

**Organization of the German 1st Cavalry Division
10 February through Summer 1941**

Division

Divisional HQ Company
40th Motorized Mapping Detachment

1st Reiter (Cavalry) Brigade

Brigade HQ

1 Light Armored Car Platoon (2 LMGs)
1 (mot) Panzerjäger Platoon (3-37mm & 1 LMG)

1st Reiter Regiment

Regimental HQ

1 Mixed Mobility Signals Platoon (later fully motorized)
2 Battalions, each with
3 Cavalry Squadrons, each with 12 LMGs
1 Cavalry Squadron, with
4-80mm mortars & 8 HMGs
1 (horse drawn) Panzerjäger Platoon, with
2-37mm guns (1 LMG added later)
1 Close Support Horse Gun Company,
with 6-75mm guns
1 (mot) Support Company, with:
1 Armored Car Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)
1 AT Platoon (4-37mm & 1 LMG)
(later re-equipped with 3-37mm & 2 LMGs)
1 Light (horse drawn) Supply Column

2nd Reiter Regiment:

Same as 1st Reiter Regiment

22nd Reiter Regiment:

Same as 1st Reiter Regiment, except armored car platoon in motorized support company had only 2 LMGs)

21st Cavalry Regiment

Regimental HQ

1 Mixed Mobility Signals Platoon
1 (mto) Engineer Platoon (2 LMGs)
1 Battalion, with
3 Cavalry Squadrons, each with 12 LMGs
1 Cavalry Squadron, with
4-80mm mortars & 8 HMGs
1 (horse drawn) Panzerjäger Platoon, with
2-37mm guns (1 LMG added later)
1 Close Support Horse Gun Company,
with 6-75mm guns
1 (mot) Support Company, with:
1 Armored Car Platoon (2 LMGs)
2 Close Support Horse Gun sections,
with 2-75mm guns ea)
1 AT Platoon (3-37mm & 1 LMG)
(later re-equipped with 3-37mm & 2 LMGs)
1 Light (horse drawn) Supply Column

1st Reiter (Horse) Artillery Regiment

- 1 Motorized Staff Company
- 3 Artillery Battalions, each with
 - 1 (non-mot) Signals Platoon
 - 1 (non-mot) Calibration Section
 - 3 Horse Batteries, each with
 - 4-75mm LFK 18 field guns & 2 LMGs ea)
 - 1 Light (horse drawn) Supply Column (15t)
- 1 (motorized) Battery (4-105mm LFH 18 & 2 LMGs)
- 1st Bicycle Battalion:
 - 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
 - 1 Light Armored Car Platoon (2 LMGs)
 - 1 (mot) Engineer Platoon (3 LMGs)
 - 3 Bicycle Companies, each with 3-50mm mortars, 4 HMGs
9 LMGs,
 - 1 (mot) Support Company, with
 - 1 Mortar Platoon (6-80mm mortars)
 - 2 Support Gun Sections (2-75mm guns ea)
 - 1 AT Platoon (3-37mm & 1 LMG)
- 86th Signals Battalion:
 - 1 (mixed mobility) Radio Company
 - 1 (mixed mobility) Telephone Company
 - 1 Light (mot) Supply Column
- 40th Pioneer Battalion:
 - 3 (mot) Pioneer Companies (9 LMGs ea)
 - 1 (mot) "T" Bridging Train
 - 1 Light (mot) Engineering Supply Column
- 40th Panzerjäger Battalion:
 - 1 (mot) Signals Platoon
 - 3 (mot) AT Companies (12-37mm & 6 LMGs ea)
- 40th Supply Train:
 - 1/,2/,3/,6/40th Light (mot) Supply Columns
 - 4/40th Light (horse drawn) Supply Column
 - 2/,4/605th Light (horse drawn) Supply Column
 - 7/,8/40th Light (mot) POL Supply Columns
 - 5/40th Light (horse drawn) Supply Column (added later)
 - 40th (mot) Maintenance Company
 - 40th (mot) Supply Company
- Food Service:
 - 40th (mot) Bakery Platoon (later Company)
 - 40th (mot) Butcher Platoon (later Company)
 - 40th Quartermaster Section
- Medical:
 - 1/,2/,3/40th Ambulance Columns
 - 1/,2/ (mot) Medical Companies
- Other:
 - 40th Veterinary Company
 - 1/,2/40th (mot) Horse Transportation Columns
 - 40th Military Police Platoon
 - 509th (mot) Field Post Office

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