

German *Schützen* Battalion (motorised)

KStN 1108, 1115 (reconstruction), 1111a, 1121, 1122, 1123, 1124, 1126

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Based on the Gliederung charts dated January 1940 and April 1940 for;

4th Panzer Division (12th *Schützen* Regiment)

I Battalion of 12th *Schützen* Regiment had three Motorised Rifle Companies, while II Battalion had two Motorised Rifle Companies and one Motorcycle Rifle Company.

5th Panzer Division (13th and 14th *Schützen* Regiments)

All Battalions of 13th and 14th *Schützen* Regiments (I and II Battalions in each Regiment) had two Motorised Rifle Companies and one Motorcycle Rifle Company.

7th Panzer Division (6th and 7th *Schützen* Regiments)

9th Panzer Division (10th and 11th *Schützen* Regiments)

All Battalions of 6th, 7th, 10th and 11th *Schützen* Regiments (I and II Battalions in each Regiment) had three Motorised Rifle Companies.

Composed of;

| | |
|----------------------------------|---|
| Battalion Headquarters | 5 Officers, 12 men |
| Communication Detachment | (25 men) |
| Battle Train | (7 men) |
| Repair Group | (2 Officers, 14 men) |
| Rations Train | (5 men) |
| Baggage Train | (1 Officer, 5 men) |
| Two Rifle Companies, each | 5 Officers, 234 men |
| Company Headquarters | (1 Officer, 12 men) |
| MG Platoon | (1 Officer, 41 men) - (four heavy machine guns) |
| Three Platoons, each | (1 Officer, 54 men) - (one 5-cm mortar) |
| Company Trains | (19 men) |

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Summary Table, German *Schützen* Battalion, October 1938 (Partial reconstruction)

| Detail | Battalion Headquarters | | | Total, Headquarters | Total, Rifle Company (Motorcycle) | Total, Rifle Company (Motorised) | Total, Heavy Company | Total, Battalion (a) | Total, Battalion (b) |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Headquarters | Communication Detachment | Battalion Trains | | | | | | |
| i). Personnel | | | | | | | | | |
| Officers | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 26 | 26 |
| <i>Beamte</i> (Officials) | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| NCOs ('O' group) | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 5 |
| NCOs ('G' group) | 1 | 7 | 6 | 14 | 26 | 34 | 36 | 144 | 152 |
| Privates ('M' group) | 11 | 18 | 24 | 53 | 198 | 199 | 208 | 857 | 858 |
| Total, all ranks | 17 | 25 | 34 | 76 | 230 | 239 | 251 | 1035 | 1044 |
| ii). Transport | | | | | | | | | |
| Kfz.2 light personnel cars | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Kfz.11 medium personnel cars | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| Kfz.12 medium personnel cars | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Kfz.15 medium personnel cars | 1 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 26 | 28 |
| Kfz.18 medium personnel cars | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 |
| Light personnel cars | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Sd.Kfz 261 armoured cars | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Kfz.69 light trucks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 11 | 11 |
| Kfz.70 personnel trucks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 25 | 9 | 59 | 84 |
| Light trucks | 0 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 6 | 3 | 11 | 31 | 28 |
| Medium trucks | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Kfz.31 ambulance | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Motorcycles, solo | 5 | 0 | 3 | 8 | 11 | 4 | 8 | 35 | 28 |
| Motorcycles, with sidecar | 3 | 0 | 1 | 4 | 61 | 7 | 14 | 93 | 39 |
| iii). Weapons | | | | | | | | | |
| Pistols | 6 | 9 | 11 | 26 | 69 | 58 | 83 | 294 | 283 |
| Machine pistols | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Rifles | 11 | 16 | 23 | 50 | 161 | 181 | 168 | 741 | 761 |
| Light machine guns | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 18 | 18 | 4 | 58 | 58 |
| Heavy machine guns | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 12 | 12 |
| 5-cm mortars | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0 | 9 | 9 |
| 8-cm mortars | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| 7.5-cm light infantry guns | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 3.7-cm anti-tank guns | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 | 3 |

Battalion Headquarters (5 Officers, 12 men)

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----|
| Battalion commander | Officer - B | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Battalion Adjutant | Officer - Z | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Orderly officer (also Gas officer) | Officer - Z | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Battalion physician | Officer - K | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Assistant physician | Officer - Z | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Clerk | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Messenger | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Messenger leader (also bugler) | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 4 | Rifle | 4 |
| | | | Motorcycle | 4 |
| Motorcycle messenger* | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle | 1 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 2 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.11 personnel car | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.15 personnel car | 1 |
| * also carries scissor scope | Total, all ranks | 17 | | |

Communication Detachment (25 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.15/2 radio car | 1 |
| Two Telephone Troops, type 'c', each | | | | |
| Telephonist, Troop leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Telephonist | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| Telephonist (also driver) | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.15/1 signal vehicle | 1 |
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| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|---|----------------------|-----------|------------------------------|-----|
| Two Pack Radio Troops, type 'd', motorised, each | | | | |
| Radio operator, Troop leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Radio operator | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Radio operator (also driver) | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.2/2 radio car (3-seater) | 1 |
| Two Panzer Radio Troops, type 'd' each | | | | |
| Radio operator, Troop leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Radio operator | Soldier - M | 2 | Pistol | 2 |
| Radio operator (also driver) | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| | | | Sd.Kfz 261 (radio vehicle)* | 1 |
| | | | MP40 | 1 |
| Total, all ranks | | 25 | | |

* the Sd.Kfz 261 did not enter production until the end of 1940. Later war KStN tables identify the Kfz.17 radio car as the substitute vehicle but this is not shown on the 1937 tables.

Battle Train (7 men)

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|--|-------------------------|----------|-----------------------------|-----|
| Battle Train leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle | 1 |
| Medical NCO | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Ambulance escort (presumably also Stretcher-bearer) | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Cook* | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Light truck (field kitchen) | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.31 ambulance | 1 |
| *includes 1 vehicle escort | Total, all ranks | 7 | | |

Repair Group (2 Officers, 14 men)

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--|-----|
| Works Foreman | Official - Z | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Technician (vehicle) | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 |
| Motor mechanic* | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| Mechanic | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Senior armourer | Official - Z | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Armament NCO (armourer) | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Assistant armourer* | Soldier - M | 2 | Pistol | 2 |
| Shoemaker* | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Tailor* | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Light personnel car | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 4 | Rifle | 4 |
| | | | Light truck | 4 |
| | | | (one each for; Armourer & medical eqpt. Tools and pioneer equipment Repair equipment Fuel) | |
| *is, or includes 1, vehicle escort | Total, all ranks | 16 | | |

Rations Train (5 men)

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------|----------------------|-----|
| Rations NCO (leader) | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle | 1 |
| Rations distribution* | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| | | | Light truck | 2 |
| *also vehicle escort | Total, all ranks | 5 | | |

Baggage Train (1 Officer, 5 men)

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|---|-------------------------|----------|------------------------------|--------|
| Paymaster | Official - Z | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Battalion clerk | Non-commissioned - O | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Leader (also Leader of all the Baggage Trains of the Battalion) | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle Motorcycle | 1 1 |
| Clerk* | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle Light personnel car | 1 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle Light truck | 1 1 |
| *also a vehicle escort | Total, all ranks | 6 | | |

Two (or three) Rifle Companies (5 Officers, 234 men), each**Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 12 men)**

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|--------|
| Company commander | Officer - K | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Company (HQ) Troop leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Company transport leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle Motorcycle | 1 1 |
| Messenger (1 also bugler) | Soldier - M | 4 | Rifle | 4 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle Motorcycle | 2 2 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 1 |
| Stretcher-bearer | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle Kfz.15 personnel car | 2 2 |
| | Total, all ranks | 13 | | |

Three Rifle Platoons (1 Officer, 54 men), each

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----|
| Headquarters | | | | |
| Platoon commander | Officer - Z | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Messenger (1 also bugler) | Soldier - M | 3 | Rifle | 3 |
| Stretcher-bearer | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.70 personnel carrier | 1 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 |
| Mortar Troop | | | | |
| Troop leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Mortar gunner | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | 5-cm mortar | 1 |
| Mortar gunner | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Three Squads, each | | | | |
| Squad leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Troop leader (assistant squad leader) | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Rifleman | Soldier - M | 7 | Rifle | 7 |
| Light machine gunner | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| | | | Light machine gun* | 2 |
| Light machine gunner | Soldier - M | 2 | Pistol | 2 |
| Light machine gunner | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| | | | Kfz.70 personnel carrier | 2 |
| Total, all ranks | | 55 | *see comments | |

Heavy Machine Gun Platoon (1 Officer, 41 men)

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|---|----------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Headquarters | | | | |
| Platoon commander | Officer - Z | 1 | 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 |
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| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|---|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----|
| <i>Light Telephone Troop 'c'</i> | | | | |
| Telephonist, Troop leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Telephonist | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| Telephonist (also driver) | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.15/1 signal vehicle | 1 |
| <i>Four Guns, each</i> | | | | |
| 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 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.70 personnel carrier | 1 |
| Total, all ranks | | 42 | | |

Battle Train (15 men)

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|---------------------------|-----|
| Senior NCO | Non-commissioned - O | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Armourer | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Technician (vehicle) | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 |
| Equipment (and gas) NCO* | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Medical NCO | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 |
| Assistant armourer | Soldier - M | 2 | Pistol | 2 |
| Motor mechanic* | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| Cook* | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.15 personnel car | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| | | | Light truck | 2 |
| | | | (one each for; | |
| | | | Field kitchen | |
| | | | Ammunition and equipment) | |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Medium truck | 1 |
| | | | (Fuel and equipment) | |
| *is, or includes 1, vehicle escort | Total, all ranks | 15 | | |

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 | 1 |
| *1 of these also a vehicle escort | Total, all ranks | 4 | | |

Motorcycle Rifle Company (5 Officers, 225 men)**Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 12 men)**

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----|
| Company commander | Officer - K | 1 | 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 | 3 | Rifle | 3 |
| Messenger* | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| | | | Motorcycle | 2 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 |
| 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 |
| | | | Kfz.18 equipment car | 1 |
| *also carries scissor scope | Total, all ranks | 13 | | |

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

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----|
| Headquarters | | | | |
| Platoon commander | Officer - Z | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Messenger (also bugler) | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Stretcher-bearer | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.11 personnel car | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.18 equipment car | 1 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| | | | Motorcycle | 2 |
| Mortar Troop | | | | |
| Troop leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Mortar gunner | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | 5-cm mortar | 1 |
| Mortar gunner | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Motorcyclist | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 2 |
| Three Squads, each | | | | |
| Squad leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Rifleman | Soldier - M | 3 | Rifle | 3 |
| Light machine gunner | Soldier - M | 2 | Pistol | 2 |
| | | | Light machine gun | 2 |
| Light machine gunner | Soldier - M | 2 | Pistol | 2 |
| Motorcyclist | Soldier - M | 4 | Rifle | 4 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 4 |
| Total, all ranks | | 48 | | |

Heavy Machine Gun Platoon (1 Officer, 50 men)

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|---|----------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Headquarters | | | | |
| Platoon commander | Officer - Z | 1 | 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 |
| Stretcher-bearer | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Motorcyclist | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 |
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| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|--|-------------------------|-----------|---|--------|
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle Motorcycle | 1 1 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle Kfz.15 personnel car | 1 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle Kfz.18 equipment car | 1 1 |
| Light Telephone Troop 'c' | | | | |
| Telephonist, Troop leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Telephonist | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| Telephonist (also driver) | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle Kfz.15/1 signal vehicle | 1 1 |
| Four Guns, each | | | | |
| Machine gun leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Machine gunner | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol Heavy machine gun | 1 1 |
| Machine gun crewman | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Machine gun crewman | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| Motorcyclist* | Soldier - M | 4 | Rifle Motorcycle with sidecar** | 4 4 |
| *2 gun teams each have 3 motorcyclists only | Total, all ranks | 51 | **2 gun teams each have 3 motorcycles only | |

Battle Train (18 men)

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|--------|
| Senior NCO | Non-commissioned - O | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Armourer | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Technician (vehicle) | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 1 |
| Equipment (and gas) NCO | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Motor Vehicle NCO* | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Medical NCO | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 1 |
| Assistant armourer* | Soldier - M | 2 | Pistol | 2 |
| Motor mechanic* | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Cook* | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| Clerk | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle Kfz.15 personnel car | 1 1 |
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| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--|--------|
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 5 | Rifle Light truck (one each for; Field kitchen Armourers' eqpt/men's packs Ammunition and pioneer eqpt Fuel Fuel and equipment) | 5 5 |
| *also, or includes 1, vehicle escort | Total, all ranks | 18 | | |

Baggage Train (4 men)

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

Heavy Company (6 Officers, 245 men)**Company Headquarters (1 Officer, 7 men)**

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------|-------------------------|-----|
| Company commander | Officer - K | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Company (HQ) Troop leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Messenger (also bugler) * | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| | | | Motorcycle | 2 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 2 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.11 personnel car | 1 |
| *also carries scissor scope | Total, all ranks | 8 | | |

Anti-tank Platoon (1 Officer, 29 men)

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|-----|
| Headquarters | | | | |
| Platoon commander | Officer - Z | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Observation NCO (HQ leader) | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Rangetaker | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Messenger | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Assistant armourer | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle | 1 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| | | | Kfz.69 light truck | 2 |
| LMG Troop | | | | |
| Machine gun leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Machine gunner | Soldier - M | 2 | Pistol | 2 |
| | | | Light machine gun | 1 |
| Three Guns, each | | | | |
| Gun leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Gunner | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| | | | 3.7-cm anti-tank gun | 1 |
| Gunner | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Gunner | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.69 light truck | 1 |
| | Total, all ranks | 30 | | |

Two Infantry Gun Platoons (1 Officer, 32 men), each

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-----|
| Headquarters | | | | |
| Platoon commander | Officer - Z | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Aiming circle I (HQ Troop leader) | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Aiming circle II | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Rangetaker | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Messenger (with scissor scope) | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle | 1 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 2 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.12 personnel car | 1 |
| Light Telephone Troop 'c' | | | | |
| Telephonist, Troop leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Telephonist | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| Telephonist (also driver) | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.15/1 signal vehicle | 1 |
| (with Guns) | | | | |
| Position NCO | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Assistant armourer | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Motorcyclist (for Position NCO) | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.69 light truck | 1 |
| | | | Sd.Ah.32 ammunition trailer | 1 |
| Two Guns, each | | | | |
| Gun leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Gun crew | Soldier - M | 6 | Rifle | 6 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.69 light truck | 1 |
| | | | 7.5-cm light infantry gun | 1 |
| Total, all ranks | | 33 | | |

Pioneer Platoon (1 Officer, 56 men)

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|------------------------------------|----------------------|------------|------------------------------|------------|
| <i>Headquarters</i> | | | | |
| Platoon commander | Officer - Z | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| General Duty (for special use) | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Technician (pioneer) | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 |
| Surveyor | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Assistant armourer | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Motorcycle messenger | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| | | | Motorcycle | 2 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.15 personnel car | 1 |
| <i>Transport Detachment</i> | | | | |
| Pioneer | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| | | | Kfz.11 personnel car* | 2 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 5 | Rifle | 5 |
| | | | Pioneer vehicle III | 5 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Light truck (equipment) | 1 |
| <i>Three Groups, each</i> | | | | |
| Group leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Pioneer | Soldier - M | 8 | Rifle | 8 |
| Light machine gunner | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| | | | Light machine gun | 1 |
| Light machine gunner | Soldier - M | 2 | Pistol | 2 |
| Light machine gunner | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Total, all ranks | | 57 | *possibly replaced by Kfz.15 | |

Heavy (8-cm) Mortar Platoon (1 Officer, 69 men)

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|--------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----|
| Headquarters | | | | |
| 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 with sidecar | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.11 personnel car | 1 |
| Three Groups, each | | | | |
| Group leader | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Rangetaker | Soldier - M | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Telephonist | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.70 personnel carrier | 1 |
| 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 | Soldier - M | 3 | Rifle | 3 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.70 personnel carrier | 1 |
| Total, all ranks | | 70 | | |

Battle Train (16 men)

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----|-------------------------|-----|
| Train leader | Non-commissioned - O | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Armament NCO (armourer) | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| Technician (vehicle) | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 |
| Equipment (and gas) NCO* | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Motor vehicle NCO* | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Medical NCO | Non-commissioned - G | 1 | Pistol | 1 |
| | | | Motorcycle with sidecar | 1 |
| Motor mechanic* | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Clerk* | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| Cook* | Soldier - M | 2 | Rifle | 2 |
| Continued... | | | | |

| Detail | Rank | No. | Weapon/Vehicle/Other | No. |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|--|-----|
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 1 | Rifle | 1 |
| | | | Kfz.15 personnel car | 1 |
| Vehicle driver | Soldier - M | 5 | Rifle | 5 |
| | | | Light truck | 5 |
| | | | (one each for; Field kitchen Ammunition Armourers' equipment Fuel Fuel and equipment) | |
| *is, or includes 1, vehicle escort | Total, all ranks | 16 | | |

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 |
| | | | Medium truck | 1 |
| *1 of these also a vehicle escort | Total, all ranks | 4 | | |

Notes

1. Battalion Headquarters includes 3 men trained as assistant stretcher-bearers.
2. Each Rifle Company includes 3 men trained as assistant stretcher-bearers.
3. The Motorcycle Rifle Company includes 6 men trained as assistant stretcher-bearers.
4. Heavy Company includes 17 men trained as assistant stretcher-bearers.

Comments

The various pre-war versions of Rifle Company in the German Army (Infantry, Mountain Infantry, Motorised Infantry) were all based on three Platoons, each of three Squads, with one light machine gun per Squad, for a total of nine per Company. KStN 1115 doubled this figure to 18 light machine guns and at time of writing I have found no reason for this particular increase, or indeed why it was limited to certain *Schützen* units and not applied to them all. I've assumed in the above that it resulted in two light machine guns per Rifle Squad, however what is not clear is whether it was intended that the Squad should use both in the dismounted role. There was no commensurate increase in pistols for the Company, which might suggest that the four LMG numbers per Squad were now to operate as two teams, each of two men, all armed with pistols and serving one LMG per team. It is possible that the intention was to increase the anti-aircraft capability of the Company, with an MG34 on each Kfz.70 carrying a half Rifle Squad, and subsequently evolved into the later organization of two LMGs per *Schützen* (and later Panzer Grenadier) Squad.

Notes on reconstruction

Unfortunately, the KStN table for the Rifle Company (ref 1115) of the *Schützen* Battalion, dated 1st October 1938, appears to be lost. The description of this in the forgoing has then been reconstructed using alternative sources, plus some guesswork.

Contemporary sources

Primarily, an undated document included in the holdings of the US National Archives and Records Administration (NARA), seemingly in file NARA T78 R659 H36/161. This is a 'pictograph' rather than a full KStN table, and omits full details of ranks, vehicle types and weapons. Also, it does not appear to be based on the 1937 KStN tables, nor the succeeding February 1941 versions. My personal guess is they were an initial draft of the February 1941 *Schützen* Regiment tables, and they do match the overall organization for the Panzer Division as shown in the Gliederung charts for November 1940.

Secondly are the Special Appendices to the German Army Mobilisation Plan, for the period March 1939 to March 1940. One of these gives information on the vehicles authorised under all of the governing KStN tables for the *Schützen* Battalion, and includes the vehicle type and which subunit it was to be used by, and sometimes its intended load. There is though no information on the vehicles of the various Baggage Trains. There are also a series of summaries for the various types of Panzer Division and *Leichte* Division of the pre-war period, which include a single line entry for their particular model of *Schützen* Battalion and, where applicable, the *Krad**Schützen* Battalion.

Supplementing these are summaries for the various elements of the Battalion given in the Handbook for the General Staff in War, dated August 1939. These give summaries for each KStN, showing the breakdown of personnel by rank groups (O, B, G and M), the number of rifles and support weapons, and the number of motor vehicles. The latter is subdivided into cars and trucks, which are then further shown as light, medium and heavy, and also motorcycles, both solo and with sidecars.

Deductions

The 1938 *Schützen* Rifle Company is largely based on the undated pictograph, with transport amended in line with that given in the Mobilisation Plan figures for 1939. There is also a reliance on the Motorcycle version of the Company, 1111a, the KStN for which is available. Company Trains offer the greatest margin for error. I've assumed that posts for personnel such as armourers, clerks, cooks, tailors and shoemakers remained constant across Company types.

My thanks to Massimo Baroffi for providing the Mobilisation Plan and Staff Handbook information, which gave me some actual figures to work with and eliminated a great deal of the guesswork.

If anyone happens to have any contemporary information on the actual organization of the Battalion then please drop me an email via the home page, which can be reached at the below link.