

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Staff  
Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion  
1 November 1943**

Staff

1 Battalion Commander (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Battalion Adjutant (officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Ordnance Officer  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Battalion Medical Officer  
    1 pistol  
1 Battle Scribe (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
1 Vehicle Park Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Corpsman  
    1 pistol  
2 Messengers  
    2 rifles  
6 Motorcycle Messengers  
    6 rifles, 6 motorcycles & 3 sidecars  
4 (later 3) Drivers  
    4 (later 3) rifles, 3 (later 2) light four seat passenger  
    vehicles & 1 Sd Kfz 247 heavy armored Personnel Vehicle with  
    1 submachine gun

Signals Troop:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Radio Operator (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
1 Radio Mechanic (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle  
1st Light (mot) Field Cable Troop:  
1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
2 Telephone Talkers (1 is also alternate truck driver)  
    2 rifles  
1 Truck Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck  
2nd Light (mot) Field Cable Troop:  
    same as 1st  
1st & 2nd Portable Radio Troops:  
1 Radio Operator/Troop Leader  
    1 rifle  
4 Radio Operators (1 serving as troop leader & 1 as driver)  
    4 rifles & 1 2-ton truck

3rd & 4th Portable Radio Troops:

same as 1st & 2nd Troops

1st Light (mot) Aviation Radio Troop:

1 Troop Leader (NCO)

1 pistol

2 Radio Operators (one served as alternate truck driver)

2 rifles

1 Truck Driver

1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck

1 Light (mot) Radio Troop:

1 Troop Leader (NCO)

1 pistol

2 Radio Operators (1 served as alternate truck driver)

2 rifles

1 Truck Driver

1 rifle & 1 1 light four seat passenger vehicle

2nd, 3rd & 4th Light (mot) Radio Troops:

same as 1st Troop

Field Train & Vehicle Maintenance:

6 (later 5) NCOs, 10 (later 9) NCOs, 12 (later 11) rifles, 4 (later 3) pistols,  
2 3-ton trucks, 1 2-ton trucks & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles

Totals:

	Warrant		
	Officers	Officers NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	4	- 3	11/12
Signals Platoon	1	- 10	32
Field Train	-	- 6/5	10
Total	5	- 19/18	54/53

Note: When two numbers appear 11/12 the first number is the original strength and the second number is a penciled change to the original document reflecting a later organizational revision.

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