

ARMoured RECONNAISSANCE REGIMENT

Consisting of:—

Regimental headquarters (4 cruiser tanks and 8 A.A. tanks);

Headquarter squadron of:—

Squadron headquarters;

Reconnaissance troop (12 scout cars);

Inter-communication troop (7 scout cars); and

Administrative troop;

Three squadrons (each) of:—

Squadron headquarters, divided into fighting portion (3 cruiser and
1 close support cruiser tank) and administrative portion.

Three tanks troops (each) (2 cruiser tanks and 1 close-support cruiser tank); and

Three carrier troops (each) (4 carriers universal)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Regimental headquarters	Headquarter squadron					Three squadrons (each)				Total, armoured reconnaissance regiment
		Squadron headquarters	Reconnaissance troop	Inter-communication troop	Administrative troop	Total, headquarter squadron	Squadron headquarters	Three tank troops	Three carrier troops	Total, squadron	
Officer commanding (lieutenant-colonel)	1										1
Majors (1 to be second-in-command)	1	1				1	1			1	5
Adjutant (captain)	1										1
Technical officer (captain)	1										1
Captains		1				1	2			2	7
Intelligence officer (subaltern)	1										1
Signal officer (subaltern)					1	1					1
Subalterns	(a)1		2			2		1	1	6	21
Quarter-master					1	1					1
Total, officers	6	2	2		2	6	3	1	1	9	39
Regimental serjeant-major	1										1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant					1	1					1
Quarter-master-serjeant (technical)					1	1					1
Mechanist quarter-master-serjeant					1	1					1
Squadron serjeant-majors		1				1	1			1	4
Total, warrant officers	1	1			3	4	1			1	8
Squadron quarter-master-serjeants					1	1	1			1	4
Mechanist serjeants							1			1	3
Provost serjeant					1	1					1
Signal serjeant					1	1					1
Transport serjeant					1	1					1
Clerk					1	1					1
Technical storeman					1	1					1
Serjeants	4		1	1		2	3	1	1	9	33
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	4		1	1	6	8	5	1	1	11	45
Corporals (includes 15 lance-serjeants)	9		2	3	3	8	4	2	3	19	74
Troopers, (includes 45 lance-corporals)	30	3	19	10	89	121	65	8	10	119	508

Detail	Regimental headquarters	Headquarter squadron					Three squadrons (each)				Total, armoured reconnaissance regiment
		Squadron headquarters	Reconnaissance troop	Inter-communication troop	Administrative troop	Total, headquarter squadron	Squadron headquarters	Three tank troops (each)	Three carrier troops (each)	Total, squadron	
Total, rank and file	39	3	21	13	92	129	69	10	13	138	582
Total, other ranks	44	4	22	14	101	141	75	11	14	150	635
Total, all ranks	50	6	24	14	103	147	78	12	15	159	674
<i>Attached—</i>											
R.A.M.C.—Medical officer					1	1					1
R.E.M.E.—Armourers (includes 1 serjeant and 1 lance-corporal)					3	3					3
A.C.C.—Cooks for—											
Officers' mess					1	1	1			1	4
Other ranks' mess—											
Corporals					1	1	1			1	4
Privates					3	3	3			3	12
Total, attached					9	9	5			5	24
Total, armoured reconnaissance regiment	50	6	24	14	112	156	83	12	15	164	698
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>											
<i>Tradesmen—</i>											
Carpenter and joiner					1	1					1
Clerks					(b)7	7	2			2	13
Driver-mechanics, A.F.V.	12				1	1	5	3	4	26	91
Driver-operators	9	2	7	4		13	4	3	2	19	79
Electricians					2	2	1			1	5
Equipment repairer					1	1					1
Fitters (c)					3	3	4			4	15
Gunner-mechanics	8		6	3	1	10	6	2		12	54
Gunner-operators	8				8	8	7	2		13	55
Motor mechanics					4	4	4			4	16
Storeman, technical					(d)3	3	1			1	6
Total, tradesmen (e)	37	2	13	7	31	53	34	10	6	82	336

Detail	Regimental headquarters	Headquarter squadron					Three squadrons (each)				Total, armoured reconnaissance regiment
		Squadron headquarters	Reconnaissance troop	Inter-communication troop	Administrative troop	Total, headquarter squadron	Squadron headquarters	Three tank troops (each)	Three carrier troops (each)	Total, squadron	
G.S.					7	7	7			7	28
Store					2	2	1			1	5
Scout cars			12	7		19					19
Tanks, cruiser	4						3	2		9	31
Tranks, cruiser, close support							1	1		4	12
Tanks, A.A.	8										8
Carriers, T.C.P., slave battery					1	1					1
Carriers, universal	1							4		12	37
<i>(iv) Weapons</i>											
Pistols, .38-inch	36	2	2		16	20	30	9	1	60	236
Rifles, .303-inch					49	49	26		10	56	217
Machine carbines	13	4	10	7	47	68	27	3		36	189
L.M.Gs., .303-inch for—											
Carriers	1								4	12	37
Tanks (g)	4						4	3		13	43
Scout cars			12	7		19					19
Wheeled vehicles					6	6	2			2	12
A.Tk. rifles, .55-inch									4	12	36
2-inch mortars									2	6	18

(v) Organization

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

All cruiser tanks are equipped with wireless set No. 19.

Rank and file not specified as particular tradesmen include tradesmen up to the numbers authorized in the establishment.

Allotment of personal weapons is shown as follows:—

(P) = pistol; (R) = rifle; (S) = machine carbine

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS (administered by headquarter squadron)					
Tank, cruiser 1	Lieutenant-colonel	(P)	Scout cars 8-12	Driver, I.C.	(S)
L.M.G.	Adjutant	(P)	L.M.G. (each)	2 drivers, I.C.	(S)
2 No. 19 sets (command tank)	Serjeant	(P)	<i>Intercommunication troop</i>		
	Driver	(S)	Scout car 1	Serjeant	(S)
Tank, cruiser 2	Major (2nd-in-command)	(P)	LMG	Driver-operator	
L.M.G.	Regimental serjeant-major	(P)	No. 19 set		
No. 19 set and amplifier (rear link)	Corporal driver	(P)	Scout cars 2,3 and 6	Corporal driver-operator	(S)
	<i>Signalman, R. Signals</i>	(P)	LMG (each)	Driver	
Tank, cruiser 3	Subaltern	(P)	No. 19 set		
L.M.G.	Serjeant	(P)	Scout cars 4, 5 and 7	2 drivers	(S)
	Operator	(P)	LMG (each)		
	Driver	(S)	<i>Administrative troop</i>		
Tank, cruiser 4	Intelligence officer	(P)	Motor-cycle 1	Provost serjeant	(S)
L.M.B.	Corporal, driver, I.C. (for intelligence duties)	(P)	Motor-cycle 2	Corporal motor-cyclist	(S)
	Operator	(P)	Motor-cycles 3-12	10 motor-cyclists	10(S)
	Driver	(P)	Motor-cycle 13	Batman (for medical officer)	(S)
Tanks, A.A. 1 and 2 (each)	Serjeant	(P)	2-seater car, 4 x 2	Quarter-master	(P)
	Driver	(P)		Batman-driver	(S)
No. 19 set	Operator	(P)	15-cwt trucks, 1 and 2	Medical officer	(P)
	Gunner	(P)	4 x 4 personnel (for collection of casualties)	Medical officer's orderly	(R)
Tanks, A.A. 3-8 (each)	Corporal	(P)		2 drivers	(2S)
No. 19 set	Driver	(P)	15-cwt. truck, 1	Quarter-master-serjeant (technical)	(S)
	Operator	(P)	4 x 2, G.S.	Serjeant technical storeman	(S)
	Gunner	(P)	L.M.G.	Clerk	(R)
Carrier, universal	Technical officer	(P)		Batman	(R)
L.M.G.	Driver-operator			Driver, I.C.	(S)
No. 19 set					
4-seater car, 4 x 2	<i>Seat for officer commanding</i>				
	Corporal driver, I.C.	(S)			
HEADQUARTER SQUADRON					
<i>Squadron headquarters</i>			15-cwt, truck 2	Equipment repairer	(R)
2-seater car, 4 x 2	Major	(P)	4 x 2, G.S.	Armourer serjeant	(R)
	Driver, I.C.	(S)	L.M.G.	R.E.M.E.	
15-cwt, truck 4 x 2, fitted for wireless	Captain	(P)	Armourers' tools	2 armourers R.E.M.E.	(2R)
No. 19 set	Squadron serjeant-major	(S)		Storeman, technical	(R)
	2 driver-operators	(2S)		Driver, I.c.	(S)
<i>Reconnaissance troop</i>			15-cwt. truck 3	Sanitary dutyman	(R)
Scout cars 1-2	Subalter	(P)	4 x 2, G.S.	Driver, I.c.	(S)
L.M.G. (each)	Driver-operator		Medical stores		
No. 19 set			15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, office	Signal officer	(P)
Scout car 3	Serjeant	(S)	Office equipment	Signal serjeant	(S)
L.M.G.	Driver-operator			Serjeant clerk	(S)
No. 19 set				Corporal clerk	(R)
Scout cars 4-5	Corporal	(S)		Driver, I.C.	(S)
L.M.G. (each)	Driver-operator		15-cwt. truck 1	Water dutyman	(R)
No. 19 set			4 x 2, water	Driver, I.C. (trained in water duties)	(S)
Scout cars 6-7	Driver-operator		15-cwt. truck 2	Water dutyman	(R)
L.M.G. (each)	Driver, I.C.	(S)	4 x 2, water	Driver, I.C. (trained in water duties)	(S)
No. 19 set					

3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 L.M.G.	1	Regimental quarter- master-serjeant 5 clerks Batman 2 drivers, I.C.	(S) (5R) (R) (2S)	Tank cruiser L.M.G.	3	Captain Corporal driver Operator Gunner	(P) (P) (P) (S)
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 L.M.G. Petrol	2	Sanitary dutyman 2 drivers, I.C. Electrician	(R) (2S) (R)	<i>"B" Administrative portion</i>			
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 Cooking set	3	4 cooks, A.C.C. 2 drivers, I.C.	(4R) (2S)	2-seater car, 4 x 2		Squadron quarter-master- serjeant Driver, I.C.	(S) (S)
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 Ammunition	4	Storeman Fitter Motor mechanic Driver, I.C.	(R) (R) (R) (S)	15-cwt. truck 4 x 2, personnel L.M.G.	1	Cook, A.C.C. 2 batmen Driver, I.C.	(R) (2R) (S)
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 Officers' mess equipment and baggage	5	Transport serjeant Officers' mess cook A.C.C. 4 batmen Butchery dutyman 2 drivers, I.C.	(S) (R) (4R) (R) (2S)	Officers' mess equipment			
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 L.M.G. Carpenter's tools	6	Carpenter and joiner Fitter Corporal and 12 relief personnel Driver, I.C.	(R) (R) (13P) (S)	15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel Fitters' tools		Mechanist-serjeant 2 fitters 2 motor mechanics	(S) (2R) (R)(S)
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 L.M.G. Ammunition	7	Motor mechanic Postman Storeman 3 batmen 2 drivers, I.C.	(R) (R) (R) (3R) (2S)	15-cwt. truck 4 x 2, personnel	2	5 relief personnel Driver, I.C.	(5P) (S)
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, store Reserve M.T. stores and fitters tools	1	Mechanist quarter-master- serjeant Fitter Storeman, technical Motor mechanic 2 drivers, I.C.	(S) (R) (R) (R) (2S)	3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, store M.T. stores and fitters tools		Corporal, technical storeman Motor mechanic 2 drivers, I.C.	(R) (R) (2S)
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, store Stores and tank parts	2	Squadron quarter-master- serjeant Motor mechanic Storeman, technical 2 batmen 2 drivers, I.C.	(S) (R) (R) (2R) (2S)	3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. Ammunition	1	Sanitary dutyman 3 batmen 2 drivers, I.C.	(R) (3) (2S)
Carrier, T.C.P.		Driver, mechanic Electrician	(S) (R)	3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. Ammunition	2	Fitter Motor mechanic 2 drivers, I.C.	(R) (R) (2S)
THREE SQUADRONS (EACH)				3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S.	3	Fitter 2 drivers, I.C.	(R) (2S)
<i>Squadron headquarters</i>				L.M.G. Petrol			
<i>"A" fighting portion</i>				3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S.	4	Serjeant 2 drivers, I.C.	(S) (2S)
Tank, cruiser, close support L.M.G.	1	Major Serjeant Operator Driver	(P) (P) (P) (S)	3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S.	5	Serjeant 2 batmen 13 relief personnel	(S) (2R) (13P)
Tank cruiser L.M.G.	1	Squadron serjeant-major Driver Operator Gunner	(P) (P) (P) (S)	3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. Baggage and squadron office	6	2 clerks Storeman Water dutyman 2 batmen	(2R) (R) (R) (2S)
Tank cruiser L.M.G.	2	Captain (second i/c) Operator Driver Gunner	(P) (P) (P) (S)	3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. Cooking set	7	4 cooks, A.C.C. 2 drivers, I.C.	(4R) (2S)
				Carrier, T.C.P.		Driver-mechanic Electrician	(S) (R)
				<i>3 tank troops (each)</i>			
Tank, cruiser Close support L.M.G.	1	Subaltern Corporal, driver Operator Gunner	(P) (P) (P) (S)	Tank, cruiser L.M.G.	1	Serjeant Driver Operator Gunner	(P) (P) (P) (S)
Tank, cruiser L.M.G.	2	Corporal Driver Operator Gunner	(P) (P) (P) (S)	Tank, cruiser L.M.G.	2	Corporal Driver Operator Gunner	(P) (P) (P) (S)

Gunner-operators	9
Gunner-mechanics	8
Electrician	1
Fitter	1
Motor mechanics	2
Technical storeman	1)

Attached—

Signal section—*see* W.E. of Armoured Divisional Signals in Vol. II

Light aid detachment—*see* W.E. of light aid detachment in Vol. II

NOTE ON INCREMENT

The following increment will be made to regiments equipped with tanks requiring a crew of five men

(i) *Personnel*

Detail	Regimental headquarters	Three squadrons (each)			Total, increment
		Squadron headquarters	Three tank troops (each)	Total, squadron	
Gunner-mechanics (includes 3 lance-corporals)	4	4	3	13	43

(ii) *Weapons*

Pistols, .38-inch	43
<i>First reinforcements—</i>	
Gunner-mechanics	4
Pistols, .38-inch	4