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HEADQUARTERS OF AN ARMY TANK BRIGADE

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Fighting group	Office and reconnaissance group	Administration group	Total, headquarters of an Army Tank Brigade
Commander (brigadier)	1			1
Brigade major	1			1
General staff officer, 3rd grade (captain)	1			1
Staff captain		1		1
HEADQUARTER SQUADRON				
Captain			1	1
Lieutenant			1	1
Brigade intelligence officer (captain)	1			1
Liaison officer (captain)	1			1
Motor contact officers (Lieutenants)	3			3
Total, officers	8	1	2	11
Clerk		1		1
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant			1	1
Squadron sergeant-major			1	1
Total, warrant officers		1	2	3
Sergeant clerk			1	1
Mechanist sergeant			1	1
Sergeants	3	2	1	6
Total, staff sergeants and sergeants	3	2	3	8
Corporals	5	3	7	15
Troopers	18	14	50	82
Total, rank and file	23	17	57	97
Total, other ranks	26	20	62	108
Total, all ranks	34	21	64	119
<i>Attached –</i>				
A.A.Ch.D. –				
Chaplains			3	3
A.A.S.C. –				
Captain			1	1
Corporal clerk			1	1
Batman			1	1
Driver, M.T.			1	1
Motor cyclist orderly			1	1
A.A.O.C. –				
Clerk, (warrant officer class I)			1	1
A.A.M.C. –				
Corporal			1	1
Total, all ranks including attached	34	21	74	129

Detail	Fighting group	Office and reconnaissance group	Administration group	Total, headquarters of an Army Tank Brigade
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>				
<i>Trade group I</i>				
Electrician			1	1
Fitters			(a)2	2
<i>Trade group II</i>				
Cooks			(b)4	4
Intelligence duties		(a)2		2
Mechanics, M.V			(a)3	3
<i>Trade group III</i>				
Clerks		(a)3	2	5
Driver-mechanics	(b)6	1	6	13
Technical storemen			(a)3	3
<i>Non specialists</i>				
Batmen			11	11
Batmen-drivers			3	3
Drivers, M.T.	(c)17	6	(a)12	(d)35
General dutymen - Officers' mess			(a)1	(a)1
Motor cyclist orderlies		4	6	10
Provost duties		(a)1		1
Sanitary dutyman			1	1
Storeman			1	1
Water dutyman			1	1
Total, rank and file	23	17	57	97
<i>(iii) Transport</i>				
Motor cycles		6	8	14
Car, D.S.		1		1
Trucks, 15-cwt				
G.S.		4	7	11
Office unit		1		1
Trucks, 3-ton				
G.S.			5	5
Store			1	1
Water			1	1
Tanks cruiser	4			4
Scout cars	10			10
Carrier, T.C.P., slave battery	14	6	15	35

(iv) Organization

Note – The organization may be varied within the numbers of ranks, tradesmen and vehicles provided according to tactical requirements.

Armoured command vehicle, Aust Corps of Signals

Brigadier
Brigade major
Brigade intelligence officer
Signal section Aust. Corps of Signals
Troop commander
2 signalmen operators
Driver, M.T.

Tank, cruiser (rear link)	1	General staff officer, 3rd grade (captain) Sergeant Driver-mechanic Signalman	
Tank, cruiser (air)	2	Corporal, driver-mechanic Driver, M.T. Signal officer Signalman	
Tank, cruiser (control)	3	Sergeant Corporal, driver, M.T. Driver-mechanic Signalman	
Tank, cruiser (B echelon transport, spare)	4	Corporal, driver-mechanic 2 drivers, M.T. Signalman	
Scout car	1	Liaison officer Driver, M.T. Wireless set L.M.G and 1,000 rounds	
Scout cars	2, 3 and 4 (each)	Motor contact officer Driver, M.T. Wireless Set L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds	
Scout car	5	Sergeant Driver, M.T. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds	
Scout cars	6 and 8 (each)	Corporal, driver, M.T. Driver-mechanic L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds	
Scout cars	7, 9 and 10 (each)	2 drivers, M.T. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds	
<i>Total</i>			
<i>Personnel</i>		<i>Weapons</i>	
<i>Officers</i>	8	<i>Pistols</i>	20
<i>Other ranks</i>	26	<i>Rifles</i>	10
		<i>Sub machine guns</i>	4
		<i>L.M.Gs.</i>	10

OFFICE AND RECONNAISSANCE GROUP

Motor cycle	1	Provost sergeant
Motor cycle	2	Provost corporal
Motor cycles	3 - 6 (each)	Motor cyclist orderly
Car, D.S.		Driver-mechanic (commander's car)
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	1	Driver, M.T. (seat for staff-captain)
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	2	Driver, M.T. (brigade major's car)
Truck, 15-cwt., wireless		Staff captain Corporal operator 3 signalmen
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	3	Sergeant intelligence Corporal intelligence Trooper intelligence Driver, M.T.

Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	4	2 drivers, M.T. <i>Corporal</i> <i>Lance-corporal</i> } <i>for low grade cipher duties</i> L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A.Tk rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 15-cwt., office unit		Clerk (warrant officer class I) Clerk, corporal 2 clerks Driver, M.T. Office equipment

Total

Personnel

Officer

Other ranks

1
20

Weapons

Pistols

Rifles

L.M.G.

A.Tk. rifle

9
12
1
1

ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP

Motor cycle	1	Clerk, A.A.O.C.
Motor cycle	2	Motor cyclist orderly A.A.S.C.
Motor cycles	3 to 8	Motor cyclist orderly
	(each)	
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	1	Captain A.A.S.C. Corporal clerk, A.A.S.C. Driver, M.T. A.A.S.C.
Trucks, 15-cwt., G.S.	2 - 4	Chaplain
	(each)	Batman-driver
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	5	Captain Driver-mechanic
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	6	Corporal technical storeman Mechanist sergeant Corporal fitter Technical storeman Driver, M.T. Stores and fitters tools
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	7	3 batmen Corporal cook Corporal, general dutyman, officers' mess Driver, M.T.
Truck, 15-cwt., (wireless signals)		Lieutenant Batman 3 <i>signalmen</i>
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	1	Regimental quartermaster-sergeant Squadron sergeant-major Sergeant clerk 2 clerks Corporal A.A.M.C. Driver-mechanic Quartermaster stores Baggage Reserve clothing Anti-gas equipment A.A.S.C. clerks baggage L.M.G and 1,000 rounds A.Tk. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	2	Corporal cook 2 cooks Sanitary dutyman Batman Driver, M.T. Cooking set and officers' mess

Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	3	Driver-mechanic Driver, M.T. Petrol L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A.Tk. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	4	Mechanic, M.V. Storeman 2 batmen Driver, M.T. Ammunition
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	5	Sergeant Corporal driver, M.T. Relief for tanks – 2 driver-mechanics 2 drivers, M.T. 4 batmen Driver, M.T. Batman, A.A.S.C. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A.Tk. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, stores		Corporal mechanic M.V. Mechanic M.V. Electrician Fitter Technical storeman Driver, M.T. Stores and fitters tools
Truck, 3-ton water		Water dutyman Driver, M.T.
Carrier, T.C.P., slave battery		Driver-mechanic Driver, M.T.

Total

Personnel

Officers

6

Other ranks

68

Weapons

Pistols

21

Rifles

49

L.M.Gs.

3

A.Tk. rifles

3

(v) *Table of weapons and ammunition*

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	50	12	300	900
Rifles, .303-inch	71	50	4,000	7,550
Sub machine guns	4	200	1,600	2,400
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	14	1,000	7,000	21,000
A.Tk. rifles, .55-inch	4	200	160	960

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENT AND ATTACHED

Details left at base –

First reinforcements –

Sergeant

1

Corporal

1

Troopers

9

(includes

1 electrician (trade group I)

1 fitter (trade group I)

1 mechanic, M.V. (trade group II)

1 driver-mechanic (trade group III)

Attached –

Aust. Corps of Signals – see W.E. of Armoured Divisional Signals in Vol. I