German Infantry Battalion neu Art (nA)

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Composed of;

Battalion Headquarters 4 Officers, 13 men

Communication Detachment (25 men)

Train (2 Officers, 33 men)

Three Rifle Companies, each 2 Officers, 145 men

Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 11 men)

Mortar Group (21 men) - (two 8-cm mortars)

Three Platoons, each (1 Officer*, 32 men)

Company Trains (15 men)

Machine Gun Company 3 Officers, 205 men

Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 19 men)

Three MG Platoons, each (1 Officer*, 36 men) - (four heavy machine guns)

Mortar Platoon (1 Officer, 47 men) - (four 12-cm mortars)

Company Trains (29 men)

Total strength 726 all ranks (15 Officers and 711 men)

^{*}two Rifle Platoons in each Rifle Company and two MG Platoons in the MG Company are commanded by Senior NCOs from *Stellengruppe 'O'*.

Summary Table, German Grenadier Battalion, December 1943

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Detail	Headquarters	Communication Detachment	Battalion Trains	Total, Headquarters	Company HQ	8-cm Mortar Group	Three Rifle Platoons (each)*	Company Trains	Total, Rifle Company	Company HQ	Three Heavy MG Platoons (each)*	12-cm Mortar Platoon	Company Trains	Total, MG Company	Total, Battalion
i). Personnel															
Officers*	4	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	3	13
Beamte (Officials)	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
NCOs ('O' group)*	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	1	3	0	0	0	2	4	15
NCOs ('G' group)	2	3	6	11	3	3	3	3	18	4	5	7	5	31	96
Privates ('M' group)	10	22	26	58	8	18	29	11	124	15	31	40	22	170	600
Total, all ranks	17	25	35	77	12	21	33	15	147	20	37	48	29	208	726
ii). Transport															
Riding horses	4	0	1	5	1	0	0	0	1	3	1	0	2	8	16
Draught horses	0	4	24	28	1	5	3	12	27	2	6	0	30	50	159
Infantry carts	0	4	0	4	1	5	1	0	9	2	4	0	0	14	45
Infantry carts (as trailers)	0	4	0	4	1	5	2	2	14	2	4	0	0	14	60
Horse-drawn wagons	0	0	11	11	0	0	1	4	7	0	1	0	13	16	48
Kitchens (horse-drawn)	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	5
Bicycles	3	0	3	6	2	0	0	1	3	1	0	0	1	2	17
Motorcycles, solo	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	4
Kettenkrads (tracked motorcycles)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	1
Light cars	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
Medium trucks	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	2
Raupenschlepper Ost	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	5
iii). Weapons															
Pistols	5	0	3	8	2	7	5	1	25	2	11	5	3	43	126
Machine pistols	4	8	2	14	3	2	7	1	27	4	6	7	2	31	126
Rifles	11	17	30	58	8	12	22	13	99	15	21	37	24	139	494
Light machine guns	0	0	1	1	0	0	5	1	16	0	0	2	1	3	52
Heavy machine guns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	12	12
8-cm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6
12-cm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	4	4

^{*}two Rifle Platoons in each Rifle Company and two MG Platoons 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	Pistol & machine pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Battalion Adjutant	Officer - Z	1	Pistol & machine pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Orderly officer*	Officer - Z	1	Pistol & 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	1
			Bicycle	1
Mounted messenger	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Riding horse	2
Messenger	Soldier - M	4	Rifle	4
			Bicycle	2
Motorcycle messenger	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Motorcycle	2
Horse holder (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light personnel car (4-seat)	1
*also Communications Officer	Total, all ranks	17		

Communication Detachment (25 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Detachment leader*	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Horse leader (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	2
			Draught horse	1
Light Field Cable Troop '6'				
Telephonist, Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Telephonist	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Telephonist (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	2
			Draught horse	1
Two Light Field Cable Troops '3'				
Telephonist, Troop leader	Soldier - M	2	Machine pistol	2
Telephonist	Soldier - M	6	Rifle	6
Telephonist (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	2
			Draught horse	1
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Detail	Detail Rank		Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Four Pack Radio Troops 'd'				
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	Total, all ranks	25		

Train (2 Officers, 33 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Train				
Paymaster	Official - Z	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Senior armourer	Official - Z	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Battalion clerk	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
Train leader (also fodder master)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Field cook NCO*	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Equipment NCO (Staff QM duties)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Pay clerk	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Senior blacksmith	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Bicycle	1
Clerk* (operates LMG)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light machine gun	1
Assistant armourer	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Blacksmith	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Cartwright* (wheelwright) (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Field cook* (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Saddler (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Shoemaker* (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Tailor* (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Wagon driver (6 Hiwi)	Soldier - M	6	Rifle	6
			Horse-drawn wagon, misc	5
			Draught horse	10
	Wagons for;		pioneer & clerks' equipment	
			Smiths' & armourers' equipment	
			Tools & craftsman equipment	
			Medical equipment	
			Kitchen equipment	
			Field kitchen, small, Hf.12 or 14	1
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Draught horse

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Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Rations Train - Echelon I				
Rations leader	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Wagon driver (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Horse-drawn wagon, misc	1
			Draught horse	2
Rations Train - Echelon II (for rest of Battalion)				
Rations NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Wagon escort (3 Hiwi)	Soldier - M	4	Rifle	4
Wagon driver (5 Hiwi)	Soldier - M	5	Rifle	5
			Horse-drawn wagon, misc	5
			Draught horse	10
*also a wagon escort	Total, all ranks	35		

Additional notes on weapons

Weapon	No.	Notes				
The 58 rifles in Battalion Headquarters may include the following						
Self-loading rifle with x4 telescopic sight	1					
Rifle grenade launcher	3					

Three Rifle Companies (2 Officers, 145 men), each

Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 11 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	Machine pistol	1
Leader, combat vehicles	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Medical NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Messenger	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
			Bicycle	1
Radio operator (also messenger)	Soldier - M	4	Rifle	4
Horse leader (Hiwi) ≠ *	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	2
			Draught horse ≠	1
			Equipment and baggage	
*also Officer's horse holder	Total, all ranks	12		

8-cm Mortar Group (21 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Group leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Aiming circle NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Position NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Messenger	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Horse leader (4 Hiwis)	Soldier - M	5	Rifle	5
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	10
			Draught horse	5
			Equipment, ammunition &	
			kit bags	
Two Mortars, each				
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	3	Rifle	3
*1 also a radio operator	Total, all ranks	21		

^{*1} also a radio operator

Three Rifle Platoons (1 Officer or Senior NCO, 32 men), each

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Officer - Z <u>or</u>	1	Pistol & machine pistol	1
	Non-commissioned - O			
Messenger	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Stretcher-bearer*	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Wagon driver (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Horse-drawn wagon, misc	1
			Draught horse	2
			Light machine gun (reserve)	2
			Ammunition & kit bags	
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	1
			Ammunition	
Horse leader ≠ (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	2
			Draught horse ≠	1
			Equipment & ammunition	
Three Squads, each				
Squad leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Rifleman & machine gunner	Soldier - M	5	Rifle	5
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	1	Rifle	1

^{*}also a wagon escort

Train (15 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Train				
Senior NCO	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Equipment NCO (Train leader)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Field cook NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Clerk* (operates LMG)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light machine gun	1
Assistant armourer	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Tailor* (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Shoemaker (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Field cook*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Wagon driver (3 Hiwi)	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
			Horse-drawn wagon, misc	3
			Draught horse	6
	Wagons for;		clerks' eqpt, gas eqpt & tools	
			Ammunition	
			Kitchen equipment	
Driver from saddle (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Wagon driver (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Field kitchen, large, Hf.11 or 13	1
			Draught horse	4
			unallocated	
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	2
Rations Echelon I			,	
Pay clerk* (also for rations)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Wagon driver (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Horse-drawn wagon, misc	1
			Draught horse	2
*also a wagon escort	Total, all ranks	15		

Additional notes on weapons

Weapon	No.	Notes
The 99 rifles in each Rifle Company may inclu	g	
Self-loading rifle	9	
Self-loading rifle with x4 telescopic sight	16	
Rifle grenade launcher	9	one per Rifle Squad

Machine Gun Company (3 Officers, 205 men)

Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 19 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	Machine pistol	1
(also Observation NCO)				
Radio operator	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Medical NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Mounted messenger*	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Riding horse	2
Radio operator	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Motorcycle messenger	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Kettenkrad (SdKfz2)	1
Two Light Field Cable Troops '6'				
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 (2 Hiwi)	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	4
			Draught horse	2
*1 also Officer's horse holder	Total, all ranks	20		

Three Heavy Machine Gun Platoons (1 Officer or Senior NCO, 36 men), each

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Officer - Z <u>or</u>	1	Pistol & machine pistol	1
	Non-commissioned - O		Riding horse	1
Group leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Messenger	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Rangetaker	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Assistant armourer	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Stretcher-bearer	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Horse holder* (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Wagon driver (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Horse-drawn wagon, misc	1
			Draught horse	2
			Kit bags	
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Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Four Guns, each				
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	3	Rifle	3
Horse leader (Hiwi)**	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	2
			Draught horse	1
			Ammunition & equipment	
*also a wagon escort	Total, all ranks	37		

12-cm Mortar Platoon (1 Officer, 47 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Officer - Z	1	Pistol & machine pistol	1
Aiming circle NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Aiming circle II	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Rangetaker	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Messenger (also scissor scope)	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Radio operator	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Assistant armourer*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Motorcycle messenger	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Motorcycle	2
Vehicle driver (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light personnel car (4-seat)	1
Light Field Cable Troop '6'				
Telephonist, Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Telephonist	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Raupenschlepper Ost	1
(with Mortars)				
Position NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Vehicle driver (1 Hiwi)	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			3-ton truck	2
			Light machine gun¥	2
			Ammunition	
Four Mortars, each				
Mortar leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Mortar crewman	Soldier - M	5	Rifle	5
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^{**2} of the 4 horse leaders Hiwis

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Vehicle driver (Hiwi)**	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Raupenschlepper Ost	1
			12-cm mortar	1
			Ammunition	
*also a vehicle escort	Total, all ranks	48		

^{**2} of the 4 Mortar drivers Hiwis

Train (29 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Train				
Senior NCO	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Armament NCO (armourer)	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
Senior blacksmith	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Bicycle	1
Fodder master (Train Leader)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
			Riding horse	1
Pay clerk	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Field cook	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Clerk* (operates LMG)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light machine gun	1
Blacksmith*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Field cook*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Tailor* (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Shoemaker* (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Saddler* (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Wagon driver (3 Hiwi)	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
			Horse-drawn wagon, misc	3
			Draught horse	6
	Wagons for;		clerks' equipment & tools	
			Smiths' & armourers'	
			equipment	
			Kitchen equipment	
Driver from saddle (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Wagon driver (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Field kitchen, large, Hf.11 or 13	1
			Draught horse	4
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^{¥ 4} of the mortar crewmen operate the 2 light machine guns

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Munition Detachment				
Equipment NCO (Leader)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Wagon driver (8 Hiwi)	Soldier - M	8	Rifle	8
			Horse-drawn wagon, misc	8
			Draught horse	16
			Ammunition	
Rations Echelon I				
Rations leader	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Wagon driver (2 Hiwi)	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Horse-drawn wagon, misc	2
			Draught horse	4
*also a wagon escort	Total, all ranks	29		

Additional notes on weapons

Weapon	No.	Notes
The 139 rifles in the MG Company may inclu	de the following	
Self-loading rifle	8	
Self-loading rifle with x4 telescopic sight	8	
Rifle grenade launcher	17 or	1 for Company HQ, 1 per Heavy MG crew
	19	and 1 per 12-cm or 8-cm mortar crew

Alternative 8-cm Mortar Platoon where 12-cm weapons not issued

Mortar Platoon (1 Officer, 61 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Headquarters				
Platoon commander	Officer - Z	1	Pistol & machine 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	Machine pistol	1
Rangetaker	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Wagon driver (Hiwi)**	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 (Hiwi)**	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		

^{**}A total of 4 horse leaders and 2 wagons drivers within the Platoon may be Hiwis

^{***3} mortar crewmen also wagon escorts

Notes

Battalion Headquarters

- 1. Includes 3 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.
- 4. 1 Officer is responsible for Gas warfare readiness.
- 5. 1 NCO is detailed as Gas warfare NCO.
- 6. Of the 58 men in Position Group "M", 24 may be Hiwis, including 21 in the Train.

Each Rifle Company

- 7. Includes 6 men trained as assistant stretcher-bearers.
- 8. Of the Position Group "G" NCOs, 3 are Oberfeldwebel and 3 Feldwebel.
- 9. The Company forms a Gas Warning Troop of 1 Leader and 3 men.
- 10. 1 NCO in the Company is detailed as Gas warfare NCO.
- 11. Of the 124 men in Position Group "M", 19 may be Hiwis, including 8 in the Train.

Machine Gun 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.
- 15. 1 NCO in the Company is detailed as Gas warfare NCO.
- 16. Of the 170 men in Position Group "M", 36 may be Hiwis, including 17 in the Train.

General

- 17. Unless otherwise stated, all horse-drawn wagons are noted as being of the 'traditional' type (Pleskau 2).
- 18. The posts occupied by Hiwis to be determined by the Unit commander. Those posts marked as Hiwis in the foregoing are taken from a document showing the Battalion in diagram form.

A ≠ symbol in the foregoing denotes 'Blocked Posts' of;

19. The horse leader, plus associated draught horse and two Jf.8 carts in each Rifle Company and Rifle Platoon, plus the riding horse for the Rifle Company commander.