

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

Staff

1 Battalion Commander (officer)
 1 pistol
1 Half Track Driver (NCO) (to Battalion Commander)
 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 251/3 Half Track with 1 light machine
 gun & 1 submachine gun
1 Battalion Adjutant (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Ordnance Officer
 1 submachine gun
1 Half Track Driver (to Ordnance Officer)
 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 250/3 Half Track with 1 light machine
 gun & 1 submachine gun
1 Battalion Doctor (officer)
 1 pistol
1 Battle Scribe
 1 rifle
1 Vehicle Commander/Motorcycle Squad Leader (NCO)
 1 rifle
1 Equipment NCO
 1 rifle
1 Radio Operator (NCO)
 1 rifle
1 Corpsman (NCO)
 1 pistol
1 Half Track Driver
 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 251/8 Half Track Ambulance with 1
 light machine gun & 1 submachine gun
2 Radio Operators
 2 rifles
1 Corpsman
 1 pistol
6 Motorcycle Messengers
 6 rifles, 3 350ccm motorcycles & 3 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads
2 Drivers
 2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicle

Signals Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (Officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Troop Leader (NCO) (later deleted)
 1 rifle
1 Radio Operator (also troop leader) (NCO)
 1 rifle
1 Armored Radio Attendant (NCO)
 1 rifle

1 Half Track Driver (NCO)
 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 251/3 half track with 1 light machine gun
 & 1 submachine gun
 2 Radio Operators
 2 rifles
 1 Messenger (also radio operator) (later deleted)
 1 rifle
 1 Driver
 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle
 1st (Armored) Medium Field Cable Troop:
 1 Troop Leader
 1 pistol
 5 Telephone Talkers (two with alternate duties of half track
 driver & machine gunner)
 4 rifles, 1 pistol & 1 Sd Kfz 251/11 radio half track
 with 1 submachine gun & 1 light machine gun
 2nd (Armored) Medium Field Cable Troop
 Same as 1st Troop
 (Armored) Light Aviation Radio Troop:
 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 rifle
 3 Radio Operators (1 also drove half track)
 2 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 Sd Kfz 250/3 half track with
 1 light machine gun & 1 submachine gun
 1st (Armored) Medium Radio Troop:
 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 rifle
 5 Radio Operators (with individuals having alternate duties
 of half track driver, 2nd half track driver, machine
 gunner & portable radio operator
 4 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 Sd Kfz 251/3 with one light machine
 gun & 1 submachine gun
 2nd (Armored) Medium Radio Troops:
 same as 1st Troop
 3rd (Armored) Medium Radio Troops:
 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 rifle
 5 Radio Operators (with individuals having alternate duties
 of half track driver, 2nd half track driver, & machine
 gunner)
 4 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 Sd Kfz 251/3 with one light machine
 gun & 1 submachine gun
 4th (Armored) Medium Radio Troops:
 same as 3rd Troop
 5th (Armored) Medium Radio Troops:
 same as 3rd Troop
Field Train and Vehicle Maintenance:
 5 (later 6) NCOs, 12 soldiers, 14 rifles, 3 (later 4) pistols, 3 3-ton trucks,
 1 2-ton truck, 1 Sd Kfz 7 half track, & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	4	-	6	13
Signals Platoon	1	-	12/11	42/41
Field Train	-	-	5/6	5/12
Total	5	-	23/24	67/66

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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