

## German Motorised Infantry Battalion

**KStN 115c, 138c and 161c**

**Reconstruction of the above tables, all dated 1<sup>st</sup> February 1941**

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Composed of;

<b>Battalion Headquarters</b>	<b>5 Officers, 14 men</b>
Communication Detachment	(22 men)
Battle Train	(1 Officer, 16 men)
Repair Detachment	(2 Officers, 11 men)
Armourer Detachment	(1 Officer, 5 men)
Rations Train	(1 Officer, 9 men)
Baggage Train	(1 Officer, 6 men)
<b>Three Rifle Companies, each</b>	<b>4 Officers, 199 men</b>
Company Headquarters	(1 Officer, 19 men) - (three anti-tank rifles)
Three Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 53 men) - (one 5-cm mortar)
Company Trains	(21 men)
<b>Machine Gun Company</b>	<b>5 Officers, 206 men</b>
Company Headquarters	(1 Officer, 15 men)
Three MG Platoons, each	(1 Officer, 35 men) - (four heavy machine guns)
Mortar Platoon	(1 Officer, 64 men) - (six 8-cm mortars)
Company Trains	(22 men)
<b>Total strength</b>	<b>914 all ranks (28 Officers and 886 men)</b>

**Summary Table, German Motorised Infantry Battalion, February 1941 (Reconstruction)**

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 MG Platoons (each)	Heavy Mortar Platoon (8-cm)	Company Trains		
<b>i). Personnel</b>														
Officers	5	0	2	7	1	1	0	4	1	1	1	0	5	<b>24</b>
<i>Beamte</i> (Officials)	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>4</b>
NCOs ('O' group)	0	0	5	5	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	3	3	<b>14</b>
NCOs ('G' group)	2	5	3	10	3	6	4	25	3	6	10	4	35	<b>120</b>
Privates ('M' group)	12	17	39	68	16	47	15	172	12	29	54	15	168	<b>752</b>
Total, all ranks	19	22	53	94	20	54	21	203	16	36	65	22	211	<b>914</b>
<b>ii). Transport</b>														
Kfz.1 light personnel cars	2	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Kfz.2 light personnel cars	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>2</b>
Kfz.11 medium personnel cars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	5	<b>5</b>
Kfz.15 medium personnel cars	2	1	0	3	1	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	9	<b>15</b>
Light personnel cars	0	0	3	3	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	<b>7</b>
Light trucks	0	0	10	10	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	3	3	<b>22</b>
Medium trucks	0	1	3	4	1	4	1	14	0	2	6	1	13	<b>59</b>
Kfz.31 ambulance	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	<b>1</b>
Kfz.2/40 light repair cars	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	1	<b>5</b>
Motorcycles, solo	8	0	4	12	4	1	2	9	4	0	1	3	8	<b>47</b>
Motorcycles, with sidecar	0	0	1	1	0	0	2	2	0	1	0	2	5	<b>12</b>
<b>iii). Weapons</b>														
Pistols	6	1	16	23	5	13	4	48	3	13	29	6	77	<b>244</b>
Machine pistols	0	0	0	0	1	5	0	16	1	5	3	0	19	<b>67</b>
Rifles	13	21	37	71	15	37	17	143	13	19	33	16	119	<b>619</b>
Light machine guns	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	12	0	0	0	0	0	<b>36</b>
Heavy machine guns	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	12	<b>12</b>
5-cm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	<b>9</b>
8-cm mortars	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	6	<b>6</b>
Anti-tank rifles	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	<b>9</b>

### Battalion Headquarters (5 Officers, 14 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Battalion commander	Officer - B	1	Pistol	1
Battalion Adjutant	Officer - Z	1	Pistol	1
Orderly officer	Officer - Z	1	Pistol	1
Battalion physician	Officer - K	1	Pistol	1
Assistant physician	Officer - Z	1	Pistol	1
Battle clerk	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Messenger	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Messenger*	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
			Motorcycle	1
Messenger leader (also bugler)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Motorcycle	1
Motorcycle messenger	Soldier - M	6	Rifle	6
			Motorcycle	6
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Kfz.1 personnel car	2
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Kfz.15 personnel car	2
* also carries scissor scope		<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>19</b>

### Communication Detachment (22 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Detachment leader (also radio operator and telephonist)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Radio operator (for special use)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Kfz.15 personnel car	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Medium truck	1
<b>Two Telephone Troops, type 'a', each</b>				
Telephonist, Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Telephonist	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
<b>Two Pack Radio Troops, type 'd'</b>				
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Troop</i>				
Radio operator, Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Radio operator	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
<b>Continued...</b>				

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Troop</i>				
Radio operator, Troop leader	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Radio operator	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
<b>Two Pack Radio Troops, type 'd', motorised</b>				
<i>1<sup>st</sup> Troop</i>				
Radio operator, Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Radio operator	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
<i>2<sup>nd</sup> Troop</i>				
Radio operator, Troop leader	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Radio operator	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Kfz.2 light car (3-seater)	1
			Kfz.2 light car (3-seater)	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>22</b>		

#### Battle Train (1 Officer, 16 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Technical Service (vehicle)	Official - Z	1	Pistol	1
Technician (vehicle)	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
			Motorcycle	1
Battle Train leader	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
			Motorcycle	1
Medical NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Clerk	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Stretcher-bearer*	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Cook*	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Ammunition handler	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Fuel distribution	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	4	Rifle	4
			Light truck	4
			(one each for; Field kitchen Tools and pioneer equipment Medical and other equipment Fuel)	
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Medium truck (fuel)	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Kfz.31 ambulance	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>17</b>		

\*is, or includes 1, vehicle escort

**Repair Detachment (2 Officers, 11 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Engineering officer	Officer - K	1	Pistol	1
Works Foreman	Official - Z	1	Pistol	1
Foreman, motor mechanic	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Motor mechanic*	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Motorcycle mechanic	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Motorcycle with sidecar	1
Electrician	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light personnel car	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Medium truck	2
			(one each for; Repair equipment Spares, tools and towing gear)	
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Kfz.2/40 light repair car	1
*is, or includes 1, vehicle escort	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>13</b>		

**Armourer Detachment (1 Officer, 5 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Senior armourer	Official - Z	1	Pistol	1
Armament NCO (armourer)	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
Assistant armourer*	Soldier - M	2	Pistol	2
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light personnel car	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light truck	1
			(armourer's equipment)	
*is, or includes 1, vehicle escort	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>6</b>		

**Rations Train (1 Officer, 9 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Rations Officer	Officer - Z	1	Pistol	1
Rations NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Motorcycle	1
Rations distribution*	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Shoemaker*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Tailor*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	4	Rifle	4
			Light truck	4
*also vehicle escort	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>10</b>		

**Baggage Train (1 Officer, 6 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Paymaster	Official - Z	1	Pistol	1
Battalion clerk	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
Train leader	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
			Motorcycle	1
Clerk*	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light personnel car	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light truck	1
*1 of these also a vehicle escort	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>7</b>		

**Three Rifle Companies (4 Officers, 199 men), each**

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

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Officer - K	1	Pistol & machine pistol	1
Company (HQ) Troop leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Company transport leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Motorcycle	1
Messenger (1 also bugler)	Soldier - M	4	Rifle	4
Motorcycle messenger	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
			Motorcycle	3
Stretcher-bearer	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Kfz.15 personnel car	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Medium truck	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
	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>20</b>		

**Three Rifle Platoons (1 Officer, 53 men), each**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<i>Headquarters</i>				
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
Stretcher-bearer	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	4	Rifle	4
			Medium truck	4
Motorcycle messenger	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Motorcycle	1
<i>Mortar Troop</i>				
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
<b>Continued...</b>				

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b><i>Four Squads, each</i></b>				
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
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>54</b>		

#### Battle Train (12 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Senior NCO	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
Train leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Motorcycle	1
Equipment NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Medical NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Motorcycle with sidecar	1
Assistant armourer	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Cook*	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Vehicle driver (spare)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light personnel car	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Light truck	2
			(one each for; Ammunition and equipment Fuel and equipment)	
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Medium truck (field kitchen)	1
*is, or includes 1, vehicle escort	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>12</b>		



**Repair Troop (4 men)**

<b>Detail</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Weapon/Vehicle/Other</b>	<b>No.</b>
Technician (vehicle)	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
Motor mechanic	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Motor mechanic	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Motorcycle with sidecar	1
Vehicle driver (motor mechanic)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Kfz.2/40 light repair car	1
*1 of these also a vehicle escort	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>4</b>		

**Baggage Train (5 men)**

<b>Detail</b>	<b>Rank</b>	<b>No.</b>	<b>Weapon/Vehicle/Other</b>	<b>No.</b>
Pay clerk (leader)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Motorcycle	1
Clerk	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Tailor*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Shoemaker*	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light truck	1
*1 of these also a vehicle escort	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>5</b>		

### Machine Gun Company (5 Officers, 206 men)

#### Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 15 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Company commander	Officer - K	1	Pistol & machine pistol	1
Leader (ranging & weather)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Observation NCO*	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Company transport leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Motorcycle	1
Messenger (and telephonist)	Soldier - M	6	Rifle	6
Motorcycle messenger	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
(1 also bugler)			Motorcycle	3
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
			Kfz.15 personnel car	3
*also carries scissor scope	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>16</b>		

#### Three Heavy Machine Gun Platoons (1 Officer, 35 men), each

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Officer - Z	1	Pistol & machine pistol	1
Aiming circle NCO (1 also half-Platoon Leader)	Non-commissioned - G	2	Pistol	2
Rangetaker	Soldier - M	2	Pistol	2
Messenger	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
Motorcycle messenger	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Motorcycle with sidecar	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Kfz.15 personnel car	2
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Medium truck	2
<b>Four Guns, each</b>				
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
	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>36</b>		

**Heavy (8-cm) Mortar Platoon (1 Officer, 64 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
<b>Headquarters</b>				
Platoon commander	Officer - Z	1	Pistol	1
General Duty (for special use)	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
Messenger	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Motorcycle messenger	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Motorcycle	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Kfz.11 personnel car	2
<b>Three Groups, each</b>				
Group leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Machine pistol	1
Rangetaker	Soldier - M	1	Pistol	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Kfz.11 personnel car	1
<b>Two Troops, each</b>				
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	Soldier - M	3	Rifle	3
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Medium truck	1
<b>Total, all ranks</b>		<b>65</b>		

**Battle Train (14 men)**

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Senior NCO	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
Armament NCO (armourer)	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
			Motorcycle	1
Train leader	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
			Motorcycle	1
Equipment NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Rifle	1
Medical NCO	Non-commissioned - G	1	Pistol	1
			Motorcycle with sidecar	1
Clerk	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Assistant armourer	Soldier - M	2	Pistol	2
Cook	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
<b>Continued...</b>				

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Light personnel car	1
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	2	Rifle	2
			Light truck	2
			(one each for; Ammunition and equipment Fuel and equipment)	
Vehicle driver	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Medium truck (field kitchen)	1
*is, or includes 1, vehicle escort	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>14</b>		

#### Repair Troop (4 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Technician (vehicle)	Non-commissioned - O	1	Pistol	1
Motor mechanic	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
Motor mechanic	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Motorcycle with sidecar	1
Vehicle driver (motor mechanic)	Soldier - M	1	Rifle	1
			Kfz.2/40 light repair car	1
*1 of these also a vehicle escort	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>4</b>		

#### Baggage Train (4 men)

Detail	Rank	No.	Weapon/Vehicle/Other	No.
Pay clerk (leader)	Non-commissioned - G	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	1
*1 of these also a vehicle escort	<b>Total, all ranks</b>	<b>4</b>		

## Notes

### *Battalion Headquarters*

1. Includes 3 men trained as assistant stretcher-bearers.
2. Of the Position Group G NCOs, 3 are *Feldwebel*.
3. Forms a Gas Warning Troop of 1 Leader and 3 men.
4. One Officer is responsible for Gas warfare readiness.
5. One NCO is detailed as Gas warfare NCO.

### *Each Rifle Company*

6. Includes 8 men trained as assistant stretcher-bearers.
7. Of the Position Group G NCOs, 3 are *Oberfeldwebel* and 4 *Feldwebel*.
8. The Company forms a Gas Warning Troop of 1 Leader and 3 men.
9. 1 NCO in the Company is responsible for the unit gas equipment.

### *Machine Gun Company*

10. Includes 8 men trained as assistant stretcher-bearers.
11. Of the Position Group G NCOs, 3 are *Oberfeldwebel* and 6 *Feldwebel*.
12. The Company forms a Gas Warning Troop of 1 NCO and 3 men.
13. 1 NCO in the Company is responsible for the unit gas equipment.

## Comments

The reconstruction of KStN 115c is largely from summary of the unit compiled in early 1942 that can be seen here;

<https://wwii.germandocsinrussia.org/de/nodes/14413-akte-77>

Even then there is much detail omitted, particularly for Trains elements. This I have taken in part from the nearest comparable table, namely KStN 164 (Staff Company of a Motorised MG Battalion) of 1<sup>st</sup> February 1941. Other blanks have been filled by assuming a continuity of personnel posts with those shown in the superseding KStN 115c of 1<sup>st</sup> November 1941.

The reconstruction of the Rifle Company (KStN 138c) is taken entirely from the summary document of 1942, with ranks and notes checked against other similar KStN tables for the same date. The reconstruction of the Machine Gun Company (KStN 161c) is derived from the preceding table of the same reference dated 1<sup>st</sup> August 1940, and also KStN 162 of 1<sup>st</sup> February 1941, for an MG Company in the Motorised Infantry Regiment *Großdeutschland*.

Individual weapons issue is based on the figures given for a Motorised Infantry Battalion in October 1940, adjusted for the few extra personnel added in February 1941.

<https://wwii.germandocsinrussia.org/de/nodes/akte-499> (see page 2 of the folder)