

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

Staff

- 1 Company Commander (officer)
 - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Company Troop Leader (NCO) (also battle scribe & radio operator)
 - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Radio Operator (NCO)
 - 1 rifle
- 1 Vehicle Squad Leader (NCO)
 - 1 rifle
- 1 Half Track Driver
 - 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 250/3 half track with 1 submachine gun &
1 light machine gun
- 1 Corpsman (NCO)
 - 1 pistol
- 2 Radio Operators
 - 2 rifles
- 1 Messenger
 - 1 rifle
- 1 Munitions Handler
 - 1 rifle
- 2 Motorcycle Messengers
 - 2 rifles & 2 350ccm motorcycles
- 2 Motorcycle Messengers
 - 2 rifles & 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads
- 1 Driver
 - 1 rifles & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
- 2 Half Track Drivers
 - 2 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 250/1 for munitions & 1 Sd Kfz 250/3
half track (both tracks have 1 LMG & 1 submachine gun)

1st Platoon:

- 1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 - 1 rifle
- 1 Gun Captain (NCO)
 - 1 pistol
- 1 Half Track Driver (NCO)
 - 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 250/1 half track with 1 LMG & 1 submachine gun
- 1 Panzerschütz (tank gunner)
 - 1 rifle
- 1 Messenger
 - 1 rifle
- 1 Half Track Driver
 - 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 250/8 with 75mm gun, 1 LMG & 1 submachine gun
- 1 Corpsman
 - 1 rifle

3 Groups:

3 Group Leaders (NCOs)
 3 submachine guns
3 Assistant Group Leaders (NCOs)
 3 submachine guns
24 Riflemen
 12 (later 18) rifles, 12 (later 6) pistols,
 & 6 light machine guns
6 Drivers
 6 Rifles & 6 Sd Kfz 250/1 half tracks with
 1 LMG & 1 submachine gun each

2nd Platoon:

Like 1st Platoon

3rd Platoon:

Like 1st, but officer replaced by NCO

Mortar Group:

1 Group Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
2 Troop Leaders (NCOs)
 2 pistol
10 Mortar Crewmen
 4 rifles, 6 pistols, & 2 80mm Mortar Mk 34
1 Range Finder Operator
 1 pistol
4 Drivers
 4 rifles, 2 Sd Kfz 250/7 half tracks with
 1 LMG & 1 submachine gun each, 1 Sd Kfz 250/7 half track
 for group leader (1 LMG & 1 submachine gun) and 1 Sd Kfz 250/7
 for munitions (with 1 LMG & 1 submachine gun).

Vehicle Maintenance:

4 NCOs, 9 (later 8) soldiers, 12 (later 11) rifles, 1 2--ton truck 2 3-ton trucks,
& 1 Sd Kfz 11 half track.

Field Train:

4 NCOs, 9 soldiers, 11 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat
passenger vehicle (volkswagen) & 3 3-ton trucks.

Baggage

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

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Company Staff	1	-	5	11
1st Platoon	1	-	9	34
2nd Platoon	1	-	9	34
3rd Platoon	-	-	10	34
Mortar Group	-	-	3	15
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	4	9/8
Field Train	-	-	4	9
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	3	-	45	149/148

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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