

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Cossack Heavy Squadron  
19 July 1943**

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)  
    1 horse & 1 pistol  
1 Squadron Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun & 1 horse  
1 Dolmetscher (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 pistol  
3 Mounted Messengers  
    3 horses & 3 rifles  
1 Horse Attendant for officer's horse  
    1 horse & 1 rifle

1st (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Platoon Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Lead Horse Leader (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Blacksmith (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 rifle  
2 Range Finder Operators  
    2 pistols & 2 horses  
2 Horse Attendants  
    2 rifles & 2 horses  
2 Messengers  
    2 rifles & 2 horses  
4 Heavy Machine Guns:  
4 Gun Captains (NCOs)  
    4 submachine guns & 4 horses  
4 Machine Gunners  
    4 pistols, 4 heavy machine guns & 4 horses  
12 Machine Gun Riflemen  
    8 rifles, 4 pistols & 12 horses  
4 Horse Attendants  
    4 horses & 4 rifles  
4 Machine Gun Pack Horse Leaders (including 2 blacksmiths)  
    4 horses, 4 pack horses & 4 rifles  
4 Machine Gun Base Pack Horse Leaders  
    4 horses, 4 pack horses & 4 rifles  
4 Munitions Pack Horse Leaders  
    4 horses, 4 pack horses & 4 rifles

2nd (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon

same as 1st

Mortar Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Horse Attendant  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun

1 Troop leader (NCO)  
     1 horse & 1 rifle  
 1 Blacksmith (NCO)  
     1 horse & 1 rifle  
 2 Mounted Messengers (& serving as 1 Dolmetscher)  
     2 horses & 2 rifles  
 1 Blacksmith  
     1 horse & 1 rifle  
     2 Groups:  
     2 Group Leaders (NCOs)  
         2 submachine guns & 2 horses  
     4 Troop Leaders (NCOs)  
         4 horses & 4 pistols  
     2 Range Finder Operators  
         2 horses & 2 pistols  
     20 Mortar Crewmen  
         20 horses, 8 rifles, 12 pistols & 4 80mm Mk 34 Mortars  
     8 Horse Attendants  
         8 horses & 8 rifles  
     12 Drivers from the saddle  
         12 rifles, 24 horses & 2 Jf 11 (six horse) wagons

Medical Troop:

1 NCO, 3 soldiers, 4 rifles, & 4 horses

Baggage:

9 NCOs, 26 soldiers, 5 mounts, 28 pack horses, 29 rifles, 2 submachine guns, 4 pistols, 2 Hf 12 or Hf 14 (2 horse) field kitchens & 12 (2 horse) panjewagons

Totals:

|               | Warrant  |          |      |          |
|---------------|----------|----------|------|----------|
|               | Officers | Officers | NCOs | Soldiers |
| Troop Command | 1        | -        | 2    | 4        |
| 1st Platoon   | 1        | -        | 7    | 39       |
| 2nd Platoon   | 1        | -        | 7    | 39       |
| 3rd Platoon   | 1        | -        | 8    | 46       |
| Medical Troop | -        | -        | 1    | 3        |
| Baggage       | -        | -        | 9    | 26       |
| Total         | 4        | -        | 34   | 157      |

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