

Orders of battle based on reports of actual strength and composition

As typical examples of the composition of the German cavalry brigades I've chosen to show 3rd Cavalry Brigade in 1944 and 4th Cavalry Division in 1945.

3rd Cavalry brigade (*June 1944*)

31st Cavalry regiment
1st and 2nd battalion

32nd Cavalry regiment
1st and 2nd battalion

3rd Heavy cavalry battalion
Tank Squadron (*mostly captured equipment*)
Armoured infantry company
Anti aircraft Squadron

177th Assault gun battalion (*renamed Anti tank battalion 69 in August 1944*)
3 Gun batteries

Light Artillery battalion from Cavalry Regiment Center
(*gradually built up to form Artillery regiment 869 in January 1945*)

238th Signals battalion (partly motorised)

Engineer company (motorised)

69th Cossack battalion (*transferred to AOK 9 on August 12th 1944*)
4 Squadrons

69th Field replacement battalion
2 Cavalry squadrons
1 Heavy squadron
1 Battery (Artillery)

69th Supply battalion
4 Supply columns (motorised and horse-drawn)

69th Medical company

69th Veterinary company

69th Workshop company

69th Bakery company

69th Butchery company

69th Field post office

69th Military police section

4th Cavalry division 1) (March 1945)

5th Cavalry regiment
1st and 2nd battalion

41st Cavalry regiment
1st and 2nd battalion

4th Heavy cavalry battalion 2)
Tank Squadron
Armoured infantry company
Infantry company (motorised)
Anti aircraft Squadron

70th Anti tank battalion (*formerly 904th Assault gun battalion*)
3 Gun batteries

870th Artillery regiment (*formed from Artillery battalion South*)
1st battalion (three batteries of 105 mm howitzers (motorised))
3rd battalion (three batteries of 120 mm mortars)

70th Engineer company (motorised)

70th Field replacement battalion
4 Squadrons

387th Signals battalion (partly motorised)

70th Medical company

70th Veterinary company

70th Workshop company

70th Bakery company

70th Butchery company

70th Field post office

70th Military police section

1) At this time, the brigade was reformed as a division, but as can be seen this didn't affect the strength and composition compared to its sister brigade as of June 1944.

2) The official order of battle of January 1945 dictates that the heavy cavalry battalion should have been disbanded and its companies transferred to other units in the brigade. The anti aircraft squadron became part of the anti tank battalion and the HQ and the armoured infantry company was used to form an armoured reconnaissance battalion of two armoured reconnaissance companies (halftrack). What became of the tank company is not known.

I'm not sure to which degree that this reorganisation ever took place in the real world. The order of battle shown here is based on an actual report from the division dated March 1st 1945.

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