

K.St.N. Grenadier Escort Platoon

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(Grenadier-Begleitügen)

[Includes a theoretical table of organization based on original German documents]

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On October 20th 1944 the Inspector General of the Panzer Troops orderd the establishment of Grenadier Escort Platoons for all infantry type divisions equipped with Jagdpanzer or Sturmgeschützen. These orders were spelled out in the following document: OKH / Gen.Insp.d.Pz.Tr. /GenStdH/Org.Abt. Nr. I/12291/44 geh. The orders included an attachment that very specifically identified the type and number of men (and weapons) that would be used to create these units. It was this set of documents that was used in creating this theoretical KStN.

Wartime table of Organization and Equipment (Army)

Line No.	Rank Group	War Allocation 44 Grenadier Escort Platoon (Grenadier escort platoon for Assault Gun and Tank Destroyer Company)	Man Power				Weapons				Vehicles					
			Officers	Civil Servant	NCOs	Enlisted men	Rifle, Carbine	Pistol (Machine Pistol)	Heavy M.G. (Light M.G.)	Horse Drawn (towed/self-propelled) Guns and Mortars	Horse Drawn (towed/self-propelled) Vehicles	Truck, towing vehicles (Trailers)	Armored vehicles	Motorcycles (side car) [Tracked motorcycle]	Bicycles (Railway Vehicles)	
			a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	k	l	m	n	
1	Z	Platoon Commander	1	.	.	.	.	(1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
2		a) Commanders Group	1)													
3	G	NCO	.	.	1	.	.	(1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
4	M	Enlisted (1 engineer)	.	.	.	4	.	(4)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
5		Total	1	.	1	4	.	(6)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
6		b) Escort Group 1	2)													
7		Escort Squad 1														
8	G	NCO, Squad leader	.	.	1	.	.	(1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
9	M	Enlisted, engineer	.	.	.	1	.	(1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
10	M	Enlisted, riflemen	.	.	.	3	.	(3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
11		Escort Squad 2 & 3														
12	M	Enlisted, Squad leader	.	.	.	2	.	(2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
13	M	Enlisted, engineer	.	.	.	2	.	(2)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
14	M	Enlisted, riflemen	.	.	.	6	.	(6)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
15		Total	.	.	1	14	.	(15)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
16		c) Escort Group 2 (same as 1)	.	.	1	14	.	(15)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
17		d) Escort Group 3 (same as 1)	.	.	1	14	.	(15)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
18		e) Miscellaneous Troops														
19		Special Employment Section	3)													
20	O	NCO	.	.	1	.	.	(1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
21		Enlisted	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
22	M	Engineer	.	.	.	1	.	(1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
23	M	Motorcycle driver	.	.	.	1	1	.	.	.	.	.	.	1(1)	.	.
24		Reserve Escort Squad														
25	M	Enlisted, Squad leader	.	.	.	1	.	(1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
26	M	Enlisted, engineer	.	.	.	1	.	(1)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
27	M	Enlisted, riflemen	.	.	.	3	.	(3)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
28		Supply Section														
29	M	Enlisted (truck driver and co-driver)	.	.	.	2	2	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
30		Truck, medium, open, for engineer equipment and baggage.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	1	.	.	.	.
31		Total	.	.	1	9	3	(7)	.	.	.	1	.	1(1)	.	.
32		Summary														
33																
34		a) Commanders Group	1	.	1	4	.	(6)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
35		b) Escort Group 1	.	.	1	14	.	(15)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
36		c) Escort Group 2	.	.	1	14	.	(15)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
37		d) Escort Group 3	.	.	1	14	.	(15)	.	.	.	.	.	.	.	.
38		e) Miscellaneous Troops	.	.	1	9	3	(7)	.	.	.	1	.	1(1)	.	.
39		Total for Grenadier Escort Platoon	1	.	5	55	3	(58)	.	.	.	1	.	1(1)	.	.

- 1) Also used as escort squad for Assault Gun/Tank Destroyer Company commander's vehicle.
- 2) Each escort group would escort an assault gun platoon; each escort squad escorted a single assault gun.
- 3) Also the reconnaissance section.