German Army Authorized Strength

Armored Reconnaissance Company (B)

(Armored Car) 1 November 1944

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)

1 submachine gun

1 Company Troop Leader (NCO)

1 submachine gun

1 Radio Operator (NCO)

1 pistol

1 Armored Car Driver

1 pistol & 1 Sd Kfz 123 (with Kw. K. 38) or 1 Sd Kfz 140/1

Reconnaissance Tanks 38 (20mm gun)

1 Corpsman (NCO)

1 pistol

1 Armored Car Gunner

1 pistol

1 Messenger

1 rifle

4 Motorcycle Messengers

4 rifles & 4 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads

2 Drivers

2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen)

1 Radio Operator

1 pistol

1st Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (and Car Commander) (officer)

1 pistol

1 Armored Car Troop Leader (and Armored Car Commander) (NCO)

1 pistol

4 Panzerführer (NCOs)

4 pistol

6 Armored Car Drivers (NCOs)

6 pistols, & 6 Sd Kfz 123 (with Kw. K. 38) or 6 Sd Kfz 140/1

Reconnaissance Tanks 38 (20mm gun)

6 Armored Car Gunners

6 pistols

6 Radio Operators

6 pistols

2nd Platoon:

same as 1st Platoon

3rd (Light) Platoon:

same as 1st Platoon, but officer replaced by NCO

4th (Light) Platoon:

same as 3rd Platoon

<u>Vehicle Maintenance</u>:

4 NCOs, 9 soldiers, 12 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 2-ton truck, 4 3-ton trucks, 1 Sd Kfz 8 (12 ton) half track & 1 Sd Ah 115 (10 ton) trailer

Field Train:

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

Baggage:

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

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	_	4	8
1st Platoon	1	_	11	12
2nd Platoon	1	_	11	12
3rd Platoon	_	_	12	12
4th Platoon	_	_	12	12
Vehicle Maintenance	_	_	4	9
Field Train	_	_	4	9
Baggage	_	_	1	3
Total	3	- 5	1/50	85/83

Note: Double numbers (25/24) indicate where there is a penciled change in the organization charge. The first number is the original strength and the second number is the penciled revised figure.

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