

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Cossack Light Horse Battery  
1 July 1943**

Staff

1 Battery Commander (officer)  
    2 horses & 1 pistol  
1 Observation Officer  
    2 horses & 1 pistol  
1 Observation NCO  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Scissors Telescope Operator (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 pistol  
2 Aiming Circle Operators (NCO)  
    2 horses & 2 pistols  
1 Fire Control Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 hors & 1 rifle  
1 Mounted Messenger/Trumpeter  
    1 horse & 1 rifle  
2 Fire Control Technicians  
    2 horses & 2 rifles  
2 Mounted Messengers  
    2 horses & 2 rifles  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle with sidecar  
3 Horse Attendants  
    1 horse& 3 rifles

Signals Squad:

1 Squad Leader (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Telephone Talker  
    1 horse & 1 rifle  
4 Telephone Talkers  
    4 horses & 4 rifles  
7 Drivers from the saddle  
    7 rifles5  
1 (six horse) Nf 2 Signals Wagon  
2 (four horse) Panjewagons  
    (6 horse) Medium Telephone Troop:  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 horse & 1 rifle  
    5 Telephone Talkers  
        4 riding & 1 draft horse & 5 rifles  
    3 Drivers from the saddle  
    1 (six horse) Nf 2 Signals Wagon

Portable Radio Troop:

2 Radio Operators  
    2 rifles

1st Mounted Radio Troop:

1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 rifle  
2 Radio Operators  
    1 rifle, 1 pistol, 2 horses & 1 draft horse.

2nd Mounted Radio Troop:

3 Radio Operators

2 rifles, 1 pistol, 3 horses & 1 draft horse.

Gun Squad:

1 Battery Officer

2 horses & 1 pistol

1 Hauptfeldwebel (NCO)

1 horse & 1 pistol

2 Squad Leaders (NCO)

2 horses & 2 pistols

4 Gun Captains (NCOs)

4 horses & 4 pistols

1 Mounted Messenger

1 rifle & 1 horse

28 Gunners (including 1 blacksmith)

28 horses, 25 rifles, 1 pistol & 2 submachine guns

1 Assistant Master Gunsmith

1 rifle & 1 horse

5 Machine Gunners

5 pistols & 2 light machine guns

14 Drivers from the saddle

14 rifles

1 Horse Attendant for officer's horse

1 rifle

1 (four horse) Panjewagon & 4 horses

1 4 Guns & Limbers, with 16 light and 8 heavy draft horses

1st Munitions Squad:

1 Squad Leader (NCO)

1 horse & 1 rifle

2 Wagon Troop Leaders (NCO)

2 horses & 2 rifles

1 Mounted Messenger

1 horse & 1 rifle

10 Munitions Handlers

9 rifles & 1 pistol

12 Drivers from the saddle

12 rifles

6 (four horse) Panjewagons & 24 horses

2nd Munitions Squad:

1 Squad Leader (NCO)

1 horse & 1 rifle

1 Wagon Troop Leader (NCO)

1 horse & 1 rifle

6 Munitions Handlers

5 rifles & 1 pistol

12 Drivers from the saddle

12 rifles

6 (four horse) Panjewagons & 24 horses

Field Train:

5 NCOs, 21 soldiers, 3 riding horses, 32 draft horses, 21 rifles, 5 pistols, 5 4-horse panjewagons & 1 6-horse Hf 12 or Hf 14 field kitchen.

Administration:

1 NCO, 15 soldiers, 1 riding horse, 24 draft horses, 15 rifles, 1 pistol, & 6 4-horse panjewagons

Baggage

1 NCO, 12 artisans, 1 riding horse, 16 draft horses, 13 rifles, 4 4-horse panjewagons

Totals:

	Warrant			
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Staff	2	-	6	8
Signals Squad	-	-	4	26
Battle Battery				
Gun Squad	1	-	9	49
1st Munitions Squad	-	-	3	23
2nd Munitions Squad	-	-	2	18
Field Train	-	-	5	21
Administration	-	-	1	15
Battery Baggage	-	-	1	12
Total	3	-	31	172

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