Notes on the format used for the Organizational Tables

German Army *Kriegsstärkenachweisung* tables (K.St.N) underwent relatively little modification in terms of their content between 1937 and 1945, though the look and format did vary. The files available for download in this series are derived from copies of the original documentation but are not reproduced in identical form.

German KStN were issued in modular fashion, so for a unit such as an Infantry Regiment there may be in excess of a dozen separate tables required to completely describe it. Typically an Infantry Battalion would have three tables, one each for its Headquarters, the Rifle Companies and the MG or Heavy Company.

A German KStN table contained the following information;

Personnel - the total number of personnel authorised and their role in the unit. The relevant *Stellengruppe* was shown for each post, but no specific ranks.

Horses - the total number of horses allotted, split between riding horses and draught horses. The latter category was further divided into heavy and light draught horses, though I have not shown this on the PDF files.

Weapons - all personal and support weapons were listed by category but not by make and model (with a few occasional exceptions). So for example there was no distinction between the MG34 and the MG42, only whether they were to be used in the light or heavy role.

Transport - this was divided into horse-drawn and motor vehicles. The first category could identify a particular type of cart or wagon (such as a Jf.8 cart or an Hf.1 wagon or sub-variant). Motor vehicles could be shown as either a general category (as in a 3-ton truck or light car) or a specific model, though this was more common to motorised units such as Panzer Grenadiers.

Notes on sub-units

A KStN table would show a sub-unit such as a Rifle Platoon as its Headquarters personnel, followed by a heading giving the number of Squads within the Platoon. Under this was the total number of Squad leaders and riflemen in these Squads, so to get the size of a single Squad you need to divide this by the number of Squads. Some personnel, such as wagon drivers and stretcher-bearers, might also be tagged on the end of this, dependent upon the formatting. In the PDF files I have opted to show the structure of Squads in Platoons and support weapon crews in Groups as best as possible, which requires some compromises with the latter.

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