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

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Staff
1 Company Commander (officer)
     1 submachine gun
1 Company Troop Leader
     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
2 Kettenkraftkrad Drivers
     2 rifles & 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads
1 Half Track Driver
     1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 10 Half track
     (mot) Portable Radio Troop:
     1 Troop Leader (NCO)
          1 rifle
     2 Radio Operators
          2 rifles & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
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 Half Track Drivers
     2 rifles & 2 Sd Kfz 10 Half Tracks
1 88mm R Panzerbüsche Anti-Tank Rocket Launcher (operator
    not identified)
     3 Groups:
     3 Group Leaders (NCOs)
          3 submachine guns
     21 Motorcycle Riflemen (including 12 machine gunners)
          9 (later 15) rifles, 12 (later 6) pistols,
          & 6 light machine guns
     12 Motorcycle Drivers
          12 Rifles & 12 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads
2nd Platoon:
     Like 1st, but officer replaced by NCO
3rd Platoon:
     Like 1st, but officer replaced by NCO
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4th (Heavy) Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (Officer)
    1 submachine gun
1 Platoon Troop Leader (NCO)
     1 pistol
1 Motorcycle Messenger
     1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
1 Motorcycle Messenger
     1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle
1 Messenger/Radio Operator
     1 rifle
1 Corpsman
     1 pistol
2 Half Track Drivers
     2 rifles & 2 Sd Kfz 10 half tracks
     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 Motorcyclists
          7 rifles, 7 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads, &
          2 Sd Ahl Trailers for ammunition
     2nd (Heavy Machine Gun) Group:
          Same as 1st
     3rd (Heavy Mortar) Group
     1 Group Leader (NCO)
          1 submachine qun
     2 Troop Leaders (NCOs)
          2 pistols
     8 Mortar Crewmen
          4 rifles, 4 pistols, & 2 80mm Mortar Mk 34
     1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
          1 rifle
     7 Motorcyclists
          7 rifles, 7 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads & 7 Sd Ah 1 trailers (3 for mortars & 4 for
          munitions
<u>Vehicle Maintenance</u>
2 NCOs, 5 soldiers, 6 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle & 1
2-ton truck
Field Train
4 NCOs, 6 soldiers, 8 pistols, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat
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passenger vehicle & 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	52
Vehicle Maintenance	_	_	2	5
Field Train	_	_	4	6
Baggage	_	_	1	3
Total	3	_	35	189

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