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AN INDEPENDENT BRIGADE GROUP
RECONNAISSANCE COMPANY

Consisting of –

HEADQUARTERS
One Mortar Platoon
Three scout platoons each of –
 Headquarters
 Armoured reconnaissance section
 Two carrier sections
One Infantry platoon or
 Headquarters
 Four infantry sections

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Company headquarters	Mortar platoon	Three scout platoons (each)				Infantry platoon			Total, independent brigade group reconnaissance company
			Platoon headquarters	Armoured reconnaissance section	Two carrier sections (each)	Total, scout platoon	Platoon headquarters	4 Infantry sections	Total, infantry platoon	
Major	1									1
Captain	1									1
Lieutenants	(a)1	1	1			1	1		1	6
Total, officers	3	1	1			1	1		1	8
Company sergeant-major	1									1
Total, warrant officers	1									1
Company quartermaster-sergeant	1									1
Sergeant Cook	1									1
Sergeants		2	1	1	1	4	1		1	15
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	2	2	1	1	1	4	1		1	17
Corporals	7	2		2	3	8	1	2	3	36
Privates	33	13	4	10	5	24	4	27	31	149
Drivers, M.T.	10	3		2		2	2	3	5	24
Total, rank and file	50	18	4	14	8	34	7	32	39	209
Total, other ranks	53	20	5	15	9	38	8	32	40	227
Total, all ranks	56	21	6	15	9	39	9	32	41	(b)235
Attached										
A.A.O.C.										
Fitter, M.V. (staff-sergeant)	1									1
Armourer (sergeant)	1									1
Total, including attached	58	21	6	15	9	39	9	32	41	237
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties										
Trade group II										
Cooks	(c)5									5
Driver-operators	8		1			1				11

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			Platoon headquarters	Armoured reconnaissance section	Two carrier sections (each)	Total, scout platoon	Platoon headquarters	4 Infantry sections	Total, infantry platoon	
Mechanics, M.T.	2									2
Trade group III										
Clerk	(d)2									2
Driver-mechanics	2	1	1	3	3	10		1	1	34
Rangetaker		1								1
Tailor	(d)1									1
Technical storemen	(d)2									2
Non-specialists										
Transport corporal	1									1
Armoured reconnaissance car crews				(c)9		9				9
A T rifle numbers	6									6
Batmen	3	1	1			1	1		1	8
Carrier crews					(c)5	10				30
L M G detachments	2						(d)3	(c)28	31	33
Mortar detachments		(c)11								11
Motor cyclist orderlies	5	1	1			1	1		1	10
Water dutyman	1									1
Drivers, M.T.	10	3		2		2	2	3	5	24
Total, rank and file	50	18	4	14	8	34	7	32	39	209
(iii) Transport										
Motor cycles	6	2	2			2	3		3	17
Car, 6-seater, utility	1									1
Trucks, 15-cwt –										
G S	4	2					2		2	8
Personnel	2	2						4	4	8
Water tank	1									1
Trucks, 3 ton	3									3
Armoured reconnaissance cars				5		5				15
Carriers, armoured	1		1		3	7				22
Total, vehicles (excluding motor cycles)	12	4	1	5	3	12	2	4	6	58

(iv) Organization

COMPANY HEADQUARTERS

Motor cycle 1	Transport officer
Motor cycles 2 to 6	5 Motor cyclist orderlies
Car, 6-seater, utility	Company commanders car
	Corporal clerk
	Driver-operator
	Driver, M.T.
Trucks, 15-cwt G S 1	Captain
	Company sergeant-major
	Clerk
	Driver-mechanic

Trucks, 15-cwt G S	2	Armourer sergeant A A O C 2 A T rifle numbers 2 L M G numbers Driver, M.T. A T rifle and 200 rounds Twin bren guns and 2,000 rounds	
Trucks, 15-cwt G S	3	Technical storeman Driver, M.T. First aid outfit Reserve ammunition	
Trucks, 15-cwt G S	4	2 A T rifle numbers Driver, M.T. Distribution of petrol A T rifle and 200 rounds	
Truck, 15-cwt personnel	1	Corporal driver-operator 5 driver-operators Driver, M.T. Wireless set (spare)	
Truck, 15-cwt personnel	2	Fitter M V staff-sergeant A A O C 2 mechanics M T Corporal technical storeman 2 A T rifle numbers Driver, M.T. A T rifle and 200 rounds Stores and tools	
Truck, 15-cwt, water tank		Water dutyman Driver, M.T.	
Truck 3 ton G S	1	Transport corporal Driver, M.T. Packs and greatcoats	
Truck 3 ton G S	2	Company quartermaster-sergeant Corporal tailor Sergeant cook 2 corporal cooks 2 cooks Driver, M.T. Cooking sets Rations	
Truck 3 ton G S	3	Cook 3 batmen Driver, M.T. Officers' baggage Mess equipment Rations	
Carrier, armoured		Company commander Driver operator Driver mechanic Wireles set Bren gun and 1,000 rounds	
Total			
Personnel		Weapons	
Officers	3	Pistols	8
Other ranks	55	Rifles	50
		Bren guns	1
		Twin bren guns	1
		A T rifles	3
MORTAR PLATOON			
Motor cycle	1	Lieutenant	
Motor cycle	2	Motor cyclist orderly	

Truck, 15-cwt, F W D, G S 1	Sergeant Batman Driver, M.T. 3-inch mortar A T rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 15-cwt, F W D, G S 2	Range taker Driver, M.T. 3-inch mortar First aid outfit
Truck, 15-cwt F W D personnel 1	Sergeant Corporal 4 mortar numbers Driver, M.T.
Truck, 15-cwt F W D personnel 2	Corporal 5 mortar numbers Driver mechanic

Total

Personnel		Weapons	
Officers	1	Pistols	2
Other ranks	20	Rifles	19
		A T rifle	1
		Mortars 3-inch	2

EACH SCOUT PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Motor cycle 1	Platoon sergeant
Motor cycle 2	Motor cyclist orderly
Carrier, universal	Lieutenant Driver operator Driver mechanic Batman First aid outfit Wireless set Bren gun and 1,000 rounds

Total

Personnel		Weapons	
Officers	1	Pistols	3
Other ranks	5	Rifles	3
		Bren gun	1

EACH ARMoured RECONNAISSANCE SECTION

Armoured reconnaissance car 1	Sergeant Private Driver mechanic Bren gun and 1,000 rounds
Armoured reconnaissance cars 3 and 5 (each)	Corporal Private Driver-mechanic Bren gun and 1,000 rounds
Armoured reconnaissance cars 2 and 4 (each)	2 privates Driver, M.T. Bren gun and 1,000 rounds

Total

Personnel		Weapons	
Other ranks 1	5	Rifles	15
		Bren guns	5

EACH CARRIER SECTION

Carrier, armoured 1	Sergeant Corporal Driver-mechanic Bren gun and 1,000 rounds A T rifle
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Carrier, armoured	2	Corporal	
		Private	
		Driver-mechanic	
		Bren gun and 1,000 rounds	
		2-in mortar	
Carrier, armoured	3	Corporal	
		Private	
		Driver-mechanic	
		Bren gun and 1,000 rounds	

Total

Personnel		Weapons	
Other ranks	9	Rifles	9
		Bren guns	3
		A T rifle	1
		2-inch mortar	1

INFANTRY PLATOON

HEADQUARTERS

Motor cycle	1	Lieutenant	
Motor cycle	2	Sergeant	
Motor cycle	3	Motor cyclist orderly	
Truck 15-cwt F.W.D. G.S.	1	Corporal	
		L M G number	
		Driver MT	
		First aid outfit	
		A T rifle and 200 rounds	
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Truck 15-cwt F.W.D. G.S.	2	L M G number	
		Batman	
		Driver MT	
		Digging and wiring tools	

Nos 1 and 2 SECTIONS (EACH)

Trucks 15-cwt F.W.D., personnel	1 and 3 (each)	Corporal	
		6 L M G numbers	
		Driver MT	
		Machine carbine and 200 rounds	
		Bren gun and 1,000 rounds	

No 2 SECTION

Truck 15-cwt F.W.D., personnel	2	7 L M G number	
		Driver MT	
		Machine carbine and 200 rounds	
		Bren gun and 1000 round	
Truck 15-cwt F.W.D., personnel	4	7 L M G number	
		Driver mechanic	
		Machine carbine and 200 rounds	
		Bren gun and 1000 round	

Total

Personnel		Weapons	
Officers	1	Pistols	3
Other ranks	40	Rifles	38
		Machine carbines	4
		Bren guns	4
		A T rifle	1

(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition – rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .455-inch	22	12	132	396
Rifles, .303-inch	213	50	21,000	31,650
Rifles, .303-inch (for A A O C personnel)	2	20		40
Machine carbines	4	200	1,600	2,400
Bren guns .303-inch	41	1,000	20,500	61,500
Twin bren guns .303-inch	1	2,000	1,000	3,000
A T rifles, .55-inch	11	200	440	2,640
Mortars –				
2 inch	6			
H E		27	270	432
Smoke		9	90	144
3 inch	2			
H E		90	54	244
Smoke		30	18	78
Pistols, signal	(f)12	20		240
Grenades – hand			48	48

- (a) Transport officer.
(b) 1 officer and 5 men will be trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work. 1 man in company headquarters and 2 men in each platoon will be trained in first aid. The driver of water tank truck will be trained in water duties.
(c) Includes 2 corporals.
(d) Includes or is a corporal.
(e) Includes 3 corporals.
(f) Allotted as required.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base –

First reinforcement	Lieutenant	1
	Sergeants	2
	Corporals	2
	Lance-corporals	2
	Privates	16
	Totla – all ranks	<u>23</u>