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**HEADQUARTERS OF AN ARMoured
BRIGADE GROUP**

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Summary of ranks

| Detail | Fighting | Office and reconnaissance | Administrative | Total, headquarters of an armoured brigade group |
|--------------------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------------|--|
| Commander (brigadier) | 1 | | | 1 |
| Second-in-command (colonel) | 1 | | | 1 |
| STAFF | | | | |
| Brigade major | 1 | | | 1 |
| Staff learner (major) | 1 | | | 1 |
| Staff captain | | 1 | | 1 |
| Staff learner (captain) | | 1 | | 1 |
| HEADQUARTERS SQUADRON | | | | |
| Major | | | 1 | 1 |
| Captain (second-in-command) | | | 1 | 1 |
| Captain (intelligence officer) | 1 | | | 1 |
| Captain (commands protective troops) | 1 | | | 1 |
| Captains (liaison officers) | 3 | | | 3 |
| Lieutenant (amenities officer) | | | 1 | 1 |
| Lieutenant (education officer) | | | 1 | 1 |
| Total, officers | 9 | 2 | 4 | 15 |
| Squadron sergeant-major | | | 1 | 1 |
| Quartermaster-sergeant (technical) | | | 1 | 1 |
| Clerk | | 1 | | 1 |
| Total, warrant officers | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Squadron quartermaster-sergeant | | | 1 | 1 |
| Sergeant clerks | | 1 | 3 | 4 |
| Sergeant cook | | | 1 | 1 |
| Sergeant, intelligence duties | | 1 | | 1 |
| Mechanist sergeant | | | 1 | 1 |
| Provost sergeant | | 1 | | 1 |
| Transport sergeant | | | 1 | 1 |
| Sergeants | 4 | | 1 | 5 |
| Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants | 4 | 3 | 8 | 15 |
| Corporals | 9 | 4 | 7 | 20 |
| Troopers | 69 | 12 | 56 | 137 |
| Total, rank and file | 78 | 16 | 63 | 157 |
| Total, other ranks | 82 | 20 | 73 | 175 |
| Total, all ranks | 91 | 22 | 77 | (a)190 |
| SERVICES | | | | |
| A.A.Ch.D. – | | | | |
| Chaplain, 4th class | | | 3 | 3 |

| Detail | Fighting | Office and reconnaissance | Administrative | Total, headquarters of an armoured brigade group |
|--|----------|---------------------------|----------------|--|
| Batmen-drivers | | | 3 | 3 |
| A.A.S.C. – | | | | |
| Captain | | | 1 | 1 |
| Batman-driver | | | 1 | 1 |
| Corporal clerk | | | 1 | 1 |
| Motor cyclist orderly | | | 1 | 1 |
| A.A.M.C. – | | | | |
| Lieutenant (hygiene officer) | | | 1 | 1 |
| Batman | | | 1 | 1 |
| Corporal | | | 1 | 1 |
| A.A.O.C –. | | | | |
| Lieutenant (ordnance officer) | | | 1 | 1 |
| Batman-driver | | | 1 | 1 |
| Clerks – | | | | |
| Corporals | | | 2 | 2 |
| Privates (trade group III) | | | 1 | 1 |
| Storeman | | | 1 | 1 |
| A.E.M.E. – | | | | |
| Major (deputy assistant director of military engineering) | | | 1 | 1 |
| Batman-driver | | | 1 | 1 |
| Sergeant clerk | | | 1 | 1 |
| Total, all ranks including attached | 91 | 22 | 99 | 212 |
| <i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i> | | | | |
| <i>Trade group I</i> | | | | |
| Electrician | | | 1 | 1 |
| Fitters | | | (b)3 | 3 |
| Fitter, gun | | | 1 | 1 |
| <i>Trade group II</i> | | | | |
| Carpenter | | | 1 | 1 |
| Cooks | | | (b)5 | 5 |
| Driver-operators | (c)9 | | | 9 |
| Intelligence duties | (b)1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Mechanics, M.V. | | | (b)4 | 4 |
| <i>Trade group III</i> | | | | |
| Clerks | | (c)2 | (b)1 | 3 |
| Driver-mechanics | (d)15 | | 4 | 19 |
| Technical storemen | | | (b)2 | 2 |
| <i>Non-specialists</i> | | | | |
| Batmen | 9 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| Batmen-drivers | | | 2 | 2 |
| Drivers, M.T. | 10 | (b)6 | (c)18 | 34 |
| General dutymen | | | 2 | 2 |
| Gun numbers | (c)34 | | | 34 |
| Hygiene dutymen | | | 2 | 2 |
| Motor cyclist orderlies | | | 6 | 6 |

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|--|----------|---------------------------|----------------|--|
| Orderlies | | | 6 | 6 |
| Regimental police | | (b)5 | | 5 |
| Storemen | | | 2 | 2 |
| Water dutyman | | | 1 | 1 |
| Total, rank and file | 78 | 16 | 63 | 157 |
| (iii) <i>Transport</i> | | | | |
| Motor cycles | | 6 | 8 | 14 |
| Car, DS | | 1 | | 1 |
| Cars, 6-seater, utility | | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Trucks, ¼-ton | 2 | | 3 | 5 |
| Trucks, 15-cwt. – A.A.L.M.G. | | 1 | | 1 |
| G.S. | | 1 | 9 | 10 |
| Trucks, 3-ton – A.A.L.M.G. | | | 4 | 4 |
| G.S. | | | 10 | 10 |
| Office unit | | 1 | | 1 |
| Water | | | 1 | 1 |
| Scout car | 9 | | | 9 |
| Tanks, medium | 10 | | | 10 |
| Trailer, mobile cooker | | | 1 | 1 |
| Total, vehicles (excluding motor cycles) | 21 | 6 | 29 | 56 |

(iv) *Organization*

Note – This organization may be varied, within the numbers of ranks, tradesmen and vehicles provided, according to tactical and administrative requirements.

FIGHTING

Armoured command vehicle
(*Aust. Corps of Signals*)

- 1 Brigadier
Brigade major
Brigade intelligence officer
Officer commanding armoured brigade signals squadron
Driver-mechanic
Corporal operator (signals)
Operator (signals)

Armoured command vehicle
(*Aust. Corps of Signals*)

- 2 3 seats for brigade staff
Corporal operator (signals)
Operator (signals)
Cipher operator
Driver-mechanic

Tank, medium

- 1 Colonel
Sergeant
2 gun numbers
Operator (signals)
Corporal driver-mechanic

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| Tank, medium | 2 | Spare seat for officer commanding armoured brigade signal squadron Corporal intelligence duties 2 gun numbers <i>Operator (signals)</i> Driver-mechanic |
| Tank, medium | 3 | Spare seat (brigadier) Sergeant 2 gun numbers <i>Operator (signals)</i> Driver-mechanic |
| Tank, medium | 4 | Corporal gun number 3 gun numbers <i>Operator (signals)</i> Driver-mechanic |
| Tank, medium | 5 - 7 | Liaison officer 3 gun numbers <i>Operator (signals)</i> Driver-mechanic |
| Tank, medium | 8 | Captain (commands protective troops) 3 gun numbers <i>Operator (signals)</i> Driver-mechanic |
| Tank, medium | 9 | Sergeant 3 gun numbers <i>Operator (signals)</i> Driver-mechanic |
| Tank, medium | 10 | Corporal gun number 3 gun numbers <i>Operator (signals)</i> Driver-mechanic |
| Scout car | 1 | Sergeant Driver-operator |
| Scout cars | 2 and 3 (each) | Corporal driver-operator Driver, M.T. |
| Scout cars | 4 - 9 (each) | Driver-operator Driver, M.T. |
| Truck, ¼-ton | 1 | Spare seat for intelligence officer Driver, M.T. |
| Truck, ¼-ton | 2 | Staff learner Driver, M.T. |
| Carried in office and reconnaissance portion | | 4 batmen |
| Carried in administrative portion | | 5 relief driver-mechanics 5 relief gun numbers 5 batmen |

Total –

Personnel

Officers

Other ranks

9

82

Weapons –

Pistols

Rifles

Sub machine guns

53

9

29

OFFICE AND RECONNAISSANCE

| | | |
|--------------|-----------------|--|
| Motor cycle | 1 | Provost sergeant |
| Motor cycle | 2 | Corporal, regimental police |
| Motor cycles | 3 - 6 (each) | Regimental police |
| Car, DS | | <i>Brigadier</i> <i>Batman</i> Corporal driver, M.T. |

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|----------------------------|----|---|--|----|
| Car, 6-seater, utility | | 1 | Colonel Brigade major Batman Driver, M.T. | |
| Car, 6-seater, utility | | 2 | Staff captain Staff learner 2 batmen Driver, M.T. | |
| Truck, 15-cwt., A.A.L.M.G. | | | 2 batmen Driver, M.T. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds | |
| Truck 15-cwt., G.S. | | | Sergeant, intelligence duties Trooper, intelligence duties Driver, M.T. | |
| Truck, 3-ton, office unit | | | Clerk, warrant officer class II Sergeant clerk 2 corporal clerks Driver, M.T. | |
| <i>Total –</i> | | | | |
| <i>Personnel –</i> | | | <i>Weapons –</i> | |
| <i>Officers</i> | 2 | | <i>Pistols</i> | 11 |
| <i>Other ranks</i> | 20 | | <i>Rifles</i> | 8 |
| | | | <i>Sub machine guns</i> | 3 |
| | | | <i>L.M.G.</i> | 1 |

ADMINISTRATIVE

| | | | | |
|------------------------|--|---------|---|--|
| Motor cycle | | 1 | Hygiene officer | |
| Motor cycle | | 2 | Motor cyclist orderly A.A.S.C. | |
| Motor cycles | | 3 - 8 | Motor cyclist orderly | |
| | | (each) | | |
| Car, 6-seater, utility | | 1 | Major Squadron sergeant-major Corporal clerk Corporal driver, M.T. | |
| Car, 6-seater, utility | | 2 | Captain A.A.S.C. Corporal clerk A.A.S.C. Batman-driver A.A.S.C. | |
| Truck, ¼-ton | | 1 | Lieutenant A.A.O.C. Batman-driver A.A.O.C. | |
| Trucks, ¼-ton | | 2 and 3 | Driver, M.T. | |
| | | (each) | | |
| Trucks, 15-cwt., G.S. | | 1 - 3 | Chaplain | |
| | | (each) | Batman-driver | |
| Truck, 15-cwt., G.S. | | 4 | Education officer Sergeant clerk Batman-driver | |
| Truck, 15-cwt., G.S. | | 5 | Amenities officer Sergeant clerk Batman-driver | |
| Truck, 15-cwt., G.S. | | 6 | Corporal, A.A.M.C. Batman Driver, M.T. | |
| Truck, 15-cwt., G.S. | | 7 | Major, A.E.M.E. Sergeant clerk A.E.M.E. Batman-driver A.E.M.E. | |
| Truck, 15-cwt., G.S. | | 8 | Quartermaster-sergeant (technical) Mechanist sergeant Corporal fitter Technical storeman Driver, M.T. | |

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|--|--|
| Truck, 15-cwt., G.S. | 9 Transport sergeant Electrician Driver, M.T |
| Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G. | 1 Squadron quartermaster-sergeant Sergeant cook Storeman Driver-mechanic L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds |
| Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G. | 2 Mechanic M.V. 2 batmen Driver, M.T. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds |
| Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G. | 3 Hygiene dutyman Carpenter <i>Batman</i> Driver, M.T. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds |
| Truck, 3-ton, A.A.L.M.G. | 4 <i>5 driver-mechanics (relief)</i> <i>5 gun-numbers (relief)</i> Driver, M.T. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds |
| Truck, 3-ton, G.S. | 1 Corporal cook 3 cooks 2 general dutymen Driver-mechanic |
| Truck, 3-ton, G.S. | 2 Cook Batman Corporal driver, M.T. |
| Truck, 3-ton, G.S. | 3 Sergeant clerk Storeman <i>Batman</i> Driver, M.T. |
| Truck, 3-ton, G.S. | 4 Corporal mechanic, M.V. Corporal technical storeman Fitter Fitter, gun Driver, M.T. |
| Truck, 3-ton, G.S. | 5 Driver-mechanic Driver, M.T. |
| Truck, 3-ton, G.S. | 6 Mechanic, M.V. Driver, M.T. |
| Truck, 3-ton, G.S. | 7 Mechanic, M.V. <i>Batman</i> Driver, M.T. |
| Truck, 3-ton, G.S. | 8 Fitter Hygiene dutyman Driver, M.T. |
| Truck, 3-ton, G.S. | 9 Sergeant Driver, M.T. |
| Truck, 3-ton, G.S. | 10 2 corporal clerks A.A.O.C. Clerk A.A.O.C. Storeman A.A.O.C. Driver-mechanic Water dutyman Driver, M.T. |
| Truck, 3-ton, water | |
| <i>Truck, 15-cwt., wireless signals (Aust. Corps of Signals)</i> | Captain Batman <i>Corporal operator (signals)</i> <i>2 operators (signals)</i> |

Truck, 15-cwt., wireless signals
(Aust. Corps of Signals)

Seat for staff captain
Corporal operator (signals)
2 operators (signals)

Carried in vehicles of Armoured Divisional Signals No. 2
(Armoured Brigade Group) Squadron

6 orderlies

Total –

Personnel –

Officers 11
Other ranks 88

Weapons –

Pistols 35
Rifles 58
Sub machine guns 2
L.M.Gs. 4

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

| Detail | Number | Ammunition - rounds | | |
|---|--------|---------------------|---------|--------|
| | | On man or with gun | Reserve | Total |
| Pistols, .38-inch | 99 | 12 | 594 | 1,782 |
| Rifles, .303-inch | 69 | 50 | 7,000 | 10,450 |
| Rifles, .303-inch for A.A.S.C., A.A.O.C., and A.E.M.E. personnel | 6 | 20 | | 120 |
| Sub machine guns | 34 | 200 | 13,600 | 20,400 |
| A.A.L.M.Gs., .303-inch | 9 | 1,000 | 4,500 | 13,500 |
| Scout cars (9) – | | | | |
| L.M.Gs., .303-inch | 9 | 1,000 | 4,500 | 13,500 |
| Pistols, signal | 9 | 12 | 54 | 162 |
| Grenades, No. 36 | | 6 | 27 | 81 |
| Tanks, medium (10) – | | | | |
| 75-m.m. guns | 10 | 40 | 200 | 600 |
| 37-m.m. gun | 10 | 182 | 910 | 2,730 |
| Brownings, .30-inch | 20 | 3,000 | 30,000 | 90,000 |
| Pistols, signal | 10 | 12 | 60 | 180 |

- (a) At least one officer and 12 other ranks will be trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work and 3 men in first aid. The driver of the truck, 3-ton water will also be trained in water duties.
- (b) Includes, or is a corporal.
- (c) Includes 2 corporals.
- (d) Includes 4 corporals.
- (e) Will be attached to Armoured Brigade Signal Squadron.

NOTE ON ATTACHED

Attached –

Armoured Brigade Group Signal Squadron, Australian Corps of Signals - see W.E. of Armoured Division Signals in Vol. I
Canteen Services - see W.E. of Australian Defence Canteens Service in Vol. IV