

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Reconnaissance Squadron
1 December 1943**

Staff

1 Squadron Commander (officer)
 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
1 Corpsman (NCO)
 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
3 Messengers
 3 bicycles & 3 submachine guns
2 Motorcycle Messengers
 2 submachine guns & 2 350ccm motorcycles
1 Assistant Master Gunsmith
 1 rifle
2 Drivers
 2 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen),
 & 1 2-ton Sd Kfz Maultier
9 Light Machine guns
1 Trailer for RSO with 10% bicycle reserve

1st Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)
 1 pistol & 1 submachine gun
2 Messengers
 2 submachine guns & 2 bicycles
1 Bicycle Repairman
 1 rifle & 1 bicycle
1 Corpsman
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
3 Groups:
 3 Group Leaders (NCOs)
 3 submachine guns & 3 bicycles
 27 Riflemen & Machine Gunners (including 4 portable radio
 operators)
 27 bicycles, 6 rifles, 3 pistols, 18 submachine guns

2nd Platoon:

 same as 1st Platoon, but officer replaced by NCO

3rd Platoon:

 same as 1st Platoon, but officer replaced by NCO

4th (Heavy Machine Gun) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (Officer)
 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
2 Messengers
 2 submachine guns & 2 bicycles
1 Range Finder Operator
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
1 Corpsman
 1 pistol & 1 bicycle
1 Kettenkraftkrad Driver
 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad & 1 submachine gun

1st Heavy Machine Gun Group:

- 1 Group Leader (NCO)
 - 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
- 2 Machine Gun Leaders (NCOs)
 - 2 submachine guns & 2 bicycles
- 1 Messenger
 - 1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle
- 8 Machine Gunners (4 rode in Sd Kfz 2)
 - 4 submachine guns, 4 pistols, 4 bicycles & 2 heavy machine guns
- 2 Kettenkraftkrad Drivers
 - 2 rifles, 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad & 2 Sd Ah 1 trailers

Baggage:

6 NCOs, 10 soldiers, 13 rifles, 2 pistols, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) & 4 3-ton trucks

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	2	8
1st Platoon	1	-	3	31
2nd Platoon	-	-	4	31
3rd Platoon	-	-	4	31
4th Platoon	1	-	6	28
Baggage	-	-	6	10
Total	3	-	25	139

Records of Headquarters, German Army High Command, National Archives Microcopy No. T-78, Roll 393, American Historical Association Committee for the Study of War Documents, Washington, DC., 1960

Copyright GFN 1993.