

HEADQUARTERS, AN ARMoured BRIGADE

(As agreed by Standardization Conference (1943))

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) PERSONNEL

Detail	Fighting group	Office and reconnaissance group	Administrative group	Total, headquarters an armoured brigade
Commander (brigadier)	1			1
STAFF				
Second-in-command (colonel) (b)		1		1
Brigade major	1			1
Deputy assistant adjutant and quarter-master-general		1		1
General staff officer, 3rd grade	1			1
Staff captain		1		1
Brigade intelligence officer (captain)	1			1
Total, staff	4	3		7
HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON				
Major			1	1
Captains	1		1	2
Liaison officers—				
Captains		1		1
Subalterns	3			3
Subalterns	1			1
Total, officers	5	1	2	8
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant			1	1
Quarter-master serjeant (technical)			1	1
Squadron serjeant-major			1	1
Clerk, R.A.C.		1		1
Mechanist quarter-master-serjeant			1	1
Total, warrant officers		1	4	5
Clerks, R.A.C.		1	1	2
Mechanist			1	1
Provost serjeant		1		1
Intelligence serjeant	1			1
Serjeants	4		1	5
Total, serjeants	5	2	3	10
Corporals (includes 1 lance-serjeant)	14	2	3	19
Troopers (includes 9 lance-corporals)	51	16	70	137
Total, rank and file	65	18	73	156
Total, other ranks	70	21	80	171
Total, headquarters squadron	75	22	82	179
SERVICES				
R.A.Ch.D.—				
Chaplains			4	4

Detail	Fighting group	Office and reconnaissance group	Administrative group	Total, headquarters an armoured brigade
R.A.S.C.—				
Captain			1	1
Clerk (corporal)			1	1
Batman-driver			1	1
Motor cyclist			1	1
R.A.O.C.—				
Clerk (warrant officer, class I0 (acts as brigade ordnance warrant officer))			1	1
R.E.M.E.—				
Major			1	1
Operator (tyre repair) (warrant officer, class II)			1	1
Armourer (warrant officer class II)			1	1
Batman-driver			1	1
A.C.C.—				
Cooks (includes 1 for officers' mess and 1 corporal)			6	6
Total, services			19	19
Total, headquarters, an armoured brigade	79	25	101	205
(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE OF HEADQUARTER SQUADRON BY TRADES AND DUTIES				
Tradesmen—				
Clerks, R.A.C.		3		3
Driver-mechanics A.F.V.	15		3	18
Driver-mechanic			1	1
Driver-operators	19		4	23
Gunner-operators	12		4	16
Gunner-mechanics	14		3	17
Electrician			1	1
Vehicle mechanics			9	9
Storemen (technical) includes 1 corporal			2	2
Total, tradesmen	60	3	30	93
Non-tradesmen—				
Batmen		2	11	13
Batman-drivers		1	4	5
Drivers, I.C.	5	8	18	31
Motor cyclists		4	4	8
Officers' mess N.C.O. (lance-serjeant)			1	1
Storemen			2	2
Sanitary dutymen			2	2
Water dutymen			1	1
Total, non-tradesmen (a)	5	15	43	63
Total, rank and file of headquarter squadron	65	18	73	156
(iii) TRANSPORT				
Motor cycles, solo		4	5	9
Cars—				
2-seater, 4 x 2			4	4
4-seater, 4 x 4		3	2	5
5-cwt., 4 x 4		4	2	6
Trucks, 15-cwt.—				

Cruiser tank	10	Serjeant Driver-operator Gunner-mechanic Driver-mechanic, A.F.V. Gunner-operator	4-seater, car, 4 x 4,	2	Major, R.E.M.E. Warrant officer armourer, R.E.M.E. Warrant officer operator (tyre repair plant), R.E.M.E. Batman-driver, R.E.M.E.
A.A. tank	1	Serjeant Driver-mechanic, A.F.V. Gunner-operator Gunner-mechanic	5-cwt. car, 4 x 4 (Commander "B" echelon)	1	Driver, I.C.
A.A. tank	2	Corporal driver-operator Driver-mechanic Gunner-operator Gunner-mechanic	5-xwt. car, 4 x 4 15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S.	2 1	Driver, I.C. Brigade ordnance warrant officer clerk, R.A.O.C. Driver, I.C.
Bridge layer tanks	1-3 (each)	Driver-operator Gunner-mechanic Driver-mechanic, A.F.V.	15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. R.A.S.C. office	2	Captain, R.A.S.C. Corporal clerk, R.A.S.C. Batman-driver, R.A.S.C.
(Brigade commander, brigade major and brigade intelligence officer are carried in transport of Armoured Divisional Signals (1943))					

OFFICE AND RECONNAISSANCE GROUP

Motor-cycles, solo	1-4 (each)	Motor-cyclists			Water dutyman Driver, I.C.
4-seater car, 4 x 4	1	Deputy assistant adjutant and quarter-master-general Driver, I.C.	15-cwt. trucks 1 -2 (each) half-tracked personnel		Quarter-master-serjeant (technical) Mechanist quarter-master- serjeant Storeman (technical) 2 vehicle mechanics Driver, I.C.
4-seater car, 4 x 4	2	Colonel (second-in-command) Batman Driver, I.C.	3-ton lorry 4 x 4, G.S. (fitted for stores)	1	Corporal storeman (technical) 2 vehicles mechanics Driver, I.C.
4-seater car, 4 x 4 (spare seat for commander)	3	Driver, I.C.	Stores and vehicle mechanic's tools (draws trailer, 1-ton, containing technical stores)		
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4,	1	Captain (liaison officer) Batman-driver	3-ton lorry 4 x 4, G.S.	2	Officers' mess N.C.O. 3 batmen Cook, A.C.C. (for officers' mess) Driver, I.C.
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4,	2	Staff captain Driver, I.C.			
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4,	3	Provost serjeant Driver, I.C.			
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4, 15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. (intelligence office)	4	Driver, I.C. Clerk, R.A. Batman Driver, I.C.	3-ton lorry 4 x 4, G.S. Q.M.stores Baggage Reserve clothing Anti-gas stores	3	Regimental quarter-master- serjeant Serjeant clerk, R.A.C. Storeman 4 batmen Cook, A.C.C. Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. Officer equipment		Warrant officer clerk, R.A.C. Serjeant clerk, R.A.C. Corporal clerk, R.A.C. Clerk, R.A.C. Driver, I.C.	3-ton lorry 4 x 4, G.S.	4 (reliefs)	Serjeant 3 driver-mechanics, A.F.V. 4 driver-operators 4 gunner-operators 3 gunner-mechanics Sanitary dutyman Driver, I.C.

ADMINISTRATIVE GROUP

Motor-cycles solo,	1-4 (each)	Motor-cyclist			
Motor-cycle	5	Motor-cyclist, R.A.S.C.			
2 -seater cars, 4 x 2,	1-4 (each)	Chaplain Batman-driver	3-ton lorry 4 x 4, G.S. Petrol (draws trailer, 1-ton, containing technical stores and G.1098 stores)	5	Vehicle mechanic Driver, I.C.
4-seater, car, 4 x 4,	1	Major Squadron serjeant-major Corporal clerk, R.A.C. Driver, I.C.	3-ton lorry 4 x 4, G.S. Petrol 3-ton lorry 4 x 4, G.S. Petrol	6 7	2 clerks, R.A.C. Driver, I.C. Batman 2 vehicle mechanics Driver, I.C.

3-ton lorry 4 x 4, G.S. Ammunition	8	2 vehicle mechanics 3 batmen Driver, I.C.	3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, mobile kitchen	Corporal cook, A.C.C. 3 Cooks, A.C.C. Sanitary dutyman Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry 4 x 4, G.S. Ammunition	9	Storeman Driver, I.C.	Carrier, slave battery	Electrician Driver-mechanic

(Captain carried in transport of Armoured Divisional Signals (1943))

- (a) Batmen, batmen-drivers, motor-cyclists, officers' mess N.C.O., sanitary dutymen, storemen and 12 drivers, I.C. (for wheeled vehicles) may be found from units of arms other than the R.A.C. within the division
- (b) Not to be implemented until receipt of instructions from the War Office.

NOTES

1. Of the total clerks, R.A.C. and R.A.S.C., one may be a group "B" tradesman (shorthand writer)
2. If cars, 5-cwt., 4 x 4 are not available, cars, 2-seater, 4 x 2, may be issued in lieu.
3. The A.F.Vs. with which the headquarters is equipped, will vary and may consist of a combination of the various marks of tanks in service at the 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 authorized by this establishment. Those scales including weapons scales will be given in A.F.G. 1098.
4. Vehicle mechanics will include 2 who have qualified on a course of gun fitting at the A.F.V. school.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS AND ATTACHED PERSONNEL

First reinforcements

Subalterns	1
Serjeant	1
Corporal	1
Troopers	16
(Rank and file to include the following tradesmen:—)	
Clerk	1
Driver-mechanic, A.F.V.	2
Driver-operators	5
Gunner-mechanic	1
Vehicle-mechanic	1
Gunner-operator	1)

Attached—

Signal troop, R. Signals—*see*—W.E. for Armoured Divisional Signals (1943) in Vol. II

Postal Unit, R.E.—*see*—W.E. for Armoured Divisional Postal Unit, R.E. in Vol. II