

**AIR LANDING RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON**  
**WAR ESTABLISHMENT**

(i) *Personnel*

Detail	Squadron headquarters	4 Scout troops (each)			Administrative troop	Total, air landing reconnaissance squadron
		Troop headquarters	3 sections (each)	Total, troop		
Major	1					1
Captains	1	1		1		5
Adjutant (subaltern)	1					1
Subalterns	(a)2		1	3		14
Quarter-master (b)					1	1
Total, officers	5	1	1	4	1	22
Squadron serjeant-major	1					1
Total, warrant officers	1					1
Squadron quarter-master serjeant					1	1
Intelligence serjeant	1					1
Signal serjeant	1					1
Serjeant clerk	1					1
Transport serjeant					1	1
Serjeants		1		1		4
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	3	1		1	2	9
Corporals (includes 12 lance-serjeants)	2	1	1	4	1	19
Troopers (includes 17 lance-corporals)	18	12	7	33	6	156
Total, rank and file	20	13	8	37	7	175
Total, other ranks	24	14	8	38	6	185
Total, all ranks	29	15	9	42	10	207
<i>Attached</i>						
<i>From glider regiment</i>						
<i>Glider pilots</i>	15					15
R.A.M.C.						
Medical officer	1					1
Nursing orderlies (includes 1 corporal)	4					4
R.A.O.C.						
Fitters, M.V. (includes 1 corporal)	2					2
Armourer (serjeant)					1	1
A.C.C.—						
Cooks for—						
Officers' mess					1	1
Other ranks' mess (includes 1 corporal)					5	5
Total, attached	7				7	14
Total, air landing reconnaissance squadron	36	15	9	42	17	221
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>						
<i>Tradesmen</i>						
Driver-operators	3	5	1	8		35
Clerks	2				1	3
Driver-mechanics		1	1	4		16
Motor-mechanics	(c)2					2
Technical storemen					(c)2	2
Equipment repairer					1	1
Total, tradesmen	7	6	2	12	4	59
<i>Non-tradesmen</i>						
Batmen	6	1	1	4	1	23

Detail	Squadron headquarters	4 Scout troops (each)			Administrative troop	Total, air landing reconnaissance squadron
		Troop headquarters	3 sections (each)	Total, troop		
Drivers, I.C.	2					2
Orderlies	5	2	3	11		49
Mortar detachments		3		3		12
Rangetakers		1		1		4
L.M.G. numbers			2	6		24
Storeman					1	1
General dutyman					1	1
Total, non-tradesmen	13	7	6	25	3	116
Total, rank and file	20	13	8	37	7	175
<i>(iii) Transport</i>						
Motor-cycles	(d)14	6	3	15	5	79
Motor-cycles, combination	(c)13	1		1		17
Car, 4-seater, 4x2 (f)	1					1
Trucks, 15-cwt., G.S., 4x2, (f)		1		1	1	5
Truck, 15-cwt., water, 4x2, (f)					1	1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4x2 (f)					2	2
Cars, 5-cwt., 4x4	5	2	2	8	2	39
Trailers	4	1		1	2	10

*(iv) Organization*

Motor-cycle combination 1	Major	Pistol	1
	Clerk	Rifle	1
	No. 21 set	Sten	1
Motor-cycle combination 2	Captain	Pistol	1
	Batman	Rifle	1
	No. 21 set	Sten	1
Motor-cycle combination 3	Adjutant	Pistol	1
	Serjeant clerk	Rifle	1
Motor-cycle combination 4	Intelligence officer	Pistol	1
	Batman	Sten	1
Motor-cycle 1	Intelligence serjeant	Rifle	1
Motor-cycle 2	Signal officer	Pistol	1
Motor-cycle 3	Signal serjeant	Rifle	1
Motor-cycle 5	Corporal fitter, R.A.O.C.	Rifle	1
	Fitter, R.A.O.C.	Rifle	1
Motor-cycle 4	Squadron serjeant-major	Sten	1
Motor-cycles 6-11	Corporal orderly	Rifle	1
	4 orderlies	Rifle	1
	Clerk	Rifle	1
5-cwt. car	Lance-corporal driver-operator	Rifle	1
	2 driver-operators	Rifles	2
	No.21 set		
5-cwt. cars and trailers 1-4	Lance-corporal motor-mechanic	Pistols	2
	Motor-mechanic	Rifles	6
	2 drivers, I.C.	Pistols,	
	4 batmen	signal	4
	Petrol	L.M.Gs.	2
	Rations	A.Tk.	
	Ammunition	rifles	2
Motor-cycle 11	Medical officer R.A.M.C.	Pistol	1
Motor-cycles, combination	Corporal nursing orderly R.A.M.C.	Pistols	4
	3 nursing orderlies, R.A.M.C.		

Motor-cycles 12-14	3 glider pilots ( <i>Intelligence duties</i> )	Stens	3
Motor-cycles, combination 8-13	12 glider pilots ( <i>wireless operators</i> )(g)	Rifles	6
	6 No. 21 sets	Stens	12
	<i>Total, personnel (including attached)</i> 36		
	<i>Officers</i> 6		
	<i>Other ranks</i> 30		
	EACH TROOP HEADQUARTERS		
Motor-cycle 1	Captain	Pistol	1
Motor-cycle 2	Batman	Sten	1
Motor-cycle 3	Serjeant	Sten	1
Motor-cycle, combination	2 driver-operators	Rifles	2
	No. 18 set (forward link)	Pistol, signals	1
Motor-cycles 4-5	2 orderlies	Rifles	2
5-cwt. car	Lance-corporal driver-operator	Rifles	2
	2 driver-operators	M.M.G.	1
	No. 21 set (rear link)	Pistol	1
	<i>Mortar detachment</i>		
Motor-cycle 6	Corporal	Sten	1
5-cwt. car and trailer	Driver-mechanic	Pistol	1
	2 troopers	Rifles	3
	1 range-taker	M.M.G. A.Tk. rifle 3-inch mortar	1
	<i>Total, personnel</i> 15		
	<i>Officer</i> 1		
	<i>Other ranks</i> 14		
	EACH SCOUT SECTION		
Motor-cycles 1-3	3 orderlies	Rifles	3
5-cwt. car 1	Subaltern	Sten	1
	Driver-operator	Pistol	1
	Batman	L.M.G.	1
	No. 18 set	Rifle	1
	No. 38 set	Pistol, signal M.M.G.	1
5-cwt. car 2	Lance-serjeant	L.M.G.	1
	Driver-mechanic	A.Tk.	
	Trooper	rifle Rifles Pistol M.M.G. 2-inch mortar	1 2 1 1 1
	<i>Total, personnel</i> 9		
	<i>Officer</i> 1		
	<i>Other ranks</i> 8		
	ADMINISTRATIVE TROOP		
Motor-cycles 1-5	Quartermaster	Pistol	1
5-cwt. cars and trailers 1-2	Squadron quartermaster-serjeant	Rifle	1
	Transport serjeant	Rifle	1
	Corporal	Rifle	1
	6 troopers	Rifles	6
	Armourer (serjeant) R.A.O.C.	Rifle	1
	Officers' mess cook, A.C.C.	Rifle	1
	Corporal cook, A.C.C.	Rifle	1
	4 cooks, A.C.C.	Rifles	4

Total, personnel	17
Officer	1
Other ranks	16

(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	4 troops (each)				Administrative troop	Ammunition-rounds			
	Squadron headquarters	Troop headquarters	3 sections (each)	Total, troop		Total	On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .45-inch automatic	12	3	2	9	1	49	21	686	1,715
Rifles, .303-inch	28	9	6	27	16	152	50	8,000	15,600
Machine carbines, 9mm. Sten	4	3	1	6		28	180	3,360	8,400
A.Tk. Rifles, .55-inch	2	1	1	4		18	100	1,180	3,600
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	2		2	6		26	1,700	7,800	52,000
M.M.Gs., .303-inch		2	2	8		32	2,250		72,000
Pistols, signal, Army	4	1	1	4		20	20		400
Pistols, signal, R.A.F.						16	60		960
3-inch mortars		1		1		4			
H.E.							102	216	624
2-inch mortars			1	3		12			
H.E.							12	90	234
Smoke							30	270	630
Signal								12	12
Grenades									
36M								336	336
68								306	306
75								792	792
Discharger cups								30	30

- (a) One acts as loading officer.
- (b) Also performs duties of M.T. Officer
- (c) Includes 1 lance-corporal.
- (d) Includes three for use of glider pilots attached.
- (e) Includes 6 for use of glider pilots attached.
- (f) Non-airborne transport required for administration duties in United Kingdom only. This transport is not therefore included in Table (iv) *Organization*.
- (g) Liaison section for Brigade Headquarters (equipment to be held by reconnaissance squadron)

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

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

Subalterns	2
Serjeants	1
Corporals	2
Lance-corporals	4
Troopers (includes 7 driver-operators)	20
Total, first reinforcements	29
Pistols, .45-inch automatic	2 and 42 rounds
Rifles, .303-inch	24 and 1,200 rounds
Machine carbines, 9 mm. Sten	3 and 540 rounds
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	4 and 6,800 rounds
M.M.Gs., .303-inch	4 and 9,000 rounds
A.Tk. rifles, .55-inch	2 and 200 rounds
Pistols, signal, R.A.F.	3 and 180 rounds
Discharger cups	4

2-inch motars	2
H.E.	24 rounds
Smoke	60 rounds
Motor-cycles	6
Motor-cycle, combination (No. 18 set)	1
5-cwt. cars	5
(2 No.18 sets)	
(1 No. 21 set)	
(4 No. 38 sets)	