

**German Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**Panzer Reconnaissance Company (Motorcycle)**  
**1 November 1943**

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Troop leader (NCO) (also battle scribe)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Vehicle Squad Leader (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
1 Messenger (also radio operator)  
    1 rifle  
3 Motorcycle Messengers  
    3 rifles & 3 350ccm motorcycles  
2 Motorcycle Drivers for Corpsman & Vehicle Squad Leader  
    2 rifles & 2 350ccm motorcycles with sidecars  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle  
(mot) Portable Radio Troop:  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 rifle  
    2 Radio Operators (1 acted as driver)  
        2 rifles & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle

1st Platoon:

1 Platoon Commander (Officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Leader (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
1 Messenger  
    1 rifle  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
2 Drivers  
    2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicle  
1 Corpsman  
    1 pistol  
1 Anti-Tank Rifle (operator not identified)  
    3 Groups:  
    3 Group Leaders (NCOs) in sidecars  
        3 submachine guns  
    21 Motorcycle Riflemen  
        9 rifles, 12 pistols, & 6 light machine guns  
        & 12 350cc motorcycles  
    12 Motorcycle Drivers  
        12 rifles, 12 350ccm motorcycles with sidecars

2nd Platoon

    Same as 1st Platoon, but officer replaced by NCO

3rd Platoon

Same as 1st Platoon, but officer replaced by NCO

4th (Heavy) Platoon:

- 1 Platoon Leader (officer)
  - 1 submachine gun
- 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
  - 1 pistol
- 1 Messenger/Radio Talker
  - 1 rifle
- 2 Motorcycle Messengers
  - 2 rifles, 2 350ccm motorcycles, one with sidecar
- 1 Corpsman
  - 1 pistol
- 2 Drivers
  - 2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles
- 1st (Heavy Machine Gun) Group:
  - 1 Group Leader (NCO) (in side car)
    - 1 pistol
  - 2 Machine Gun Leaders (NCOs) (in sidecars)
    - 2 submachine guns
  - 8 Machine Gun Riflemen (in sidecars)
    - 4 rifles, 4 pistols & 2 heavy machine guns
  - 1 Munitions Handler (in sidecar)
    - 1 rifle
  - 8 Motorcyclists
    - 8 rifles & 8 350ccm motorcycles with side cars
- 2nd (Heavy Machine Gun) Group:
  - same as 1st HMG Group
- 3rd (Mortar) Group:
  - 1 Group Leader (NCO)
    - 1 submachine gun
  - 2 Troop Leaders (NCOs)
    - 2 rifles
  - 10 Mortar Crewmen
    - 4 rifles, 6 pistols & 2 80mm mortars, Mk 34
  - 1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
    - 1 rifle
  - 2 Truck Drivers
    - 2 rifles & 2 2-ton trucks

Vehicle Maintenance:

21 NCOs, 5 soldiers, 6 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle & 1 2-ton truck

Field Train:

4 NCOs, 6 soldiers, 8 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 2 3-ton trucks & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle

Baggage:

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

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Company Command	1	-	4	9
1st Platoon	1	-	4	38
2nd Platoon	-	-	5	38
3rd Platoon	-	-	5	38
4th Platoon	1	-	10	53
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	2	55
Field Train	-	-	4	6
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	3	-	35	190

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