

**German Army
Authorized Strength
Staff and Staff Company
Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion
1 November 1944**

Organization A

Staff

1 Battalion Commander (officer)
 1 pistol
1 Battalion Adjutant (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Ordnance Officer
 1 submachine gun
1 Battalion Medical Officer
 1 pistol
1 Battle Scribe (NCO)
 1 rifle
1 Vehicle Park Leader (NCO)
 1 submachine gun
1 Corpsman (NCO)
 1 pistol
2 Messengers
 2 rifles
4 Messengers
 4 rifles, 1 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrad & 3 125ccm motorcycles
1 Corpsman (also driver)
 1 pistol, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle
2 Drivers
 2 rifles, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle &
 1 heavy personal vehicle (Sd Kfz 247)

Staff Company

1 Company Commander (officer)
 1 submachine gun
1 Hauptfeldwebel (NCO)
 1 pistol
1 Weapons NCO
 1 pistol
1 Company Troop Leader (also Gunner & Radio Operator)
 1 pistol
1 Driver (NCO)
 no weapons & 1 Sd Kfz 223 Armored Reconnaissance Vehicle,
 with 1 submachine gun, 1 light machine gun
1 Corpsman (NCO)
 1 pistol
1 Radio Operator
 1 pistol
2 Motorcycle Messengers
 2 rifles & 2 125ccm motorcycles
2 Drivers
 2 rifles & 2 light four seat passenger vehicles
1st (Signals) Platoon:
1 Platoon Leader (signals officer)
 1 pistol

1 Armored Radio Attendant (NCO)
 1 rifle

1 Driver
 1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle
1st Medium (mot) Field Cable Troop:
 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 rifle
 4 Telephone Talkers (1 is also alternate truck driver)
 4 rifles
 1 Truck Driver
 1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck
2nd Medium (mot) Field Cable Troop:
 same as 1st
1st & 2nd Portable Radio Troops:
 1 Radio Operator/Troop Leader
 1 rifle
 4 Radio Operators (1 serving as troop leader & 1 as driver)
 4 rifles & 1 2-ton truck
1st Light (mot) Radio Troop:
 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 pistol
 2 Radio Operators (one served as alternate truck driver)
 2 rifles
 1 Truck Driver
 1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck
2nd, 3rd & 4th Light (mot) Radio Troops:
 same as 1st Troop
(mot) Light Aviation Radio Troop:
 1 Troop Leader (NCO)
 1 pistol
 2 Radio Operators (one served as alternate truck driver)
 2 rifles
 1 Truck Driver
 1 rifle & 1 2-ton truck

2nd (Light Armored Car) Platoon:
 1 Platoon Leader (officer) (armored car commander)
 1 submachine gun
 1 Assistant Platoon Leader (NCO) (armored car commander)
 1 pistol
 2 Armored Car Commanders
 2 pistols
 2 Drivers
 no weapons & 2 Sd Kfz 223 Armored Cars with 2 light
 machine guns & 2 submachine guns
 2 Armored Car Commanders
 2 pistols
 4 Gunners
 4 pistols
 2 Radio Operators
 2 pistols
 4 Drivers
 no weapons & 4 Sd Kfz 222 armored cars with 1 20mm
 gun, 1 light machine gun & 1 submachine gun
 each

3rd (Light Armored Car) Platoon

same as 2nd Platoon

4th (Light Armored Car) Platoon

same as 2nd Platoon

Totals for Organization A:

	Officers	Warrant Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Battalion Staff	4	-	3	9
Staff Company				
Staff	1	-	5	5
1st Platoon	1	-	8	12
2nd Platoon	-	-	6	12
3rd Platoon	-	-	6	12
4th Platoon	-	-	6	12
Total	7	-	33	76

Organization B

Staff

Same as organization A

Staff Company Staff

Same as organization A

1st (Signals) Platoon:

Same as organization A

2nd (Heavy Armored Car) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader & Radio Talker (officer)

1 pistol

1st Armored Car Troop:

1 Armored Car Commander (NCO)

1 pistol

1 Driver

no weapon & 1 Sd Kfz 2334/1 Armored Car with 1 light machine gun, 1 submachine gun & 1 20mm gun

2 Gunners

2 rifles

1 Loader

1 rifle

1 Radio Operator

1 rifle

1 Driver

no weapon & 1 Sd Kfz 234/3 Heavy Armored Car with 1 75mm gun, 1 submachine gun & 1 light machine gun

2nd Armored Car Troop:

same as 1st Armored Car Troop

3rd Armored Car Troop:

same as 1st Armored Car Troop

4th Armored Car Troop:

same as 1st Armored Car Troop

3rd (Heavy Armored Car) Platoon

6th Armored Car Troop:

same as 1st Armored Car Troop

6th Armored Car Troop:

same as 1st Armored Car Troop

7th Armored Car Troop:

same as 1st Armored Car Troop

Totals for Organization B:

	Officers	Warrant Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Battalion Staff	4	-	3	9
Staff Company				
Staff	1	-	5	5
1st Platoon	1	-	8	26
2nd Platoon	1	-	11	20
3rd Platoon	-	-	9	15
Total	7	-	36	75

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