

AN ARMoured REGIMENT, MIDDLE EAST

Consisting of —

Regimental headquarters — 4 cruiser tanks, one A.A. tank

Headquarters squadron —

Squadron headquarters.

Reconnaissance troop — ten carriers universal, six scout cars.

Intercommunication troop — Eight scout cars

Administrative troop

Three squadrons (each) —

Squadron headquarters divided into Fighting portion (three cruiser tanks, one A.A. tank) and administrative portion

Four troops each of 3 cruiser tanks.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Headquarters squadron					3 squadrons (each)				Total, an armoured regiment, Middle East	
	Regimental headquarters	Squadron headquarters	Reconnaissance troop	Intercommunication troop	Administrative troop	Total, headquarters squadron	Squadron headquarters	Administrative troop	4 troops (each)		Total, each squadron
Lieutenant-colonel	1										1
Major (2nd-in-command)	1										1
Majors		1				1	1			1	4
Captains			1		1	(c)2	2			2	8
Adjutant (captain)	1										1
Technical officer (captain)					1	1					1
Quarter-master					1	1					1
Subalterns	(a)2	(b)1	1			2			1	4	16
Total, officers	5	2	2		3	7	3		1	7	33
Regimental serjeant major	1										1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant					1	1					1
Quarter-master serjeant (technical)					1	1					1
Mechanist quarter-master-serjeant					1	1					1
Squadron serjeant-majors		1				1	1			1	4
Total, warrant officers	1	1			3	4	1			1	8
Squadron quarter-master-serjeants					1	1		1		1	4
Mechanist serjeants								1		1	3
Provost serjeant					1	1					1
Signalling serjeant	1										1
Transport serjeant					1	1					1
Clerk (serjeant)					1	1					1
Storeman technical (serjeant)					1	1					1
Serjeants	1		4	1	2	7	2	1	1	7	29

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	Regimental headquarters	Squadron headquarters	Reconnaissance troop	Intercommunication troop	Administrative troop	Total, headquarters squadron	Squadron headquarters	Administrative troop	4 troops (each)		Total, each squadron
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	2		4	1	7	12	2	3	1	9	41
Corporals (includes 8 lance-serjeants)	3		5	2	3	10	2	5	2	15	58
Troopers (includes 25 lance-corporals)	14	6	31	13	71	121	13	56	11	113	474
Total, rank and file	17	6	36	15	74	131	15	61	13	128	532
Total, other ranks	20	7	40	16	84	147	18	64	14	138	581
Total, all ranks	25	9	42	16	87	154	21	64	15	145	614
<i>Attached</i> —							1				
R.A.M.C. — Medical officer					1	1					1
A.C.C. — Cooks (includes 1 serjeant and 4 corporals)					4	4		3		3	13
R.E.M.E. — Armourers (1 serjeant and 1 corporal)					2	2					2
Total, an armoured regiment, Middle East (including attached)	25	9	42	16	94	161	21	67	15	148	(d)630
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>											
<i>Tradesmen</i> —											
Carpenter and joiner					1	1					1
Clerks, general duties					(e)7	7		2		2	13
Driver-mechanics (A.F.V.)	5		10		4	14	4	4	3	20	79
Driver operators	2	2	5		5	12	3	5	3	20	74
Gunner-mechanics	4		3		4	7	3	4	4	23	80
Gunner-operators	4		7		3	10	4	4	3	20	74
Electricians					3	3		1		1	6
Vehicle mechanics					5	5		9		9	32
Equipment repairer					1	1					1
Storeman technical					(f)3	3		1		1	6
Total, tradesmen	15	2	25		36	63	14	30	13	96	(g)366
<i>Non-tradesmen</i> —											
Batman	1										1
Batman-drivers	1	1	1		9	11		7		7	33
Butchery dutyman					1	1					1
Drivers, I.C.			10	15	18	43	1	18		19	100
Medical officers orderly (lance-corporal)					1	1					1
Motor-cyclists		3			3	6		3		3	15
Postal duties (lance-corporal)					1	1					1
Sanitary dutymen					2	2		1		1	5
Water dutyman					1	1		1		1	4
Storemen, non-technical					2	2		1		1	5
Total, non-tradesmen	2	4	11	15	38	68	1	31		32	166
Total, rank and file	17	6	36	15	74	131	15	61	13	128	532
<i>(iii) Transport</i>											
<i>"A" Vehicles</i> —											
Tanks, cruiser	4						3		3	15	49
Tanks, A.A.	1						1			1	4
Scout cars			6	(h)8		14					14

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		Squadron headquarters	Reconnaissance troop	Intercommunication troop	Administrative troop	Total, headquarters squadron	Squadron headquarters	Administrative troop	4 troops (each)	Total, each squadron	
Carriers, universal			10			10					10
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4x4, personnel (armoured)					2	2		1		1	5
“B” vehicles —											
Motor-cycles, solo		3			3	6		3		3	15
Cars —											
4-seater, 4x2	1				1	1		1		1	5
5-cwt., 4x4		1			3	4	1			1	7
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4x2 —											
G.S.					2	2		1		1	5
Fitted for wireless		1			1	2					2
Water					1	1		1		1	4
Office					1	1					1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4x2 —											
G.S.					8	8		17		17	59
G.S. (adapted for mobilization cooking)					1	1		1		1	4
Store					1	1		1		1	4
Tractors, 6x4, breakdown					1	1		1		1	4
Ambulance, 4-stretcher, 4x2, heavy					1	1					1

(iv) Weapons

L.M.Gs., .303-inch	14
A.A. L.M.Gs., .303-inch	8
Heavy M.G., .5-inch for carrier	10
Ps.I.A.T.	8

- (a) 1 commands headquarter tanks, 1 intelligence officer
- (b) Signals officer
- (c) 1 commands half squadron when detached
- (d) At least one officer and 12 other ranks trained in anti-gas duties
- (e) 2 for technical office, 2 for headquarters squadron, 2 (includes 1 corporal) for regimental headquarters, 1 for quarter-masters office.
- (f) 2 for quarter-masters office, 1 for headquarters squadron.
- (g) The following additional ranks and appointments are allowed for the tradesmen as shown below —
13 vehicle mechanics and 6 electricians — 2 lance-sergeants, 3 corporals, 4 lance-corporals, 17 vehicle mechanics, 1 equipment repairer, 1 carpenter and joiner — 1 lance-serjeant, 2 corporals, 4 lance-corporals
6 storemen technical — 1 corporal, 2 lance-corporals
- (h) If scout cars not available, cars, 5-cwt., 4x4 will be issued in lieu

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base —	
Orderly room serjeant	1
First reinforcements	
Captains	2
Subalterns	8
Total, officers	10
Warrant officers, class II	1

Serjeants	10
Corporals	7
Lance-corporals	8
Troopers	96
Total, other ranks	122
Attached —	
A.C.C. — Cooks	3
Total, first reinforcements (including attached)	135
To include the following tradesmen —	
Driver-mechanics	19
Driver-operators	19
Gunner-mechanics	19
Gunner-operators	19
Fitters, R.A.C.	4
Electrician	1

Personnel and vehicle decreases

The following deduction of personnel and vehicles will be made for units equipped with —

“X” 34 Sherman and 8 Crusader Mk. III, 7 Crusader Mk. II and 4 A.A. tanks *or*

34 Sherman and 15 Stuart and 4 A.A. tanks

“Y” 49 Crusader or 49 Stuarts and 4 A.A. tanks

Decrease	Lorries, 3-ton, 4x2, G.S.	Gunner- mechanic	Gunner- operators	Driver- operators	Drivers, I.C. “Y”
“X”	9	15			12
“Y”	27	24	19	6	36