

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Panzer Reconnaissance Company (Volkswagen)  
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  
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  
1 Messenger/Radio Operator  
    1 rifle  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
2 Drivers  
    2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles (volkswagen)  
1 88mm R Panzerbüsche Anti-Tank Rocket Launcher (operator  
not identified)  
    3 Groups:  
    3 Group Leaders (NCOs)  
        3 submachine guns  
    21 Riflemen (including 12 machine gunners)  
        9 (later 15) rifles, 12 (later 6) pistols,  
        & 6 light machine guns  
    12 Drivers  
        12 Rifles & 12 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  
    1 rifle  
1 Motorcycle Messenger  
    1 rifle & 1 350ccm motorcycle  
3 Driver  
    3 rifles & 3 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  
7 Drivers  
    7 rifles & 7 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 submachine guns  
10 Mortar Crewmen  
    4 rifles, 6 pistols, & 2 80mm Mortar Mk 34  
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith  
    1 rifle  
8 Drivers  
    8 rifles & 8 light four seat passenger  
    vehicles (volkswagen)

Maintenance:

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

Field Train:

4 NCOs, 6 soldiers, 8 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger  
vehicle (volkswagen), & 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	53
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	2	5
Field Train	-	-	4	6
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	3	-	35	190

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