

**German Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**Independent 170mm Gun in Mortar Carriage Battery (mot.Z)**  
**1 January 1945**

Staff

1 Battery Commander (officer)  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Observation NCO  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Scissors Telescope NCO  
    1 pistol  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
1 Machine Gunner  
    1 pistol & 1 light machine gun  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

Signals Squad:

1 Telephone and Radio Squad Leader (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Radio Repairman  
    1 rifle  
1 Radio Operator for T-Receiver  
    1 rifle  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
    1st Medium Field Cable Troop 12 (bo)  
    1 Troop Leader (NCOs)  
        1 rifle  
    4 Telephone Talkers  
        4 rifles  
    2nd (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop 12 (bo)  
        same as 1st Troop  
    3rd (mot) Medium Field Cable Troop 12 (bo)  
        same as 1st Troop  
    (mot) Light Radio Troop 30 Mw (no vehicles)  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 rifle  
    2 Radio Operators  
        2 rifles  
    (mot) Light Radio Troop 30 Mw/Light Aviation Troop 20Ukw  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 submachine gun  
    4 Radio Operators  
        4 rifles  
    1 Truck Driver  
        1 rifle & 2-ton truck

Survey and Flash Ranging Troop:

1 Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
4 Surveyors  
    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  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)  
3 Drivers  
    3 rifles, 1 2-ton truck & 2 3-ton trucks

Gun Squad:

1 Battery Officer  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Hauptwachtmeister (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Platoon Leader (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
3 Gun Captains (NCOs)  
    3 rifles  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
41 Gunners  
    41 rifles, 3 170mm guns & 3 rolling carriages  
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 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
2 Half Track Drivers  
    2 rifles & 2 Sd Kfz 8 Half Tracks  
1 Assistant Half Track Driver  
    1 rifle

1st Munitions Squad:

1 Squad Leader (NCO)  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Munitions NCO  
    1 pistol  
15 Munitions Handlers  
    14 rifles & 1 pistol  
5 Truck Drivers  
    5 rifles & 5 3-ton trucks for munitions

Field Train:

6 NCOs, 4 soldiers, 8 rifles, 2 pistols, 1 3-ton truck & 1 2-ton truck.

Totals:

	Officers	Warrant officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	1	-	3	2
Signals Squad	-	-	6	21
Survey & Flash Ranging	1	-	5	22
Battle Battery				
Gun Squad	1	-	7	50
Munitions Squad	-	-	2	20
Battery Baggage	-	-	6	4
Total	3	-	29	119

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