

**German Army  
Authorized Strength  
Bicycle Reconnaissance Squadron  
1 March 1943**

Staff

1 Squadron Commander (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Squadron Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
3 Messengers  
    3 rifles & 3 bicycles  
3 Motorcycle Messengers  
    3 rifles & 3 350ccm motorcycles  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 Kfz 15 medium personnel vehicle  
1 Corpsermen (NCO)  
    1 pistol & 1 bicycle  
4 Corpsermen  
    4 pistols & 4 bicycles

1st Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
1 Platoon Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
3 Messengers  
    4 rifles & 4 bicycles  
1 Anti-Tank Gunner  
    1 bicycle & 1 anti-tank rifle  
    4 Groups:  
    4 Group Leaders (NCOs)  
        4 rifles & 4 bicycles  
    40 Soldiers  
        40 bicycles, 28 rifles, 12 pistols, & 4 light machine guns

2nd Platoon

    same as 1st Platoon

3rd Platoon

    same as 1st Platoon, but officer replaced by NCO

4th Platoon

1 Platoon Leader (officer)  
    1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
3 Messengers  
    3 rifles & 3 bicycles  
    1st (Heavy Machine Gun) Group:  
    2 Machine Gun Leaders (NCOs)  
        2 submachine guns & 2 bicycles  
    8 Machine Gun Riflemen  
        4 rifles, 4 pistols, 2 heavy machine guns & 8 bicycles  
    2 Kettenkraftkrad  
        2 rifles, 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad, & 2 Sd Ah 1 trailers  
    2nd (Heavy Machine Gun) Group:  
        same as 1st Group

3rd (Mortar) Group:

1 Group Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun & 1 bicycle  
2 Troop Leader (NCO)  
    2 pistols & 2 bicycles  
10 Mortar Crewmen  
    4 rifles, 6 pistols 2 80mm Mk 34 Mortars, & 6 bicycles  
2 Kettenkraftkrad  
    2 rifles, 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad & 2 Sd Ah 1 trailers

Field Train:

5 NCOs, 13 soldiers, 14 rifles, 4 pistols, 1 Kfz 15 medium passenger vehicle, 5 3-ton trucks

Baggage:

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

Totals:

|               | Warrant  |          |      |          |
|---------------|----------|----------|------|----------|
|               | Officers | Officers | NCOs | Soldiers |
| Troop Command | 1        | -        | 2    | 11       |
| 1st Platoon   | 1        | -        | 5    | 45       |
| 2nd Platoon   | 1        | -        | 5    | 45       |
| 3rd Platoon   | -        | -        | 6    | 45       |
| 4th Platoon   | 1        | -        | 7    | 35       |
| Field Train   | -        | -        | 5    | 13       |
| Baggage       | -        | -        | 1    | 3        |
| Total         | 4        | -        | 31   | 196      |

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