

AIRBORNE LIGHT TANK SQUADRON

Consisting of:— Squadron headquarters of 4 light tanks,
intercommunication troop, 5 troops each of 3 light tanks,
administrative troop.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Squadron headquarters	Inter-communication troop	5 troops (each)	Administrative troop		Total, airborne light tank squadron
				Airborne	Non-airborne	
Major	1					1
Captains	2					2
Subalterns	1	1	1			7
Total, officers	4	1	1			10
Squadron serjeant-major	1					1
Total, warrant officers	1					1
Squadron quarter-master-serjeant					1	1
Mechanist serjeant				1		1
Serjeant, technical storeman					1	1
Serjeants		1	1			6
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants		1	1	1	2	9
Corporals (includes 1 lance-serjeant)	1		1	3	1	10
Troopers (includes 8 lance-corporals)	6	7	6	15	6	64
Total, rank and file	7	7	7	18	7	74
Total, other ranks	8	8	8	19	9	84
Total, all ranks	12	9	9	19	9	94
<i>Attached—</i>						
R.A.M.C.—Medical officer				1		1
A.C.C.—Cooks—						
Corporal					1	1
Privates					3	3
<i>From airborne divisional signals—</i> <i>(see W.E. No. X/101/1)</i>						
<i>Serjeant</i>				1		1
<i>Signalmen</i>				2		2
Total, attached				1	4	5
Total, airborne light tank squadron (including attached)	12	9	9	20	13	99
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>						
<i>Tradesmen—</i>						
Clerks					2	2
Driver-mechanics	3		4	4		27
Driver-operators	3		3	5		23
Electrician				1		1
Fitters				2		2

Detail	Squadron headquarters	Inter-communication troop	5 troops (each)	Administrative troop		Total, airborne light tank squadron
				Airborne	Non-airborne	
Motor mechanic				1		1
Technical storeman				1		1
Total, tradesmen	6		7	14	2	57
<i>Non-tradesmen—</i>						
Batmen					4	4
Drivers, I.C.	1	1		4		6
Motor-cyclists		6				6
Storeman (non-technical)					1	1
Total, non-tradesmen	1	7	7	18	7	74
Total, rank and file	7	7	7	18	7	74
<i>(iii) Transport</i>						
Motor-cycles		7				7
Cars, 5-cwt., F.W.D.		1		11		12
Rota trailers				9		9
Light tanks	4		3			19

(iv) Organization

	SQUADRON HEADQUARTERS			<i>Total, personnel</i>	9
	(FIGHTING)			<i>Officers</i>	1
Tank	1	Major		<i>Other ranks</i>	8
		Corporal driver, I.C.		<i>Pistols</i>	2
		Driver-operator		<i>Rifles</i>	1
Tank	2	Captain (2nd-in-command)		<i>Machine carbines</i>	6
		Squadron serjeant-major		5 TROOPS (EACH)	
		Driver-mechanic	Tank	1 Subaltern	
Tank	3	Captain (read link)		Driver-mechanic	
		Driver-operator		Driver-operator	
		Driver-mechanic	Tank	2 Serjeant	
Tank	4	Subaltern		Driver-mechanic	
		Driver-operator		Driver-operator	
		Driver-mechanic	Tank	3 Corporal driver-mechanic	
				Driver-mechanic	
				Driver-operator	
	<i>Total, personnel</i>	12		<i>Total, personnel</i>	9
	<i>Officers</i>	4		<i>Officers</i>	1
	<i>Other ranks</i>	8		<i>Other ranks</i>	8
	<i>Pistols</i>	8		<i>Pistols</i>	6
	<i>Machine carbines</i>	4		<i>Machine carbines</i>	3
	INTER-COMMUNICATION TROOP			ADMINISTRATIVE TROOP	
5-cwt., car, F.W.D.		Subaltern		(AIRBORNE)	
		Driver, I.C.		5-cwt. car, F.W.D.	1 Corporal driver, I.C.
Motor-cycle	1	Serjeant		5-cwt. cars, F.W.D.	2-5 Driver, I.C.
Motor-cycles	2-7	6 motor cyclists		(each)	
				5-cwt. car, F.W.D.	6 Mechanist serjeant
					Motor-mechanic

5-cwt. car, F.W.D.	7	Fitter Electrician	The following personnel are airborne but remain at landing head.	
5-cwt. car,	8	Driver-operator <i>Serjeant, R. Signals</i> Anchor wireless set	Medical officer (attached R.A.M.C.)	
5-cwt. car, F.W.D.	10	Driver-operator Battery charging set and spare batteries	Fitter (corporal)	
			Technical storeman	
			2 driver-operators } (to include a corporal)	
			2 driver-mechanics }	
			<i>Total personnel (including attached)</i>	20
5-cwt. car, F.W.D.	11	Driver, I.C. <i>Instrument mechanic R. Signals</i> Battery charging set and spare batteries	<i>Officers</i>	1
			<i>Other ranks</i>	19
			<i>Pistols</i>	2
			<i>Rifles</i>	18
5-cwt. car, F.W.D.	9	Driver-operator <i>Signalman, R. Signals</i> Anchor wireless set	ADMINISTRATIVE TROOP (NON-AIRBORNE)	
			Squadron quarter-master	Corporal cook, A.C.C. (attached)
			serjeant	
			Serjeant, technical storeman	3 cooks, A.C.C. (attached)
Rota trailers	1-9		Corporal clerk	<i>Total, personnel (including attached)</i>
			Storeman (non-technical)	13
			4 batmen	<i>Other ranks</i>
				13
				<i>Pistols</i>
				2
				<i>Rifles</i>
				11

(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition—rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	44	12	264	792
Rifles, .303-inch	30	50	1,500	3,000
Machine carbines, .45-inch for—				
Motor-cyclists	6	200	1,800	3,000
Other personnel	19	320	5,700	11,780

NOTE

The armoured fighting vehicles with which units on this establishment are equipped, will vary and may consist of a combination of the various marks of tanks in service at any given time. Tank armament and equipment will be issued in conformity with the scales applying to the actual A.FVs. by marks which the unit holds on charge within the numbers authorized by this establishment. These scales will be given in A.F.G. 1098.