

A DIVISIONAL RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION

Consisting of—

Battalion headquarters; headquarter company of A.A., signal, mortar, A-Tk. and administrative platoons; 3 companies, each of 3 scout platoons each of 1 armoured reconnaissance car section (5 armoured reconnaissance cars) and 2 carrier sections (3 carriers each) and 1 infantry platoon of 4 sections.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company							3 companies (each)								Total, divisional reconnaissance battalion	
		Company headquarters	A.A. platoon	Signal platoon	Mortar platoon (b)	Anit-tank platoon	Administrative platoon	Total, headquarters company	Company headquarters	3 scout platoons (each)			Infantry platoon			Total, company		
										Platoon headquarters	Armoured reconnaissance section	2 carrier sections (each)	Total, scout platoon	Platoon headquarters	4 infantry sections			Total, infantry platoon
Lieutenant-colonel	1																	1
Major (2nd-in-command)	1																	1
Majors or captains		1					1	1									1	4
Captains								1									1	3
Adjutant	1																	1
Lieutenant				1			1											1
Subalterns	(a)1		1		1	1	1	4	1				1	1		1	4	17
Quarter-master						1	1	1										1
Total, officers	4	1	1	1	1	1	2	7	2	1			1	1		1	6	29
Regimental serjeant-major	1																	1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant							1	1										1
Company serjeant-majors		1						1	1									4
Total, warrant officers	1	1						2	1								1	6
Company quarter-master-serjeants								1	1									4
Intelligence serjeant	1																	1
Orderly room clerk (serjeant)	1																	1
Provost serjeant	1																	1
Transport serjeant							1	1										1
Serjeant cooks							2	2										2
Serjeant, technical stores							1	1										1
Serjeants			1	2	2	1		6	1	1	1	4	1		1	13		45
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	3		1	2	2	1	5	11	1	1	1	1	4	1		1	14	56
Corporals	1		2	2	2	2	5	13	1		2	3	8	1	2	3	28	98
Privates	15	2	15	58	15	29	66	185	16	2	12	5	24	5	31	36	124	572
Total, rank and file	16	2	17	60	17	31	71	198	17	2	14	8	32	6	33	39	152	(c)670

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company							3 companies (each)								Total, divisional reconnaissance battalion	
		Company headquarters	A.A. platoon	Signal platoon	Mortar platoon (b)	Anti-tank platoon	Administrative platoon	Total, headquarters company	Company headquarters	3 scout platoons (each)			Infantry platoon			Total, company		
										Platoon headquarters	Armoured reconnaissance section	2 carrier sections (each)	Total, scout platoon	Platoon headquarters	4 infantry sections			Total, infantry platoon
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4-wheeled, personnel					2	4	2	8	1								5	23
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4-wheeled, water							2	2										2
Armoured reconnaissance cars											5		5				15	45
Lorries, 3-ton						6	6	6										6
Carriers	1								1	1	3	7				22	67	

(iv) Organization

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS (Administered by headquarter squadron)		15-cwt. trucks, 2 and 4 (each)	Twin bren and 3 gun numbers Driver, I.C. A.Tk. rifle
Motor cycle 1	Provost serjeant		
Motor cycle 2	Intelligence serjeant		
Motor cycles 3-7	Intelligence personnel		
Carrier	Lieutenant-colonel Adjutant Driver mechanic Bren		
4-seater car	(Commanding officer's car) Major (2nd-in-command) Subaltern for intelligence Orderly room serjeant Driver, I.C. Bren		
15-cwt. truck, G.S. 1 (for office)	Regimental serjeant-major Orderly room clerk (serjeant) Clerk (corporal) Intelligence private Driver mechanic		
15-cwt. truck, G.S. 2	Medical officer Medical officer's orderly (lance-corporal) Batman Driver, I.C.		
15-cwt. truck, G.S. 3	Medical officer's orderly (lance-corporal) Driver, I.C.>		
<i>Total, personnel including attached—</i>			
<i>Officers</i>	1		
<i>Other ranks</i>	19		
<i>Pistols</i>	(m)13		
<i>Rifles</i>	12		
<i>Brens</i>	2		
HEADQUARTER COMPANY HEADQUARTERS			
4-seater car	Major or captain Company serjeant-major Clerk Driver mechanic Bren		
<i>Total personnel—</i>			
<i>Officers</i>	1		
<i>Other ranks</i>	3		
<i>Pistols</i>	1		
<i>Rifles</i>	3		
<i>Brens</i>	1		
A.A. PLATOON			
Motor cycle 1	Subaltern		
Motor cycle 2	Serjeant		
Motor cycle 3	Orderly		
15-cwt. trucks, 1 and 3 (each)	Twin bren and 2 gun numbers Corporal Driver, I.C. A. Tk. rifle		
<i>Total personnel—</i>			
<i>Officers</i>	1		
<i>Other ranks</i>	19		
<i>Pistols</i>	2		
<i>Rifles</i>	18		
<i>3-inch mortars</i>	2		
<i>A.Tk. rifles</i>	1		
		SIGNAL PLATOON	
Motor cycle 1	Lieutenant		
		<i>Motor cycle section</i>	
Motor cycle 2	Serjeant		
Motor cycle 3	Corporal		
Motor cycles 4-22	Orderlies		
		<i>Signallers</i>	
Motor cycle 23	Serjeant		
15-cwt. trucks wireless 1-4 (each)	2 driver operators Driver, I.C. No. 11 set		
15-cwt. truck, G.S.	3 driver operators Driver, I.C. No. 11 set (spare) 2 No. 18 sets (spare) Signal stores		
With companies	24 driver operators		
<i>Total personnel—</i>			
<i>Officers</i>	1		
<i>Other ranks</i>	62		
<i>Pistols</i>	23		
<i>Rifles</i>	40		
		MORTAR PLATOON	
Motor cycle 1	Subaltern		
Motor cycle 2	Orderly		
15-cwt. truck, 1	Serjeant Driver, I.C. Private A.Tk. rifle 3-inch mortar		
15-cwt. truck 2	Rangetaker Driver, I.C. 3-inch mortar		
15-cwt. truck, personnel 1	Serjeant Corporal 4 privates Driver, I.C.		
15-cwt. truck, personnel 2	Corporal 4 privates Driver mechanic		
<i>Total personnel—</i>			
<i>Officers</i>	1		
<i>Other ranks</i>	19		
<i>Pistols</i>	2		
<i>Rifles</i>	18		
<i>3-inch mortars</i>	2		
<i>A.Tk. rifles</i>	1		

ANTI-TANK PLATOON			
Motor cycle 1	Subaltern	15-cwt. truck 7	Technical storeman (corporal) Postman (lance-corporal) Driver, I.C. M.T. stores and tools
Motor cycle 2	Serjeant		
Motor cycle 3	Orderly	15-cwt. truck 8 and 9 (each)	Cook Driver, I.C. Cooking set Rations
15-cwt. truck, personnel 1	Corporal 6 privates Driver mechanic 3 A.Tk rifles	15-cwt. truck 10	Regimental quarter-master-serjeant Mason Driver mechanic Baggage
15-cwt. truck, personnel 2 and 4 (each)	6 privates Driver, I.C. 3 A.Tk. rifles	15-cwt. truck 11	3 cooks Driver, I.C. Baggage
15-cwt. truck, personnel 3	Corporal 6 privates Driver, I.C. 3 A.Tk. rifles	15-cwt. truck 12	Company quarter-master-serjeant Bricklayer Driver, I.C. Baggage
<i>Total personnel—</i>		15-cwt. truck 13 and 14 (each)	Storeman Driver mechanic Distribution of petrol
<i>Officers</i>	1	15-cwt. trucks, water tank 1 and 2 (each)	Water dutyman Driver, I.C. (k)
<i>Other ranks</i>	32	3-ton lorry 1	Serjeant cook Corporal cook Butchery duties 5 cooks Driver, I.C. 2 cooking sets Rations
<i>Pistols</i>	3	3-ton lorry 2	Equipment repairer 2 carpenters and joiners Storeman Driver, I.C. Spare anti-gas capes Reserve clothing
<i>Rifles</i>	30	3-ton lorry 3 and 4 (each)	Driver, I.C. Reserve S.A.A.
<i>A.Tk. rifles</i>	12	3-ton lorry 5	5 batmen Driver mechanic Equipment
ADMINISTRATIVE PLATOON		3-ton lorry 6	Driver, I.C. 5 batmen Equipment
Motor cycle 1	Transport serjeant	<i>Total personnel—</i>	
Motor cycles 2 and 3	2 armourers R.A.O.C. (corporals)	<i>Officers</i>	2
15-cwt. truck, personnel 1	Quarter-master 2 clerks Batman Driver mechanic	<i>Other ranks</i>	82
15-cwt. truck, personnel 2	Transport subaltern Batman Armourer serjeant R.A.O.C. Fitter, M.V. R.A.O.C. (staff-serjeant) Driver, I.C.	<i>Pistols</i>	5
15-cwt. trucks, 1 and 2 (each)	Driver, I.C. 2 sanitary dutymen Reserve S.A.A.	<i>Rifles</i>	79
15-cwt. truck 3	Motor mechanic Driver, I.C. Reserve mortar ammunition A.Tk. rifle	<i>A.Tk. rifles</i>	1
15-cwt. truck 4	Serjeant cook 2 officers' mess cooks Driver mechanic Officers' mess gear and rations	EACH COMPANY HEADQUARTERS	
15-cwt. truck 5	Officers' mess servant Driver, I.C. Officers' mess gear and rations	Motor cycle	Orderly
15-cwt. truck 6	Serjeant, technical stores Shoemaker R.A.O.C. Motor mechanic Driver, I.C. M.T. Stores and tools	Carrier	Company commander Driver operator Driver, I.C. No. 18 set Bren gun

4-seater car	Company commander's car Driver operator Clerk Driver, I.C.
15-cwt truck 1	Company 2nd-in-command (captain) Company serjeant-major Driver, I.C.
15-cwt truck 2	M.T. duties (corporal) Storeman Driver mechanic Store and tools
15-cwt truck 3	Fitter M.V. R.A.O.C. Technical storeman Driver, I.C. Stores and tools
15-cwt truck 4	3 driver operators Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. truck, personnel	Company quarter-master-serjeant 5 batmen Driver, I.C. Equipment
<i>Total personnel—</i>	
<i>Officers</i>	2
<i>Other ranks</i>	20
<i>(excluding signallers)</i>	
<i>Pistols</i>	3
<i>Rifles</i>	19
<i>Bren</i>	1

EACH SCOUT PLATOON HEADQUARTERS

Motor cycle 1	Platoon serjeant
Motor cycle 2	Orderly
Carrier	Subaltern Driver operator Driver mechanic No. 18 set Bren gun A.Tk. rifle
<i>Total personnel—</i>	
<i>Officers</i>	1
<i>Other ranks</i>	3
<i>(excluding signallers)</i>	
<i>Pistols</i>	3
<i>Rifle</i>	1
<i>Bren</i>	1
<i>A.Tk. rifle</i>	1

EACH ARMoured RECONNAISSANCE CAR SECTION

Armoured reconnaissance car 1	Serjeant Driver mechanic Private Bren gun
Armoured reconnaissance cars 3 and 5 (each)	Corporal Driver mechanic Private Bren gun
Armoured reconnaissance cars 2 and 4 each	2 privates Driver, I.C. Bren Gun

<i>Total personnel—</i>	
<i>Other ranks</i>	15
<i>Rifles</i>	15
<i>Brens</i>	5

EACH CARRIER SECTION

Carrier 1	Serjeant Corporal Driver mechanic A.Tk. rifle Bren gun
Carrier 2	Corporal Private Driver mechanic 2-inch mortar Bren gun
Carrier 3	Corporal Private Driver mechanic Bren gun
<i>Total, personnel—</i>	
<i>Other ranks</i>	9
<i>Rifles</i>	9
<i>Brens</i>	3
<i>2-inch mortar</i>	1
<i>A.Tk. rifle</i>	1

EACH INFANTRY PLATOON

Headquarters

Motor cycle 1	Subaltern
Motor cycle 2	Serjeant
Motor cycle 3	Orderly
15-cwt truck 1	Corporal Private Driver, I.C. S.A.A. A.Tk. rifle
15-cwt truck 2	Private Driver, I.C. Digging and wiring tools
	<i>1 and 3 sections (each)</i>
15-cwt. truck personnel 1 and 2 (each)	Corporal 6 privates Driver, I.C. Thompson sub M.G. Bren gun
	<i>2 section</i>
15-cwt. truck personnel 2	7 privates Batman Driver, I.C. Thompson sub-M.G.
	<i>4 section</i>
15-cwt. truck. personnel 4	7 privates Driver mechanic Thompson sub-M.G. Bren gun

<i>Total personell—</i>	
<i>Officers</i>	1
<i>Other ranks</i>	40
<i>Pistols</i>	3
<i>Rifles</i>	38
<i>Brens</i>	4
<i>A.Tk. rifles</i>	1
<i>Thompson</i>	
<i>sub.M.Gs.</i>	1

(v) *Table of weapons and ammunition*

Detail	Number	Ammunition—rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	95	12	570	1,710
Rifles, .303-inch (including those for attached personnel)	675	50	67,500	101,250
A. Tk. rifles, .55-inch	48	200	1,920	11,520
Bren guns, .303-inch	126	1,000	63,000	189,000
Twin Bren guns, .303-inch	4	2,000	4,000	12,000
Thompson, sub M.Gs.	12	250	9,000	12,000
2-inch mortars	18			
H.E.		27	810	1,296
Smoke		9	270	432
3-inch mortars	2			
H.E.		90	54	234
Smoke		30	18	78
Pistols, signal	(1)30	20		600
Grenades, hand			(1)180	180

- (a) For intelligence.
- (b) Headquarters—1 subaltern, 1 private, remainder in 2 detachements.
- (c) Of the 98 corporals; 16 will be lance-serjeants and of the privates, 38 will be lance-corporals.
- (d) 1 officer and 12 men will be trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work.
- (e) 1 serjeant, 2 corporals.
- (f) 1 staff-serjeant, 1 serjeant and 2 corporals.
- (g) Includes 1 for medical officer and 1 for regimental serjeant-major.
- (h) Includes 1 corporal.
- (j) 1 man per company will be trained in boot repair duties.
- (k) Driver of water truck lorry to be trained in water duties.
- (l) Allotted as required.
- (m) 1 man per company headquarters and 2 per platoon will be trained in first aid duties.

NOTES ON ATTACHED AND FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Attached—

R.A.O.C. Light Aid Detachment—See W.E. III/1931/53/3

Detail left at base—

Orderly room serjeant 1

First reinforcements—

Officers—

Captains 2

Subalterns 4

Total, officers 6

Other ranks—

Staff-serjeant 1

Serjeants 3

Corporals	3
Lance-corporals	4
Privates	<u>62</u>
Total, other ranks	<u>73</u>
Total, first reinforcements	<u>79</u>

Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	On man	Total
Pistols	6	12	72
Rifles	74	50	3,700