

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

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
4 Messengers  
    4 rifles & 4 bicycles  
3 Motorcycle Messengers  
    3 rifles & 3 350ccm motorcycle  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 Kfz 15 medium personnel wagon  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
    1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
4 Corpsmen  
    4 pistols & 4 bicycles

1st Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
1 Dolmetscher (NCO)  
    1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
1 Platoon Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun 1 bicycle  
3 Messengers  
    3 rifles & 3 bicycles  
    3 Groups:  
    3 Group Leaders (NCOs)  
        3 rifles & 3 bicycles  
    3 Assistant Group Leaders  
        3 rifles & 3 bicycles  
36 Soldiers  
    36 bicycles, 27 rifles, 9 pistols, & 3 light machine guns  
50mm Mortar Group:  
1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
3 Mortar Crewmen  
    1 rifle, 2 pistols, 1 50mm Mk 36 Mortar & 3 bicycles

2nd Platoon

    same as 1st Platoon

3rd Platoon

    same as 1st Platoon

Field Train:

6 NCOs, 12 soldiers, 13 rifles, 3 pistols, 2 submachine guns & 5 3-ton trucks

Baggage:

1 NCO, 3 soldiers, 4 rifles, 1 3-ton truck

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	2	12
1st Platoon	1	-	9	42
2nd Platoon	1	-	9	42
3rd Platoon	1	-	9	42
Field Train	-	-	6	12
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	3	-	36	153

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