

SS Fallschirmjaeger Battalion 500/600

A brief outline of the Battalion.

The battalion was formed from prisoners from the SS and Polizei penal camp in Danzig Matzkau. Prisoners made up about 70% of its complement, the unit was called SS Fallschirmjäger Battalion 500. There are three distinct periods in the battalion's history

1. From its formation in 1943 up to the completion operation Rosselsprung shows the battalion is at its strongest.
2. As the Lithuania fire brigade the unit was at its weakest. The ORBAT for this period it's a bit subjective. While it reflects its combat strength of the unit there is no information to say if it kept its four company structure or it combined them into one or two companies. Personally if a player or scenario designer wants to combine battalion into two companies that is equally valid.
3. In the last phase the battalion received Wehrmacht replacements, the prisoner complement drops to about 30% and the battalion is renamed SS Fallschirmjäger Battalion 600. The battalion became part of Otto Skorzeny's SS-Jagdverbände group. The first company participated in the Ardennes Offensive and based on the number US vehicles it captured it may have had the option to mount a company in captured vehicles. After the Ardennes the battalion and the SS-Jagdverbände group were transferred back to the Eastern Front and spent the remainder of the war there. Between April 26 1945 and May 2nd 1945 the battalion managed to cover 200km to cross over into the American zone and surrender to the Americans.

I would consider this unit to be of Veteran status.

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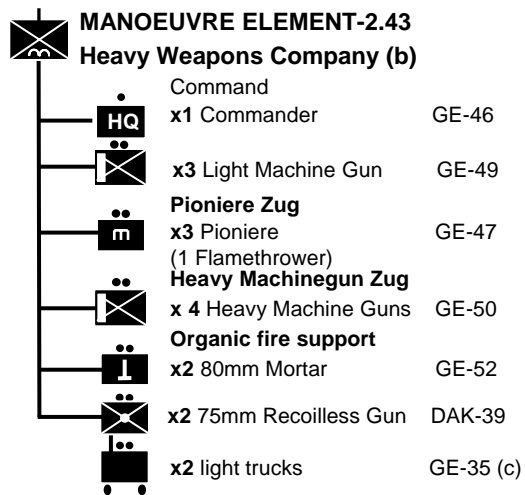
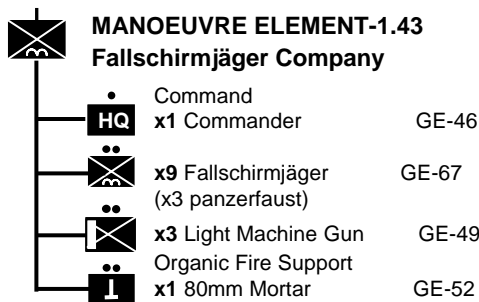
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Oct 1943-June 1944



(a) The Forward air controller is available for operation Rosselsprung –the attack on Drvar to capture Tito

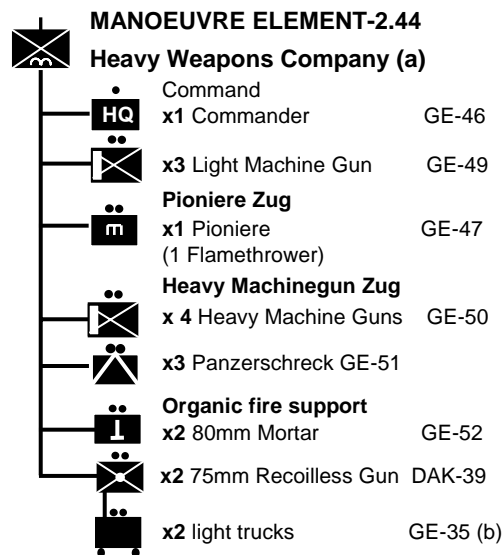


(b) Elements from the Heavy weapons company maybe attached to any company or the battalion commander.

(c) Light Trucks are not available in parachute drop situations.

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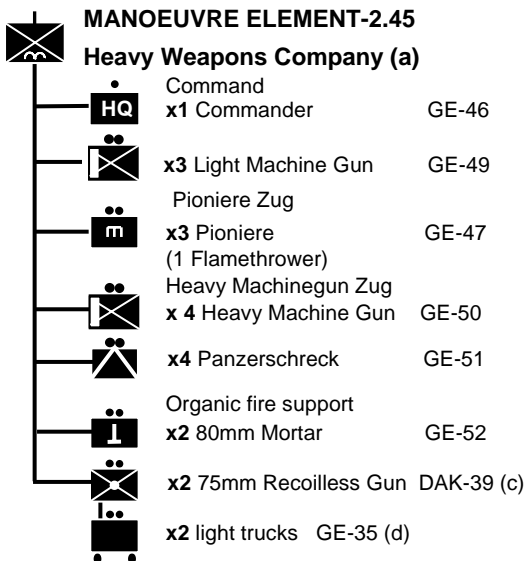
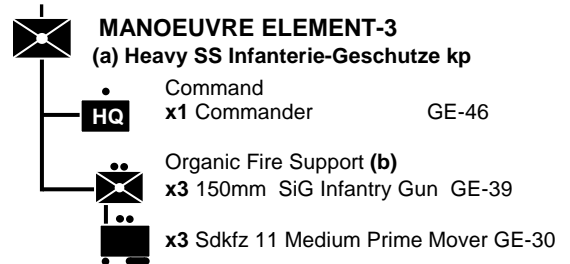
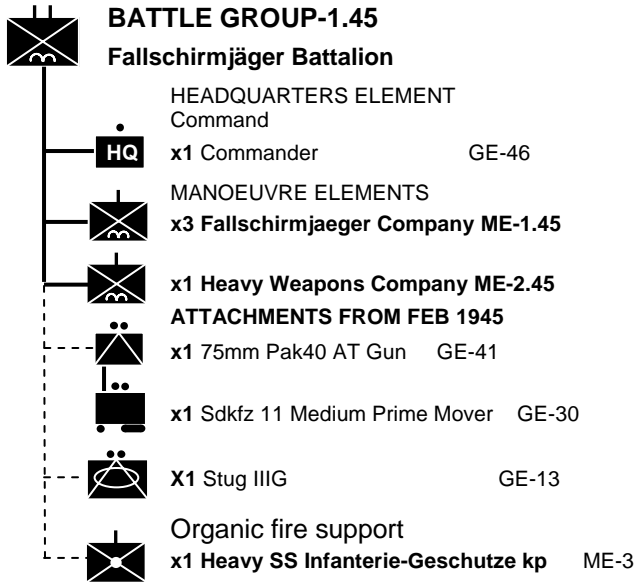
July 1944-October 1944 Lithuanian Fire Brigade



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- (b) May substitute any captured allied light truck as a tow vehicle.

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November 1944 to May 1945



(a) The guns may also operate as separate unit attachments.

(b) When operating as attachment to the Battalion, use as direct support

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(b) From December 1945 can mount one coy in captured US vehicles 1x M3 H/T US-08, 1x M3a1 white scout car US-37 and 2x Jeeps (no MG) US-13

(c) May upgrade one 75mm recoilless to a 105mm recoilless GE-66.

(d) May substitute any captured allied light truck as a tow vehicle.