

AN ARMoured BRIGADE SIGNAL SQUADRON
AUSTRALIAN CORPS OF SIGNALS
(TROPICAL SCALE)

Consisting of –
 Headquarters
 Administrative and maintenance troop
 Armoured brigade headquarters troop
 Cipher section, Type F
 Signal troops attached to armoured regiments and tank battalions
 in the armoured brigade.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT
(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Headquarters	Administrative and maintenance troop	Armoured brigade headquarters troop	Total, armoured brigade signal squadron (tropical scale)
Major	1			1
Captain			1	1
Lieutenant		1		1
Total, officers	1	1	1	3
Squadron sergeant-major		1		1
Foreman of signals quartermaster-sergeant		1		1
Total, warrant officers		2		2
Squadron quartermaster-sergeant		1		1
Sergeant clerk		1		1
Sergeant			1	1
Transport sergeant		1		1
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants		3	1	4
Corporals	1	4	8	13
Signalmen	1	14	22	37
Total, rank and file	2	18	30	50
Total, other ranks	2	23	31	56
Total, all ranks	3	24	32	59
Attached –				
A.A.C.C. –				
Privates (trade group II)		2		2
Total, all ranks including attached	3	26	32	61
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties				
Trade group I				
Electricians (signals)		(a)2		2

Detail	Headquarters	Administrative and maintenance troop	Armoured brigade headquarters troop	Total, armoured brigade signal squadron (tropical scale)
Fitter (signals)		(a)1		1
Instrument mechanics		(a)3		3
Trade group II				
Linemen (signals)			(a)6	6
Operators (signals)			(b)16	16
Trade group III				
Clerks	(a)1	(a)1		2
Despatch riders			(a)5	5
Driver-mechanics		1	1	2
Technical storemen		1		1
Non-specialists				
Batmen-drivers	1	1	1	3
Drivers, M.T.		6	1	7
General dutymen		2		2
Total, rank and file	2	18	30	50
(iii) Transport				
Trucks ¼-ton	1	3	12	16
Trucks, 15-cwt., –				
G.S.		3	1	4
Office, signals			1	1
Officer, unit		1		1
Trucks, 3-ton –				
G.S.		1		1
Water		1		1
Trailers, jeep	1	1	7	9
Total, vehicles (excluding trailers)	1	9	14	24

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	6	12	36	108
Rifles, .303-inch	29	25	2000	2725
Rifles, .303-inch for attached personnel	2	20		40
Sub machine guns	24	200	9600	14400
A.A.L.M.Gs., .303-inch	3	1000	1500	4500

(v) Organization

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

HEADQUARTERS

Truck, ¼-ton

Major
Corporal clerk
Batman-driver
Reception set
Draws traier, jeep

Total			
Personnel		Weapons	
Officer	1	Pistol	1
Other ranks	2	Rifle	1
		Sub machine gun	1

ADMINISTRATIVE AND MAINTENANCE TROOP

Headquarters

Truck, ¼-ton	1	Lieutenant	
		Batman-driver	

Administrative section

Truck, ¼-ton	2	Squadron quartermaster-sergeant	
		Driver, M.T.	

Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	1	2 cooks	
		General dutyman	
		Driver, M.T.	
		Cooking set	

Truck 15-cwt., office unit		Squadron sergeant-major	
		Sergeant clerk	
		Corporal clerk	
		Driver, M.T.	

Truck, 3-ton, G.S.		Transport sergeant	
		Technical storeman	
		Driver-mechanic	
		General stores	
		L.M.G. and 1000 rounds	

Truck, 3-ton, water		Driver, M.T.	
		General dutyman	

Maintenance section

Truck, ¼-ton	3	Foreman of signals quartermaster-sergeant	
		Instrument mechanic	
		Draws trailer, jeep	

Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	2	Corporal electrician (signals)	
		Electrician (signals)	
		Driver, M.T.	
		Charging set	
		L.M.G. and 1000 rounds	

Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	3	Corporal instrument mechanic	
		Corporal fitter (signals)	
		Instrument mechanic	
		Driver, M.T.	
		Technical workshop	
		Technical stores	

Total			
Personnel		Weapons	
Officers	1	Pistol	4
Other ranks	25	Rifles	13
		Sub machine guns	9
		L.M.Gs.	2

ARMoured BRIGADE HEADQUARTERS TROOP

Headquarters

Truck, ¼-ton	1	Captain	
		Sergeant	
		Batman-driver	
		Draws trailer, jeep	

Despatch rider section

Truck, ¼-ton	2	Corporal despatch rider	
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Truck, ¼-ton	3—6	Despatch rider	
	(each)		

Cable Section

Truck, ¼-ton	7	2 linemen (signals) Draws trailer, jeep	
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.		Corporal lineman (signals) 3 linemen (signals) Driver-mechanic	
		Operating section	
Truck, 15-cwt., office signals		Corporal operator (signals) 3 operators (signals) Driver, M.T. L.M.G. and 1000 rounds	
Carried in available transport		6 orderlies attached from Headquarters of an Armoured Brigade (Tropical Scale)	
		Wireless section	
Truck, ¼-ton	8-12 (each)	Corporal operator (signals) Operator (signals) Wireless set Draws trailer, jeep	
Carried in vehicles of Headquarters of an Armoured Brigade (Tropical Scale)		Operator (signals) Wireless set	
Total			
Personnel		Weapons	
Officer	1	Pistol	1
Other ranks	31	Rifles	17
		Sub machine guns	14
		L.M.G.	1

- (a) Includes or is a corporal.
- (b) Includes 6 corporals

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base –

First reinforcements –

Signalmen	3
(Includes	
Instrument mechanic	1
Operator (signals)	1
Driver, M.T.	1