

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Cavalry Battalion Staff and Staff Company  
1 March 1944**

Battalion Staff

1 Battalion Commander (officer)  
    1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Battalion Adjutant  
    1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Ordnance Officer  
    1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Battalion Physician (officer)  
    1 horse & 1 pistol  
1 Battalion Veterinarian (officer)  
    1 horse & 1 pistol  
1 Battle Scribe  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Lead Horse Leader  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
4 Mounted Messengers  
    4 horses & 4 submachine guns  
4 Horse Leaders (including 3 horse attendants for officers horses)  
    4 horses & 4 submachine guns  
3 Motorcycle Messengers  
    3 350ccm motorcycles & 3 submachine guns  
3 Messengers  
    3 submachine guns & 3 light four seat passenger vehicle  
    (volkswagen)

Staff Squadron

Squadron Staff:

1 Squadron Leader (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Mounted rider  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun

Signals Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Mounted Messenger  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Blacksmith  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
1 Radio Repairman (& wagon driver)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Wagon Driver  
    1 rifle, 4 horses & 1 panjewagon  
1 Horse Attendant for officer's horses  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun

1st - 9th Portable (mounted) Radio Troops:

4 Troop Leaders (NCOs)  
4 horses & 4 submachine guns  
23 Radio Operators  
23 horses (mounts), 9 pack horses, 9 rifles,  
& 14 submachine guns

Medium Field Cable Squadron

1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
1 horse & 1 submachine gun  
4 Radio Operators  
4 submachine guns  
3 Drivers from the saddle  
3 rifles, 1 Nf 2 radio wagon & 6 horses

Baggage:

2 warrant officer, 13/15 NCOs, 31 soldiers, 4 riding horses, 28 draft horses,  
21 rifles (7/8 pistols, 10/29 submachine guns, 1 light machine gun 5 panjewagons  
with 20 horses, 4 3-ton trucks, 3 2-ton trucks, & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle  
(volkswagen)

Totals:

	Officers	Warrant Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Battalion Staff	6	-	2	14
Staff Squadron				
Squadron Command	1	-	-	1
Signals Platoon	1	-	5	35
Baggage	-	2	13/15	31
Total	8	2	20/22	81

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