

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, 143 men
Company Headquarters	(1 Officer, 11 men)
Mortar Group	(21 men) - (two 8-cm mortars)
Three Platoons, each	(1 Officer*, 32 men)
Company Trains	(13 men)
Machine Gun Company	3 Officers, 192 men
Company Headquarters	(1 Officer, 19 men)
Three MG Platoons, each	(1 Officer*, 36 men) - (four heavy machine guns)
Mortar Platoon	(1 Officer, 46 men) - (four 12-cm mortars)
Company Trains	(17 men)
Total strength	707 all ranks (15 Officers and 692 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

Detail	Battalion Headquarters				Three Rifle Companies, each				Total, Rifle Company	Machine Gun Company				Total, MG Company	Total, Battalion
	Headquarters	Communication Detachment	Battalion Trains	Total, Headquarters	Company HQ	8-cm Mortar Group	Three Rifle Platoons (each)*	Company Trains		Company HQ	Three Heavy MG Platoons (each)*	12-cm Mortar Platoon	Company Trains		
i). Personnel															
Officers*	4	0	0	4	1	0	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	3	13
<i>Beamte</i> (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	9	122	15	31	39	10	157	581
Total, all ranks	17	25	35	77	12	21	33	13	145	20	37	47	17	195	707
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	14	34	143
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	5	8	40
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
<i>Kettenkrads</i> (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	1	0	1	1
<i>Raupenschlepper Ost</i>	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	11	97	15	21	36	12	126	475
Light machine guns	0	0	1	1	0	0	4	1	13	0	0	2	1	3	43
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 Riding horse	1 1
Battalion Adjutant	Officer - Z	1	Pistol & machine pistol Riding horse	1 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 Bicycle	1 1
Mounted messenger	Soldier - M	2	Rifle Riding horse	2 2
Messenger	Soldier - M	4	Rifle Bicycle	4 2
Motorcycle messenger	Soldier - M	2	Rifle Motorcycle	2 2
Horse holder (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle Light personnel car (4-seat)	1 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 Infantry cart, Jf.8 Draught horse	1 2 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 Infantry cart, Jf.8 Draught horse	1 2 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 Infantry cart, Jf.8 Draught horse	1 2 1
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Detail	Rank	No.	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
	<i>Wagons for;</i>		<i>pioneer & clerks' equipment</i>	
			<i>Smiths' & armourers' equipment</i>	
			<i>Tools & craftsman equipment</i>	
			<i>Medical equipment</i>	
			<i>Kitchen equipment</i>	
			Field kitchen, small, Hf.12 or 14	1
			Draught horse	2
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Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Rations Train - Echelon I</i>				
Rations leader	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Wagon driver (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Horse-drawn wagon, misc	1
			Draught horse	2
<i>Rations Train - Echelon II</i> <i>(for rest of Battalion)</i>				
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
<i>The 58 rifles in Battalion Headquarters may include the following</i>		
Self-loading rifle with x4 telescopic sight	1	
Rifle grenade launcher	3	

Three Rifle Companies (2 Officers, 143 men), each

Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 11 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Officer - K	1	Pistol & machine pistol Riding horse ≠	1 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 Bicycle	1 1
Messenger	Soldier - M	3	Rifle Bicycle	3 1
Radio operator (also messenger)	Soldier - M	4	Rifle	4
Horse leader (<i>Hiwi</i>) ≠ *	Soldier - M	1	Rifle Infantry cart, Jf.8 Draught horse ≠ <i>Equipment and baggage</i>	1 2 1
*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 (<i>4 Hiwis</i>)	Soldier - M	5	Rifle Infantry cart, Jf.8 Draught horse <i>Equipment, ammunition & kit bags</i>	5 10 5
Two Mortars, each				
Mortar leader	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Mortar gunner	Soldier - M	1	Pistol 8-cm mortar	1 1
Mortar crewman	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Mortar crewman*	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
*1 also a radio operator	Total, all ranks	21		

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> Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol & machine pistol	1
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)	1
			<i>Ammunition & kit bags</i>	
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	1
			<i>Ammunition</i>	
Horse leader ≠ (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Infantry cart, Jf.8	2
			Draught horse ≠	1
			<i>Equipment & ammunition</i>	
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	Total, all ranks	33		

Train (13 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
Wagon driver (2 Hiwi)	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
			Horse-drawn wagon, misc	3
			Draught horse	6
	<i>Wagons for;</i>		<i>clerks' eqpt, gas eqpt & tools</i>	
			<i>Ammunition</i>	
			<i>Kitchen equipment</i>	
Field cook; also wagon driver (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Field kitchen, large, Hf.11 or 13	1
			Draught horse	4
			<i>unallocated</i>	
			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	13		

Additional notes on weapons

Weapon	No.	Notes
The 97 rifles in each Rifle Company may include the following		
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, 192 men)

Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 19 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Officer - K	1	Pistol & machine pistol Riding horse	1 1
Company (HQ) Troop leader <i>(also Observation NCO)</i>	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Radio operator	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Medical NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol Bicycle	1 1
Mounted messenger*	Soldier - M	2	Rifle Riding horse	2 2
Radio operator	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Motorcycle messenger	Soldier - M	1	Rifle <i>Kettenkrad (SdKfz2)</i>	1 1
<i>Two Light Field Cable Troops '6'</i>				
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 Infantry cart, Jf.8 Draught horse	2 4 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.
<i>Headquarters</i>				
Platoon commander	Officer - Z <u>or</u> Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol & machine pistol Riding horse	1 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 Horse-drawn wagon, misc Draught horse <i>Kit bags</i>	1 1 2 1
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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
			<i>Ammunition & equipment</i>	
	Total, all ranks	37		

*also a wagon escort

**2 of the 4 horse leaders Hiwis

12-cm Mortar Platoon (1 Officer, 46 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
			<i>Raupenschlepper Ost</i>	1
(with Mortars)				
Position NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Vehicle driver (1 Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			3-ton truck	1
			Light machine gun¥	2
			<i>Ammunition</i>	
Four Mortars, each				
Mortar leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Mortar crewman	Soldier - M	5	Rifle	5
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Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Vehicle driver (Hiwi)**	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			<i>Raupenschlepper Ost</i>	1
			12-cm mortar	1
			<i>Ammunition</i>	
Total, all ranks		47		

*also a vehicle escort

**2 of the 4 Mortar drivers Hiwis

¥ 4 of the mortar crewmen operate the 2 light machine guns

Train (17 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
Equipment NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Clerk* (operates LMG)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light machine gun	1
Blacksmith*	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
	<i>Wagons for;</i>		<i>clerks' equipment & tools</i>	
			<i>Smiths' & armourers' equipment</i>	
			<i>Kitchen equipment</i>	
Field cook; also wagon driver (Hiwi)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Field kitchen, large, Hf.11 or 13	1
			Draught horse	4
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
Total, all ranks		17		

*also a wagon escort

Additional notes on weapons

Weapon	No.	Notes
The 126 rifles in the MG Company may include the following		
Self-loading rifle	8	
Self-loading rifle with x4 telescopic sight	8	
Rifle grenade launcher	17 or 19	1 for Company HQ, 1 per Heavy MG crew 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) ≠ Messenger*	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
	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 122 men in Position Group "M", 17 may be Hiwis, including 6 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 157 men in Position Group "M", 25 may be Hiwis, including 6 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 in each Rifle Company and Rifle Platoon, plus the riding horse for the Rifle Company commander.