

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Panzer Reconnaissance Company (Volkswagen)
1 November 1944**

Staff

- 1 Company Commander (officer)
 - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Hauptfeldwebel (NCO)
 - 1 pistol
- 1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
 - 1 rifle
- 1 Company Troop Leader (NCO) (also battle scribe)
 - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Vehicle Squad Leader (NCO)
 - 1 rifle
- 1 Corpsman (NCO)
 - 1 pistol
- 2 Messenger
 - 2 rifles
- 3 Motorcycle Messengers
 - 3 rifles & 3 125ccm motorcycles
- 3 Drivers
 - 3 rifles & 3 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagens)
- (mot) Portable Radio Troop:
 - 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 - 1 rifle
 - 2 Radio Operators
 - 2 rifles & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

1st Platoon:

- 1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Platoon Troop Leader (NCO)
 - 1 rifle
- 2 Messengers (and also Radio Operators)
 - 2 rifles
- 1 Corpsman
 - 1 pistol
- 2 Drivers
 - 2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen)
- 3 Groups:
 - 3 Group Leaders (NCOs)
 - 3 submachine guns
 - 3 Assistant Group Leaders (NCOs)
 - 3 submachine guns
 - 18 Riflemen (including 12 machine gunners)
 - 15 rifles, 6 pistols, & 3 light machine guns
 - 9 Drivers
 - 9 Rifles & 9 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen)

2nd Platoon:

Like 1st, but officer replaced by NCO

3rd Platoon:

Like 1st, but officer replaced by NCO

4th (Heavy) Platoon:

- 1 Platoon Leader (Officer)
 - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Platoon Troop Leader (NCO)
 - 1 pistol
- 1 Messenger (and radio operator)
 - 1 rifle
- 1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
 - 1 rifle
- 2 Driver
 - 2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen)
- 1 Corpsman
 - 1 pistol

1st (Heavy Machine Gun) Group:

- 1 Group Leader (NCO)
 - 1 rifle
- 2 Machine Gun Captains (NCO)
 - 2 submachine guns
- 8 Machine Gunners
 - 4 rifles, 4 pistols, & 2 heavy machine guns
- 6 Drivers
 - 6 rifles & 6 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen)

2nd (Heavy Machine Gun) Group:

Same as 1st

3rd (Heavy Mortar) Group

- 1 Group Leader (NCO)
 - 1 submachine gun
- 2 Troop Leaders (NCOs)
 - 2 rifles
- 10 Mortar Crewmen
 - 4 rifles, 6 pistols, & 2 80mm Mortar Mk 34
- 2 Drivers
 - 2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen)

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Company Staff	1	-	6	10
1st Platoon	1	-	3	35
2nd Platoon	-	-	5	35
3rd Platoon	-	-	5	35
4th Platoon	1	-	10	49
Total	3	-	35	190

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