

**Organization of a Russian Cavalry Division  
Based on German Intelligence  
1941**

Divisional Staff

4 Cavalry Regiments, each with:

Staff (7/4/5/0/0)<sup>1</sup> (15 horses)

Headquarters Squadron with:

Signals Detachment (0/0/0;7/13) (22 riding horses,  
4 draft horses, 1 radio)

Pioneer Platoon (1/0/0/5/24) (34 horses, 1 cart)

AA Machine Gun Platoon (1/0/0/3/12) (3 HMGs & 3 trucks)

5 Cavalry Squadrons, each with:

Staff (1/1/1/2/1) (6 horses)

4 Platoons (4/0/0/12/112) (135 horses, 8 LMGs &  
4 50mm mortars)

1 Cavalry Machinegun Squadron:

Staff (1/1/1/2/2) (7 horses)

4 Machine gun Platoons (4/0/0/20/100) (16 HMGs,  
76 riding horses & 64 draft horses)

1 (mot) Anti-tank Detachment (2-45mm AT guns)

1 Horse Battery (4-76.2mm guns)

1 (mot) AA HMG Platoon (3 12.7mm AA HMGs)

1 (mounted) Pioneer Platoon

1 Chemical Warfare Platoon

1 Regimental Veterinary Detachment (0/0/3/0/1) (3 riding horses,  
2 draft horses, 1 wagon)

1 Medical Detachment (0/0/2/0/2) (2 wagons)

1 Supply Detachment (1/0/0/0/17) (11 riding horses & 5 trucks)

1 Armored Regiment

1/2 (mot) Signals Squadron

1 (mot) Pioneer Platoon

1 (mot) Anti-Aircraft Platoon (4 12.7mm HMGs)

1 Motorcycle Platoon (4 motorcycles)

1 Armored Car Company (16 armored cars)

1 Armored Battalion

2 Tank Squadron, each with:

Staff (1/1/1/2/1) (1 armored car or T-40 & 1 truck)

3 Platoons (3/0/0/6/12) (9 armored cars or T-40  
tanks & 1 fuel truck)

Workshop (0/0/0/1/6) (1 truck mounted workshop)

2 Tank Squadron (16 T-37 amphibious tanks each)

1 Staff Squadron

1 (mot) Chemical Warfare Platoon

1 (mot) Signals Platoon

1 (mot) AA HMG Platoon

1 (mot) Supply Section

Horse Artillery Regiment

3 Artillery Battalion, each with:

Staff (7/3/6/5/2) (13 radios)

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<sup>1</sup> Numbers are officers, political staff, clerks, NCOs and men.

Staff Battery (3/1/0/15/66) (6 trucks)  
2 Horse Batteries (10/2/36/190) (4 LMGs & 4-76.2mm guns)  
2 120mm Mortar Batteries (10/2/38/168) (4 LMGs & 8 120mm  
mortars)  
1 Ammunition Column (1/1/5/24/38) (8 munition wagons, 8  
pack wagons, 5 field kitchens)

Total: 444 mounts, 216 pack horses & 74 pack horses

Artillery Park: (4/1/4/11/123) (25 trucks, 1 motorcycle,  
41 wagons, 1 field kitchen, 28 mounts, 78 draft horses,  
& 6 pack horses)

Pioneer Battalion:

1 (mounted) Pioneer Company  
1 (horse drawn) Engineering Column

Signals Battalion:

2 (horse drawn) Signals Companies

Aviation Liaison Detachment:

organization unknown

Chemical Warfare Squadron:

organization unknown

Field Hospital:

organization unknown

Medical Company

organization unknown

Transportation Battalion:

4 Columns (64 trucks per column)

Veteriary Hospital

organization unknown

Note: This is pieced together from several documents. Some are highly detailed, but very fragmented, others were complete, but lacking in fine detail. There was also some disagreement in the types of tanks assigned, as can be expected to normally vary between units.

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