

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Machine Gun Company
Machine Gun Battalion
1 October 1944**

Command:

- 1 Company Commander (officer) (1 horse & 1 machine pistol)
- 1 Hauptfeldwebel (vehicle cmdr) (NCO) (1 pistol & 1 bicycle)
- 1 Weapons NCO (1 pistol & 1 bicycle)
- 1 Company Troop Leader (NCO) (1 horse & 1 machine pistol)
- 1 Equipment NCO (1 rifle & 1 bicycle)
- 1 Supply NCO (1 rifle & & 1 bicycle)
- 1 Radio Operator (NCO) (1 rifle)
- 1 Medical NCO (1 pistol)
- 1 Messenger (1 horse & 1 machine pistol)
- 5 Radio Operators (5 rifles)
- 1 Farrier (1 rifle)
- 1 Horse Leader (1 rifle, 1 Jf 8 infantry cart & 1 horse)
- 1 Jf 8 Infantry Cart (hand drawn)
- 2 Light Field Cable Troops:
 - 1 Troop Leader (1 machine pistol)
 - 9 Telephone operators (8 rifles & 1 machine pistol)
 - 1 Jf 8 Infantry Cart (2 horses)
 - 1 Jf 8 Infantry Cart (hand drawn)

1st Platoon:

- 1 Platoon Leader (officer) (1 machine pistol)
- 2 Messengers (2 machine pistols)
- 1 Assistant Armorer (1 rifle)
- 1 Corpsman (1 pistol)
- 1 Driver (1 rifle, 1 Hf 1 or Hf 6, & 2 horses)
- 4 Heavy Machine Guns, with a total of:
 - 2 Group Leaders (2 machine pistols)
 - 4 Gun Captains (4 machine pistols)
 - 4 Gunners (4 pistols & 4 HMGs)
 - 14 Riflemen (10 rifles, 4 pistols, 2 horses & 1 Jf 8 infantry cart)
 - 1 Jf 8 Infantry Cart

2nd & 3rd Platoons:

same as 1st Platoon, but platoon leader is an NCO

4th (Panzer Destroyer) Platoon:

- 1 Platoon Commander (officer) (1 machine pistol)
- 1 Troop Leader (NCO) (1 machine pistol)
- 1 Messenger (1 machine pistol)
- 1 Corpsman (1 pistol)
- 2 Machine Gunners (1 pistol, 1 rifle & 1 LMG)
- 1 Assistant Armorer (1 rifle)
- 1 Horse Leader (1 rifle, 1 Jf 8 cart & 1 horse)
- 1 Driver (1 rifle, 1 Jf 8 cart & 1 horse)
- 3 Groups:
 - 3 Group Leaders (1 machine pistol)
 - 18 Soldiers (18 rifles, 18 88mm R-Panzerbüsche 54)
 - 1 Horse Leader (1 rifle, 1 Jf 8 infantry cart & 1 horse)

Total:

	Warrant			
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Privates
Command	1	0	8	17
1st Platoon	1	0	6	23
2nd Platoon	0	0	7	23
3rd Platoon	0	0	7	23
4th Platoon	1	0	4	46
Total	30	0	32	132

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