

## AN ARMoured CAR REGIMENT

Consisting of –

- Regimental Headquarters
- Headquarter squadron of –
  - Squadron Headquarters
  - Intercommunication troop
  - Administrative troop
- Three squadrons, each of –
  - Squadron Headquarters
  - Scout troop
  - Four armoured car troops

## WAR ESTABLISHMENT

## (i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Regimental headquarters	Headquarter squadron				Three squadrons (each)				Total, armoured car regiment
		Squadron headquarters	Inter com troop	Administrative troop	Total, headquarters squadron	Squadron headquarters	Scout troop	4 Arm'd Car 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 (Liaison officer)	1									1
Captains		1			1	1			1	4
Lieutenant (Intelligence Officer)	1									1
Lieutenants (Transport Officers)				1	1	1			1	4
Lieutenant (Signal Officer)	(e)									(e)
Lieutenants	1		1		1	1	1	1	6	20
Total, officers	6	2	1	2	5	4	1	1	9	38
Regimental sergeant-major	1									1
R.Q.M.S.				1	1					1
Q.M. Sergeant Technical				1	1					1
S.S.M.		1			1	1			1	4
Total, warrant officers	1	1		2	3	1			1	7
S.Q.M.S.				1	1	1			1	4
Orderly room sergeants	(a)2									2
Provost sergeant				1	1					1
Signal sergeant			1		1					1
Sergeant, technical storeman				1	1					1
Sergeant, intelligence duties	1									1
Transport sergeant				1	1					1
Sergeant, tailor				1	1					1

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Sergeants	1		2	1	3	1	1	1	6	22
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	4		3	6	9	2	1	1	7	34
Corporals	4	2	4	6	12	4	2	1	10	46
Troopers	32	7	42	44	93	34	11	17	113	464
Total, rank and file	36	9	46	50	105	38	13	18	123	510
Total, other ranks	41	10	49	58	117	41	14	19	131	551
Total, all ranks	47	12	50	60	122	45	15	20	144	589
Attached –										
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.A.P.C.:										
Sergeant				1	1					1
Postal Services:										
Corporal				1	1					1
A.A.C.C.:										
Warrant officer class II – Caterer				1	1					1
Sergeants				1	1	1			1	4
Corporals				1	1	1			1	4
Privates –Trade group II				3	3	2			2	9
Total, all ranks including attached	47	12	50	72	134	50	15	20	145	616
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties										
Trade group II										
Carpenter and joiner				1	1					1
Driver Operators	(c)6	(c)4	(d)8	1	13	(c)7	10	4	33	118
Gunner Operators	6					3		4	19	63
Intelligence duties				(c)1	1	(c)1			1	4
Trade group III										
Butcher				1	1					1
Clerks	(c)2	(c)1		(c)6	7	(c)2			2	15
Driver mechanics	(c)6			4	4	(c)7		5	27	91
Equipment repairer				1	1					1
Tailor				(c)1	1					1
Technical storemen				(c)4	4	1			1	7
Non-specialists										
Corporals							2	1	6	18
Batmen	7	2	1	3	6	3	1	1	8	37
Batmen-drivers						1			1	4
Drivers M.T.	(c)5	2	17	(c)17	36	8			8	65
Gun numbers	2					2		3	14	44
Hygiene dutymen				1	1	1			1	4

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Motor cyclist orderlies	2		(d)20		20					22
Regimental police				4	4					4
Storemen				(c)4	4	1			1	7
Water dutymen				1	1	1			1	4
Total, rank and file	36	9	46	50	105	38	13	18	123	510
(iii) Transport										
Motor cycles	2		20	5	25					27
Cars. D.S.	1									1
Cars, 6-seater, utility		1			1					1
Trucks – ¼-ton	3		12		12					16
Trucks 15-cwt:										
Armoured personnel	1			1	1	2			2	8
G.S.				1	1					1
Wireless signals		1	1	1	3	1			1	6
Trucks 3 ton										
G.S.				14	14	7			7	35
Office				1	1					1
Stores – Binned				2	2					2
Water				1	1	1			1	4
Armoured Cars heavy (M6) "Staghound"	4					3		3	15	49
Scout Cars	1					1	7		8	25
Trailers – mobile cookers				1	1	1			1	4
Total, vehicles (excluding motor cycles and trailers)	10	2	14	21	37	15	7	3	34	149
Total, vehicles (including motor cycles and trailers)	12	2	34	27	63	16	7	3	35	180

(iv) Organization

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

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS

Motor cycles	1 & 2	Motor cyclist orderly (each)
Cars D.S.		Batman Corporal driver M.T. Commanding officers car
Truck ¼-ton	1	Signal officer Driver M.T.
Truck ¼-ton	2	Sergeant Driver M.T.
Truck ¼-ton	3	Batman Driver M.T.
Truck 15-cwt. Armoured personnel		Sergeant, intelligence duties Corporal clerk Batman Driver M.t.

Armoured Car Heavy (M6) Staghound	1	Commanding officer Adjutant Corporal driver operator Corporal driver mechanic Gunner operator
Armoured Car Heavy (M6) Staghound	2	Major 2 i/c Intelligence officer Signalman, Aust Corps of Signals Gunner operator Driver mechanic
Armoured Car Heavy (M6) Staghound	3	Lieutenant Driver operator Gunner Gun number Driver mechanic
Armoured Car Heavy (M6) Staghound	4	Regimental sergeant-major Driver operator Gunner Gun number Driver mechanic
Scout car		Liaison officer Driver operator
Carried in Administrative troop		2 relief driver operators 2 relief gunners 2 relief driver mechanics 4 batmen 1 orderly room sergeant 1 clerk
Left at base		1 orderly room sergeant

Total

Personnel

Officers	6
Other ranks	41

Weapons

Pistols	38
Rifles	9

HEADQUARTER SQUADRON  
Squadron H.Q.

Car, 6 seater utility		Major Squadron sergeant-major Corporal driver operator Batman Driver M.T. Wireless set
Truck 15-cwt. wireless signals		Captain Corporal clerk Batman Driver M.T. Wireless set
Carried in transport of Administrative troop		2 relief driver operators

Total

Personnel

Officers	2
Other ranks	10

Weapons

Pistols	6
Rifles	4
Sub machine guns	2

Intercommunication troop

Motor cycles	1 & 2 (each)	Corporal motor cyclist orderly
Motor cycles	3 - 20 (each)	Motor cyclist orderly

Truck ¼-ton	1	Signal sergeant Driver operator wireless set
Trucks ¼-ton	2 & 3 (each)	Sergeant Driver operator Wireless set
Trucks ¼-ton	4 & 5 (each)	Corporal driver operator Driver operator Wireless set
Trucks ¼-ton	6-13 (each)	2 drivers M.T. (will be trained as relief driver operators)
Truck 15-cwt. wireless signss		Lieutenant Driver operator Batman Driver M.T. Wireless set L.M.G. and 1000 rounds

Total

Personnel

Officer	1
Other ranks	49

Weapons

Pistols	47
Rifles	2
Sub machine gun	1
L.M.G.	1

Wireless sets 6

Administrative troop

Motor cycle	1	Provost sergeant
Motor cycles	2-5 (each)	Regimental police
Truck, 15-cwt. armoured, personnel		Captain A.A.M.C. Batman Driver M.T.
Truck, 15-cwt. G.S.		Transport officer Clerk Batman Driver M.T.
Truck, 15-cwt. wireless signals		Quartermaster Driver operator Corporal clerk Corporal driver M.T.
Truck, 3-ton office		Orderly room sergeant Corporal intelligence Clerk Driver mechanic
Truck, 3-ton stores, binned		Sergeant technical storeman Transport sergeant Technical storeman Driver M.T. L.M.G. and 1000 rounds
Truck, 3-ton stores, binned		Quartermaster-sergeant technical Corporal technical storeman Carpenter and joiner Clerk (Q.M.) Driver M.T. L.M.G. and 1000 rounds
Truck, 3-ton water		Water dutyman Driver M.T.

Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	1	Regimental quartermaster-sergeant Caterer Corporal shoemaker Equipment repairer Storeman Driver M.T.
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	2	Clerk Driver M.T.
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	3	Corporal cook 3 cooks Butcher Batman Driver M.T. Sergeant cook
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	4	Squadron quartermaster-sergeant Storeman 2 batmen Driver mechanic
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	5	Corporal storeman Clerk Batman Driver M.T.
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	6	Sergeant A.A.P.C. Corporal postal services Clerk Sergeant tailor Corporal tailor Driver M.T. L.M.G. and 1000 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	7	Sergeant A.A.M.C. Sergeant hygiene inspector Hygiene dutyman Driver mechanic
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	8	Storeman Driver M.T. L.M.G. and 1000 rounds Ammunition
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	9	Technical storeman Driver M.T. Petrol
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	10	Technical storeman Driver M.T. Petrol
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	11	Sergeant Driver M.T. Petrol
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	12	Batman Driver M.T. Petrol
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	13	2 relief driver operators (RHQ) 2 relief driver mechanics (RHQ) 2 relief gunner operators (RHQ) Driver M.T. L.M.G. and 1000 rounds
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	14	2 relief driver operators (Squadron H.Q.) Batman Driver mechanic

Total

Personnel

Weapons

Officers	3	Pistols	16
Other ranks	69	Rifles	53
		Sub machine gun	1
		L.M.Gs.	5

THREE SQUADRONS (EACH)

Squadron Headquarters

Fighting troop

Truck, 15-cwt., Armoured personnel		Sergeant 2 batmen Driver M.T. Intelligence gear	
Armoured car heavy (M6) Staghound	1	Major Corporal intelligence duties Corporal driver operator Corporal driver mechanic Gunner operator	
Armoured car heavy (M6) Staghound	2	Captain Driver operator Gun number Driver mechanic Gunner operators	
Armoured car heavy (M6) Staghound	3	Lieutenant Driver operator Gun number Driver mechanic Gunner operator	
Scout car		Squadron sergeant-major Driver operator	
		Administrative troop	
Truck, 15-cwt. Armoured personnel		Batman driver Driver M.T. Squadron commanders car	
Truck, 15-cwt., wireless signals		Transport officer Corporal clerk Driver operator Batman Driver M.T.	
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	1	Sergeant cook Corporal cook 2 cooks Driver M.T.	
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	2	2 relief driver operators 2 relief driver mechanics 4 relief driver operators 8 relief driver mechanics 2 batmen Corporal A.A.M.C. Driver mechanic L.M.G. and 1000 rounds	
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	3	Squadron quartermaster-sergeant Hygiene dutyman Driver M.T. L.M.G. and 1000 rounds	
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	4	3 batmen Driver mechanic Ammunition	
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	5	Storeman Driver M.T. Petrol	

Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	6	Technical storeman Driver M.T. Petrol		
Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	7	4 relief gunner operators Driver M.T. Ammunition		
Truck, 3-ton, water		Water dutyman Driver M.T.		
Total				
Personnel		Weapons		
Officers	4	Pistols		24
Other ranks	46	Rifles		23
		Sub machine guns		2
		L.M.Gs.		2
Scout troop				
Scout car	1	Lieutenant Driver operator		
Scout car	2	Sergeant Driver operator		
Scout cars	3 & 4 (each)	Corporal Driver operator		
Scout cars	5, 6 & 7 (each)	2 driver operators		
Carried in administrative portion		Batman		
Total				
Personnel		Weapons		
Officer	1	Pistols		14
Other ranks	14	Rifle		1
		Sub machine guns		7
		L.M.Gs.		7
Four Armoured Car Troops (each)				
Armoured car heavy (M6) Staghound	1	Lieutenant Driver operator Gun number Driver mechanic Gunner operator		
Armoured car heavy (M6) Staghound	2	Sergeant Driver operator Gun number Driver mechanic Gunner operator		
Armoured car heavy (M6) Staghound	3	Corporal Driver operator Gun number Driver mechanic Gunner operator		
Carried in administrative portion		1 relief driver operator 2 relief driver mechanics 1 batman 1 relief gunner operator		
Total				
Personnel		Weapons		
Officer	1	Pistols		19
Other ranks	19	Rifle		1



(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition – rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	449	12	2694	8082
Rifles, .303-inch	132	50	13000	19600
Rifles, .303-inch for attached personnel	20	20		400
Sub Machine Guns	10	200	4000	6000
A.A.L.M.Gs. .303-inch	12	1000	6000	18000
Cars – Armoured heavy (M6) Staghound (49)				
37 m/m guns	49	103	2499	7546
Brownings cal .30	147	1650	124950	367500
S.M.Gs.	49	450	11025	33075
Pistols, signal	49	12	294	882
Bomb throwers 2-inch	49			
Bombs smoke		14	343	1029
Grenades No 36M		12	294	882
Trucks 15-cwt armoured personnel (8)				
L.M.Gs. .303-inch	8	1000	4000	12000
Pistols, signal	8	12	48	144
Scout cars (25)				
L.M.Gs.	25	1000	12500	37500
S.M.Gs.	25	300	3750	11250
Pistols, signal	25	12	150	450
Grenades No 36M		6	75	225

- (a) One will be attached at L. of C. Area Records Office. The N.C.O. selected for this appointment may be classified medically fit class B.
- (b) 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.
- (c) Includes, or is a corporal.
- (d) Includes 2 corporals.
- (e) One lieutenant Aust. Corps of Signals will be attached from the Armoured Car Signal Troop for duty as regimental signal officer.

#### NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS AND ATTACHED

Details left at base –

    Orderly room sergeant 1

First reinforcements –

    Officers 8

    Sergeants 4

    Rank and file including 4 corporals 48

        (Includes: 12 driver operators

            1 clerk

            10 driver mechanics

            1 Technical storeman

            7 Drivers M.T.