

Strength of the Prussian Infantry and Cavalry
Beginning of 1760 Campaign

Theoretical Strengths

Infantry:	Off	NCO	Music	Sappers	Soldiers	Total
Old Formation						
Grenadier Battalion	18	36	20	28*	520	622
Infantry Battalion	21	50	16	28*	610	697
Infantry Regiment	42	100	38**	28*	1,220	1,400
Middle Formation						
Grenadier Battalion	18	36	20	28*	560	662
Infantry Battalion	21	50	16	28*	660	747
Infantry Regiment	42	100	38	28*	1,320	1,500
New Formation						
Grenadier Battalion	18	36	20	28*	680	782
Infantry Battalion	21	50	16	28*	810	897
Infantry Regiment	42	100	38	28*	1,620	1,800

* The sappers (7 per grenadier company) served as the battalion artillery guards and were distributed according to the distribution of the guns.

** The 6 musicians were assigned to the 1st Battalion of every regiment. The 41st, 44th and 48th Regiments as well as the garrison regiments had no musicians

in Old Formation

- Guard Infantry Regiment #15 ***
- Saldern Battalion (Grenadier-Garde) #6
- Prinz Heinrich Infantry Regiment #35
- Jung-Braunschweig Infantry Regiment #39
- All Garrison Regiments
- Saxon Infantry Regiment Plotho
- Saxon Infantry Regiment Horn

Units in Middle Formation

- Mu"nchow Infantry Regiment #36
- Bu"low Infantry Regiment #46
- Grabow Infantry Regiment #44
- Diericke Infantry Regiment #49
- All other Saxon Infantry Regiments
- Grant Infantry Regiment #44
- Hessen-Cassel Infantry Regiment #45
- Salmuth Infantry Regiment #48

Units in New Formation

- 38 remaining infantry regiments, (#1-5, 7-14, 16-34, 27, 38, 40-43)
- Anhalt Infantry Regiment #3 (this three battalion regiment had a total theoretical strength of 2,430 men)

*** The numbers of officers, NCO's, musicians and the over compliment were increased in the 1st Battalion. Each battalion now had 7 musicians. The Flu"gel-Grenadier company of the 1st Battalion remained as the guard of the Royal Headquarters.

Organization of the Grenadier Battalions

	Parent Regiments	Theoretical Strength	Number of Companies Old & Middle	New, Formation
Rathenow	1/23	680		
Nesse	2/GR2*	620	- 2 new & 2 middle	
Hacke	3/6	640	- 3 new & 1 old	
Willemey	4/16	680		
Jung-Billerbeck	5/20	680		
Lubath	7/30	680		
Alt-Billerbeck	8/46	620	- 2 new & 2 middle	
Ba"hr	9/10	680		
Beyer	11/14	680		
Pieverlingk (later Stechow)	12/29	600	- 2 new & 2 old	
Bornstedt	132/26	680		
Graf Anhalt	15/18	600	- 2 old & 2 new	
Tann (later Wobersnow)	17/22	680		
Heyden	19/25	680		
Dieringshofen	21/27	680		
Neumeister	28/32	680		
Ostenreich (later Falkenhayn)	29/31	680		
Nymscho"fsky	33/42	680		
Schwartz	35/36	540	- 2 old & 2 middle	
Kleist	37/40	680		
Burgsdorff	38/42	680		
Benckendorff	41/44	600	- 2 new & 2 old	
Unruh & 9GR	45/48	520	- old	
Buddendorf (later Bock)	47/7GR	540		
Carlowitz	New GR & 3GR/4GR	600	- since 1758 2 middle & 2 old	
Lossow	1GR/11GR	520	- old	
Rath (later Koschembahr)	5GR/10GR	560	- middle	
Busche	6GR/8GR	560	- middle	

* GR = Garrison Regiment

Stettiner Grenadier Battalions

Ko"ller (Ploto/Horn) 17 off, 36 NCO, 20 Mu, 28 sap, 528 gren
Ingersleben Provisional Battaion 14 off, 24 NCO, 8 mu, 400 gren

In the beginning of 1760 the twelve "stammregimenter" or principal regiments, each gave only one grenadier company and they were organized as followed:

Dieringshofen (21/27) & Kleist (37/40) => Kleist (680 men)
Willemey (4/16) & Benckendorff (41/44) => Benckendorff (680)
Vornstedt (13/26) & Heyden (19/25) => Schwerin (838)

Freibataillons 21 off, 35 NCO, 5 mus, 750 men (811 total)
 Foreign Regiments had a double strength.

Corps des Volontaires de Prusse (Trumbach Freibataillon) had 1 grenadier company and three musketeer companies. Each had 5 officers (Leib co - 7), 10 NCO's 4 musicians, 3 sappers and 141 men. Its jagers consisted of 1 officer, 3 NCO's, 40 men. The artillery had 1 officer, 2 NCO's, 16 men.

In 1757 the Fussjaegers had two companies, with a total of 6 officers, 10 NCO's (Oberjaeger) and 300 men = 316 total.

Cavalry

Cuirassiers							Year
	Sqns	Off	NCO	Trumpet	Smiths	Men	Effective
Garde du Corps	3	24	48	8	6	522	1757

The 12 cuirassier regiments received a doubled overcompliment in 1756 and an augmentation in 1757. Their squadron had two companies and consisted of:

Cuirassier Sqn	Off	NCO	Trumpet	Smiths	Men
	7	14	2	2	168

A ten squadron regiment had:

Off	NCO	Trumpet	Smiths	Men
37	70	12	10	840

In 1758 the Gendarmes (#10) and Seydlitz (#8) had 43 instead of 38 officers. The ten remaining regiments remained on the old footing. In 1757 the numbers of officers and NCO's remained:

	Off	NCO	Trumpet	Smiths	Men
One Squadron	7	14	2	2	114
Regiment w 10 sqns	37	70	12	10	720

Dragoon Regiments

The 12 dragoon regiments were reorganized in 1757 and now consisted of:

	Off	NCO	Trumpet	Smiths	Men
Squadron	7	14	3	1	168
5 Sqn Regiment	37	70	21	5	840
10 Sqn Regiment	74	140	36	10	1,680
Kleist Light Dragoons (4 sqns)	18	19	14	4	520

The musicians usually consisted of one tympanist and 5 musicians ("hautboisten"). The 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 7th, 8th, 11th, and 12th Regiments had only 1 tympanist and 4 musicians, also with the 15 drummers giving a total of 20 musicians ("speilleute".) The 10th Regiment had an additional tympanists in place of the musicians and only 15 musicians ("speilleute".)

Hussars

In 1760 the organization of the hussars was altered and now was as follows:

	Sqns	Off	NCO	Trump	Smith	Men
Kleist #1	10	41	90	10	10	1,300
Kleist Freihussars	2	9	18	2	2	200
Zieten #2	10	51	110	10	10	1,380
Mo"ring #3	10	41	100	10	10	1,260
Dingelstedt #4	10	41	100	10	10	1,300
augmentation		12				228
Bosniacks		1	4			37
Werner #6	10	41	100	10	10	1,200
Malachowsky #7	10	41	100	10	10	1,090
augmentation			8			152
Gersdorff #8	10	41	100	10	10	1,260
Belling Battalion	5	21	40	5	5	510
Volontaires de Prusse	2	9	20	2	2	200
Pommmeranian Provincial	2	10	16	2	2	220
Neumark Provincial	1	3	7	1		100
Kurmark Provnicial	1	5	12			100
Collignon Hussar Corps		1	3			30

When the Gersdorff captured at Maxen, the regiment was re-raised with three squadrons, consisting of a total of 10 officers, 40 NCO's, 3 trumpeters, and 500 men.

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