German Army

Authorized Strength

88mm Flak Battery (Self Propelled) (4 or 6 guns) (Freie Gliederung)

1 September 1944

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Staff
1 Battery Commander (officer)
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
1 Reconnaissance/Scissors Telescope NCO
     1 submachine gun
1 Air Warning/Aiming Circle NCO
     1 pistol
1 Messenger/Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle
2 Air Warning Soldiers
     2 rifles
1 Motorcycle Messenger
     1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
Ranging Squad:
1 Survey Officer
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
     1st Ranging Troop:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
         1 submachine gun
     3 Range Finder Operators (NCOs)
          3 rifles
     3 Range Finding Equipment Support Soldiers
          3 rifles
     1 Truck Driver
          1 rifle, 1 Kfz 415 flak range finding truck or 4.5 ton truck
          and 1 Sd Ah 52 trailer for Command Equipment 40.
     2nd Ranging Troop:
     1 Troop Leader/Machine Gunner (NCO)
          1 pistol
     3 Range Finder Operators (NCOs)
          3 rifles
     10 Range Finding Equipment Support Soldiers (including
           2 machine gunners)
          9 rifles, 1 pistol, & 1 light machine gun
     1 Truck Driver
          1 rifle & 1 Kfz 415 flak range finding truck or 4.5 ton
          truck and 1 Sd Ah 53 trailer for Command Assistance
          Equipment
Signals Squad:
1 Telephone Talker and Radio Operator/Squad Leader (NCO)
     1 submachine gun
     1st (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop (12):
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 submachine gun
     4 Telephone Talkers
          4 rifles
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1 Driver
          1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck
     (mot) Medium Radio Troop 30 Mw:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
         1 submachine gun
     2 Radio Operators
          2 rifles
     1 Driver
          1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck
Light Flak Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
    1 pistol
3 Gun Captains (NCOs)
    3 rifles
9 Gunners
     9 rifles & 3 20mm Flak 38 guns
3 Range Finder Operators
    3/2 rifles
3 Drivers
     3 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (later deleted),
     3 2-ton trucks & 3 Sd Ah 51 trailers
88mm 4 Gun Squad
1 Battery Officer
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
4 Gun Captains (NCOs)
     4 rifles
1 Corpsman (NCO)
     1 pistol
7 Air Warning Soldiers (including 1 machine gunner)
     6 rifles, 1 pistol, & 1 light machine gun
27 Gunners
    28 rifles & 4 88mm Flak 37/3 guns on self propelled carriages
1 Assistant Master Gun Smith (also gunner)
     1 rifle
4 Radio Operators
     4 rifles
1 Motorcycle Driver
     1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
5 Drivers
     5 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 9 for supplies & 4 Sd Kfz 9 (18 ton)
    self propelled gun carriages
1 Driver
     1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
1 Assistant Half Track Driver
    1 rifle
88mm 6 Gun Squad
1 Battery Officer
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
6 Gun Captains (NCOs)
     6 rifles
1 Corpsman (NCO)
     1 pistol
7 Air Warning Soldiers (including 1 machine gunner)
     6 rifles, 1 pistol, & 1 light machine gun
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- 40 Gunners
 - 40 rifles & 6 88mm Flak 37/3 gun on self propelled carriages
- 2 Assistant Master Gun Smiths (also gunners)
 - 2 rifles
- 6 Radio Operators
 - 6 rifles
- 1 Motorcycle Messenger
 - 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
- 7 Drivers
 - 7 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 9 for supplies & 6 Sd Kfz 9 (18 ton)
 - self propelled gun carriages
- 1 Driver
 - 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
- 1 Assistant Half Track Driver
 - 1 rifle

Munition Squad:

- 1 Squad Leader (NCO)
 - 1 submachine gun & 1 pistol
- 7 Munitions Handlers (including 1 machine gunner)
 - 6 rifles, 1 pistol, & 1 light machine gun
- 4 Drivers
 - 4 rifles & 4 3-ton ammunition trucks

Vehicle Maintenance:*

1 NCO, 3 soldiers, 3 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle, & 1 2-ton truck

Baggage:

5 NCOs, 5 soldiers, 9 rifles, 1 submachine gun, 1 3-ton truck field kitchen, 1 3-ton fuel truck, & 1 3-ton truck for equipment.

Totals: (4 gun battery)

	Civil					
	Officers	Servant	NCOs	Soldiers		
Staff	1	_	3	4		
Ranging Squad	1	_	8	15		
Signals Squad	_	_	3	8		
Light Flak Squad	_	_	4	13		
Battery	1	_	5	47		
Munitions Squad	_	_	1	11		
Vehicle Maintenance	Troop -	_	1	3		
Battery Baggage	_	_	5	5		
Total	3	_	30	106		

Totals: (6 gun battery)

	Civil					
	Off	cers	Servant	NCOs	Soldiers	
Staff		1	_	3	4	
Ranging Squad		1	_	8	15	
Signals Squad		_	_	3	8	
Light Flak Squad		-	_	4	13	
Battery		1	_	8	65	
Munitions Squad		-	_	1	11	
Vehicle Maintenance	Troop	-	_	1	3	
Battery Baggage		_	_	5	5	
Total		3	_	33	124	

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