

**Defense of Saporoshje by Army Group Don
27-28 February 1943**

In Saporoskje

Kampfgruppe: Major Stark

Unterabschnitt A: Major Stüber (16/121/606)¹

Staff/927th Bridging Column
2/41st Bridging Column
413th (mot) Bridging Column
126th (mot) Bridging Column
676th (mot) Bridging Column
Total Weapons: 18 LMGs, 6 SMGs, 738 rifles

Unterabschnitt B: Hauptmann Schmidt (8/57/411)

Staff/118th Bridging Column
2nd & 3rd Cos., 118th Bridging Column
Total Weapons: 1 LMG, 1 SMG, 452 rifles

Unterabschnitt C: Major Dr. Fuchs (10/48/312)

Staff/577th Bridging Column
3rd & 4th Cos, 577th Bridging Column
Total Weapons: 7 LMGs, 3 SMGs, 207 rifles

Unterabschnitt D: Hauptmann Nassan

Staff/566th Transportation Battalion
2/,3/,4/,6/566th Transportation Battalion

Reserve: Dr. Fuhrmann (61/75/304)

Total Weapons: 9 LMGs, 3 SMGs, 342 rifles

In New Saporoshje

Kampfführer: Hauptmann Graupe

Unterabschnitt North:

1st Co, 118th Supply Battalion (1/19/200) (6 LMGs & 200 rifles)
2nd Co., 609th Wachbattalion (1/3/60) (3 LMGs & 51 rifles)
692nd Reifenstaffel (Tire Squadron?) (1/2/18) (12 rifles)
Supply Staff (5/9/20) (24 rifles)
3rd Co., 167th Repair Company (1/10/63) (63 rifles)
66th Feldn. Command (4/10/33) (40 rifles)

Unterabschnitt Center: Hauptmann Matuschull

1st Co., Convalescent Company (2/9/130) (2 LMGs & 120 rifles)
2nd Co., Administration Company (3/10/71) (1 LMG & 71 rifles)
3rd Co., (mot) Repair Company (1/14/100) (2 LMGs & 15 rifles)

Unterabschnitt South: Hauptmann Burckhardt

1st Co., 168th Repair Company (1/7/50) (60 rifles)
735th Tow (Recovery?) Platoon (1/6/40) (2 LMGs, 2 SMGs & 50 rifles)
2nd Co., Engineering Park Company (2/17/110) (1 LMG, 110 rifles)
3rd Co., 119th Construction Battalion (5/20/120)
(3 LMGs, 4 SMGs, 170 rifles)

Close Reserves: Oberstabsvet. Schätzel

1st & 2nd Cos, 501st Army Horse Park (6/21/210) (1 LMG
& 210 rifles)

¹ Numbers are officers, NCOs, and men.

Reserves:

1st Co., Luftwaffe Fast Construction Company (1/12/70) (5 LMGs,
2 HMGs, 3 SMGs, 70 rifles)
613th Transportation Battalion 7/4/20) (2 LMGs, 2 SMGs,
20 rifles)
2nd Co., 682nd Military Police Battalion
(8/37/40) (3 LMGs, 65 rifles)

Old Saporoshje:

Kampfführer: Oberstleutnant Kling

Unterabschnitt A: Hauptmann Schafferhans

2nd Co., 742nd Anti-Aircraft Defense Battalion (2/35)²
(3 LMGs & 35 rifles)
3rd Co., 857th Anti-Aircraft Defense Battalion (2/42)
(1 LMGs & 42 rifles)
201st & 202nd Evacuation Staffs (18/62) (40 rifles)
226th Army Administration (4/19) (20 rifles)
Command, South Railroad Pioneers (9/32) (no weapons)

Unterabschnitt B: (Luftwaffe)

33/XI Luftwaffe Construction Battalion
2nd Company (1/4/34) (3 LMGs, 3HMGs, 3 SMGs, 38 rifles)
3rd Company (1/5/40) (3 LMGs, 3 SMGs, 46 Rifles)

Unterabschnitt C: Hauptmann Steffal

2nd Co., 560th Anti-Aircraft Defense Battalion (3/281) (11 LMGs
& 281 rifles)
4th Co., 560th Anti-Aircraft Defense Battalion (4/162) (1 LMG
& 152rifles)
1st Co., 857th Anti-Aircraft Defense Battalion (1/47) (1 LMG)
396th Army Construction Service Staff (4/55) (55 rifles)
39th Army Construction Service Staff (4/50) (50 rifles)

As of 28 February³

Matschull Battalion (2 cos)
6/25/199) (3 LMGs & 2 75mm AT guns)
Miller Battalion (1 Battalion staff, 4 Companies, 1 AT platoon)
(18/21/451) (15 LMGs, 2 50m AT, & 2 75mm AT guns)
1st (Ost) SS Transportation Company (1 co & 1 AT platoon)
(3/7/100) (7 LMGs, 150mm AT & 1 75mm AT)
Richter Battalion (1 Bn staff, 4 cos & 1 AT platoon)
(12/101/435) (34 LMGs, 7 50mm AT guns)
Fuchs Battalion (1 Bn staff, 3 cos, 1 At Platoon, 1 Pioneer Platoon)
(8/110/580) (19LMGs, 10 HMGs, 3 50mm mortars, 4 81mm mortars)

² Numbers are officers and men.

³ I am unable to reconcile the 27 February listing with the 28 February listing. There are indications that the Matschull Battalion on 28 February is not the same force listed for 27 February as commanded by Hauptmann Matschull. I suspect these are two different individuals and that the 27 February listing is a list of support troops that was available in Saporoshje, while the 28 February listing is the combat troops.

3 37mm AT, 2 47mm AT, 2 75mm AT
Engler Battalion (1 bn Staff & 4 cos) (
18/103/169) (33 LMGs, 9 HMGs, 6 50mm mortars, 5 81mm mortars,
2 37mm AT guns, & 8 75mm infantry support guns)
I Jagd Command (1 platoon)
(1/3/18) (3 LMGs, 2-75m AT guns)
Reserve (2 cos & staff Ukraine Barracks)
(9/37/329) (1 LMG& 10 47mm AT guns)
1/308th Grenadier Regiment (198th Infantry Division) (1 staff & 4 cos)
6/1/212) (14 LMGs, 6 HMGs, 3 50mm mortars, 2 81mm mortars)
Rau Flak Support Group:
1st Battery (4-88mm & 2 20mm)
2nd Battery (4-88mm & 2 20mm)
3rd Battery (4-88mm & 2 20mm)
4th Battery (10 20mm)
5th Battery (12 20mm)
1/374th Flak Regiment (4-88mm & 2 20mm)
Motorized Detachment (3 mot 20mm guns)
Staudamm Flak Support Group
4th Btry/236th Flak Regiment (12 20mm)
Romanian Flak Units
3 Batteries (9-37mm Flak guns ea)
3 Batteries (4-75mm guns)
1st Btry, 1/7th Flak Regiment (4-88mm & 2 20mm guns)

Army Group Don Records

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