

## German Volks Grenadier Battalion

**KStN 111V, 131V and 151V**

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Composed of;

<b>Battalion Headquarters</b>	<b>4 Officers, 13 men</b>
Communication Detachment	(27 men)
Supply Platoon	(2 Officers, 46 men)
<b>Three Rifle Companies, each</b>	<b>2 Officers, 117 men</b>
Company Headquarters	(1 Officer, 19 men)
Two <i>Sturm</i> Platoons, each	(1 Officer*, 32 men)
One Rifle Platoon	(33 men)*
<b>Heavy Company</b>	<b>3 Officers, 192 men</b>
Company Headquarters	(1 Officer, 23 men)
Two MG Platoons, each	(1 Officer*, 29 men) - (four heavy machine guns)
Infantry Gun Platoon	(1 Officer, 50 men) - (four 7.5-cm guns)
8-cm Mortar Platoon	(60 men) - (six 8-cm mortars)
<b>Total strength</b>	<b>644 all ranks</b> (15 Officers and 629 men)

\*One *Sturm* Platoon and the Rifle Platoon in each Rifle Company, and one MG Platoon and the 8-cm Mortar Platoon in the Heavy Company are commanded by Senior NCOs from *Stellengruppe 'O'*.

**Summary Table, German Volks Grenadier Battalion, November 1944**

Detail	Battalion Headquarters			Total, Headquarters	Three Rifle Companies, each			Total, Rifle Company	Heavy Company				Total, Heavy Company	Total, Battalion
	Headquarters	Communication Detachment	Battalion Supply Platoon		Company HQ	Two <i>Sturm</i> Platoons (each)*	Rifle Platoon		Company HQ	Two Heavy MG Platoons, each*	7.5-cm Infantry Gun Platoon	8-cm Mortar Platoon		
<b>i). Personnel</b>														
Officers*	4	0	1	5	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	3	<b>14</b>
<i>Beamte</i> (Officials)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
NCOs ('O' group)*	1	0	2	3	1	0	1	3	2	0	0	1	4	<b>16</b>
NCOs ('G' group)	2	3	5	10	4	3	3	13	6	6	6	6	30	<b>79</b>
Privates ('M' group)	10	24	39	73	14	29	29	101	15	23	44	53	158	<b>534</b>
Total, all ranks	17	27	48	92	20	33	33	119	24	30	51	60	195	<b>644</b>
<b>ii). Transport</b>														
Riding horses	4	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	0	1	1	5	<b>9</b>
Draught horses	0	4	42	46	1	3	3	10	2	4	14	18	42	<b>118</b>
Infantry carts	0	4	0	4	1	1	1	4	2	2	4	12	22	<b>38</b>
Infantry carts (as trailers)	0	4	0	4	1	1	1	4	2	2	0	12	18	<b>34</b>
Horse-drawn wagons	0	0	12	12	0	1	1	3	0	1	3	3	8	<b>29</b>
Kitchens (horse-drawn)	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>5</b>
Bicycles	3	0	5	8	6	0	0	6	4	0	1	0	5	<b>31</b>
Motorcycles, solo	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Kettenkrads (tracked motorcycles)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	<b>1</b>
Light cars	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Medium trucks	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
<b>iii). Weapons</b>														
Pistols	2	1	3	7	1	3	4	11	3	9	5	21	47	<b>87</b>
Machine pistols	12	8	3	22	1	0	9	10	7	9	8	5	38	<b>90</b>
Assault rifles	0	0	0	0	5	25	0	55	0	0	0	0	0	<b>165</b>
Rifles	3	18	42	63	13	5	20	43	14	12	38	34	110	<b>302</b>
Light machine guns	0	1	1	2	0	3	3	9	0	0	1	0	1	<b>30</b>
Heavy machine guns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	8	<b>8</b>
8-cm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	6	<b>6</b>
7.5-cm light infantry guns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	<b>4</b>

\*one *Sturm* Platoon in each Rifle Company and one MG Platoon in the Heavy Company are commanded by NCOs from *Stellengruppe "O"*

**Battalion Headquarters (4 Officers, 13 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Battalion commander	Officer - B	1	Machine pistol Riding horse	1 1
Battalion Adjutant	Officer - Z	1	Machine pistol Riding horse	1 1
Orderly officer*	Officer - Z	1	Machine pistol	1
Medical officer (Battalion physician)	Officer - K	1	Pistol	1
Messenger leader	Non-commissioned - O	1	Machine pistol	1
Battle clerk	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Medical NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol Bicycle	1 1
Mounted messenger	Soldier - M	2	Machine pistol Riding horse	2 2
Messenger	Soldier - M	4	Machine pistol Bicycle	4 2
Motorcycle messenger	Soldier - M	2	Machine pistol Motorcycle	2 2
Horse holder	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle Light personnel car (4-seat)	1 1
*also Communications Officer	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>17</b>		

**Communication Detachment (27 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Detachment leader*	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Light machine gunner	Soldier - M	1	Pistol Light machine gun	1 1
Light machine gunner	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Horse leader	Soldier - M	1	Rifle Infantry cart, Jf.8 Draught horse	1 2 1
<b><i>Light Field Cable Troop '6'</i></b>				
Telephonist, Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Telephonist	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Telephonist	Soldier - M	1	Rifle Infantry cart, Jf.8 Draught horse	1 2 1
<b>Continued...</b>				

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Two Light Field Cable Troops '3'</b>				
Telephonist, Troop leader	Soldier - M	2	Machine pistol	2
Telephonist	Soldier - M	6	Rifle	6
Telephonist	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	2
			Draught horse	1
<b>Four Pack Radio Troops 'd'</b>				
Radio operator, Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Radio operator, Troop leader	Soldier - M	3	Machine pistol	3
Radio operator	Soldier - M	4	Rifle	4
Radio operator	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	2
			Draught horse	1
*also telephonist and radio operator	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>27</b>		

#### Supply Platoon (2 Officers, 46 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Paymaster; Officer of TSD (Supply)	Officer - Z	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Senior armourer	Official - Z	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Battalion clerk (also for Senior NCO duties)	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Fodder master	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Senior blacksmith	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
Clerk (1 operates LMG)	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
			Light machine gun	1
Blacksmith	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Horse-drawn wagon	1
			Draught horse	2
			<i>baggage &amp; equipment</i>	
<b>Ammunition &amp; Equipment Detachment</b>				
Equipment NCO (QM duties)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Assistant armourer**	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	4	Rifle	4
			Horse-drawn wagon, Hf.1	4
			Draught horse	8
			<i>ammunition &amp; equipment</i>	
<b>Continued...</b>				

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b><i>Battalion clothing reserve</i></b>				
Pay clerk (Leader)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Tailor*	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Shoemaker*	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Saddler*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Horse-drawn wagon, Hf.1	2
			Draught horse	4
			<i>reserve clothing</i>	
<b><i>Rations Detachment</i></b>				
Rations leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Field cook NCO**	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Field cook**	Soldier - M	4	Rifle	4
Field cook (also wagon driver)	Soldier - M	5	Rifle	5
			Field kitchen, small, Hf.12 or 14	1
			Draught horse	2
			Field kitchen, large, Hf.11 or 13	4
			Draught horse ¥	16
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	5	Rifle	5
			Horse-drawn wagon	5
			Draught horse	10
			<i>kitchen equipment</i>	
Rations issue***	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			2-ton truck	1
			<i>rations</i>	
*2 of these also wagon escorts	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>48</b>		

\*2 of these also wagon escorts

\*\*also a field kitchen escort

\*\*\*also a vehicle escort

¥ Drivers from Saddle for the Field Kitchens are found from the Trains personnel

#### ***Additional notes on weapons***

Weapon	No.	Notes
<b><i>The 63 rifles in Battalion Headquarters may include the following</i></b>		
Rifle grenade launcher	3	

**Three Rifle Companies (2 Officers, 117 men), each**

**Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 19 men)**

<b>Detail</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Weapon/Vehicle/Other</b>	<b>No.</b>
Company commander	Officer - K	1	Assault rifle	1
			<i>Bicycle*</i>	1
Company (HQ) Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Assault rifle	1
Senior NCO (combat vehicle leader)	Non-commissioned - O	1	Machine pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Pay clerk	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
Equipment NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
Medical NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Messenger	Soldier - M	3	Assault rifle	3
			Bicycle	1
Radio operator (also messenger)	Soldier - M	4	Rifle	4
Sharpshooter	Soldier - M**	6	Rifle	6
Horse leader	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	2
			Draught horse	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>20</b>		

**Notes**

\* Bicycle added by handwritten amendment, date uncertain

\*\* One man promoted to Non-commissioned "G", also by handwritten amendment, date uncertain

**Two Sturm Platoons (1 Officer or Senior NCO, 32 men), each**

<b>Detail</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Weapon/Vehicle/Other</b>	<b>No.</b>
<b><i>Headquarters</i></b>				
Platoon commander	Officer - Z <u>or</u> Non-commissioned - O	1	Assault rifle	1
Messenger	Soldier - M	2	Assault rifle	2
Rifle grenadier	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Stretcher-bearer	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle Horse-drawn wagon, Hf.1 or Hf.6 Draught horse <i>Ammunition and baggage</i>	1 1 2
Horse leader	Soldier - M	1	Rifle Infantry cart, Jf.8 Draught horse <i>Ammunition and equipment</i> Light machine gun (reserve)	1 2 1 1
<b><i>Two Sturm Squads, each</i></b>				
Squad leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Assault rifle	1
Rifleman	Soldier - M	7	Assault rifle	7
<b><i>Rifle Squad</i></b>				
Squad leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Assault rifle	1
Rifleman & machine gunner	Soldier - M	1	Assault rifle	1
Rifleman & machine gunner	Soldier - M	2	Pistol Light machine gun	2 2
Rifleman & machine gunner	Soldier - M	4	Assault rifle	4
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>33</b>		

**Rifle Platoon (1 Senior NCO, 32 men)**

<b>Detail</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Weapon/Vehicle/Other</b>	<b>No.</b>
<b><i>Headquarters</i></b>				
Platoon commander	Non-commissioned - O	1	Machine pistol	1
Messenger	Soldier - M	2	Machine pistol	2
Rifle grenadier	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Stretcher-bearer	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Horse-drawn wagon, Hf.1 or Hf.6	1
			Draught horse	2
			<i>Ammunition and baggage</i>	
Horse leader	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	2
			Draught horse	1
			<i>Ammunition and equipment</i>	
<b><i>Three Squads, each</i></b>				
Squad leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Rifleman & machine gunner	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Rifleman & machine gunner	Soldier - M	1	Machine pistol	1
Rifleman & machine gunner	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
			Light machine gun	1
Rifleman & machine gunner	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>33</b>		

***Additional notes on weapons***

<b>Weapon</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Notes</b>
<b><i>The 43 rifles in each Rifle Company may include the following</i></b>		
Rifle with x4 telescopic sight	6	6 for Sharpshooters
Rifle grenade launcher	9	3 per Platoon



**Heavy Company (3 Officers, 192 men)****Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 23 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Officer - K	1	Machine pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Company (HQ) Troop leader <i>(also Observation NCO)</i>	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Senior NCO (combat vehicle leader)	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Armament NCO (armourer)	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Equipment NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
Pay clerk	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
Radio operator	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Medical NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Mounted messenger*	Soldier - M	2	Machine pistol	2
			Riding horse	2
Radio operator	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Motorcycle messenger	Soldier - M	1	Machine pistol	1
			<i>Kettenkrad (SdKfz2)</i>	1
<b><i>Two Light Field Cable Troops '6'</i></b>				
Telephonist, Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Telephonist	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Telephonist, Troop leader	Soldier - M	1	Machine pistol	1
Telephonist	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Telephonist	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	4
			Draught horse	2
*1 also Officer's horse holder	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>24</b>		

**Two Heavy Machine Gun Platoons (1 Officer or Senior NCO, 29 men), each**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b><i>Headquarters</i></b>				
Platoon commander	Officer - Z <u>or</u> Non-commissioned - O	1	Machine pistol	1
Messenger	Soldier - M	2	Machine pistol	2
Assistant armourer*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Stretcher-bearer	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
<b>Continued...</b>				

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Horse-drawn wagon, Hf.1	1
			Draught horse	2
			<i>Ammunition</i>	
Horse leader	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	4
			Draught horse	2
<b>Two Groups, each</b>				
Group leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
<i>Two Guns, each</i>				
Machine gun leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Machine gunner	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
			Heavy machine gun	1
Machine gun crewman	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Machine gun crewman	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
*also a wagon escort	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>30</b>		

#### Light Infantry Gun Platoon (1 Officer, 50 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Officer - Z	1	Machine pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Aiming circle NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Rangetaker	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Messenger (also horse holder)	Soldier - M	1	Machine pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Radio operator (also messenger)	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Assistant armourer	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Stretcher-bearer	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Horse-drawn wagon, misc	1
			Draught horse	2
			<i>Equipment &amp; baggage</i>	
<b>Light Field Cable Troop '3'</b>				
Telephonist, Troop leader	Soldier - M	1	Machine pistol	1
Telephonist	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
<b>(with Guns)</b>				
Position NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Aiming circle II	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Ammunition handler	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
<b>Continued...</b>				

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Horse-drawn wagon, Hf.1	2
			Draught horse	4
			<i>Ammunition</i>	
			Light machine gun**	1
<i>Four Guns, each</i>				
Gun leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Gun crewman	Soldier - M	6	Rifle**	6
Horse leader	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Infantry cart (as limber)	1
			Draught horse	2
			7.5-cm light infantry gun	1
*also fodder master	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>51</b>		

\*\*2 crewmen also serve the LMG; 1 of these armed with pistol instead of rifle

### 8-cm Mortar Platoon (66 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Headquarters</i>				
Platoon commander	Non-commissioned - O	1	Machine pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Radio operator (also messenger)	Soldier - M	6	Rifle	6
Assistant armourer*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Stretcher-bearer*	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Aiming circle I NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Aiming circle II NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Position NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
			Horse-drawn wagon	3
			Draught horse	6
			<i>Ammunition &amp; baggage</i>	
<i>Three Groups, each</i>				
Group leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
<i>Two Troops, each</i>				
Mortar leader	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Mortar gunner	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
			8-cm mortar	1
Mortar crewman	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Mortar crewman	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Horse leader	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	4
			Draught horse	2
			<i>Equipment &amp; ammunition</i>	
*also a wagon escort	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>60</b>		

**Additional notes on weapons**

Weapon	No.	Notes
<b>The 110 rifles in the Heavy Company may include the following</b>		
Rifle grenade launcher	10	1 for Company HQ, 1 for each MG Group and Mortar Group and 2 for Gun Platoon

**Notes***Battalion Headquarters*

1. Includes 4 men trained as assistant stretcher-bearers.
2. Of the Position Group "G" NCOs, 2 are *Feldwebel*.
3. Forms a Gas Warning Troop of 1 Leader and 3 men, and a Disinfection Troop of 1 Leader and 6 men (among which is a Medic or a stretcher-bearer).
4. 1 Officer is responsible for Gas warfare readiness.
5. 1 NCO is detailed as Gas warfare NCO.
6. Of the 73 men in Position Group "M", 12 may be Hiwis.

*Each Rifle Company*

7. Includes 6 men trained as assistant stretcher-bearers.
8. Of the Position Group "G" NCOs, 3 are *Oberfeldwebel* and 2 *Feldwebel*.
9. The Company forms a Gas Warning Troop of 1 Leader and 3 men, and a Disinfection Troop of 1 Leader and 6 men (among which is a Medic or a stretcher-bearer).
10. 1 NCO in the Company is detailed as Gas warfare NCO.
11. Of the 101 men in Position Group "M", 4 may be Hiwis.

*Heavy Company*

12. Includes 8 men trained as assistant stretcher-bearers.
13. Of the Position Group "G" NCOs, 3 are *Oberfeldwebel* and 5 *Feldwebel*.
14. The Company forms a Gas Warning Troop of 1 NCO and 3 men, and a Disinfection Troop of 1 Leader and 6 men (among which is a Medic or a stretcher-bearer).
15. 1 NCO in the Company is detailed as Gas warfare NCO.
16. Of the 158 men in Position Group "M", 16 may be Hiwis, including 6 in the Train.

*General*

17. Horse-drawn wagons noted as Hf.1 may be replaced by Ef.43 type.
18. Unless otherwise stated, all other horse-drawn wagons are noted as being *Panjewagen (Pleskau 2)*.
19. The posts occupied by Hiwis to be determined by the Unit commander. Suggested Hiwi posts are not marked on a document showing the Battalion in diagram form.