

AN ARMoured SQUADRON (SPECIAL EQUIPMENT)
 Designed to hold and operate theatre stores and special armoured
 equipment not provided in war establishments of Armoured Regiments.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT
 (Provisional)

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Headquarters	Tank troop	Two tank dozer troops (each)	Four flame thrower troops (each)	Bridge troop	Total armoured squadron (special equipment)
Major	1					1
Captain	1					1
Lieutenants (administration)	1					1
Lieutenants		1	1	1	1	8
Total officers	3	1	1	1	1	11
Warrant officer class II (Squadron sergeant major)	1					1
Total warrant officers	1					1
Squadron quartermaster sergeant	1					1
Sergeant clerk	1					1
Transport sergeant	1					1
Sergeants		1	1	1	1	8
Total staff sergeants and sergeants	3	1	1	1	1	11
Corporals	6	1	1	1	1	14
Troopers (includes 12 lance corporals)	21	16	11	12	5	112
Total rank and file	27	17	12	13	6	126
Total other ranks	31	18	13	14	7	138
Total all ranks	34	19	14	15	8	149
Attached						
A.A.M.C.						
Corporal	1					1
A.E.M.E.						
W.O. II (armament artificer A.F.V.)	1					1
Sergeant fitter A.F.V.	1					1
Corporals –	1					1
Electrician, A.F.V.						
Fitter, gun, field	1					1
Fitter, M.V.	1					1
Craftsmen –						
Fitters A.F.V. (trade group 1)	2					2
Fitter gun field (trade group 1)	1					1
Mechanics A.F.V. (trade group 2)	3					3
A.A.C.C.						
Sergeant	1					1
Corporal	1					1
Privates (trade group 2)	2					2
Total all ranks including attached	50	19	14	15	8	165

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(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties						
Trade group 2						
Driver operators	3	3	3	3		24
Gunner operators	4	6	3	3		28
Intelligence duties	1					1
Trade group 3						
Clerks	2					2
Driver mechanic	6	3	3	3	3	30
Storeman technical	1					1
Non specialists						
Batmen	3	1	1	1	1	11
Drivers M.T.	4		1	2	1	15
Crew commanders		1	1	1	1	8
Gun numbers		3				3
Hygiene dutyman	1					1
Storeman	1					1
Water dutyman	1					1
Total rank and file	27	17	12	13	6	126
(iii) Transport						
Trucks, ¼ton	2		1	1	1	9
Truck, 2½ton, G.S.	3			1		7
Truck ,3-ton, water	1					1
Carrier, tracked, starting and charging	1					1
Tanks –		3				3
M.3. Medium (diesel)						
Matilda (dozer)			3			6
Matilda (flame thrower)				3		12
Tank bridge layer					3	3
Trailers	12					12
8-cwt.,						
8cwt (portable mixer flame thrower)				1		4
Total vehicles excluding trailers	7	3	4	5	4	42

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition – rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	113	12	678	2,034
Rifles, .303-inch	18	50	1,000	1,900
Rifles, .303-inch for attached personnel	15	20	-	300
Sub machine guns	18	200	7,200	10,800
Tanks, M.3. Medium (diesel) (3)				
37-m.m. guns	3	139	207	624
75-m.m. guns	3	65	99	294
Brownings, cal. .30	6	3,000	9,000	27,000
Sub machine guns	6	300	900	2,700

Detail	Number	Ammunition – rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, signal	3	12	18	54
Bomb throwers, 2-inch, Bombs, smoke	3	30	45	135
Grenades –				
No. 36M, hand		6	9	27
No. 77 W.P.		10	15	45
Tanks, matilda (dozer) (6)				
2-pr. guns	6	93	282	840
Besas, 7.92-m.m.	6	2,925	8,772	26,322
A.A.L.M.Gs., .303-inch	6	600	1,800	5,400
Sub machine guns	6	300	900	2,700
Pistols, signal	6	12	36	108
Dischargers, smoke, 4-inch	12	5	30	90
Grenades –				
No. 36M, hand		12	36	108
No.77 W.P.		10	30	90
Tanks, matilda (flamethrower) (12)				
Besas, 7.92-m.m.	12	2,925	17,544	52,644
A.A.L.M.Gs., .303-inch	12	600	3,600	10,800
Pistols, signal	12	12	72	216
Dischargers, smoke 4-inch	24	5	60	180
Grenades –				
No. 36M, hand		12	72	216
No. 77 W.P.		10	60	180
Tanks, bridge layer (3)				
L.M.Gs. .303-inch	3	1,000	1,500	4,500

(a) Includes, or is a corporal.

(b) Includes 2 corporals.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Detail left at base –

First reinforcements –

Officers	2
Sergeant	1
Rank and file (including 1 corporal)	12
(includes)	
Driver-operators (trade group 2)	2
Gunner-operators (trade group 2)	2
Driver-mechanic (trade group 3)	4

NOTE

1. One man will be trained to repair boots as a part time employment.

(This establishment supersedes No. 1/5F/1)