

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Machine Gun Squadron  
Cavalry Regiment  
1 March 1944**

Staff

1 Squadron Commander (officer)  
    1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun (SMG later deleted)

1 Squadron Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun

1 Blacksmith (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun

1 Radio Operator (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun

1 Corpsman (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 pistol

3 Mounted Riders  
    3 horses & 3 submachine guns

1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 submachine gun & 1 350ccm motorcycle

3 Radio Operators  
    3 horses & 3 submachine guns

1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

3 Horse Attendants  
    3 horses & 3 submachine guns

1st (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 horse, 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun (SMG later deleted)

1 Platoon Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun

1 Lead Horse Leader (NCO)  
    1 horse & 1 submachine gun

2 Mounted Messengers  
    2 submachine guns & 2 horses

2 Range Finder Operators  
    2 pistols & 2 horses

2 Horse Attendants  
    2 submachine guns & 2 horses

2 Blacksmiths  
    2 submachine guns & 2 horses

1 Corpsman  
    1 pistol

2 Horse Attendants  
    2 submachine guns & 2 horses

1 Wagon Driver  
    1 rifle, 1 Baggage Wagon & 4 draft 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

    16 Machine Gun Riflemen  
        12 submachine guns & 16 horses

8 Horse Attendants  
     8 horses & 8 submachine guns  
 4 Drives from the Saddle  
     4 Jf8 Infantry Carts & 8 draft horses  
 4 Jf8 Infantry Carts for munitions, hand drawn  
2nd Platoon  
     same as 1st Platoon  
3rd Platoon  
     same as 1st Platoon, but officer replaced by NCO

Baggage:

9 NCOs, 15 Soldiers, 3 riding horses, 24 draft horses, 14 rifles, 10 submachine guns, 1 light machine gun, 6 panjewagons, 1 3-ton truck, 1 Sd Kfz 3 Maultier, & 1 350ccm motorcycle

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Company Staff	1	-	4	11
1st Platoon	1	-	6	42
2nd Platoon	1	-	6	42
3rd Platoon	-	-	7	42
Baggage	-	-	9	15
Total	3	-	32	152

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