

**German Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**Armored Reconnaissance Company (D)**  
**(Armored Car)**  
**1 March 1944**

Staff

1 Company Commander (officer)  
    1 pistol  
1 Company Troop Leader (NCO)  
    1 submachine gun  
1 Armored Car Driver  
    1 pistol  
1 Radio Operator  
    1 pistol  
1 Gunner  
    1 pistol  
4 Motorcycle Messengers  
    4 rifles, 2 350ccm motorcycles & 2 Sd Kfz 2 Kettenkraftkrads  
1 Driver  
    1 rifle & 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen)

1st (Light) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (Car Commander) (Officer)  
    1 pistol  
2 Assistant Platoon Leaders (Car Commander) (NCOs)  
    2 pistols  
1 Panzerführer (Car Commander) (NCO)  
    1 pistol  
6 Armored Car Drivers  
    6 pistols, 6 Sd Kfz 234/1 Armored Cars  
2 Panzerführer  
    2 pistols  
6 Panzer Gunners  
    4 pistols  
6 Radio Operators  
    2 pistols

2nd (Light) Platoon:

same as 1st Platoon, but officer replaced by NCO

3rd (Light) Platoon:

same as 2nd Platoon

4th (Heavy) Platoon:

1 Platoon Leader (and Car Commander) (officer)  
    1 pistol  
2 Assistant Platoon Leaders (and Car Commander) (NCOs)  
    2 pistols  
3 Panzerführer (Car Commander) (NCOs)  
    3 pistols  
6 Armored Car Drivers  
    6 pistols & 6 Sd Kfz 234/3 armed with 75mm guns  
6 Radio Operators  
    6 pistols  
6 Gunners  
    6 pistols

Vehicle Maintenance:

4 NCOs, 9 soldiers, 12 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 2-ton truck, 2 3-ton trucks, & 1 Sd Kfz 11 (3 ton) half track

Field Train:

4 NCOs, 9 soldiers, 11 rifles, 1 pistol, 1 submachine gun, 1 light four seat passenger vehicle (volkswagen) & 4 3-ton trucks

Baggage:

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

Totals:

		Warrant		
	Officers	Officers	NCOs	Soldiers
Troop Command	1	-	4	6
1st Platoon	1	-	9	14
2nd Platoon	-	-	10	14
3rd Platoon	-	-	10	14
4th Platoon	1	-	11	12
Vehicle Maintenance	-	-	4	9
Field Train	-	-	4	9
Baggage	-	-	1	3
Total	3	-	53	81

Note: Double numbers (25/24) indicate where there is a penciled change in the organization charge. The first number is the original strength and the second number is the penciled revised figure.

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