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A TRAINING REGIMENT, ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

Consisting of –

Headquarters; headquarter squadron of administrative wing and training cadre; 4 recruit squadrons each of 4 troops.

This establishment is designed to produce 280 trained men monthly in the proportions given below –

Clerks	4
Cooks	4
Fitters	14
Motor mechanics	14
Electricians	6
Carpenter	1
Equipment repairer	1
Technical storemen	2
Gunners	84
Drivers, I.C.	72
Driver operators	46
Driver mechanics	32
Total	280

1 squad of 70 recruits will be formed each week. This establishment will be the standard for all R.A.C. training regiments.

At any given time there are 16 weekly intakes under training plus a further 4 weekly intakes of driver operators and driver mechanics who are training for a further month. Each recruit squadron is divided into 4 troops each of 70 men, with a proportion of specialists.

HOME WAR ESTABLISHMENT

This establishment supersedes W.E. V/1931/56/1 in War Establishments, 1931, Vol V.

(i) *Summary of ranks*

R. Signals – Instrument mechanic	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1
R.A.M.C. – Medical officer	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
R.A.O.C. – Armourer staff-serjeant	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
A.P.T.S. – instructors	...	...	(t) 2	...	...	...	...	2
Civilian personnel	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Total, training regiment including attached	42	316	150	13	79	329	1,316	1,824

(ii) Distribution of personnel by trades and duties

Detail	Headquarters	Headquarters squadron		4 recruit training squadrons			Total, 4 recruit squadrons	Total, training regiment, Royal Armoured Corps
		Administrative wing	Training cadre	Squadron headquarters	4 troops (each)	Total, each recruit squadron		
ADMINISTRATIVE								
Lieutenant-colonel	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Major	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Captains	...	...	...	1	...	1	4	4
Adjutant	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Technical adjutant (captain or subaltern)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Subalterns	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Quarter-master	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total, officers	4	3	...	1	...	1	4	11
Regimental serjeant-majors	1	(c) 1	...	...	...	...	...	2
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Squadron serjeant-majors	...	(c) 1	...	1	...	1	4	5
Quarter-master-serjeant (technical)	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Mechanist quarter-master-serjeant	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Quarter-master-serjeant, clerk	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total, warrant officers	2	5	...	1	...	1	4	11
Serjeants mechanist	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Serjeant, technical storeman	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1

Squadron quarter-master-serjeants	...	(d) 2	...	1	...	1	4	6	
Provost serjeant	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Serjeant clerk	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Staff-serjeant cook	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Serjeant cooks	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Serjeant i/c mechanical transport	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
Serjeant i/c ranges	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants		2	12	...	1	...	1	4	18
Regimental police	(u) 8	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Batmen (r)	(h) 18	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
Butcher	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Carpenter and joiner	...	(u) 3	...	...	...	...	...	3
Clerks (tradesmen)	(u) 2	(u) 2	1	...	...	...	...	(j) 6
Clerks (non-tradesmen) (s)	3	4	2	1	...	1	4	13	
Cooks for –									
Officers' mess	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Serjeants' mess	} (r) (s) {	(o) 3	...	...	...	...	...	3
Rank and file mess		(g) 22	...	...	...	...	...	22
Drivers, I.C.	...	(k) 132	...	...	...	...	...	132
Equipment repairers	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fitters	...	(v) 14	...	...	...	...	...	14
Electricians	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
Medical officer's orderlies	...	(o) 2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Mess servants for –									
Officers' mess	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3
Serjeants' mess	} (r) (s) {	5	...	...	...	...	...	5
Mess orderlies, rank and file mess	...	(f) 25	...	...	...	...	...	25
Motor mechanics	...	17	...	...	...	...	...	17
Office orderlies	1	1	1	1	...	1	4	7	
Postmen	...	(o) 2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Room orderlies	...	...	...	5	...	5	20	20
Sanitary duties (r)	...	(u) 8	...	...	...	...	...	8
Storemen	...	4	...	1	...	1	4	8	
Technical storemen	...	(m) 6	...	...	...	...	...	6
Bath orderlies (r)	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	2
Regimental institutes	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	3

Troopers	...	...	...	...	75	300	1,200	(p) 1,200
Attached – Army physical training staff instructor	...	...	(t) 2	...	...	...	...	2

(iii) *Vehicles*

Motor cycles	42
Cars, 2-seater, 4-wheeled	2
Cars, 4-seater, 4-wheeled	1
Wheeled vehicles (driving instruction)	37
Improvised tanks	15
Tracked vehicles (old pattern)	47
Tracked vehicles (service pattern)	30

(iv) *Table of weapons (excluding those in A.F.Vs.)*

Pistols, .38-inch	1,400
Rifles, .303-inch	200
Light machine guns, .303-inch	10
7.92-mm. Besa	22
15-mm. Besa	4
2-pr. pieces	5
2-inch S.of D. mortars	2
2-inch howitzers	2
Anti-tank rifles	8
Vickers M.G., Mark I, with tripod	8
Thompson sub-calibre machine pistols	8

- (a) 26 may be lance-serjeants apart from those ranks allotted to tradesmen (*see note (v)*).
- (b) 51 may be lance-corporals apart from those allowed by note (o) and tanks allotted to tradesmen (*see note (v)*).
- (c) For tank park duties.
- (d) 1 for pay duties.
- (f) Includes 2 corporals.
- (g) Includes 3 corporals.

- (h)* Includes 6 for officers held as reinforcements.
- (j)* Includes 2 lance-corporals.
- (k)* Includes 21 corporals.
- (m)* Includes 1 lance-serjeant, 1 corporal and 2 lance-corporals.
- (n)* If civilians are not available additional serjeants may be added to the establishment.
- (o)* Lance-corporals.
- (p)* 20 per cent. of the number under training may be appointed unpaid lance-corporals.
- (q)* Includes 40 driver mechanics and 15 driver operators.
- (r)* May be civilians.
- (s)* May be A.T.S.
- (t)* Includes 1 quarter-master-serjeant.
- (u)* Includes 1 corporal.
- (v)* Of the 17 rank and file fitters and electricians 2 may be lance-serjeants, 4 corporals and 4 lance-corporals.

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