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**G.H.Q. LIAISON REGIMENT, 21 ARMY  
GROUP**

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

This establishment supersedes W.E. No. III/253/1

## (i) PERSONNEL

Detail	Regimental headquarters				Army group squadron					Two army squadrons (each)						Total, G.H.Q. liaison regiment		
	Headquarters	Operations and intelligence troop	Administrative troop	Signals troop	Total, regimental headquarters	Squadron headquarters	Three captains' patrols (each)	Three subalterns' patrols (each)	"J" troop	Total, army group squadron	Operations and intelligence troop	Administrative troop	Signals troop	Six captains' patrols (each)	Three subalterns' patrols (each)		"J" troop	Total, army squadron
Officer commanding (lieutenant-colonel)	1				1													1
Second-in-command (major)	1				1													1
Squadron commanders (majors)						1				1	1						1	3
Officers i/c intelligence (majors)		1			1						1						1	3
Adjutant (captain)	1				1													1
Technical officer (captain)		1			1													1
Captains											1						1	2
Intelligence officers—																		
Captains		1			1	1	1			4	2			1			8	21
Subalterns		2			2		1	1		4	4				1	3	10	26
Quarter-master			1		1													1
Total, officers	3	5	1		9	2	1	1	1	9	8	1		1	1	3	21	60
Regimental serjeant-major	1				1													1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant			1		1													1
Squadron serjeant-majors						1				1	1						1	3
Total, warrant officers	1		1		2	1				1	1						1	5
Squadron quarter-master-serjeants											1						1	2
Clerk			1		1													1
Mechanist			1		1													1
Intelligence serjeant		1			1						1						1	3
Technical storeman			1		1													1
Serjeants						1			1	2						1	1	4
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants		1	3		4	1			1	2	1	1				1	3	12
Corporals (including 7 lance-serjeants)		4	2		6	4	1	1	3	13	5	4		1	1	5	23	65

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Troopers, gunners and privates (includes 32 lance-corporals)	6	13	10		29	15	5	5	7	52	13	12		5	5	30	100	281
Total, rank and file	6	17	12		35	19	6	6	10	65	18	16		6	6	35	123	346
Total, other ranks	7	18	16		41	21	6	6	11	68	20	17		6	6	36	127	363
Total, all ranks	10	23	17		50	23	7	7	12	77	28	18		7	7	39	148	423
<i>Attached—</i>																		
<i>R. Signals</i>																		
Major				1	1													1
Captains				1	1							1					1	3
Lieutenants				1	1	1				1		1					1	4
Total, officers				3	3	1				1		2					2	8
Company serjeant-major				1	1													1
Company quarter-master-serjeant (foremen of signals)												1					1	2
Company quarter-master-serjeant				1	1													1
Serjeants				1	1	1				1		2					2	6
Total, warrant officers, staff-serjeants and serjeants				3	3	1				1		3					3	10
Corporals (includes 8 lance-serjeants)				8	8	4			1	5		9				3	12	37
Signalmen and drivers (includes 13 lance-corporals)				31	31	17			3	20		38				9	47	145
Total, rank and file				39	39	21			4	25		47				12	59	182
Total, other ranks				42	42	22			4	26		50				12	62	192
Total, R. Signals				45	45	23			4	27		52				12	64	200
<i>A.C.C.—</i>																		
Corporals			1		1	1				1		1					1	4
Privates			2		2	2				2		3					3	10

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Total, A.C.C.			3		3	3				3		4					4	14
Total, attached			3	45	48	26			4	30		4	52			12	68	214
Total, G.H.Q. liaison regiment	10	23	20	45	98	49	7	7	16	107	28	22	52	7	7	51	216	637
(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE (INCLUDING R. SIGNALS) BY TRADES AND DUTIES																		
<i>Tradesmen—</i>																		
Clerks		5	1		6						3	1					4	14
Driver-mechanics		1	1		2													2
Driver-operators		4			4	2	4	4	8	34	3			4	4	29	68	174
Electrician			1		1													1
Equipment repairer			1		1													1
Technical storemen												1					1	2
Vehicle mechanics			1		1	2	1	1	1	9		2		1	1	1	12	34
Total, tradesmen		10	5		15	4	5	5	9	43	6	4		5	5	30	85	228
<i>Non-tradesmen—</i>																		
Batmen	2				2													2
Batmen-drivers	1	2			3	1				1	1	1				2	4	12
Corporals for administrative duties						1				1		1				1	2	5
Drivers, I.C.	2		2		4	3				3	3	3					6	19
Intelligence duty men		3			3	4			4	5	4						4	16
Medical officer's orderlies (lance-corporals)			1		1	1				1		1					1	4
Motor-cyclists		2			2	4	1	1		10	2			1	1	2	13	38
Orderlies (also for duty as batmen)	1		1		2						2	3					5	12
Sanitary duty men			1		1							1					1	3
Storemen			1		1	1				1		1					1	4
Water duty men			1		1							1					1	3
Total, non-tradesmen	6	7	7		20	15	1	1	1	22	12	12		1	1	5	38	118

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<i>Attached—</i>																		
<i>R. Signals—</i>																		
<i>Tradesmen—</i>																		
Clerks				2	2													2
Despatch riders				5	5							5					5	15
Driver-mechanics (driver class)				7	7	6			1	7		9			3	12	38	
Electricians (signals)				1	1	1				1		2				2	6	
Instrument mechanics				1	1	1				1		5				5	12	
Linemen				2	2							2				2	6	
Operators, wireless and line				16	16	12			3	15		21			9	30	91	
Storemen												1				1	2	
Vehicle mechanics												1				1	2	
Total, tradesmen				34	34	20			4	24		46			12	58	174	
<i>Non-tradesmen—</i>																		
<i>Drivers, I.C., for duty as—</i>																		
Batmen				1	1	1				1							2	
Batmen-drivers				2	2							1				1	4	
Drivers of vehicles				2	2												2	
Total, non-tradesmen				5	5	1				1		1				1	8	
Total, rank and file , R. Signals				39	39	21			4	25		51			12	59	182	
(iii) TRANSPORT																		
Motor-cycles, solo	1	4	1	6	12	6	2	2	2	20	5		8	2	2	6	37	106
Cars—																		
4-seater, 4 x 4	2			1	3						1					1	5	
5-cwt., 4 x 4	1	2		1	4	1	1	1	1	8	1	1	1	1	3	15	42	

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Trucks, 15-cwt., 4 x 2—																		
G.S.			4	1	5	2				2	1	4	1				6	19
Wireless house				5	5	4			3	7		7			5		12	36
4 x 4, personnel		2			2	1	1	1	1	8	2			1	1	3	14	38
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 4—																		
Cipher				1	1							1					1	3
G.S.			1	2	3	2				2		1	2				3	11
Troop carrying		1			1	1				1	1						1	4
Wireless "I"				1	1	1				1		1			3		4	10
Trailers—																		
10-cwt., 2-wheeled, G.S.		2	4	2	8	2	1	1	1	9	2	4	2	1	1	3	20	57
15-cwt., 2-wheeled, water, 180-gallons			1		1							1					1	3
1-ton, 2-wheeled, G.S.		1			1						1						1	3
<i>(iv) Weapons</i>																		
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	1	2	1	1	5	4	1	1	2	12	2	1	1	1	1	3	16	49

## (v) Organization

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

REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS			
Headquarters and operations and intelligence troop		Motor-cycles, solo 2-5 (each)	Despatch riders, R. Signals
Motor-cycle, solo 1	Intelligence serjeant	4-seater car, 4 x 4	Major, R. Signals Company quarter-master-serjeant, R. Signals Batman-driver, R. Signals
Motor-cycles, solo 2-3 (each)	Intelligence dutyman	5-cwt. car, 4 x 4 (draws 10-cwt. trailer)	Captain, R. Signals Batman-driver, R. Signals
Motor-cycles, solo 4-5 (each)	Motor-cyclist	15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. (draws 10-cwt. trailer)	2 linemen, R. Signals Driver, I.C. R. Signals
4-seater, car, 4 x 4, 1	Lieutenant-colonel Orderly Batman Driver, I.C.	15-cwt. trucks, 4 x 2, 1-5 (each) wireless house (anchor to Army)	3 operators wireless and line, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
4-seater, car, 4 x 4, 2	Major (second-in-command) Batman Intelligence dutyman Driver, I.C.	3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. 1 Stores L.M.G.	2 clerks, R. Signals Operator, wireless and line, R. Signals Driver, I.C., R. Signals
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4, 1 (draws 10-cwt. trailer)	Technical officer Batman-driver Regimental serjeant major	3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. 2 Stores and spares Charging set 4-K.W.	Electrician, R. Signals Cook, A.C.C. Batman, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4, 2 (draws 10-cwt. trailer)	Intelligence officer (captain) Batman-driver	3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, cipher	Lieutenant, R. Signal Instrument mechanic, R. Signals
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4, 3 (draws 10-cwt. trailer)	Adjutant Batman-driver	3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, wireless "I" 6 receivers	Serjeant, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel 1 No. 22 set L.M.G.	Intelligence subaltern 2 driver-operators		
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel 2 No. 22 set L.M.G.	Intelligence subaltern 2 driver-operators		
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 troop carrying (draws 1-ton trailer) L.M.G.	Major (intelligence) 5 clerks Driver-mechanic		
Administrative troop			
Motor-cycle, solo 1	Medical officer's orderly		
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 1	2 cooks, A.C.C. Driver, I.C.	15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 1 (draws 10-cwt. trailer) L.M.G.	2 vehicle mechanics Intelligence dutyman
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 2	Water dutyman Sanitary dutyman Driver, I.C.	15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 2 (draws 10-cwt. trailer) L.M.G.	Serjeant Administrative corporal Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 3	Serjeant mechanist Electrician Vehicle mechanic	15-cwt. trucks, 4 x 2, 1-4 (each) wireless house No. 12 set L.P.	3 operators wireless and line, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 4	Serjeant clerk Serjeant technical storeman Equipment repairer	15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel No. 22 ser L.M.G.	Squadron commander (major) 2 driver operators
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. L.M.G.	Regimental quarter-master-serjeant Quarter-master Clerk Storeman Orderly Driver-mechanic	3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. 1 L.M.G.	Intelligence dutyman Storeman 2 cooks, A.C.C. Driver, I.C.
Signals troop		3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. 2 Charging set, 1,260-watt	Electrician, R. Signals Batman, R. Signals Cook, A.C.C. Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
Motor-cycle, solo 1	Company serjeant-major, R. Signals		

## ARMY GROUP SQUADRON

## Squadron headquarters

Motor-cycle, solo 1	Lieutenant, R. Signals
Motor-cycle, solo 2	Instrument mechanic, R. Signals
Motor-cycles, solo 3-6 (each)	Motor-cyclist
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4	Squadron serjeant-major Medical officer's orderly Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 1 (draws 10-cwt. trailer) L.M.G.	2 vehicle mechanics Intelligence dutyman
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 2 (draws 10-cwt. trailer) L.M.G.	Serjeant Administrative corporal Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. trucks, 4 x 2, 1-4 (each) wireless house No. 12 set L.P.	3 operators wireless and line, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel No. 22 ser L.M.G.	Squadron commander (major) 2 driver operators
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. 1 L.M.G.	Intelligence dutyman Storeman 2 cooks, A.C.C. Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. 2 Charging set, 1,260-watt	Electrician, R. Signals Batman, R. Signals Cook, A.C.C. Driver-mechanic, R. Signals

3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, troop carrying Office	Intelligence captain 2 intelligence dutymen Batman-driver
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, wireless "I" 4 R. 107 receivers	Serjeant, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
Six patrols (each)	
Motor-cycle, solo 1	Driver-operator
Motor-cycle, solo 2	Motor cyclist
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4 (draws 10-cwt. trailer) R. 107 receiver	Driver-operator Vehicle mechanic
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel L.M.G.	Intelligence officer (captain or subaltern) 2 driver-operators
"J" troop	
Motor-cycle, solo 1	Driver-operator
Motor-cycle, solo 2	Serjeant
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4 (draws 10-cwt. trailer) R. 107 receiver	Vehicle mechanic Intelligence dutyman
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, 1 wireless house 2 R. 107 receivers	3 driver-operators
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, 2 wireless house 2 R. 107 receivers	2 driver-operators
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, 3 wireless house No. 12 set, L.P L.M.G.	3 operators, wireless and line, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel No. 22 set L.M.G.	Intelligence subaltern 2 driver-operators

TWO ARMY SQUADRONS (EACH)

Operations and intelligence troop

Motor-cycle, solo 1	Intelligence subaltern
Motor-cycle, solo 2	Squadron serjeant-major
Motor-cycle, solo 3	Intelligence serjeant
Motor-cycles, solo 4-5 (each)	Motor-cyclist
4-seater car, 4 x 4	Major (intelligence) Intelligence subaltern Driver, I.C.
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4 (draws 10-cwt. trailer)	2 intelligence subalterns Batman-driver
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. (draws 10-cwt. trailer) L.M.G.	3 clerks Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, 1 personnel No. 22 set	Major 2 driver-operators
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, 2 personnel No. 22 set	Intelligence captain Orderly Driver-operator
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, troop carrying (draws 1-ton trailer) L.M.G.	Intelligence captain 4 intelligence dutymen Orderly Driver, I.C.

Administrative troop

5-cwt. car, 4 x 4 (draws 10-cwt. water trailer)	Captain Batman-driver
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 1 (draws 10-cwt. trailer)	Cook, A.C.C. Orderly Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 2 (draws water trailer)	Water dutyman Sanitary dutyman Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 3 (draws 10-cwt. trailer)	2 vehicle mechanics
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 4 (draws 10-cwt. trailer)	Technical storeman Orderly Administrative corporal Medical officer,s orderly
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. L.M.G.	Squadron quarter-master-serjeant Clerk Storeman Orderly Driver, I.C.
Signals troop	
Motor-cycle, solo, 1	Lieutenant, R. Signals
Motor-cycle, solo, 2	Vehicle mechanic, R. Signals
Motor-cycle, solo, 3	Foreman of signals, R. Signals
Motor-cycles, solo 4-8 (each)	Despatch rider, R. Signals
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4 (draws 10-cwt. trailer)	Captain, R. Signals Batman-driver, R. Signals
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. (draws 10-cwt. trailer) Cable detachment	2 linemen, R. Signals
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, 1 wireless house (rear link to Army Group)	3 operators, wireless and line, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, 2 wireless house (anchor to 1, 2 and 3 patrols)	3 operators, wireless and line, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, 3 wireless house (anchor to 4, 5 and 6 patrols)	3 operators, wireless and line, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, 4 wireless house (anchor to 7, 8 and 9 patrols)	3 operators, wireless and line, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, 5 wireless house (anchor to "J" troop)	3 operators, wireless and line, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, 6 wireless house ("J" stepping set at Army)	3 operators, wireless and line, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, 7 wireless house (guard set at Army)	3 operators, wireless and line, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. 1 Technical workshop L.M.G.	4 instrument mechanics, R. Signals Storeman, R. Signals 2 cooks, A.C.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. 2 Charging set, 4-K.W.	Electrician, R. Signals Driver-mechanic, R. Signals

3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, cipher	Electrician, R. Signals Instrument mechanic, R. Signals	5-cwt. car, 4 x 4 (draws 10-cwt. trailer)	3	Vehicle mechanic Batman-driver
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, wireless "I"	2 serjeants, R. Signals	15-cwt. trucks, 4 x 2, 1-3 (each)		3 operators, wireless and line, R. Signals
6 R. 107 receivers	Driver-mechanic, R. Signals	wireless house		Driver-mechanic
	Nine patrols (each)	No. 12 set L.P. L.M.G.		
Motor-cycle, solo	1 Driver-operator	15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2 wireless house	4	2 driver-operators
Motor-cycle, solo	2 Motor-cyclist	2 R. 107 receivers		
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4 (draws 10-cwt. trailer)	Driver-operator Vehicle mechanic	15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2 wireless house	5	3 driver-operators
R. 107 receiver		2 R. 107 receivers		
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel	Intelligence officer (captain or subaltern)	15-cwt. trucks, 4 x 4, 1-3 (each)		Intelligence subaltern 2 driver-operators
No. 22 set	2 driver-operators	personnel		
L.M.G.	"J" troop	No. 22 set		
	Motor-cycles, solo 1-3 (each)	L.M.G.		
	Motor-cycles, solo, 4-5 (each)	3-ton lorries, 4 x 4, 1-3 (each)		5 driver-operators
	Motor-cycle, solo 6	wireless "I"		
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4 (draws 10-cwt. trailer)	1 Administrative corporal	4 R. 107 receivers		
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4 (draws 10-cwt. trailer)	2 Cook, A.C.C. Batman-driver	L.M.G.		

#### NOTES

1. Three aircraft (to be piloted by officers of the regiment) will be supplied and maintained by the Royal Air Force.
2. Any squadron required to operate with non-British formations will be increased by one lorry, 3-ton, 4 x 4, stores and one driver, I.C., for the carriage of additional M.T. spares.
3. For army groups of more than two armies one additional army squadron will be added per army.

#### NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS AND ATTACHED PERSONNEL

First reinforcements (to be trained by the training and holding squadron, G.H.Q. liaison regiment and then attached for final training with the regiment)—

Captains (intelligence officers)	2
Subalterns (intelligence officers)	12
Serjeants	2
Corporals	3
Lance-corporals	5
Troopers, etc.	39
Signalmen	7

The following tradesmen will be included in the above—

Clerk, general duties	1
Driver-mechanics (R. Signals)	2
Driver-operators	17
Electrician	1
Electrician (R. Signals)	1
Vehicle mechanics	5
Vehicle mechanic, R. Signals	1
Instrument mechanic, R. Signals	1
Operators (wireless and line)	2