

German Infantry Battalion 'c'

KStN 111(R), 131c and 151c

Tables dated 1st October 1937 (111) and 10th October 1939 (131 & 151)

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Composed of;

Battalion Headquarters	5 Officers, 15 men
Communication Detachment	(19 men)
Battle Train	(2 Officers, 17 men)
Rations Train	(8 men)
Baggage Train	(7 men)
Three Rifle Companies, each	4 Officers, 182 men
Company Headquarters	(1 Officer, 17 men) - (three anti-tank rifles)
Three Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 47 men) - (one 5-cm mortar)
Company Trains	(24 men)
Machine Gun Company	5 Officers, 192 men
Company Headquarters	(1 Officer, 14 men)
Three MG Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 34 men) - (four heavy machine guns)
Mortar Platoon	(1 Officer, 61 men) - (six 8-cm mortars)
Company Trains	(15 men)
Total strength	828 all ranks (24 Officers and 804 men)

Summary Table, German Infantry Battalion 'c', October 1939

Detail	Battalion Headquarters			Total, Headquarters	Three Rifle Companies, each			Total, Rifle Company	Machine Gun Company				Total, MG Company	Total, Battalion
	Headquarters	Communication Detachment	Battalion Trains		Company HQ	Three Rifle Platoons (each)	Company Trains		Company HQ	Three Heavy MG Platoons (each)	Heavy Mortar Platoon (8-cm)	Company Trains		
i). Personnel														
Officers	4	0	1	5	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	0	5	22
<i>Beamte</i> (Officials)	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
NCOs ('O' group)	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	5
NCOs ('G' group)	1	5	8	14	4	6	2	24	3	6	10	5	36	122
Privates ('M' group)	14	14	23	51	13	41	21	157	11	28	51	9	155	677
Total, all ranks	20	19	34	73	18	48	24	186	15	35	62	15	197	828
ii). Transport														
Riding horses	8	0	2	10	1	0	0	1	6	4	1	3	22	35
Draught horses	0	2	12	14	0	0	10	10	2	6	12	4	36	80
Mortar carts	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	6
Horse-drawn wagons	0	1	5	6	0	0	4	4	1	3	3	1	14	32
Kitchens (horse-drawn)	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	5
Bicycles	8	1	3	12	4	0	4	8	2	0	0	4	6	42
Motorcycles, solo	2	0	2	4	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
Motorcycle combinations	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Light trucks	0	0	2	2	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	5
Medium trucks	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
iii). Weapons														
Pistols	6	1	9	16	4	12	7	47	4	17	32	7	94	251
Machine pistols	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	48
Rifles	14	18	25	57	14	32	17	127	11	18	30	8	103	541
Light machine guns	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	36
Heavy machine guns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	12	12
Anti-tank rifles	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	9
5-cm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	9
8-cm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	6

Battalion Headquarters (5 Officers, 15 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Battalion commander	Officer - B	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	2
Battalion Adjutant	Officer - Z	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	2
Orderly officer	Officer - Z	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Battalion physician	Officer - K	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Paymaster	Official - Z	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Clerk	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Messenger leader (also bugler)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
Mounted messenger*	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Mounted messenger	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Riding horse	1
Bicycle messenger	Soldier - M	6	Rifle	6
			Bicycle	6
Motorcycle messenger	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Motorcycle	2
Mounted horse holder	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			<i>Rides officer's spare horse</i>	
Horse holder	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
*also carries scissor scope	Total, all ranks	20		

Communication Detachment (19 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Detachment leader (also radio operator and telephonist)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
General Duty (for special use)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Wagon, Hf.1/1 (signal eqpt)	1
			Draught horse	2
<i>Two Telephone Troops, type 'a', each</i>				
Telephonist, Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Telephonist	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
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Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Two Pack Radio Troops, type 'd', each				
Radio operator, Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Radio operator	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Two Pack Radio Troops, type 'd', each				
Radio operator, Troop leader	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Radio operator	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Total, all ranks		19		

Battle Train (2 Officers, 17 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Assistant doctor	Officer - Z	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Senior armourer	Official - Z	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Battle Train leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Riding horse	1
Gas protection	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Senior blacksmith	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Armament NCO (armourer)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Medical NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Motorcycle & sidecar	1
Assistant armourer*	Soldier - M	2	Pistol	2
Blacksmith*	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Cook*	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Cartwright (wheelwright)*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Horse holder (Officer's horse)*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	5	Rifle	5
			Army wagon, Hf.1	2
			Draught horse	4
			<i>one for entrenching tools</i>	
			<i>one for medical equipment</i>	
			Smiths' wagon, Hf.1/13	1
			Draught horse	2
			Armourers' wagon, Hf.1/14	1
			Draught horse	2
			Field kitchen, small, Hf.12 or Hf.14	1
			Draught horse	2
Total, all ranks		19		

*is, or includes 1, wagon escort

Rations Train (8 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Echelon I</i>				
Rations NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Wagon escort	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Horse-drawn wagon	1
			Draught horse	2
<i>Echelon II</i>				
Rations NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Motorcycle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Vehicle escort *	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Light truck	2
*1 also a mechanic	Total, all ranks	8		

Baggage Train (7 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Battalion clerk	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
Leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Motorcycle	1
Clerk	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Saddler (for MG Company)*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Shoemaker (for MG Company)*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Tailor (for MG Company)*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Medium truck	1
*1 of these also a vehicle escort	Total, all ranks	7		

Below personnel and transport attached from Regimental Light Infantry Column to Battalion Headquarters (not counted on Battalion strength)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Equipment issuer	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Horse-drawn wagon	2
			Draught horse	4

Three Rifle Companies (4 Officers, 182 men), each

Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 17 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Officer - K	1	Pistol & machine pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Company (HQ) Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Leader, combat vehicles	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
Equipment NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Messenger (1 also bugler)	Soldier - M	4	Rifle	4
Bicyclist	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Bicycle	2
Horse holder	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
<i>Anti-tank rifle Troop</i>				
Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Anti-tank rifle gunner	Soldier - M	3	Pistol	3
			Anti-tank rifle	3
Ammunition bearer	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Total, all ranks		18		

Three Rifle Platoons (1 Officer, 47 men), each

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Officer - Z	1	Pistol & machine pistol	1
Platoon (HQ) Leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Messenger (1 also bugler)	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Mortar Troop				
Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Mortar gunner	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
			5-cm mortar	1
Mortar gunner	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Four Squads, each				
Squad leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Rifleman & machine gunner	Soldier - M	6	Rifle	6
Rifleman & machine gunner	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
			Light machine gun	1
Rifleman & machine gunner	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Rifleman & machine gunner	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Total, all ranks		48		

Battle Train (18 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Senior NCO	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Battle Train leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
Medical NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Rifleman (also wagon escort)	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Bicyclist	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
Cook*	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Assistant armourer	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Stretcher-bearer	Soldier - M	4	Pistol	4
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
			Wagon, Hf.7/11 (equipment)	3
			Draught horse	6
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Field kitchen, large, Hf.11 or 13	1
			Draught horse	2
*1 also a wagon escort	Total, all ranks	18		

Rations Train (2 men)*(Echelon II of Rations Train provided by Battalion Headquarters)*

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Echelon I</i>				
Rations leader*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Horse-drawn wagon,	1
			Draught horse	2
*also a wagon escort	Total, all ranks	2		

Baggage Train (4 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Pay clerk (leader)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Motorcycle	1
Tailor*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Shoemaker*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light truck (2-ton)	1
*1 of these also a vehicle escort	Total, all ranks	4		

Machine Gun Company (5 Officers, 192 men)

Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 14 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Officer - K	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	2
Leader (ranging & weather)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Observation NCO (scissor scope)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Fodder master (vehicle leader)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Mounted messenger (also bugler)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Riding horse	1
Messenger (and telephonist)*	Soldier - M	6	Rifle	6
Bicyclist	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Bicycle	2
Mounted horse holder	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			<i>Rides officer's spare horse</i>	
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Machine gun wagon, Jf.5	1
			<i>(or Jf.3 or field wagon Hf.1)</i>	
			(ammunition & equipment)	
			Draught horse	2
*1 also a wagon escort	Total, all ranks	15		

Three Heavy Machine Gun Platoons (1 Officer, 34 men), each

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Officer - Z	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Group leader (also aiming circle)	Non-commissioned - G	2	Pistol	2
			Riding horse	2
Rangetaker	Soldier - M	2	Pistol	2
Messenger	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Mounted horse holder	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Riding horse	1
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Machine gun wagon, Jf.5	2
			Draught horse	4
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Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Machine gun wagon, Jf.5 (or ammunition wagon, Hf.1)	1
			Draught horse	2
Four Guns, each				
Machine gun leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	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	3	Rifle	3
*1 also Officer's horse holder	Total, all ranks	35		

Heavy (8-cm) Mortar Platoon (1 Officer, 61 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Officer - Z	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
General duty (for special use)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Messenger*	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Three Groups, each				
Group leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Rangetaker	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Ammunition wagon, Hf.1	1
			Draught horse	2
Two Troops, each				
Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Mortar leader	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
			8-cm mortar	1
Mortar crewman	Soldier - M	2	Pistol	2
Mortar crewman (1 also telephonist)	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Horse leader	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Combat cart for mortar, Jf.9	1
			Draught horse	1
*1 also Officer's horse holder	Total, all ranks	62		

**3 mortar crewmen also wagon escorts

Battle Train (12 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Senior NCO	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Battle Train leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Riding horse	1
Equipment NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
Armament NCO (armourer)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Senior blacksmith	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Medical NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Assistant armourer	Soldier - M	2	Pistol	2
Blacksmith	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Cook*	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Field kitchen, large, Hf.11 or 13	1
			Draught horse	2
*1 also a wagon escort	Total, all ranks	12		

Rations Train (3 men)*(Echelon II of Rations Train provided by Battalion Headquarters)*

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Echelon I</i>				
Pay clerk	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
Rations leader*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Wagon driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Horse-drawn wagon	1
			Draught horse	2
*also a wagon escort	Total, all ranks	3		

Notes

Battalion Headquarters

1. Battalion Headquarters includes 3 men trained as assistant stretcher-bearers.

Each Rifle Company

2. Includes 4 men trained as assistant stretcher-bearers.
3. The machine pistols, anti-tank rifles, light machine guns and 5-cm mortars in the Rifle Platoons and Companies are dependent upon availability and delivery.
4. Each Company forms a Gas Warning Troop of 1 Leader and 3 men.
5. 1 NCO in each Rifle Company is responsible for the unit gas equipment.

Machine Gun Company

6. Includes 8 men trained as assistant stretcher-bearers.
7. The Company forms a Gas Warning Troop of 1 Leader and 3 men.
8. 1 NCO in the MG Company is responsible for the unit gas equipment.
9. The 8-cm mortars in the Company are dependent upon availability and delivery.

General

10. Unless otherwise stated, all horse-drawn wagons are noted as being a replacement (of the 'traditional' type) for the Hf.1 wagon.