

Luftwaffe Field Division 1944-45

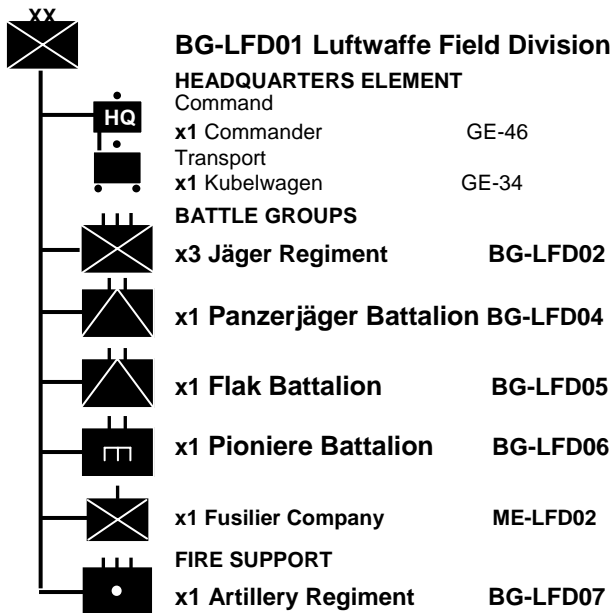
Morale and training was average at best, in the East the Heer took over the senior command functions, whereas at the frontline, due to lack of experienced NCOs and Officers they suffered setbacks and massive casualties. In the West they did a little better as they had more time for training.

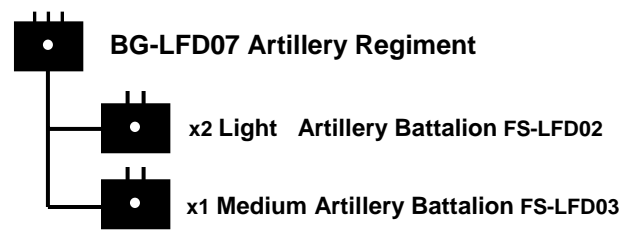
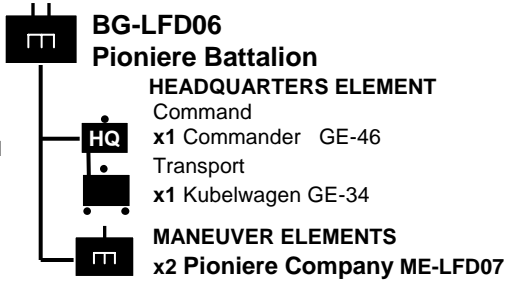
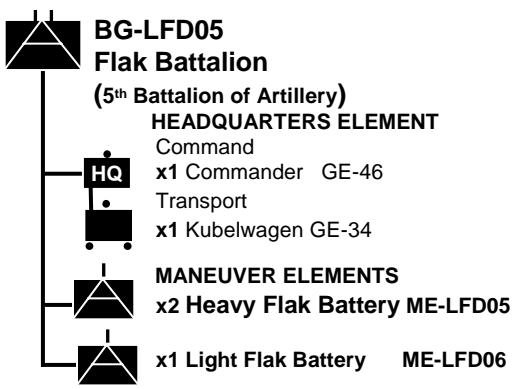
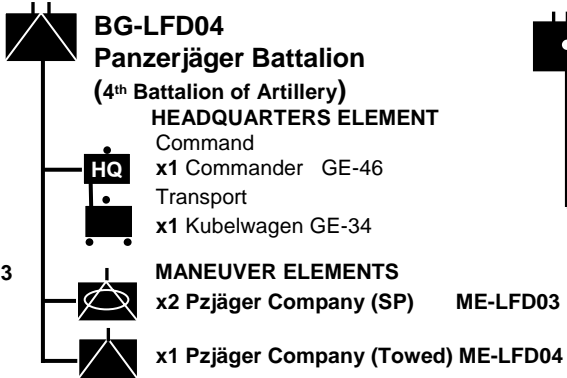
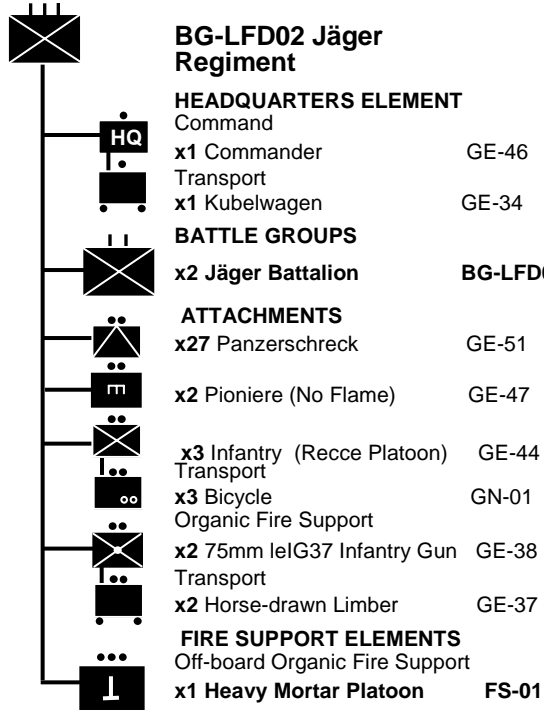
The equipment was captured or salvaged stock, a lot of the Mg's used were taken from downed and unserviceable aircraft. The MG-13 and MG-15 had skeleton butts fitted and a bipod similar to the MG-34. Also MG131s were used in the sustained fire role and also old French stock such as Hotchkiss MMGs.

As with most infantry units there was a distinct lack of transport (usually the feet) what little there was, were horse limbers and carts.

A similar ground unit was the Flieger Horst (flying host) these were troops from flying units pressed into ground combat.

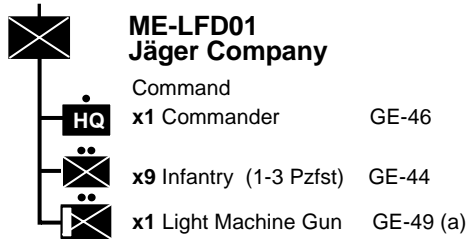
Support weapons again came from captured stocks, Czech, French and Russian guns were used in abundance, along with the problems of logistics.





(a) Or Hotchkiss FR-26 or MG-131 13mm
 GE-P58 (13mm limit to max 1 of 3)

(b) A Cannon platoon (2 x75mmIG GE-38),
 was not normally fielded as not enough
 weapons or men.



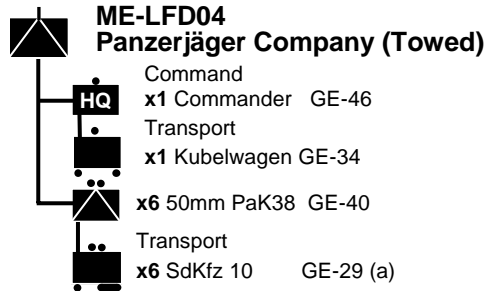
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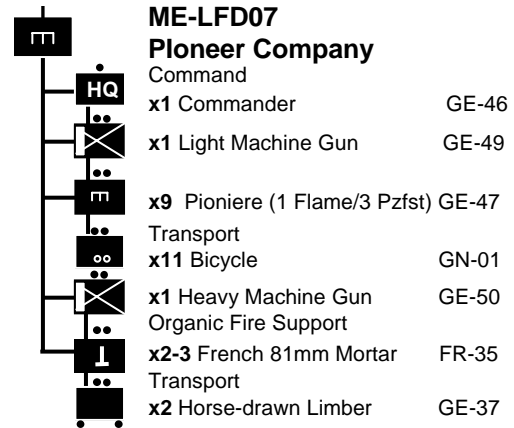
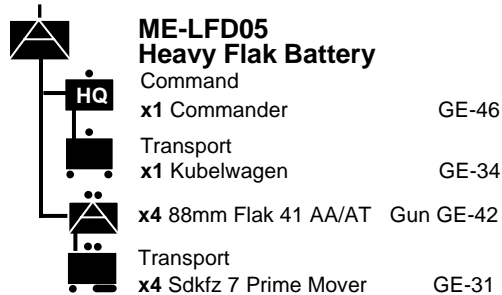
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(a) Or Stug IIIg GE-13, or Hetzer GE-???
 5th FD (eastern Front) had Stug IIIs



(a) Or trucks GE-35/38 or Halftracks GE-21




**Fire Support Element-LFD01
Heavy Mortar Platoon**

Off-Board Organic Fire Support


 x2 120mm Mortar

**Fire Support Element-LFD02
Light Artillery Battalion**

On-Board Attachment
 x1 Forward Observer GE-48 (c)
Transport


 x1 Kubelwagen GE-34

Direct Fire Support
1st Light Artillery Battery

 x3 75mm Gun GE-P50 Sml -1V/0 T,G,sV (b)


and

2nd Light Artillery Battery


 x3 75mm Gun

and

3rd Light Artillery Battery


 x3 75mm Gun

**Fire Support Element-LFD03
Medium Artillery Battalion (a)**


On-Board Attachment
 x1 Forward Observer GE-48 (c)

Direct Fire Support

1st Medium Artillery Battery

 x3 105mm Howitzer DAK-45 (b)
Lrg Template -1V, 0 TGsV
Off-board or Horse Towed

2nd Medium Artillery Battery

 x3 105mm Howitzer DAK-45
Lrg Template -1V, 0 TGsV
Off-board or Horse Towed

(a) Notes 17thLFD had attached 2x French 150mm as well, but no training on them so reduce the factors to 0 vs V, +1 vs T,G,sV simulate unfamiliarity.

(b) Russian front units scrounged or stole what ever was available, so can swap for Russian 76mm or 122mm (5th FD)

(c) The FOOs seem to be attached directly to HQ elements rather than acting separately.