

AIR LANDING RECONNAISSANCE SQUADRON

WAR ESTABLISHMENT (PROVISIONAL)

(i) Personnel

Detail	Squadron headquarters	4 troops (each)			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 (includes one leading officer)	2		1	3	14
Quarter-master (performs duties of M.T. officer)	1				1
Total, officers	6	1	1	4	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	5	1		1	9
Corporals (includes 12 lance-serjeants)	4	1	1	4	20
Troopers (includes 17 lance-corporals)	23	12	8	36	167
Total, rank and file	27	13	9	40	187
Total, other ranks	33	14	9	41	197
Total, all ranks	39	15	10	45	219
<i>Attached</i>					
R.A.M.C.					
Medical officer	1				1
Nursing orderlies (includes 1 corporal)	4				4
R.E.M.E.					
Fitters, M.V. (includes 1 serjeant and 1 lance-corporal)	4				4
Armourer (serjeant)	1				1
A.C.C.—Cooks for—					
Officers' mess	1				1
Other ranks' mess (includes 1 corporal)	5				5
Total, attached	16				16
Total, air landing reconnaissance squadron	55	15	10	45	235
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>					
<i>Tradesmen</i>					
Driver-operators (includes 1 corporal and 4 lance-corporals)	3	5	1	8	35
Clerks (includes 1 corporal)	3				3

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Driver-mechanics		1	1	4	16
Motor-mechanics (includes 1 lance-corporal)	2				2
Technical storemen	2				2
Equipment repairer	1				1
Total, tradesmen	11	6	2	12	59
<i>Non-tradesmen</i>					
Batmen	7	1	1	4	23
Drivers, I.C.	2				2
Intelligence despatch riders (includes 1 corporal)	5	2	4	14	61
Mortar detachments (includes 4 corporals)		3		3	12
Rangetakers		1		1	4
L.M.G. numbers (includes 12 lance-serjeants)			2	6	24
Storeman	1				1
General dutyman	1				1
Total, non-tradesmen	16	7	7	28	128
Total, rank and file	27	13	9	40	187
<i>(iii) Transport</i>					
Motor-cycles, lightweight	14	6	6	24	110
Motor-cycles, solo	7				7
Motor-cycles, combination, chair		1		1	4
Motor-cycles, box, combination	2				2
Cars, 5-cwt., 4x4	11	2	1	5	31
Trailers, 10-cwt., (includes 1 binned stores trailer in squadron headquarters)	9	2	1	5	29
Trailer, 10-cwt., water	1				1
Handcart	1				1
<i>(iv) Weapons</i>					
Pistols, .38-inch	14	3	2	9	50
Rifles, .303-inch	11				11
Rifles, snipers No. 4	4	1	1	4	20
Machine carbines	26	11	7	32	154
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	3	2	2	8	35
A.Tk. Rifles, .55-inch	2	1	1	4	18
Pistols, signal, Army	4	1	1	4	20
Pistols, signal, R.A.F.	16				16
3-inch mortars		1		1	4
2-inch mortars			1	3	12
E.Y. rifles	2	2	1	5	22
Discharger cups	2	2	1	5	22

(v) Organization

Note:—This table is intended merely as a guide to officers commanding units and may be varied within the number of ranks, tradesmen and vehicles, allowed, according to tactical or administrative requirements.

Allotment of persona weapons is shown as follows:—

SQUADRON HEADQUARTERS

Motor-cycle, lightweight	1	Corporal clerk (S)	Cars, 5-cwt., 4x4, Draw trailers 6-7 Stores and ammunition	8-9	Nursing orderly corporal (P) 3 nursing orderlies (3P)
Motor-cycle lightweight	2	Squadron serjeant major (S)	Cars, 5-cwt. 4x4, Draws trailers 8-9	10-11	2 technical storemen (includes 1 lance-corporal) (2R) Equipment repairer (R) Armourer serjeant R.E.M.E. (S) Officers mess cook A.C.C. (R) 4 cooks A.C.C. (4R)
Motor-cycle, lightweight	3	Signal officer (P)			
Motor-cycle, lightweight	4	Signal serjeant (S)			
Motor-cycle, lightweight	5	Quarter-master (M.T. officer) (P)			
Motor-cycle, lightweight	6	Squadron quarter-master serjeant (S)			
Motor-cycles, lightweight	7-8	2 batmen (2S)			
Motor-cycle, lightweight	9	Medical officer (P)			
Motor-cycles, lightweight	10-14	Transport serjeant (S) Serjeant clerk(S) General dutyman (corporal) (S) Storeman (R) Clerk (R)			
Motor-cycle, solo	1	Intelligence officer (P)	Motor-cycle, lightweight		
Motor-cycle, solo	2	Intelligence serjeant (S)	Motor-cycle, lightweight		
Motor-cycles,	3-4	2 intelligence despatch riders (2S)	Motor-cycle, lightweight		
Motor-cycles,	5-7	Corporal intelligence despatch rider (S) 2 intelligence despatch riders (2S)	Motor-cycle, lightweight		
Motor-cycle, combination box	1	Fitter serjeant R.E.M.E. (S) Fitter R.E.M.E. (S)	Motor-cycles, lightweight	4-5	2 intelligence despatch riders (R. No. 4)(S)
Motor-cycle, combination box	2	Fitter, lance-corporal R.E.M.E (S) Fitter, R.E.M.E. (S)	Motor-cycle, lightweight	6	Corporal (S)
Car, 5-cwt. 4x4, No. 22 set Draws trailer, water	1	Major (P) Adjutant (P) Driver-operator (S)	Motor-cycle, combination, chair No. 18 set (forward link) Pistol, signal, Army		2 driver-operators (2S)
Car, 5-cwt. 4x4, Spare No. 22 set	2	Captain (P) Batman (S) Clerk (S)	Car, 5-cwt. 4x4 Draws trailer 1 No. 22 set (rear link) L.M.G. E.Y. rifle A.Tk. rifle	1	Driver-operator lance-corporal (P) 2 driver-operators (aS)
Car, 5-cwt. 4x4, 3 Draws trailer 10-cwt. 3 (N0. 22 set) L.M.G.		Driver-operator corporal (P) Driver-operator (S)	Car, 5-cwt. 4x4, Draws trailer 2 No. 38 set L.M.G. 3-inch mortar E.Y. rifle	2	Driver-mechanic (P) 2 troopers (2S) Rangetaker (S)
Cars, 5-cwt. 4x4, Draw trailers 2-5 2 L.M.Gs. 4 pistols, signal, Army 2 E.Y. rifles 2 A.Tk. rifles Petrol, rations, ammunition	4-7	Motor-mechanic lance-corporal (P) Motor-mechanic (P) 2 drivers, I.C. (2S) 4 batmen (4R)			3 sections (each)
			Motor-cycles, lightweight	1-4	4 intelligence despatch riders (4S)
			Motor-cycle, lightweight L.M.G.	5	Lance-serjeant (S)
			Motor-cycle, lightweight No. 38 set 2-inch mortar	6	Trooper (S)
			Car, 5-cwt. 4x4, Draws trailer 1 No. 38 set No. 18 set L.M.G. A.Tk. rifle Pistol, signal, Army E.Y. rifle	1	Subaltern (P) Driver-mechanic (S) Batman (R. No. 4) Driver-operator (P)

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

First reinforcements—

Subalterns	2
Serjeant	1
Corporals	4
Lance-corporals	4
Troopers (includes 7 driver-operators and 7 driver, I.C.)	31
Total, first reinforcements	42

Pistols, .38-inch	2
Rifles, .303-inch	31
Machine carbines	9
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	4
A.Tk. rifles, .55-inch	2
Pistols, signal, R.A.F.	3
E.Y. rifle	1
2-inch mortar	2

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