

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

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Company Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Vehicle Squad Leader (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
1 Corpsman (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
1 Messenger  
    1 rifle  
3 Motorcycle Messengers  
    3 rifles & 3 350ccm motorcycles  
2 Kettenkraftkrad Drivers  
    2 rifles & 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads  
1 Half Track Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 10 Half track  
(mot) Portable Radio Troop:  
    1 Troop Leader (NCO)  
        1 rifle  
    2 Radio Operators  
        2 rifles & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad

1st Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Platoon Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 rifle  
1 Messenger/Radio Operator  
    1 rifle  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
2 Half Track Drivers  
    2 rifles & 2 Sd Kfz 10 Half Tracks  
1 88mm R Panzerbüsche Anti-Tank Rocket Launcher (operator  
not identified)  
3 Groups:  
3 Group Leaders (NCOs)  
    3 submachine guns  
21 Motorcycle Riflemen (including 12 machine gunners)  
    9 (later 15) rifles, 12 (later 6) pistols,  
    & 6 light machine guns  
12 Motorcycle Drivers  
    12 Rifles & 12 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads

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 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
1 Messenger/Radio Operator  
    1 rifle  
1 Corpsman  
    1 pistol  
2 Half Track Drivers  
    2 rifles & 2 Sd Kfz 10 half tracks  
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  
    7 Motorcyclists  
        7 rifles, 7 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads, &  
        2 Sd Ah1 Trailers for ammunition  
2nd (Heavy Machine Gun) Group:  
    Same as 1st  
3rd (Heavy Mortar) Group  
    1 Group Leader (NCO)  
        1 submachine gun  
    2 Troop Leaders (NCOs)  
        2 pistols  
    8 Mortar Crewmen  
        4 rifles, 4 pistols, & 2 80mm Mortar Mk 34  
    1 Assistant Master Gunsmith  
        1 rifle  
    7 Motorcyclists  
        7 rifles, 7 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads &  
        7 Sd Ah 1 trailers (3 for mortars & 4 for  
        munitions)

Vehicle Maintenance

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

Field Train

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

Baggage:

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

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Company Staff	1	-	4	9
1st Platoon	1	-	3	38
2nd Platoon	-	-	5	38
3rd Platoon	-	-	5	38
4th Platoon	1	-	10	52
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	2	5
Field Train	-	-	4	6
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	3	-	35	189

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