1 Om-Wagon for Flak
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#### 2nd Flak Platoon:

same as 1st

Flak Detachment - Organization B

#### 1st Flak Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (NCO)

1 pistol

2 Gun Captains (NCOs)

2 rifles

6 Gunners

6 rifles, 1 20mm 38/1, & 1 Quad 38/4

#### 2 Range Finder Operators

2 rifles

1 Driver

1 rifle, 1 3-ton truck, & 1 Sd Ah 52 trailer

1 Om-Wagon for Flak

# 2nd Flak Platoon:

same as 1st

2-ton trucks

# Battery Train:

8 NCOs, 11 soldiers, 15 rifles, 3 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 2-ton truck, 2 3-ton trucks, 1 4.5 ton truck, 2 bicycles, & 6 miscellaneous railroad cars.

### Totals:

Formation A - 150mm, 170mm, 240mm (E) 557(f)

#### Warrant

	Officers	Officer	NCOs	Soldier	3
Staff	2	_	6	13	
Signals Squad	_	_	6	24	
Sound and Flash Rangin	.g 1	_	5	22	
Battle Battery					
Gun Squad	1	_	12	25	
Munitions Squad	_	_	2	8	
Flak (20mm Quad)	_	_	6	30	
Flak (20mm Single)	_	_	6	18	
Vehicle Maintenance	_	_	2	5	
Battery Baggage	_	_	8	11	
Total	4	_	47	138	(quad flak)
Total	4	_	47	126	(single flak)

Formation B - 203mm, 274mm (E) 651(f), 320mm (E) 651(f), Short Bruno, Theodore, and Theodor Bruno

		Warrant			
	Officers	Officer	NCOs	Soldier	S
Staff	2	_	6	13	
Signals Squad	_	_	6	24	
Sound and Flash Rangin	.g 1	_	5	22	
Battle Battery					
Gun Squad	1	_	15	47	
Munitions Squad	_	_	2	16	
Flak (20mm Quad)	_	_	6	30	
Flak (20mm Single)	_	_	6	18	
heavy Sound Ranging	1	_	4	15	
Vehicle Maintenance	_	_	2	5	
Battery Baggage	_	_	8	11	
Total	5	_	52	168	(quad flak)
Total	5	_	52	156	(single flak)

#### For 3 gun battery add:

Battery Troop:

1 Evaluator (NCOs)

1 pistol

2 Gunfire Control Technicians

2 rifles

2 Evaluators

2 rifles

Gun Battery

1 Platoon Leader (NCO)

1 pistol

1 Gun Captain

1 rifle

1 Railroad Car Driver

1 rifle

1 Aiming Circle NCO

1pistol

1 Power Plant Operator (NCO)

1 rifle

1 Diesel Locomotive Driver (NCO)

1 rifle

1 Diesel Locomotive Escort (NCO)

1 rifle

22 Gunners

22 rifles & 1 gun

1 Electrician

1 rifle

1 Diesel Locomotive

5 Miscellaneous Railroad Cars

# Munitions Squad:

1 Munitions NCO

1 rifle

8 Munitions Handlers

8 rifles

# 1 Munition Railroad Car

Three gun totals:

	Warrant		
Officers	Officer	NCOs	Soldiers
4	_	58	204 (quad 20mm)
4	-	58	192 (single 20mm)

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