German Army Authorized Strength Cossack Light Horse Battery 1 July 1943

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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.
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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
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Field Train:

12 rifles

6 (four horse) Panjewagons & 24 horses

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.

 $\frac{\text{Administration}}{1 \text{ NCO, 15 soldiers, 1 riding horse, 24 draft horses, 15 rifles, 1 pistol, & 6 4-horse}$ panjewagons

 $\underline{\text{Baggage}}$ 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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