

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Reconnaissance Squadron  
1 December 1943**

Staff

1 Squadron Commander (officer)  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
3 Messengers  
    3 bicycles & 3 submachine guns  
2 Motorcycle Messengers  
    2 submachine guns & 2 350ccm motorcycles  
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith  
    1 rifle  
2 Drivers  
    2 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen),  
    & 1 2-ton Sd Kfz Maultier  
9 Light Machine guns  
1 Trailer for RSO with 10% bicycle reserve

1st Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 pistol & 1 submachine gun  
2 Messengers  
    2 submachine guns & 2 bicycles  
1 Bicycle Repairman  
    1 rifle & 1 bicycle  
1 Corpsman  
    1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
3 Groups:  
    3 Group Leaders (NCOs)  
        3 submachine guns & 3 bicycles  
    27 Riflemen & Machine Gunners (including 4 portable radio  
    operators)  
        27 bicycles, 6 rifles, 3 pistols, 18 submachine guns

2nd Platoon:

    same as 1st Platoon, but officer replaced by NCO

3rd Platoon:

    same as 1st Platoon, but officer replaced by NCO

4th (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (Officer)  
    1 pistol, 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
2 Messengers  
    2 submachine guns & 2 bicycles  
1 Range Finder Operator  
    1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
1 Corpsman  
    1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver  
    1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad & 1 submachine gun

1st Heavy Machine Gun Group:

- 1 Group Leader (NCO)
  - 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
- 2 Machine Gun Leaders (NCOs)
  - 2 submachine guns & 2 bicycles
- 1 Messenger
  - 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
- 8 Machine Gunners (4 rode in Sd Kfz 2)
  - 4 submachine guns, 4 pistols, 4 bicycles & 2 heavy machine guns
- 2 Kettenkraftkrad Drivers
  - 2 rifles, 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad & 2 Sd Ah 1 trailers

Baggage:

6 NCOs, 10 soldiers, 13 rifles, 2 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) & 4 3-ton trucks

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	2	8
1st Platoon	1	-	3	31
2nd Platoon	-	-	4	31
3rd Platoon	-	-	4	31
4th Platoon	1	-	6	28
Baggage	-	-	6	10
Total	3	-	25	139

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