

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Panzer Reconnaissance Company
(Armored) (Freie Gliederung)
1 November 1944**

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Hauptfeldwebel (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
1 Weapons NCO
 1 pistol
1 Company Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
1 Radio Operator (NCO)
 1 rifle
1 Vehicle Squad Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
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
1 Messenger (also radio operator & machine gunner)
 1 rifle
2 Radio Operators
 2 rifles
3 Motorcycle Messengers
 3 rifles & 3 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads
1 Driver
 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)
1 Half Track Drivers
 1 rifles & 1 Sd Kfz 250/3 half track (with 1 LMG
 & 1 submachine gun)

1st Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 rifle
1 Half Track Driver (NCO)
 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 250/1 half track with 1 LMG & 1 submachine gun
1 Messenger
 1 rifle
1 Corpsman
 1 rifle
 3 Groups:
 3 Group Leaders (NCOs)
 3 submachine guns
 3 Assistant Group Leaders (NCOs)
 3 submachine guns
 24 Riflemen
 18 rifles, 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
 1 Half Track Driver
 1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 250/1 for group leader & ammunition
 (with 1 LMG & 1 submachine gun)
 10 Mortar Crewmen
 4 rifles, 6 pistols, & 2 80mm Mortar Mk 34
 1 Range Finder Operator
 1 pistol

3 Drivers
 2 rifles, 2 Sd Kfz 250/7 half tracks with
 1 LMG & 1 submachine gun each & 1 Sd Kfz 250/7 for munitions
 with 1 LMG & 1 submachine gun

Cannon Group:
 1 Group Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
 1 Vehicle Commander (NCO) (also serving as gun captain)
 1 submachine gun
 4 Gunners (2 serving as munitions handlers & 1 as vehicle
 commander)
 2 rifles & 2 pistols
 3 Half Track Drivers
 3 rifles, 2 Sd Kfz 250/8 (with 1 75mm gun, 1 LMG & 1
 submachine gun each) & 1 Sd Kfz 250/1 (with 1 LMG & 1
 submachine gun)

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Company Staff	1	-	7	9
1st Platoon	1	-	8	32
2nd Platoon	1	-	8	32
3rd Platoon	-	-	9	32
Mortar Group	-	-	4	13
Cannon Group	-	-	2	7
Total	3	-	38	125

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