

AN ARMoured SQUADRON (SPECIAL EQUIPMENT)
Designed to hold and operate theatre stores and special armoured
equipment not provided in war establishments of Armoured Regiments.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT
 (Provisional)

(i) Summary of ranks

| Detail | Headquarters | Tank troop | Two tank dozer troops (each) | Four flame thrower troops (each) | Bridge troop | Total armoured squadron (special equipment) |
|--|--------------|------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---|
| Major | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Captain | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Lieutenants (administration) | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Lieutenants | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Total officers | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| Warrant officer class II (Squadron sergeant major) | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Total warrant officers | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Squadron quartermaster sergeant | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Sergeant clerk | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Transport sergeant | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Sergeants | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Total staff sergeants and sergeants | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| Corporals | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 14 |
| Troopers (includes 12 lance corporals) | 21 | 16 | 11 | 12 | 5 | 112 |
| Total rank and file | 27 | 17 | 12 | 13 | 6 | 126 |
| Total other ranks | 31 | 18 | 13 | 14 | 7 | 138 |
| Total all ranks | 34 | 19 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 149 |
| Attached | | | | | | |
| A.A.M.C. | | | | | | |
| Corporal | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| A.E.M.E. | | | | | | |
| W.O. II (armament artificer A.F.V.) | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Sergeant fitter A.F.V. | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Corporals – | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Electrician, A.F.V. | | | | | | |
| Fitter, gun, field | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Fitter, M.V. | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Craftsmen – | | | | | | |
| Fitters A.F.V. (trade group 1) | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Fitter gun field (trade group 1) | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Mechanics A.F.V. (trade group 2) | 3 | | | | | 3 |
| A.A.C.C. | | | | | | |
| Sergeant | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Corporal | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Privates (trade group 2) | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Total all ranks including attached | 50 | 19 | 14 | 15 | 8 | 165 |

| Detail | Headquarters | Tank troop | Two tank dozer troops (each) | Four flame thrower troops (each) | Bridge troop | Total armoured squadron (special equipment) |
|---|--------------|------------|------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------|---|
| (ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties | | | | | | |
| Trade group 2 | | | | | | |
| Driver operators | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | | 24 |
| Gunner operators | 4 | 6 | 3 | 3 | | 28 |
| Intelligence duties | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Trade group 3 | | | | | | |
| Clerks | 2 | | | | | 2 |
| Driver mechanic | 6 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 30 |
| Storeman technical | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Non specialists | | | | | | |
| Batmen | 3 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| Drivers M.T. | 4 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 15 |
| Crew commanders | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 8 |
| Gun numbers | | 3 | | | | 3 |
| Hygiene dutyman | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Storeman | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Water dutyman | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Total rank and file | 27 | 17 | 12 | 13 | 6 | 126 |
| (iii) Transport | | | | | | |
| Trucks, ¼ton | 2 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| Truck, 2½ton, G.S. | 3 | | | 1 | | 7 |
| Truck ,3-ton, water | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Carrier, tracked, starting and charging | 1 | | | | | 1 |
| Tanks – | | 3 | | | | 3 |
| M.3. Medium (diesel) | | | | | | |
| Matilda (dozer) | | | 3 | | | 6 |
| Matilda (flame thrower) | | | | 3 | | 12 |
| Tank bridge layer | | | | | 3 | 3 |
| Trailers | 12 | | | | | 12 |
| 8-cwt., | | | | | | |
| 8cwt (portable mixer flame thrower) | | | | 1 | | 4 |
| Total vehicles excluding trailers | 7 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 4 | 42 |

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

| Detail | Number | Ammunition – rounds | | |
|--|--------|---------------------|---------|--------|
| | | On man or with gun | Reserve | Total |
| Pistols, .38-inch | 113 | 12 | 678 | 2,034 |
| Rifles, .303-inch | 18 | 50 | 1,000 | 1,900 |
| Rifles, .303-inch for attached personnel | 15 | 20 | - | 300 |
| Sub machine guns | 18 | 200 | 7,200 | 10,800 |
| Tanks, M.3. Medium (diesel) (3) | | | | |
| 37-m.m. guns | 3 | 139 | 207 | 624 |
| 75-m.m. guns | 3 | 65 | 99 | 294 |
| Brownings, cal. .30 | 6 | 3,000 | 9,000 | 27,000 |
| Sub machine guns | 6 | 300 | 900 | 2,700 |

| Detail | Number | Ammunition – rounds | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------|---------------------|---------|--------|
| | | On man or with gun | Reserve | Total |
| Pistols, signal | 3 | 12 | 18 | 54 |
| Bomb throwers, 2-inch, Bombs, smoke | 3 | 30 | 45 | 135 |
| Grenades – | | | | |
| No. 36M, hand | | 6 | 9 | 27 |
| No. 77 W.P. | | 10 | 15 | 45 |
| Tanks, matilda (dozer) (6) | | | | |
| 2-pr. guns | 6 | 93 | 282 | 840 |
| Besas, 7.92-m.m. | 6 | 2,925 | 8,772 | 26,322 |
| A.A.L.M.Gs., .303-inch | 6 | 600 | 1,800 | 5,400 |
| Sub machine guns | 6 | 300 | 900 | 2,700 |
| Pistols, signal | 6 | 12 | 36 | 108 |
| Dischargers, smoke, 4-inch | 12 | 5 | 30 | 90 |
| Grenades – | | | | |
| No. 36M, hand | | 12 | 36 | 108 |
| No.77 W.P. | | 10 | 30 | 90 |
| Tanks, matilda (flamethrower) (12) | | | | |
| Besas, 7.92-m.m. | 12 | 2,925 | 17,544 | 52,644 |
| A.A.L.M.Gs., .303-inch | 12 | 600 | 3,600 | 10,800 |
| Pistols, signal | 12 | 12 | 72 | 216 |
| Dischargers, smoke 4-inch | 24 | 5 | 60 | 180 |
| Grenades – | | | | |
| No. 36M, hand | | 12 | 72 | 216 |
| No. 77 W.P. | | 10 | 60 | 180 |
| Tanks, bridge layer (3) | | | | |
| L.M.Gs. .303-inch | 3 | 1,000 | 1,500 | 4,500 |

(a) Includes, or is a corporal.

(b) Includes 2 corporals.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Detail left at base –

First reinforcements –

| | |
|--------------------------------------|----|
| Officers | 2 |
| Sergeant | 1 |
| Rank and file (including 1 corporal) | 12 |
| (includes) | |
| Driver-operators (trade group 2) | 2 |
| Gunner-operators (trade group 2) | 2 |
| Driver-mechanic (trade group 3) | 4 |

NOTE

1. One man will be trained to repair boots as a part time employment.

(This establishment supersedes No. 1/5F/1)