

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Staff & Staff Company
Armored Reconnaissance Battalion
(Freie Gliederung)
1 November 1944**

Staff

1 Battalion Commander (officer)
 1 pistol
1 Battalion Adjutant (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Ordnance Officer
 1 submachine gun
1 Battalion Doctor (officer)
 1 pistol
1 Corpsman (NCO)
 1 pistol
1 Battle Scribe
 1 rifle
1 Vehicle Commander/Motorcycle Squad Leader (NCO)
 1 rifle
1 Radio Operator (NCO)
 1 rifle
1 Half Track Driver
 no weapon, 1 Sd Kfz 251/3 with 1 submachine gun & 1 light
 machine gun
4 Radio Operators (1 also serving as messenger)
 4 rifles
2 Corpsmen (& 1 serves as half track driver)
 1 pistol & 1 Sd Kfz 251/8 ambulance with 1 machine pistol
4 Motorcycle Messengers
 4 rifles & 4 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad
2 Drivers
 1 rifle, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle & 1 Sd Kfz 251/3
 half track with 1 light machine gun & 1 submachine gun

Staff Company:

1 Company Commander (Officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Hauptfeldwebel (NCO)
 1 pistol
1 Weapons NCO
 1 pistol
1 Company Troop Leader/Gunner/Radio Operator (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
1 Armored Car Driver (NCO)
 no weapon & 1 Sd Kfz 234/1 Armored Car with 1 20mm gun,
 1 light machine gun & 1 submachine gun
1 Corpsman (NCO)
 1 pistol
1 Radio Operator
 1 pistol

2 Motorcycle Messengers
 2 rifles & 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad

2 Drivers
 2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles

Signals Platoon

1 Platoon Leader (Battalion Signals Officer)
 1 pistol

1 Master Radio Operator/Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 pistol

1 Panzer Radio Attendant (NCO)
 1 rifle

1 Radio Operator (NCO)
 1 rifle

1 Half Track Driver
 no weapon & 1 Sd Kfz 251/3 half track with 1 light machine gun
 & 1 submachine gun

2 Radio Operators (1 serves as messenger, the other as machine
 gunner)
 w rifles

1 Driver
 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle
 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 & two portable radio operators
 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:
 same as 1st Troop

4th (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) equipped with:
4 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 Sd Kfz 251/3 with one light machine gun & 1 submachine gun

2nd (Heavy Armored Car) Platoon:

1 Platoon Commander (officer)
1 submachine gun
1st Armored Car Troop
1 Armored Car Commander (NCO)
1 pistol
1 Armored Car Driver (NCO)
no weapon & 1 Sd Kfz 234/1 armored car with 1 20mm gun
1 light machine gun & 1 submachine gun
2 Gunners
2 pistols
1 Loader
1 pistol
1 Radio Operator
1 pistol
1 Armored Car Driver
no weapon & 1 Sd Kfz 234/3 armored car with 1 75mm gun
1 light machine gun & 1 submachine gun
2nd Armored Car Troop
same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO
3rd Armored Car Troop
same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO
4th Armored Car Troop
same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO
3rd (Heavy Armored Car) Platoon:
5th Armored Car Troop
same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO
6th Armored Car Troop
same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO
7th Armored Car Troop
same as 1st, but officer replaced by NCO

Totals:

	Officers	Warrant Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	4	-	6	12
Staff Company				
Company Staff	1	-	5	5
Signals Platoon	1	-	10	33
2nd Platoon	1	-	11	20
3rd Platoon	-	-	9	15
Total	7	-	41	85

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