

A CAVALRY LIGHT TANK REGIMENT

Consisting of—

Regimental headquarters	4 light tanks and 2 armoured scout carriers
Headquarters squadron—	
Squadron headquarters	
Anti tank troop	4 2pdr anti tank guns
Motor cycle troop	
Administrative troop	
3 squadrons (each)	
Squadron headquarters	divided into fighting (3 light tanks, 1 armoured scout carrier) and administrative portions
5 troops	each of 3 light tanks

(i) Personnel

Detail	Regimental H.Q.	H.Q. Squadron					3 squadrons					Total
		Squadron H.Q.	A. T. troop	Motor cycle troop	Administrative troop	Total	Squadron H.Q. (fighting)	Squadron H.Q. (administrative)	Troops 1 and 3 (each)	Troops 2,4, and 5 (each)	Total squadron	
Lieutenant colonel	1											1
Majors	1						1				1	4
Captains		1				1	1				1	4
Adjutant	1											1
Quartermaster					1	1						1
Subalterns	2			1	1	2			1		2	10
Total officers	5	1		1	2	4	2		1		4	21
Regimental sergeant major	1											1
Regimental quartermaster sergeant					1	1						1
Quartermaster sergeant (technical)					1	1						1
Squadron sergeant majors		1				1	1				1	4
Warrant officers class III			1			1				1	5	16
Total warrant officers	1	1	1		2	4	1			1	6	23
Squadron quartermaster sergeants		1				1		1			1	4
Transport sergeant				1		1						1
Signal sergeant	1											1
Sergeant cook					1	1						1
Provost sergeant				1		1						1
Sergeants	1		2			2			1	1	5	18
Total sergeants	2	1	2	2	1	6		1	1	1	6	26
Corporals	4		2	3	2	7	3		3	3	18	65
Troopers	14	2	22	35	48	107	10	18	8	8	68	325
Total rank and file	18	2	24	38	50	114	13	18	11	11	86	390
Total other ranks	21	4	27	40	53	124	14	19	12	13	96	433
Total all ranks	26	5	27	41	55	128	16	19	13	13	100	454
Attached												
R.A.M.C.—Medical officer					1	1						1
R.A.O.C.—Armourers					2	2						2

Detail	H.Q. Squadron						3 squadrons					Total
	Regimental H.Q.	Squadron H.Q.	A.T. troop	Motor cycle troop	Administrative troop	Total	Squadron H.Q. (fighting)	Squadron H.Q. (administrative)	Troops 1 and 3 (each)	Troops 2,4, and 5 (each)	Total squadron	
Electrician					1	1						1
Armament artificer					1	1						1
Fitter (motor vehicle)								1			1	3
<i>Light aid detachment</i>					13	13						13
R.Signals— <i>Signals section</i>	2				6	6		1			1	11
R.A.S.C.— <i>Drivers I.C. (2nd line transport)</i>					4	4						4
Total regiment including attached	26	5	27	41	60	131	16	20	13	13	101	462
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties												
Tradesmen												
Carpenter and joiner					1	1						1
Clerk		1				1						1
Driver mechanics	2		1			1	2		2	2	12	39
Driver operators	5				1	1	5		3	3	20	66
Motor mechanics					1	1		2			2	7
Equipment repairers					1	1						1
Storemen (technical)					2	2		1			1	5
Total tradesmen	7	1	1		6	8	7	3	5	5	35	120
Non tradesmen												
Batmen					11	11		4			4	23
Clerks					3	3	1				1	6
Cooks					2	2		2			2	8
Driver I.C.	9	1	5		17	23	4	7	6	6	41	155
Intelligence duties	1						1				1	4
Medical officers orderly					1	1						1
Regimental police				2		2						2
Motor cyclists				36		36						36
A.T. gun detachments			18			18						18
L.M.G. or A.T. rifle detachments	1							1			1	4
Officers mess cook					1	1						1
Officers mess servant					1	1						1
Postman					1	1						1
Sanitary duties					3	3						3
Water duties					2	2						2
Storeman (non technical)					1	1		1			1	4
Total non tradesmen	11	1	23	38	44	106	6	15	6	6	51	270
Total rank and file	18	2	24	38	50	114	13	18	11	11	80	320
(iii) Transport												
Motor cycles				41		41						41
Trucks 8cwt 4 wheeled 5-seater	1	1			3	4						5
Trucks 15cwt 4wheeled G.S.					6	6		3			3	15

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Tanks light	4						3		3	3	18	58
Armoured scout carriers	2						1				1	5
Dragons light			5			5						5
Lorries 30cwt 6 wheeled G.S.					8	8		4			4	20
Trailers 15cwt 2 wheeled water					1	1						1
Total vehicles excluding motor cycles and trailers	7	1	5		17	23	4	7	3	3	26	108
Attached												
R.Signals— <i>Signals section</i>												
<i>Truck 15cwt G.S.</i>					1	1						1
<i>Lorry 3ton 6 wheeled G.S.</i>					1	1						1
R.A.O.C.— <i>Light aid detachment</i>												
<i>Motor cycles</i>					1	1						1
<i>Car 2-seater 4 wheeled</i>					1	1						1
<i>Lorries 3ton 6 wheeled</i>												
<i>Breakdown</i>					1	1						1
<i>Store</i>					1	1						1
Total vehicle on road excluding motor cycles and trailer	7	1	5		22	28	4	7	3	3	26	113
<i>2nd line R.A.S.C.</i>												
<i>Lorries 3ton 4 wheeled for supplies</i>					2	2						2

(iv) Organisation

		REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS (administered by H.Q. squadron)	Scout carrier	1	Signal or intelligence officer Intelligence corporal Trooper Driver, I.C. Light machine gun Anti-tank rifle
Tank	1	Lieutenant-colonel Serjeant Corporal, driver operator Wireless set (to squadron)			
Tank	2	Major (2nd in command) Corporal, driver mechanic <i>Operator, signals</i> Wireless set (rear link)	Scout carrier	2	Regimental serjeant major Driver operator Driver, I.C. Wireless set (to transport) Light machine gun Anti-tank rifle
Tank	3	Adjutant Corporal driver, I.C. Driver operator Wireless set (to squadron)	8-cwt truck (for liaison or reconnaissance)		Driver, I.C. Driver operator Wireless set (3 seats for officers)
Tank	4	Signal or intelligence officer Driver, I.C. Driver operator Wireless set (reserve)			
Relief men for tanks – carried in administrative troop		Signal serjeant Driver mechanic 2 drivers, I.C. <i>Operator signals</i>			

Total personnel, excluding R. Signals — 26
Pistols — 20; rifles — 6

HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON
Squadron headquarters

8-cwt. truck		Captain Squadron serjeant-major Squadron quarter-master-serjeant Clerk Driver, I.C.	15-cwt. truck	6	Driver, I.C. (6 relief cavalry men and 1 relief signalman for R.H.Q. tanks) Light machine gun Anti-tank rifle
		<i>Total personnel — 5</i> <i>Pistols — 2; rifles — 3</i>	30-cwt. lorry	1	Storeman (non technical) Driver, I.C. Baggage and blankets Light machine gun Anti-tank rifle
		Motor cycle troop (Pool of motor cyclists for use as required or for allotment to squadrons)	30-cwt. lorry	2	Armament artificer (fitter) R.A.O.C. (attached) Fitter 2 armourers, R.A.O.C. (attached) Electrician, R.A.O.C. (attached) Carpenter and joiner Equipment repairer Driver, I.C. Tools
Motor cycle	1	Transport subaltern	30-cwt. lorry	3	Corporal for technical stores Driver, I.C. Technical stores
Motor cycle	2	Transport serjeant	30-cwt. lorry	4	Batman 2 water duty men Butcher Driver, I.C. Officers baggage Rations and cooking gear over from truck 4 — draws water trailer
Motor cycle	3	Provost serjeant	30-cwt. lorries	5, 6, and 7	Driver, I.C. Batman Ammunition
Motor cycles	4 and 5	2 police corporals	30-cwt lorry	8	Driver, I.C. 3 snaitary duty men Ammunition reserve Light machine gun Anti-tank rifle
Motor cycle	6	Corporal motot cyclist			<i>Attached — R. Signals</i> Driver, I.C.
Motor cycles	7 to 41	35 motor cyclists			<i>Serjeant electrician, signals</i> <i>Instrument mechanic</i> Driver, I.C. Battery charging set Tools
		<i>Total personnel — 41</i> <i>Pistols — 41</i>			<i>Total personnel, excluding attached — 56</i> <i>Pistols — 6 including 1 for medical officer and 1 for armament artifer.</i> <i>Rifles — 54 including 2 for armourers and 1 for electrician R.A.O.C.</i>
		Administrative Troop			3 SQUADRONS (EACH) Squadron headquarters (fighting)
8-cwt. truck	1	Quarter-master Driver, I.C. Driver operator <i>Electrician, signals</i> Wireless set (to R.S.M's. carrier)	Tank	1	Major Corporal, driver mechanic Driver operator Wireless set (to troops)
8-cwt. truck	2	Technical officer Technical quater-master-serjeant Batman Driver, I.C. (spare seat)	Tank	2	Captain Driver, I.C. Corporal, driver operator Wireless set (rear link)
8-cwt. truck	3	Regimental quarter-master-serjeant 2 batmen Driver, I.C. (spare seat)			
15-cwt. truck	1	Corporal clerk 2 clerks Postman Driver, I.C. Office gear			
15-cwt. truck	2	Medical officer (attached) Medical orderly Batman Driver, I.C. Medical equipment			
15-cwt. truck	3	Mess serjeant Mess cook 3 batmen Driver, I.C. Officers mess equipment			
15-cwt. truck	4	Serjeant cook 2 cooks Driver, I.C. Cooking set Water in tins			
15-cwt. truck	5	Technical storeman Driver, I.C. Petrol for distribution Light machine gun Anti-tank rifle			

Scout carrier	1	Squadron serjeant-majo Corporal, driver I.C. Driver operator Wireless set (reserve) Light machine gun Anti-tank rifle	30-cwt. lorry	3	Driver I.C. (4 relief cavalrymen for squadron headquarters tank) (8 relief cavalrymen for tanks of troops 2 and 4) Light machine gun Anti-tank rifle
Scout carrier	2	Clerk Trooper for intelligence Driver, I.C. (seat for officer) Light machine gun Antit-tank rifle	30-cwt. lorry	4	Driver, I.C. (12 relief cavalrymen for tanks of troops 1, 3 and 5)
<i>Relief men for tanks — carried in squadron administrative transport —</i>			<i>Total personnel, excluding attached — 19</i>		
2 driver operators Driver mechanic			<i>Rifles — 20 (including 1 for attached R.A.O.C. fitter)</i>		
<i>Total personnel — 15</i>			Light tank troops 1 and 3 (each)		
<i>Pistols — 11; rifles — 4</i>			Tank	1	Subaltern Corporal, driver, I.C. Driver operator Wireless set
Squadron headquarters (administrative)			Tank	2	Serjeant Driver mechanic Corporal, driver operator Wireless set
15-cwt. truck	1	2 cooks Driver, I.C. Cooking set Water in tins	Tank	3	Corporal, driver, I.C. 2 drivers I.C.
15-cwt. truck	2	Driver, I.C. Motor mechanic Trooper Petrol for distribution Light machine gun Anti-tank rifle	<i>Relief men for tanks — carried in squadron administrative transport</i>		
15-cwt. truck	3	Driver, I.C. 2 batmen Officers mess equipment	Driver operator Driver mechanic 2 drivers, I.C.		
30-cwt. lorry	1	Squadron quarter-master-serjeant Fitter, R.A.O.C. (attached) 2 batmen Storeman (non technical) Drive I.C. Baggage and blankets	<i>Total personnel — 13</i>		
30-cwt. lorry	2	<i>Electrician signals</i> Motor mechanic Driver, I.C. Technical storeman Technical stores Tools	<i>Pistols — 13</i>		
			Light tank troops 2, 4 and 5 (each)		
			Tank	1	Warrant officer, Class III Driver mechanic Driver operator Wireless set
			Tank	2	Corporal, driver, I.C. Driver, I.C. Corporal, driver operator Wireless set
			Tank	3	Serjeant 2 drivers, I.C.
<i>Relief men for tanks — carried in squadron administrative transport —</i>			<i>Relief men for tanks — carried in squadron administrative transport —</i>		
			Corporal, driver, I.C. Driver operator Driver mechanic Driver, I.C.		
			<i>Total personnel — 13</i>		
			<i>Pistols — 13</i>		

(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition – rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols (including officers pistols) .38-inch	(g) 307	12	1,812	5,526
Rifles .303-inch	155	50	8,000	15,750
L.M.Gs. for A.A. defence, .303-inch	(h) 14	1,000	7,000	21,000
A.T. rifles (not in carriers) .55-inch	14	200	560	648

Detail	Number	Ammunition – rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
A.T. guns, 2-pr	4	112	200	648
Light tanks –				
M.Gs. .5-inch	58	200	11,600	23,200
M.Gs. .303-inch	58	2,500	116,000	261,000
Dischargers smoke generator	116	3	348	696
Pistols, signal	58	12	174	870
Armoured scout carriers				
L.M.Gs. 0.303-inch	5	1,000	3,000	8,000
A.T. rifles .55-inch	5	200	200	1,200
Pistols,signal	5	12	15	75

(a) At least 1 officer and 12 men will be trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work. 1 man for every fighting vehicle will be trained in first aid duties. In addition to full time sanitary duty men, 1 man in each squadron will be trained in sanitary duties as a part time employment.

(b) Provided by cavalry brigade company R.A.S.C.

(c) Lance-corporal.

(d) 5 fitted with “Motley” A.A. mountings.

(e) 8 fitted with “Motley” A.A. mountings.

(f) 1 in each echelon of supply section in cavalry brigade company R.A.S.C. Also carry supplies for attached signal section and the light aid detachment.

(g) The following are armed with pistols:—

 Officers (including attached medical officer).

 Warrant officers.

 Motor cyclists.

 Personnel in tanks.

 Relief men for tanks.

 Men in scout carriers not armed with rifles.

 The following are armed with rifles:—

 2 men in each scout carrier.

 all remaining personnel not provided for above (including attached fitters, armourers and electrician R.A.O.C)

 Pistols and rifles for the attached signal section and light aid detachment are not shown in table (v)

(h) 1 is carried in a dragon and is not provided with a “Motley” A.A. mounting. The tripod will be used from the ground.

FIRST REINFORCEMENTS, ETC

Details left at base —

Orderly room serjeant	1
First reinforcements	
Officers	5
Serjeants	7
Rank and file	<u>40</u>
Total	<u>52</u>