German Army

Authorized Strength

Armored Reconnaissance Company (C) (Freie Gliederung)

(Half Track)

1 November 1944

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1 20mm gun, 1 LMG & 1 submachine gun each
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

Vehicle Maintenance:

 $\frac{1}{4}$ NCOs, $\frac{1}{9}$ soldiers, 12/11 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 2-ton truck, 2 3-ton trucks, & 1 Sd Kfz 11 (3 ton) half track

Field Train:

4 NCOs, 8 soldiers, 10 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) & 3 3-ton trucks

Baggage:

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

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	_	6	5
1st Platoon	1	_	5	12
2nd Platoon	1	_	5	12
3rd Platoon	_	_	6	12
4th Platoon	_	_	6	12
Total	3	-	28	53

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