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CAVALRY REGIMENT.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT.

GREAT AND SMALL WARS.

79/1321

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(i) Summary

Detail.	Personnel.						Horses.				Vehicles.		Remarks.
	Officers.	Warrant officers.	Staff-serjeants and serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and file.	Total.	Riding.	Draught.	Pack.	Total.	Motor cycles.	Bicycles.	
Regimental headquarters	4	2	1	..	1	8	13	..	..	13	..	1	
Headquarter wing	6	1	14	..	199	220	162	56	26	244	1	21	
Headquarter wing (attached)	1	..	2	..	..	3	2	..	..	2	..	2	
Three squadrons	18	3	21	6	408	456	429	48	27	504	..	18	
Total, regiment (excluding attached)	28	6	36	6	608	684	604	104	53	761	1	40	
Total, regiment (including attached)	29	6	38	6	608	687	606	104	53	763	1	42	
<i>Details left at base –</i>													
<i>Orderly-room clerk</i>	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
First reinforcement	3	..	4	..	61	68	68	..	..	68	..	..

NOTE. – Of the 36 corporals 7 may be lance-serjeants, and of the privates 30 may be lance-corporals.

COMPOSITION IN DETAIL.

(ii) Personnel, &c.

Detail.	Personnel.						Horses.				Vehicles.		Remarks.
	Officers.	Warrant officers.	Staff-serjeants and serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and file.	Total.	Riding.	Draught.	Pack.	Total.	Motor cycles.	Bicycles.	
REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS													
Lieutenant-colonel	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	..
Major (2nd-in-command)	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	..
Adjutant	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	..
Quartermaster	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Regimental serjeant-major	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Regimental quartermaster-serjeant	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
<i>Orderly-room serjeant (a)</i>	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Orderly-room clerks	..	..	(b)1	..	1	2	1	..	..	1	..	1
Total, regimental headquarters	4	2	1	..	1	8	13	..	..	13	..	1
HEADQUARTER WING (c)													
<i>Wing headquarters –</i>													
Squadron quartermaster-serjeant	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Clerk	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Storeman	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total, wing headquarters	..	..	1	..	2	3	1	..	..	1	..	2
<i>No.1 Group (Signallers) –</i>													
Signalling officer (d)	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	..
Signallers	..	..	1	..	(e)9	10	10	..	1	11	..	..
Despatch rider	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	1	..
Orderlies and horse-holders	..	..	..	..	3	3	3	..	..	3	..	..

(a) Attached to General Headquarters, 2nd Echelon.
(b) Serjeant or corporal.

(c) The senior group commander commands the headquarter wing.

(d) Subaltern.
(e) Includes a lance-corporal.

Detail.	Personnel.						Horses.				Vehicles.		Remarks.
	Officers.	Warrant officers.	Staff-serjeants and serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and file.	Total.	Riding.	Draught.	Pack.	Total.	Motor cycles.	Bicycles.	
Batmen	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, No.1 Group	1	..	1	..	15	17	16	..	1	17	1	..	
<i>No.2 Group (Machine-Gun Troop) – Troop Headquarters –</i>													
Major or captain	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	..
Serjeant	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Farrier-corporal	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Clerk	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Signallers	..	..	..	..	3	3	3	..	..	3	..	..
Orderlies and horse-holders	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..
Batmen (f)	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	..	(f) Batmen for whom horses are allowed act as mounted orderlies.
Total, troop headquarters	1	..	1	..	9	11	11	..	..	11	..	1	
<i>Two sections (each of four machine guns), each –</i>													
Subaltern	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	..
Serjeants	..	..	2	..	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..
Corporals	..	..	..	..	4	4	4	..	..	4	..	..
Farriers	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..
Privates	..	..	..	..	(g)36	36	36	..	12	48	..	..	(g) Includes gun numbers, horseholders, range takers and 12 pack horse leaders.
Signallers	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..
Scouts	..	..	..	..	6	6	6	..	..	6	..	..
Drivers –													
For vehicles	..	..	..	..	9	9	..	18	..	18	..	..
For spare horses	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	2	..	..
Spare	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..

Detail.	Personnel.						Horses.				Vehicles.		Remarks.
	Officers.	Warrant officers.	Staff-serjeants and serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and file.	Total.	Riding.	Draught.	Pack.	Total.	Motor cycles.	Bicycles.	
Batmen (f)	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	..
Total, section	1	..	2	..	63	66	56	20	12	88	..	..
Total, No.2 Group	3	..	5	..	135	143	123	40	24	187	..	1	
<i>No.3 Group (Administrative) –</i>													
Assistant adjutant (d)	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	..
Farrier quartermaster-serjeant	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Farrier-serjeant	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Serjeant-cook and cooks	..	..	1	..	(h)6	7	..	..	..	..	..	6	(h) Includes 1 for officers' mess.
Saddler-serjeant and saddler	..	..	1	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	
Saddletree-maker	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Wheeler	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Farriers	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..
Serjeant-trumpeter	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Officers' mess	..	..	1	..	2	3	..	..	..	..	..	3	
Provost-serjeant	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Postman	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Water duties	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..
Sanitary duties	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	
Medical officer's orderly	..	..	..	..	(i)1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	(i) A lance-corporal.
Batmen (f)	..	..	..	..	(j)12	12	4	..	..	4	..	..	(j) Includes 2 for medical officer and 1 for R.S.M.
Total, No.3 Group	1	1	6	..	31	39	16	..	..	16	..	16	
<i>No.4 Group (Transport) –</i>													
Transport officer (d)	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	..
Transport serjeant	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Drivers –													
For vehicles	..	..	..	..	7	7	..	14	..	14	..	..

Detail.	Personnel.						Horses.				Vehicles.		Remarks.
	Officers.	Warrant officers.	Staff-serjeants and serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and file.	Total.	Riding.	Draught.	Pack.	Total.	Motor cycles.	Bicycles.	
For spare horses	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	2	..	..
Spare	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Anti-aircraft Hotchkiss gunners (k)	..	..	..	..	(l)5	5	3	..	1	4	..	2
Batmen	..	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, No.4 Group	1	..	1	..	16	18	6	16	1	23	..	2	
Total, headquarter wing (excluding attached)	6	1	14	..	199	220	162	56	26	244	1	21	
<i>Attached –</i>													
Chaplain (m)	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Batman to Chaplain	..	..	..	..	(n)1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1
Medical Officer	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	..
Veterinary officer (m)	1	..	..	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	..	..
Batmen to veterinary officer (o)	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	..
Armourers, R.A.O.C.	..	..	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	2
Drivers, R.A.S.C., M.T. (train transport) (p)	..	..	..	..	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total attached	1	..	2	..	..	3	2	..	..	2	..	2
Total, headquarter wing (including attached)	7	1	16	..	199	223	164	56	26	246	1	23	
THREE SQUADRONS (each)													

(k) 1 gun is carried on the pack horse, the other in the L.G.S. wagon for cooks and signal equipment (See Note z).
(l) Includes a corporal.

(m) If allotted out of the establishment of chaplains or veterinary offices for a cavalry brigade.
(n) May be provided from personnel unfit for general service with fighting units.

(o) Trained men, R.A.V.C.

(p) Provided by the cavalry divisional train.

Detail.	Personnel.						Horses.				Vehicles.		Remarks.
	Officers.	Warrant officers.	Staff-serjeants and serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and file.	Total.	Riding.	Draught.	Pack.	Total.	Motor cycles.	Bicycles.	
<i>Squadron headquarters –</i>													
Major	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	..
Captain	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	..
Squadron serjeant-major	..	1	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Squadron quartermaster-serjeant	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Farrier-serjeant	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Saddler	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Trumpeters	..	..	..	2	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..
Signallers	..	..	..	..	(q)3	3	3	..	..	3	..	..	(q) Includes a corporal and a lance-corporal.
Water duties	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Sanitary duties	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Clerk	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Storeman	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	
Cooks	..	..	..	..	(h)3	3	..	..	..	..	..	2	
Drivers –													
For vehicles	..	..	..	..	7	7	..	14	..	14	..	..
For spare horses	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	2	..	2	..	..
Batmen (f)	..	..	..	..	4	4	2	..	..	2	..	..
Total, squadron headquarters	2	1	2	2	23	30	17	16	..	33	..	6	
<i>Three troops (each) –</i>													
Subaltern	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	..
Serjeant	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Corporals	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..
Farrier	..	..	..	..	(r)1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	(r) The farrier and 1 batman ride in the ranks.
Privates	..	..	..	..	25	25	25	..	(s)1	26	..	..	(s) For S.A.A.
Batmen	..	..	..	..	(r)2	2	1	..	..	1	..	..

Detail.	Personnel.						Horses.				Vehicles.		Remarks.
	Officers.	Warrant officers.	Staff-serjeants and serjeants.	Trumpeters.	Rank and file.	Total.	Riding.	Draught.	Pack.	Total.	Motor cycles.	Bicycles.	
Total, each troop	1	..	1	..	30	32	33	..	1	34	..	..
<i>One Hotchkiss Gun Troop (4 guns) –</i>													
Subaltern	1	..	..	..	..	1	3	..	..	3	..	..
Serjeants	..	..	2	..	..	2	2	..	..	2	..	..
Corporals	..	..	..	..	2	2	2	..	..	2	..	..
Farrier	..	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..
Privates	..	..	..	..	(t)18	18	18	..	(u)6	24	..	..	(t) 8 gun numbers, 4 ammunition numbers, 4 horse-holders, 2 scouts. (u) 4 for Hotchkiss guns, 2 for ammunition.
Batmen (f)	..	..	..	..	2	2	1	..	..	1	..	..
Total, Hotchkiss gun troop	1	..	2	..	23	26	27	..	6	33	..	..
Total, each squadron (excluding attached)	6	1	7	2	(v)136	152	143	16	9	168	..	6	(v) 4 men per squadron are trained in first aid.
Attached.													
Drivers, R.A.S.C., M.T. (train transport) (p)	..	..	..	..	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	..
Total, each squadron (including attached)	6	1	7	2	136	152	143	16	9	168	..	6	

(iii) Transport.

Detail.	Headquarter wing.					Each squadron.					Total regiment.					Remarks.
	Vehicles.	Drivers.	Horses.			Vehicles.	Drivers.	Horses.			Vehicles.	Drivers.	Horses.			
			Draught.	Pack.	Total.			Draught.	Pack.	Total.			Draught.	Pack.	Total.	
For spare horses	..	3	6	..	6	..	1	2	..	2	..	6	12	..	12	
Spare	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	..
<i>Train transport (p) –</i>																
<i>Lorries, light –</i>																
<i>For baggage</i>	2	2	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	5	5	..	..	..
<i>For supplies and forage</i>	3	3	..	..	..	2	2	..	..	..	9	9	..	..	..
Total	35	32	56	26	82	10	8	16	9	25	65	56	104	53	157	

(y) Vickers machine gun ammunition is distributed as follows:-

Where carried.	Rounds per gun.	How packed.
Gun pack	250	1 belt box with each gun.
Ammunition pack.	1,250 (and water)	5 belt boxes with each gun.
Ammunition pack.	1,500	6 belt boxes with each gun.
Total with gun	3,000	
L.G.S. wagon	2,000	8 belt boxes, troop reserve.
L.G.S. wagon	7,000	Bundle packed, regimental reserve.
Total with regiment	12,000	

(z) Hotchkiss gun ammunition is distributed as follows:-

Where carried.	Rounds per gun.	How packed.
<i>For squadron guns –</i> Nos. 2 and 3 Horses of Nos. 1, 2 and 3 Gun pack horse. ½ ammunition pack horse Total with gun In squadron L.G.S. wagon Total with regiment <i>For A.A. guns –</i> For gun in cook's cart For gun on pack horse	108	In bandolier; 6 strips (9 round).
	720	In wallets; 4 strips (30 round).
	1,200	4 carriers; 10 strips (30 rounds).
	900	3 carriers; 10 strips (30 round).
	2,928	
	900	3 carriers; 10 strips (30 round) (squadron reserve).
	3,828	
	1,200	4 carriers; 10 strips (30 rounds).