

AIRBORNE LIGHT TANK SQUADRON

Consisting of —

Squadron headquarters of 4 light tanks

Intercommunication troop

5 troops, each of 3 light tanks

Administrative troop (airborne)

Administrative troop (non-airborne)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) *Personnel*

Detail	Squadron headquarters	Intercommunication troop	Five troops (each)	Administrative troop		Total, airborne light tank squadron
				Airborne	Non-airborne	
Major	1					1
Captains	2					2
Subalterns	1	1	1			7
Total, officers	4	1	1			10
Squadron serjeant-major	1					1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant					1	1
Total, warrant officers	1				1	2
Mechanist serjeant				1		1
Technical storeman					1	1
Serjeants		1	1	1		7
Total, staff serjeants and serjeants		1	1	2	1	9
Corporals (includes 2 lance-serjeants)	1		1	5	1	12
Troopers (includes 10 lance-corporals)	5	7	6	42	15	99
Total, rank and file	6	7	7	47	16	111
Total, other ranks	7	8	8	49	18	122
Total, all ranks	11	9	9	49	18	132
<i>Attached—</i>						
R.A.M.C.—Medical officer				1		1
A.C.C.—Cooks—						
Corporal					1	1
Privates (includes 1 for officers' mess)					4	4
Total, attached				1	5	6
Total, airborne light tank squadron	11	9	9	50	23	138
(ii) <i>Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>						
<i>Tradesmen—</i>						
Clerks					3	3
Driver-mechanics, A.F.V.	4		3	6		25
Driver-operators			1	4		9
Gunner-operators	2		3	10		27
Fitters				5		(b)5
Electrician				1		1

Detail	Squadron headquarters	Intercommunication troop	Five troops (each)	Administrative troop		Total, airborne light tank squadron
				Airborne	Non-airborne	
Motor mechanics				5		5
Technical storeman				1		1
Total, tradesmen (a)	6		7	32	3	76
<i>Non-tradesmen—</i>						
Batmen					6	6
Drivers, I.C.		1		14	6	21
Medical officer's orderly (lance-corporal)				1		1
Motor-cyclists		6				6
Storeman (non-technical)					1	1
Total, non-tradesmen		7		15	13	35
Total, rank and file	6	7	7	47	16	111
<i>(iii) Transport</i>						
Motor-cycles, solo		7				7
Car, 2-seater, 4 x 2					1	1
Cars, 5-cwt., 4 x 4		1		11		12
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4 x 2, G.S.					2	2
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.					2	2
Lorry, 3-ton, 6 x 4, breakdown					1	1
Light tanks	4		3			19
Rota trailers				9		9
Trailer, 10-cwt, airborne, (binned stores)				1		1
<i>(iv) Weapons</i>						
Pistols, .38-inch	7	2	6	21	2	62
Rifles, .303-inch		1		23	20	44
Machine carbines	4	6	3	6		31
L.M.Gs. .303-inch				2	1	3
Anti-tank rifle, .55-inch				1		1

(v) Organization

NOTE—This table is intended merely as a guide to officers commanding units, and may be varied, within the number of ranks, tradesmen and vehicles provided, according to tactical or administrative requirements.

All tanks are equipped with wireless sets.

	SQUADRON HEADQUARTERS			Tank	4	Subaltern	(P)
	(Fighting)					Gunner-operator	(P)
Tank	1	Major	(P)			Driver-mechanic	(S)
		Driver-mechanic	(P)				
		Gunner-operator	(S)				
				INTERCOMMUNICATION TROOP			
Tank	2	Captain (2nd-in-command)	(P)	Motor-cycle	1	Serjeant	(P)
		Squadron serjeant-major	(P)	Motor-cycles	2-7	6 motorcyclists	(6S)
		Driver-mechanic	(S)	Car, 5-cwt		Subaltern	(P)
						Driver, I.C.	(R)
Tank	3	Captain	(P)				
(rear link)		Operator, R.Signals					
		Driver-mechanic	(S)				
				5 TROOPS (each)			
				Tank	1	Subaltern	(P)
						Gunner-operator	(P)
						Driver-mechanic	(S)

Tank	2	Serjeant	(P)		Medical officer	(P)
		Gunner-operator	(P)		Medical orderly (lance corporal)	(R)
		Driver-mechanic	(S)		4 fitters	(4R)
Tank	3	Corporal, driver-operator	(P)		4 Motor mechanics	(4R)
		Gunner-operator	(p)		Technical storeman	(R)
		Driver-mechanic	(S)		6 driver-mechanics	(6P)
		ADMINISTRATIVE TROOP (Airborne)		Spare crews	2 driver-operators	(2P)
Car, 5-cwt	1	Driver, I.C. (corporal)	(R)		9 gunner-operators	(9P)
Cars,, 5-cwt. (each)	2-5	Driver, I.C.	(S)		7 drivers, I.C.	(7R)
					Serjeant	(p)
		ADMINISTRATIVE TROOP (Non-airborne)				
Car, 5-cwt. L.M.G.	6	Mechanist serjeant	(P)	Car, 2 seater	Driver, I.C.	(R)
		Motor mechanic	(R)		<i>Squadron leader, R.A.F.</i>	
Car, 5-cwt	7	Fitter	(R)	Truck, 15-cwt.,	1 Driver I.C.	(R)
		Gunner-operator	(P)	Cooking utensils	2 clerks	(2R)
Car, 5-cwt. L.M.G.	8	Driver-operator	(S)		Corporal cook A.C.C.	(R)
No. 22 set		<i>Corporal instrument mechanic R. Signals</i>			4 cooks A.C.C.	(4R)
Car, 5-cwt. A.Tk. rifle No. 22 set	9	Driver-operator	(S)	Truck, 15-cwt. Medical stores	2 Driver, I.C.	(R)
		<i>Operator, R.Signals</i>			2 batmen	(2R)
Car, 5-cwt. Battery charging set and spare batteries	10	Electrician	(R)	Lorry, 3-ton, 4 x 2	1 Driver, I.C.	(R)
		Driver, I.C.	(R)	Quarter-master stores	Regimental quartermaster-serjeant	(P)
					Batman	(R)
Car, 5-cwt. Battery charging set and spare batteries	11	Driver, I.C.	(R)		Serjeant technical storeman	(P)
		<i>Electrician R.Signals</i>		Lorry, 3-ton, 4 x 2	2 Driver, I.C.	(R)
Rota trailers	1-9			Clothing and sanitary equipment	Batman	(R)
Trailer, 10-cwt., airborne (binned stores)				L.M.G.	Clerk (corporal)	(R)
					Storeman	(R)
The following personnel are airborne but remain at landing head				Lorry, 3-ton, 6 x 4	Driver, I.C.	(R)
				Fitters' and technical stores	2 batmen	(2R)

- (a) The following additional ranks and appointments are allowed for the tradesmen as shown below—
5 fitters and 1 electrician—1 corporal, 2 lance-corporals; 5 motor mechanics and 1 technical storeman—1 corporal, 2 lance corporals.
- (b) Fitters will include 2 who have qualified on course of gun-fitting at the A.F.V. school.

1 The armoured fighting vehicles with which units on this establishment are equipped, will vary and may consist of a combination of the various marks of tanks in service at any given time.

Tank armament and equipment will be issued in conformity with the scales applying to the actual A.F.Vs. by marks, which the unit holds on charge, within the numbers authorised by this establishment.

These scales will be given in A.F.G.1098

2 In this establishment, allotment of personal weapons is shown as follows—(P) = pistol; (R) = rifle; (S) = machine carbine.

3 At least 1 officer and 3 rank and file will be trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work.

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS AND ATTACHED PERSONNEL

(To be held complete with equipment, weapons and transport by unit for training)

First reinforcements

Subaltersn	2
Serjeant	1
Lance-corporal	1
Troopers	19
including the following tradesmen—	
Driver-mechanics, A.F.V.	5
Driver-operator	1
Gunner-operators	5

Motor mechanics	1
Pistols, .38-inch	20
Rifle, .303-inch	1
Machine carbines	2
Cars, 5-cwt., 4 x 4	3
Light tanks	3
Rota trailers	3

Attached personnel

Signal Section, Royal Signals—*see* W.E. Airborne Divisional Signals, Vol. 1
2nd Line, R.A.S.C.—*See* W.Es. of R.A.S.C. M.T. units in Vol. I