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## AN ARMoured CAR REGIMENT A.I.F.

Consisting of—

Regimental headquarters	4 armoured cars
Headquarters squadron of—	
Squadron headquarters	
Intercommunication troop	14 scout cars
Administrative troop	
Four squadrons each of—	
Squadron headquarters	4 armoured cars
Five troops	Each of 2 armoured cars, 2 scout cars and 2 motor cycle combinations

## WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(Provisional)

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Regimental headquarters	Headquarters squadron				Four squadrons (each)					Total armoured car regiment
		Squadron headquarters	Intercommunication troop	Administrative troop	Total headquarters squadron	Squadron headquarters		One troop	Four troops (each H0)	Total squadron	
						Fighting	Administrative				
Lieutenant colonel	1										1
Majors	1	1			1	1				1	6
Captain (adjutant)	1										1
Captain (quartermaster)				1	1						1
Captain (liaison officer)	1										1
Captains		1			1	1				1	5
Lieutenant (intelligence officer)	1										1
Lieutenant (signal officer)	1										1
Lieutenant (technical officer)				1	1						1
Lieutenants (transport officers)				1	1		1			1	5
Lieutenants			1		1	1		1	1	6	25
Total officers	6	2	1	3	6	3	1	1	1	9	48
Regimental sergeant major	1										1
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant				1	1						1
Quartermaster-sergeant (technical)				1	1						1
Mechanist quartermaster sergeant				1	1						1
Squadrons sergeant majors		1			1	1					1
Caterer				1	1						1
Total warrant officers	1	1		4	5	1				1	10
Squadron quartermaster-sergeants				1	1		1			1	5
Staff sergeant master tailor				1	1						1



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						Fighting	Administrative				
Butcher				1	1						1
Clerks	1	1		(c)6	7		2			2	16
Driver mechanics	4	1	(c)7	6	14	2	5	3	3	22	106
Equipment repairer				1	1	1					1
Tailor				(c)1	1						1
Technical storemen				(c)3	3		1			1	7
Non specialists											
Batmen				14	14		9			9	50
Drivers M.T.	10	1	(b)21	17	39	(c)9	5	(c)4	(c)5	38	201
Motor cyclist orderlies	(c)6					(c)5	(c)2	2	2	17	74
Regimental police				4	4						4
Sanitary duty men				1	1		1			1	5
Storemen				3	3		1			1	7
Troopers (motor cycle combination crews)								(c)4	(c)5	24	96
Water duty men				1	1		1				5
Total rank and file	28	3	28	71	102	25	37	17	19	155	750
(iii) Transport											
Motor cycles	6		1	5	6	5	2	2	2	17	80
Motor cycles combination								2	2	10	40
Trucks, 15-cwt.											
G.S.	3	2	1	3	6	1				1	13
Battery charging				1	1		1			1	5
Office				1	1						1
Water				1	1		1			1	5
Wireless				1	1		1			1	5
Trucks, 3-ton											
G.S.				12	12		6			6	36
Stores				1	1		1			1	5
Ambulance armoured (2 berth)				3	3						3
Armoured cars	4					4		2	2	14	60
Scout cars			14		14			2	2	10	54
Total excluding motor cycles	7	2	15	28	40	5	10	4	4	35	187

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition (e)

Detail	Number	Ammunition – rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .455-inch	405	12	2,430	7,290
Rifles, .303-inch	299	50	15,000	29,950

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		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Rifles, .303-inch for A.A.O.C. personnel	4	20		80
Sub machine guns	159	200	63,600	95,400
L.M.Gs. for –				
Ground and A.A. defence	12	1,000	6,000	18,000
Scout cars and motor cycle combinations	74	700	37,000	88,800
A.Tk. rifles, .55-inch	12	200	480	2,880
Armoured cars (60)				
Sub machine guns	60	200	24,000	36,000
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	60	1,000	30,000	90,000
M.M.Gs., .303-inch	60	2,000	120,000	240,000
2-pr. guns	60	50	2,160	5,160
Grenades, hand, H.E.				600

- (a) One man per squadron to be trained to repair boots as a part time job.
- (b) Includes 2 corporals.
- (c) Includes or is a corporal.
- (d) Includes one corporal who will be selected from the following tradesmen – electricians, fitters, carpenter and joiner, mechanics, M.V. and equipment repairer.
- (e) Weapons are allotted on the following scales:–
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|-----------------------|---|
| Armoured car crews    | 1 man armed with sub machine gun remainder with pistols.  |
| Relief crews          | 1 pistol per man  |
| Motor cyclists        | 1 sub machine gun per man (except signal sergeant)  |
| Combination crew of 3 | 1 man armed with rifle, remainder with pistols. L.M.G. is also carried.   |
| Combination crew of 2 | 1 man armed with sub machine gun, other with pistol.  |
| Other personnel       | Officers and other ranks down to and including sergeants are armed with pistols, the remainder with rifles. A.A.M.C. other ranks are unarmed. |

#### NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS AND ATTACHED

Details left at base –

Orderly room sergeant	1	Attached to 2nd echelon (Records)
Officers	10	
Sergeants	5	
Rank and file (including) 6 corporals	0	
(Including –		
Fitter (trade group I)	1	
Cooks (trade group II)	2	
Driver-operators (trade group II)	13	
Mechanic, M.V. (trade group II)	1	
Clerks (trade group III)	2	
Driver-mechanics (trade group III)	10	
Technical storeman (trade group III)	1	
Drivers, M.T.	19	
Total	88	

Attached

Signal section (Aust. Corps of Signals)  
Light aid detachment

See W.E. of Armoured Divisional Signals in Vol. I  
See W.E. of a Light Aid Detachment Type Ai Vol. I.