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A TRAINING REGIMENT, ROYAL ARMOURED CORPS

Consisting of –

Headquarters; headquarter squadron of administrative wing and training cadre; depot squadron and 2 recruit training squadrons of headquarters and 5 troops each.

This establishment is designed to produce 128 trained men monthly in the proportions given below –

---	Light	Heavy	Army
Clerks	2	2	2
Cooks	2	2	2
Fitters	3	3	3
Motor mechanics	3	3	3
Electricians	1	1	1
Carpenters	.5	.5	.5
Driver mechanics	12	16	16
Drivers, I.C.	38	36	33
Gunners	42	40	43
Wireless operators	23	23	23
Equipment repairers	.5	.5	.5
Storeman, technical	1	1	1
Total	128	128	128

1 squad of 32 recruits will be formed each week.

This establishment is for –

Light training regiments, R.A.C.

Heavy training regiments, R.A.C.

Army training regiments, R.A.C.

Small variations in personnel and equipment are shown at the end of the establishment.

HOME WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Headquarters	Headquarter squadron		Depot squadron (a)	2 recruit training squadrons (each)			Total, 2 recruit training squadrons	Total, training regiment, R.A.C.
		Administrative wing	Training centre		Squadron headquarters	5 troops (each)	Total, each recruit squadron		
Lieutenant-colonel	1	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	1
Majors	1	::	1	1	::	::	::	::	3
Majors or captains	::	::	::	::	1	::	1	2	2
Captains	::	1	::	1	::	::	::	::	2
Captains or subalterns	...	::	7	2	1	...	1	2	11
Adjutant	1	::	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Technical adjutant (captain or subaltern)	1	::	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Subalterns	1	...	...	4	2	...	2	4	9
Quarter-master	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total, officers	5	2	8	8	4	...	4	8	31
Regimental serjeant-major, warrant officer, class I	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant, warrant officer, class II	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Squadrons serjeant-majors, warrant officers, class II	...	1	5	1	1	...	1	2	9
Quarter-master-serjeant (technical), warrant officer, class II	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Mechanist quarter-master-serjeant, warrant officer, class II	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total, warrant officers	1	5	5	1	1	...	1	2	14
Squadron quarter-master-serjeants	...	2	...	1	1	...	1	2	5
Serjeants	2	10	28	5	...	1	5	10	55
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	2	12	28	6	1	1	6	12	60
Corporals	2	35	56	11	...	3	15	30	(b) 134
Troopers	11	236	30	133	11	69	356	712	(c) 1,122
Total, rank and file	13	271	86	144	11	72	371	742	(v) 1,256

Storemen	...	4	...	2	2	...	2	4	(n) 10
Technical storemen	...	(g)(h) 4	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Bath orderlies	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Regimental institutes	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Corporals' room	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Lecture room models and ranges (x)	...	(m) 14	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Guard and general duties	...	(h) 12	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Total, rank and file	13	(k) 271	3	6	11	...	11	22	315
Total, administrative	21	290	3	9	14	...	14	28	352
<i>Attached –</i>									
R. Signals – Instrument mechanics	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
R.A.M.C. – Medical officer	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
R.A.O.C. – Armourer staff-serjeant	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
INSTRUCTIONAL									
Majors	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	2
Majors or captains	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	2	2
Captains or subalterns	...	...	7	2	...	...	...	...	9
Subalterns	...	...	...	4	2	...	2	4	8
Total, officers	...	...	8	7	3	...	3	6	21
Squadron serjeant-major (instructor in driving)	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Squadron serjeant-major (instructor in driving and maintenance)	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Squadron serjeant-major (instructor in gunnery)	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Squadron serjeant-major (instructor in wireless)	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Squadron serjeant-major	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Total, warrant officers	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	5
Serjeants (instructors in driving and maintenance)	...	...	12	...	...	...	...	...	12
Serjeants (instructors in gunnery)	...	...	10	...	...	...	...	...	10
Serjeants (instructors in wireless)	...	...	5	...	...	...	...	...	5
Serjeant clerk	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Serjeants	...	...	...	5	...	1	5	10	15
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	...	...	28	5	...	1	5	10	43
Corporal, technical storeman	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
Corporals (instructors in driving and maintenance)	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	21
Corporals (instructors in gunnery)	...	...	23	...	...	...	...	...	23
Corporals (instructors in wireless)	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	11
Corporal drivers, I.C. (r)	...	...	...	10	...	3	15	30	40

Troopers, drivers, I.C.	...	...	(o) 27	...	...	...	...	...	27
Total, rank and file	...	...	83	10	...	3	15	30	123
Total, instructional	...	...	124	22	3	4	23	46	(u) 192
Attached – Army physical training staff instructor	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1
UNDER INSTRUCTION									
Troopers	...	...	...	128	...	69	345	690	818
Total, under instruction	...	...	...	128	...	69	345	(t) 690	(p) 818

(iii) *Transport*

Detail	Light training regiment	Heavy training regiment	Army training regiment
Motor cycles, solo	26	26	26
Cars, 2-seater, 4-wheeled	2	2	2
Cars, 4-seater, 4-wheeled	1	1	1
Wheeled vehicles for driving instruction	52	52	52
Scout carriers	12	...	...
Improvised tanks (lorries)	12	12	12
Tracked vehicles, old pattern	40	40	40
Light tanks	20	...	...
Cruiser tanks	...	20	...
"I" tanks	...	...	20

(iv) *Weapons (excluding weapons mounted in A.F.Vs.)*

Detail	Light training regiment	Heavy training regiment	Army training regiment
Pistols, .38-inch or .45-inch	800	800	800
Rifles, .303-inch	200	50	50
Machine guns (Vickers), tank pattern, .303-inch	22	...	...

Machine guns (Vickers), tank pattern, .5-inch	19	...	...
Light machine guns, .303-inch Besa, medium	18	10	10
Besa, heavy	...	22	22
A.T. rifles, .55-inch	...	19	19
Machine guns (Vickers), Mark I (with tripod), .303-inch	8	4	4
	...	8	8

- (a) To administer and train 128 men (1 month's output) as well as men returning from the Field Force in varying numbers.
- (b) 22 may be lance-serjeants.
- (c) In addition to the 27 allowed by note (o), 49 may be lance-corporals.
- (d) For administrative duties.
- (e) 7 are for officers held for reinforcements. When possible will be found from returned casualties.
- (f) 1 regimental serjeant-major and 1 squadron serjeant-major, for tank park and garages.
- (g) This establishment is designed to meet the requirements of a light training regiment, R.A.C.

For a heavy or army training regiment, the following additional personnel may be allowed:-

Fitters	7	} Including 1 mechanist staff-serjeant, 3 corporals and 1 lance-corporals.
Electricians	4	
Motor mechanics	7	
Drivers, I.C.	8	
Storemen technical	3	Including 1 corporal.

- (h) Includes, or is, a corporal
- (k) May be unfit for general service with fighting units.
- (l) Includes 20 corporals.
- (m) Includes 2 corporals.
- (n) May be Auxiliary Territorial Service.
- (o) Lance-corporals.
- (p) 20 per cent. of the number under training may be appointed unpaid lance-corporals at the discretion of the commanding officer, but they will relinquish this appointment on leaving the unit.
- (q) 1 for pay duties.
- (r) Includes 1 corporal physical training instructor for depot squadron and 3 for each recruit squadron.
- (s) Includes 3 corporals and 2 lance-corporals.

(t) Owing to the increased number of driver-mechanics and driver-operators in heavy and army training regiments the number of troopers under instruction in the recruit squadron rises to 694 for both these units; totals are therefore:-

---	Light training regiment	Heavy and army training regiment
Total, rank and file	1,256	1,288
Total, other ranks	1,330	1,363
Total, all ranks	1,361	1,394

(u) To meet the variations in intake between different regiments, the following alterations will be made to the instructional establishment of heavy and army training regiments:-

Heavy training regiment	Army training regiment
4 additional driving and maintenance instructors.	2 additional gunnery instructors.
4 less gunnery instructors.	2 less driving and maintenance instructors.

These additional instructors may be either serjeants or corporals provided that the total numbers of each rank laid down for a Light Training Regiment are not exceeded.

(v) Includes 40 driver-mechanics and 13 driver-operators.

(x) May be civilians.

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