

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
170mm Gun, 210mm Gun, 210mm Mörser,  
and 240mm Howitzer Fortress Batteries  
(3 guns)  
1 February 1945**

Staff

- 1 Battery Commander (officer)
  - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Advanced Observation Officer
  - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Observation NCO
  - 1 submachine gun
- 2 Assistant Observers (NCOs)
  - 1 rifle & 1 pistol
- 1 Bicycle Messenger (staff)
  - 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
- 1 Bicycle Messenger (battalion)
  - 1 rifle & 1 bicycle

Signals Squad:

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

170mm Gun & 210mm Mörser Squad:

- 1 Battery Officer
  - 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
- 1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
  - 1 rifle
- 1 Gun Fire Control NCO (with aiming circle)
  - 1 pistol
- 3 Gun Captains (NCOs)
  - 3 rifles
- 1 Corpsman (NCO)
  - 1 pistol
- 38 Gunners
  - 38 rifles & 3 guns
- 2 Assistant Master Gunsmiths (1 served as gunner)
  - 2 rifles

2 Gun Fire Solution Calculators  
     2 rifles  
 2 Gun Fire Control Technicians  
     2 rifles  
 2 Machine Gunners  
     2 pistols & 2 light machine guns  
210mm Gun & 240mm Howitzer Squad:  
 1 Battery Officer  
     1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
 1 Platoon Leader (NCO)  
     1 rifle  
 1 Gun Fire Control NCO (with aiming circle)  
     1 pistol  
 3 Gun Captains (NCOs)  
     3 rifles  
 1 Corpsman (NCO)  
     1 pistol  
 56 Gunners  
     56 rifles & 3 guns  
 2 Assistant Master Gunsmiths (1 served as gunner)  
     2 rifles  
 2 Gun Fire Solution Calculators  
     2 rifles  
 2 Gun Fire Control Technicians  
     2 rifles  
 2 Machine Gunners  
     2 pistols & 2 light machine guns

Field Train:

4 NCOs, 7 soldiers, 6 heavy draft horses, 10 rifles, 1 pistol, 3 Hf6 wagons, & 2 bicycles

Totals:

Organization A - 170mm Gun & 210mm Mörser

	Warrant			
	Officers	officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	2	-	3	2
Signals Squad	-	-	4	14
Gun Squad	1	-	6	44
Battery Baggage	-	-	1	4
Total	3	-	17	67

Note: If a 4th gun was added, add the following:

1 Platoon Leader (NCO)  
     1 rifle  
 1 Gun Captain  
     1 rifle  
 13 Gunners (including 1 assistant master gun smith)  
     13 rifles

Organization B - 210mm Gun & 240mm Howitzer

	Warrant			
	Officers	officer	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	2	-	3	2
Signals Squad	-	-	4	14
Gun Squad	1	-	6	62
Battery Baggage	-	-	1	4
Total	3	-	17	85

Note: If a 4th gun was added, add the following:

- 1 Platoon Leader (NCO)
  - 1 rifle
- 1 Gun Captain
  - 1 rifle
- 19 Gunners (including 1 assistant master gun smith)
  - 19 rifles

Note: In addition, a flak contingent could be added that provided the following for each gun present in the battery:

- 1 Gun Captain
  - 1 rifle
- 3 Gunners (including 1 assistant master gun smith)
  - 3 rifles & 1 20mm Flak gun

Note: Other guns were assigned as follows:

Organization A:

- 150mm K 16, K 18 or K 39 Guns
- 194mm Guns 486(f)
- 203mm Howitzers 503(r)
- 220mm Mörsers (probably 532(f))

Organization B:

- 240mm Gun 559(r)
- 280mm Mörser 601(f), or 602(f)
- 370mm Mörser (probably 710(f), 711(f), and 714(f))

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