

AN ARMoured REGIMENT, MIDDLE EAST
(Equipped with 52 Crusader II, 52 Valentine or 52 Stuart tanks)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Regimental headquarters	Headquarters squadron				3 squadrons (each)			Total, an armoured regiment, Middle East
		Squadron headquarters	Reconnaissance troop	Inter-communication troop	Administrative troop	Total, headquarters squadron	Squadron headquarters	4 troops (each)	
Lieutenant-colonel	1								1
Major (second-in-command)	1								1
Majors		1				1	1	1	4
Captains		1				1	(a)2	2	7
Adjutant (captain)	1								1
Technical officer (captain)					1	1			1
Quarter-master					1	1			1
Subalterns	(a)2	(b)1	1			2		1	4
Total, officers	5	2	1		3	6	3	1	7
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

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Serjeants—										
Mechanists							1		1	4
Provost					1	1				1
Signal	1					1				1
Transport					1	1				1
Clerk					1	1				1
Technical storeman					1	1				1
Serjeants	1		1	1	2	4	3	1	7	25
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	2		1	1	76	9	5	1	9	38
Corporals (includes 8 lance-serjeants)	3		2	2	3	7	6	2	14	52
Troopers (includes 22 lance-corporals)	6	3	16	13	63	95	61	8	93	380
Total, rank and file	9	3	18	15	66	102	67	10	107	432
Total, other ranks	12	4	19	16	76	115	73	11	117	478
Total, all ranks	17	6	20	16	79	121	76	12	124	510
<i>Attached—</i>										
R.A.M.C.—Medical officer					1	1				1
R.E.M.E.—Armourers (1 staff-serjeant and 1 corporal)					2	2				2
A.C.C.—Cooks (includes 1 serjeant, 442 corporals)					4	4	3		3	13
Total, attached					7	7	3		3	16
Total, an armoured regiment, Middle East (including attached)	17	6	20	16	86	128	79	12	124	(d)526
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>										
<i>Tradesmen—</i>										
Carpenter and joiner					1	1				1
Clerks					(e)7	7	2		2	13
Driver mechanics (A.F.V.)	4		2		5	7	12	3	24	83
Driver operators	3	1			4	5	20	3	32	104
Electricians					3	3	1		1	6

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G.S.					7	7	8		8	31
Store					1	1	1		1	4
Scout cars			10	(1)8		18				18
Tanks	4						4	3	16	52
Tractors, 6-ton, 4-wheeled, breakdown					1	1	1	3	1	4

(iv) Weapons

A.A. L.M.Gs. .303-inch	11
L.M.Gs. .303-inch (scout cars)	18
A/Tk. rifles, .55-inch	11

- (a) 1 commands headquarters tanks, 1 intelligence officer.
- (b) Signal officer.
- (c) 1 2nd-in-command command half squadron when detached, 1 squadron navigator and rear link (if required).
- (d) At least 1 officer and 12 other ranks trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work.
- (e) 2 for technical office, 2 for headquarters squadron, 2 (including 1 corporal) for rear headquarters, 1 for quarter-masters office.
- (f) 2 for quarter-master's office, 1 for headquarters squadron.
- (g) 2 for provost, 5 for intercommunication.
- (h) The following additional ranks and appointments are allowed for the tradesmen as shown below:—
15 fitters and 6 electricians—2 lance-serjeants, 3 corporals and 4 lance corporals.
17 motor-mechanics, 1 equipment repairer, 1 carpenter and joiner—1 staff-serjeant, 2 corporals and 4 lance-corporals.
- (j) Units operating in close country will receive 8 motor-cycles in lieu of 2 cars, 5-cwt., 4 x 4.
- (k) If trucks, 15-cwt., armoured are not available, trucks, 15-cwt., 4 x 2, G.S. will be issued in lieu.
- (l) Until scout cars are available for intercommunication troops, cars, 5-cwt., 4 x 4, will be issued in lieu.

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

<i>Details left at base—</i>	
Orderly room serjeant	1
<i>First reinforcements</i>	
Officers	10
Warrant officers, class II	1

Serjeants	8
Corporal	5
Troopers (includes 6 lance-corporals)	86
	(including 6 lance-corporals)
To include—	
Driver mechanics	16
Driver operators	20
Fitters	3
Electrician	1

INCREMENTS

The following increments in personnel, vehicles and arms will be allowed for units equipped with:—

Detail	3-ton lorries	Troopers
A 30 Grant and 22 Crusader II (four man).	20	87
B III	23	69
C 30 Sherman and 22 Crusader II	18	54
D III	21	36
E 30 Sherman and 22 Stuart (four man)	17	53
F 30 Grant and 22 Stuart	19	85
G 30 Grant, 14 Crusader II and 8 Crusader III	21	80
H 30 Sherman, 14 Crusader II and 8 Crusader III	19	47
J 52 Grant	30	144
K 52 Sherman	27	88