

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Panzer Reconnaissance Company (Volkswagen)
1 November 1943**

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Company Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
1 Vehicle Squad Leader (NCO)
 1 rifle
1 Corpsman (NCO)
 1 pistol
1 Messenger
 1 rifle
3 Motorcycle Messengers
 3 rifles & 3 350ccm motorcycles
3 Drivers
 3 rifles & 3 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagens)
 (mot) Portable Radio Troop:
 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 rifle
 2 Radio Operators
 2 rifles & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

1st Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Platoon Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 rifle
1 Messenger/Radio Operator
 1 rifle
1 Motorcycle Messenger
 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
2 Drivers
 2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen)
1 88mm R Panzerbüsche Anti-Tank Rocket Launcher (operator
not identified)
 3 Groups:
 3 Group Leaders (NCOs)
 3 submachine guns
 21 Riflemen (including 12 machine gunners)
 9 (later 15) rifles, 12 (later 6) pistols,
 & 6 light machine guns
 12 Drivers
 12 Rifles & 12 light four seat passenger vehicles
 (volkswagen)

2nd Platoon:

Like 1st, but officer replaced by NCO

3rd Platoon:

Like 1st, but officer replaced by NCO

4th (Heavy) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (Officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Platoon Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 pistol
1 Messenger
 1 rifle
1 Motorcycle Messenger
 1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
3 Driver
 3 rifles & 3 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen)
1 Corpsman
 1 pistol

1st (Heavy Machine Gun) Group:

1 Group Leader (NCO)
 1 rifle
2 Machine Gun Captains (NCO)
 2 submachine guns
8 Machine Gunners
 4 rifles, 4 pistols, & 2 heavy machine guns
7 Drivers
 7 rifles & 7 light four seat passenger vehicles
 (volkswagen)

2nd (Heavy Machine Gun) Group:

Same as 1st

3rd (Heavy Mortar) Group

1 Group Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
2 Troop Leaders (NCOs)
 2 submachine guns
10 Mortar Crewmen
 4 rifles, 6 pistols, & 2 80mm Mortar Mk 34
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
 1 rifle
8 Drivers
 8 rifles & 8 light four seat passenger
 vehicles (volkswagen)

Maintenance:

2 NCOs, 5 soldiers, 6 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle
(volkswagen) & 1 2-ton truck

Field Train:

4 NCOs, 6 soldiers, 8 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger
vehicle (volkswagen), & 2 3-ton trucks

Baggage:

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

Totals:

| | | Warrant | | |
|---------------------|----------|----------|------|----------|
| | Officers | Officers | NCOs | Soldiers |
| Company Staff | 1 | - | 4 | 9 |
| 1st Platoon | 1 | - | 3 | 38 |
| 2nd Platoon | - | - | 5 | 38 |
| 3rd Platoon | - | - | 5 | 38 |
| 4th Platoon | 1 | - | 10 | 53 |
| Vehicle Maintenance | - | - | 2 | 5 |
| Field Train | - | - | 4 | 6 |
| Baggage | - | - | 1 | 3 |
| Total | 3 | - | 35 | 190 |

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