

ARMOURED REGIMENT (MEDIUM TANKS)  
(Tropical Scale)

Consisting of –

- Regimental headquarters - 4 tanks
- Headquarter squadron –
  - Squadron headquarters
  - Intercommunication and maintenance troop
  - Administrative troop
- Three squadrons, each of –
  - Squadron headquarters –
    - Fighting - 4 tanks
    - Administrative
- Four troops each of 3 tanks

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Regimental headquarters	Headquarter squadron				Three squadrons (each)			Total. armoured regiment
		Squadron headquarters	Intercommunication and maintenance troop	Administrative troop	Total, squadron	Squadron headquarters	Four troops (each)	Total, squadron	
Lieutenant-colonel	1								1
Majors	1	1			1	1		1	5
Captain (adjutant)	1								1
Captain (quartermaster)				1	1				1
Captain (transport officer)				1	1				1
Captains		1			1	(a)2		2	7
Lieutenant (intelligence officer)	1								1
Lieutenant (signal officer)	1								1
Lieutenants	(b)1						1	4	13
Total, officers	6	2		2	4	3	1	7	31
Regimental sergenat-major	1								1
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant				1	1				1
Mechanist quartermaster-sergeant				1	1				1
Quartermaster-sergeant (technical)				1	1				1
Caterer				1	1				1
Squadron sergeant-majors		1			1	1		1	4
Total, warrant officers	1	1		4	5	1		1	9
Squadron quartermaster-sergeants				1	1	1		1	4
Mechanist sergeants				1	1	1		1	4
Orderly room sergeants				(c)2	2				2
Provost sergeant				1	1				1
Sergeant cook				1	1				1
Sergeant, intelligence duties	1								1
Sergeant (technical stores)				1	1				1
Sergeant tailor				1	1				1

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Signal sergeant				1	1				1
Transport sergeant				1	1				1
Sergeants	2		1		1	3	1	7	24
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	3		1	10	11	6	1	10	44
Corporals	2		2	10	12	10	3	22	80
Troopers	18	5	15	67	87	73	19	149	552
Total, rank and file	20	5	17	77	99	83	22	171	632
Total, other ranks	24	6	18	91	115	90	23	182	685
Total, all ranks	30	8	18	93	119	93	24	189	(d)716
<u>Attached</u>									
A.A.M.C. –									
Captain				1	1				1
Sergeant (hygiene inspector)				1	1				1
Sergeant				1	1				1
Corporals						1		1	3
A.A.O.C. –									
Shoemaker (corporal)				1	1				1
A.E.M.E. –									
Armourers –									
Sergeant				1	1				1
Corporal				1	1				1
A.A.P.C. –									
Sergeant				1	1				1
Postal service –									
Sergeant				1	1				1
Total, all ranks including attached	30	8	18	101	127	94	24	190	727
<u>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</u>									
<u>Trade group I</u>									
Electricians				(e)1	1	1		1	4
Fitters						(e)3		3	9
Fitters, gun				1	1	1		1	4
<u>Trade group II</u>									
Carpenter and joiner				1	1				1
Cooks				(e)4	4	(e)5		5	19
Driver-operators	(e)6	3	(f)17	1	21	(e)7	(e)5	27	108
Intelligence duties						(e)1		1	3
Mechanics, M.V.				(f)2	2	5		5	17
<u>Trade group III</u>									
Butcher				1	1				1
Clerks				(f)6	6	(e)2		2	12
Driver-mechanics	6	1		6	7	(f)12	(e)5	32	109
Equipment repairer				1	1				1
Tailor				(e)1	1				1

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Technical storemen				(e)4	4	(e)1		1	7
<u>Non-specialists</u>									
Batmen				12	12	7		7	33
Drivers, M.T.	(e)1	1		(f)28	29	(f)18		18	84
Gun numbers	7					17	(e)12	65	202
Hygiene dutymen				2	2	1		1	5
Regimental police				3	3				3
Storemen				2	2	1		1	5
Water dutymen				1	1	1		1	4
Total, rank and file	20	5	17	77	99	83	22	171	632
<u>(iii) Transport</u>									
Truck, ¼-ton	2	1	10	12	23	2		2	31
Trucks, 15-cwt. –									
G.S.				6	6	2		2	12
Wireless		1		1	2				2
Trucks, 3-ton –									
A.A.L.M.G.				5	5	3		3	14
G.S.				9	9	11		11	42
Office				1	1				1
Stores, binned				2	2				2
Water				1	1	1		1	4
Tanks, medium	4					4	3	16	52
Trailers, mobile cooker				1	1	1		1	4
Trailers, jeep			10	12	22	1		1	25
Total, vehicles (excluding trailers)	6	2	10	37	49	23	3	35	160

(iv) Organization

NOTE:— This organization may be varied, within the numbers of ranks, tradesmen and vehicles provided, according to tacticals or administrative equipments.

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Truck, ¼-ton	1	Commanding officer's truck Corporal driver, M.T.
Truck, ¼-ton	2	Intelligence officer Driver-operator
Tank, medium	1	Lieutenant-colonel Adjutant Sergeant Driver-operator Gun number Driver mechanci
Tank, medium	2	Major Regimental sergeant-major Corporal driver-operator 2 gun numbers Driver mechanic

Tank, medium		3	Signal officer Sergeant <u>Signalman (Aust Corps of Signals)</u> 2 gun numbers Driver mechanic
Tank, medium		4	Lieutenant (in charge of tanks) Intelligence sergeant Driver-operator 2 gun numbers Driver mechanic
Carried in Administrative troop			2 relief driver-operators 2 relief driver-mechanic
<u>Total</u>			<u>Weapons</u>
<u>Personnel</u>			<u>Pistols</u> 20
<u>Officers</u>	6		<u>Sub machine guns</u> 10
<u>Other ranks</u>	24		

HEADQUARTER SQUADRON  
Squadron Headquarters

Truck, ¼-ton			Major Driver-operator Driver-mechanic Wireless set
Truck, 15-cwt., wireless			Captain Squadron sergeant-major Driver-operator Driver, M.T. Wireless set
Carried in administrative troop			Relief driver-operator
<u>Total</u>			<u>Weapons</u>
<u>Personnel</u>			<u>Pistols</u> 3
<u>Officers</u>	2		<u>Rifles</u> 4
<u>Other ranks</u>	6		<u>Sub machine gun</u> 1

Intercommunication and maintenance troop

Truck, ¼-ton		1	<u>Transport officer</u> Driver-operator Wireless set Trailer
Truck, ¼-ton		2	Sergeant Driver-operator Wireless set Trailer
Trucks, ¼-ton		3 and 4 (each)	Corporal driver-operator Driver-operator Wireless set Trailer
Trucks, ¼-ton		5 - 9 (each)	2 driver-operators Wireless set Trailer
Truck, ¼-ton		10	<u>Captain A.A.M.C. in battle</u> Driver-operator Wireless set Trailer
<u>Total</u>			<u>Weapons</u>
<u>Personnel</u>			<u>Pistols</u> 8
<u>Other ranks</u>	18		<u>Sub machine guns</u> 10

Administrative troop

Truck, ¼-ton		1	Provost sergeant trailer
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Truck, ¼-ton	2	Corporal driver, M.T. Trailer
Trucks, ¼-ton	3 - 5 (each)	Regimental police trailer
Trucks, ¼-ton	6 - 12 (each)	Driver, M.T. Trailer
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	1	Squadron quartermaster-sergeant Corporal clerk Clerk Batman Driver, M.T.
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	2	Mechanist quartermaster-sergeant Corporal, mechanic M.V. Batman Driver, I.T.
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	3	Regimental quartermaster-sergeant 2 clerks Driver, M.T.
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	4	Quartermaster-sergeant (technical) Batman Mechanist sergeant Driver, M.T.
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	5	Signal sergeant <u>Relief driver-operator for squadron headquarters</u> Driver, M.T.
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	6	Captain A.A.M.C. Sergeant, A.A.M.C. Batman Driver, M.T.
Truck, 15-cwt., wireless		Quartermaster Batman Clerk Driver-operator Corporal, driver, M.T.
Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	1	Hygien inspector Hygiene dutyman <u>2 relief driver-operators for regimental headquarters tanks</u> <u>2 relief driver-mechanics for regimental headquarters tanks</u> Driver-mechanic L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A/Tk. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	2	Sergeant, postal services 2 batmen Driver, M.T. Baggage and blankets L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A/Tk. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	3	Transport sergeant Butcher Driver, M.T. Baggage and rations L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A/Tk. rifle and 200 rounds

Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	4	Sergeant armourer Corporal armourer Fitter, gun Carpenter and joiner Equipment repairer Driver-mechanic L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A/Tk. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G.	5	Storeman Driver, M.T. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	1	Technical storeman Driver-mechanic Wireless and M.T. spares Air compressor
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	2	Sergeant tailor Corporal tailor Corporal shoemaker Hygien dutyman Driver, M.T. Medical stores
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	3	Technical storeman Driver, M.T. Petrol
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	4	Storeman Corporal, mechanic M.V. Driver, M.T. Ammunition
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	5	2 batmen Driver, M.T. Reserve clothing and anti-gas stores
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	6	Caterer 2 cooks Driver, M.T. Officers' mess equipment
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	7	Sergeant cook Corporal cook Cook Driver, M.T.
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	8	2 drivers, M.T. Ammunition
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	9	Driver-mechanic 2 batmen
Truck, 3-ton office		Orderly room sergeant Sergeant A.A.P.C. Corporal clerk Driver-mechanic
Truck, 3-ton stores, binned	1	Sergeant (technical stores) Technical storeman Driver-mechanic Corporal electrician
Truck, 3-ton stores, binned	2	Corporal, technical storeman Batman Driver, M.T.
Truck, 3-ton water		Water dutyman Driver, M.T.
Left at base		Orderly room sergeant
Carried in intercommunication troop		Transport officer

<u>Total</u>		<u>Weapons</u>	
<u>Personnel</u>			
<u>Officers</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>Pistols</u>	<u>33</u>
<u>Other ranks</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>Rifles</u>	<u>66</u>
		<u>L.M.Gs.</u>	<u>5</u>
		<u>A/Tk. rifles</u>	<u>2</u>
THREE SQUADRONS (each)			
Squadron headquarters			
Fighting			
Tank, medium		1 Major	
		Sergeant	
		Driver-operator	
		2 gun numbers	
		Corporal driver-mechanic	
Tank, medium		2 Squadron sergeant-major	
		Driver-operator	
		3 gun numbers	
		Driver-mechanic	
Tank, medium		3 Captain	
		Driver-operator	
		3 gun numbers	
		Corporal driver-mechanic	
Tank, medium		4 Captain (rear link)	
		Corporal driver-operator	
		3 gun numbers	
		Driver-mechanic	
Administrative			
Truck, ¼-ton		1 <u>Major</u>	
		Batman	
		Driver-mechanic	
Truck, ¼-ton		2 Squadron quartermaster-sergeant	
		Driver-operator	
		Wireless set	
		Trailer	
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.		1 Corporal intelligence duties	
		Corporal clerk	
		Clerk	
		Mechanic, M.V.	
		Driver, M.T.	
Truck 15-cwt., G.S.		2 Corporal cook	
		Corporal A.A.M.C.	
		3 batmen	
		Driver, M.T.	
Truck, 3-ton A.A.L.M.G.		1 Storeman	
		2 batmen	
		2 relief driver-mechanics for squadron headquarters tanks	
		Driver-mechanic	
		Baggage and blankets	
		L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds	
		A/Tk rifle and 200 rounds	
Truck, 3-ton A.A.L.M.G.		2 Transport sergeant	
		Fitter	
		2 relief driver-mechanics for squadron headquarters	
		Mechanic, M.V.	
		Driver, M.T.	
		L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds	
		A/Tk. rifle and 200 rounds	

Truck, 3-ton A.A.L.M.G.	3	Sergeant <u>6 relief gun numbers for squadron headquarters tanks</u> Corporal driver, M.T. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds
Truck, 3-ton G.S.	1	Corporal technical storeman Driver-mechanic Wireless and M.T. spares Air compressor
Truck, 3-ton G.S.	2	4 cooks Driver, M.T. Cooking sets
Truck, 3-ton G.S.	3	Hygiene dutyman Batman 2 drivers, I.T. Ammunition
Truck, 3-ton G.S.	4	Corporal fitter Mechanic M.V. 2 drivers
Trucks, 3-ton G.S.	5-7 (each)	Driver-mechanic Driver, M.T. Ammunition
Truck, 3-ton G.S.	8	Mechanic, M.V. Driver, M.T. Petrol
Truck, 3-ton G.S.	9	Sergeant Corporal driver, M.T. <u>8 relief driver-operators for troops</u> <u>4 relief gun numbers for troops</u>
Truck, 3-ton G.S.	10	Mechanist sergeant Electrician Fitter Fitter, gun Mechanic, M.V. Driver, M.T.
Truck, 3-ton G.S.	11	Driver, M.T. <u>8 relief driver-mechanics for troops</u> <u>4 relief gun numbers for troops</u>
Truck, 3-ton, water		Water dutyman Driver, M.T.

Total

Personnel

<u>Officers</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>Other ranks</u>	<u>91</u>

Weapons

<u>Pistols</u>	<u>32</u>
<u>Rifles</u>	<u>51</u>
<u>Sub machine guns</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>L.M.Gs.</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>A.Tk. rifles</u>	<u>2</u>

Four troops (each)

Tank medium	1	Lieutenant Driver-operator 3 gun numbers Corporal driver-mechanic
Tank medium	2	Sergeant Corporal driver-mechanic 3 gun numbers Driver-mechanic
Tank medium	3	Corporal gun number Driver-operator 3 gun numbers Driver mechanic



Carried in administrative portion of Squadron Headquarters

2 relief driver-operators  
2 relief driver-mechanics  
2 relief gun numbers

Total

Personnel

Officer 1  
Other ranks 23

Weapons

Pistols 18  
Sub machine guns 6

(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	376	12	2,256	6,768
Rifles, .303-inch	221	50	22,000	33,050
Rifles, .303-inch for A.A.O.C. and A.E.M.E. personnel	2	20		40
Sub machine guns	123	200	49,200	73,800
A.A.L.M.Gs., .303-inch	14	1,000	7,000	21,000
A. Tk. rifles, .55-inch	10	200	400	2,400
Tanks, medium (52)				
75-mm guns	52	40	1,040	3,120
37-mm guns	52	182	4,372	14,196
Brownings, .30-inch	104	3,000	156,000	468,000
Pistols, signals	52	12	312	936

- (a) Includes one 2nd in command who commands half squadron when operating detached and 1 rear link.
- (b) Commands headquarters tanks.
- (c) One will be attached to L of C. Area Records Office. The N.C.O. selected for this appointment may be classified medically fit, class B.
- (d) At least one officer and 20 rank and file will be trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work. One man in each squadron will be trained to repair boots as a part time employment. The drivers of the trucks, 3-ton, water will also be trained in water duties.
- (e) Includes or is a corporal.
- (f) Includes 2 corporals.
- (g) Trucks, ¼-ton towing trailers will be fitted with dual rear wheels.

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS AND ATTACHED

Details left at base –

<u>Orderly room sergeant</u> (attached to L. of C. Area Records Office)	<u>1</u>
First reinforcements –	
Captain	1
Lieutenants	5
Warrant officer class II	1
Sergeants	4
Rank and file (including 6 corporals)	56
(includes –	
Fitter (trade group I)	1
Cooks (trade group II)	2
Driver-operators (trade group II)	11
Mechanics, M.V. (trade group II)	2
Clerk (trade group III)	10
Technical storeman (trade group III)	1
Drivers, M.T.	8
Gun numbers	<u>15</u>
Total	<u>67</u>

Attached –

Signal section Aust Corps of Signals - see W.E. of an armoured brigade signal squadron (tropical scale) in Vol. I

Light Aid Detachment A.E.M.E. - see W.E. of Light Aid Detachments, A.E.M.E. in Vol. I