

**Vehicle Organizations  
British Battalions & Regiments  
1940-1945**

Armored Regiment May 1940

RHQ & HQ  
4 Cruiser Tanks  
3 Armored Squadrons, each with  
1 Squadron HQ  
2 cruiser tanks  
2 CS cruiser tanks  
4 Troops, each with:  
3 cruiser tanks

Armored Regiments, March 1942, Middle East Stuart/Grant

RHQ & HQ  
4 Stuart Tanks  
1 Light Squadron  
1 Squadron HQ  
4 Stuart tanks  
4 Troops, each with:  
4 Stuart tanks  
3 Heavy Squadrons, each with  
1 Squadron HQ  
3 Grant tanks  
4 Troops, each with:  
3 Grant tanks

Armored Regiments, March 1942, Middle East Cruiser/Grant

RHQ & HQ  
4 Cruiser Tanks  
2 Light Squadrons, each with:  
1 Squadron HQ  
4 Cruiser tanks  
4 Troops, each with:  
4 Cruiser tanks  
1 Heavy Squadron  
1 Squadron HQ  
3 Grant tanks  
4 Troops, each with:  
3 Grant tanks

Armored Regiments, August 1942, Middle East

RHQ & HQ  
4 Sherman Tanks  
4 AA Tanks  
3 Heavy Squadrons, each with  
1 Squadron HQ  
3 Sherman Tanks  
4 Troops, each with:  
3 Sherman Tanks

Armored Regiments, August 1942, United Kingdom

RHQ & HQ Squadron  
4 Cruiser Tanks  
8 AA Tanks  
12 Scout Cars  
3 Heavy Squadrons, each with  
1 Squadron HQ  
2 Cruiser Tanks  
2 CS Cruiser Tanks  
5 Troops, each with:  
3 Cruiser Tanks

Armored Regiments, November 1943

RHQ  
4 Cruiser Tanks  
HQ Squadron  
Squadron HQ  
Reconnaissance Troop  
11 Light Tanks  
AA Troop  
6 AA tanks  
Communications Troop  
12 Scout Cars  
3 Heavy Squadrons, each with  
1 Squadron HQ  
2 Cruiser Tanks  
2 CS Cruiser Tanks  
5 Troops, each with:  
3 Cruiser Tanks

Tank Battalion, October 1939

BHQ  
2 Infantry Tanks  
4 Light Tanks  
3 Companies, each with  
Company HQ  
1 Infantry Tank  
1 Light Tank  
5 Sections, each with:  
3 Infantry Tanks

Tank Battalion, April 1941

BHQ & HQ Squadron  
4 Infantry Tanks  
3 Squadrons, each with  
1 Squadron HQ  
1 Infantry Tank  
2 CS Tanks  
5 Troops, each with:  
3 Infantry Tanks

Tank Battalion, August 1942

BHQ

4 Infantry Tanks

2 OP Tanks

HQ Squadron

11 Light Tanks

6 AA Tanks

3 Squadrons, each with

1 Squadron HQ

1 Infantry Tank

2 CS Tanks

5 Troops, each with:

3 Infantry Tanks

Motor Machine Gun Regiment (1940)

RHQ

3 Squadrons, each with

Squadron HQ

3 Troops, each with

6 Utility Cars (2 MMGs, 2 LMGs & 2 Anti-tank rifles)

Armored Car Regiment, March 1941

RHQ & HQ Squadron

4 Armored Cars

3 Squadrons, each with

Squadron HQ

1 Scout Car

5 Troops, each with:

3 Armored Cars

Armored Car Regiment, March 1944

RHQ & HQ Squadron

3 Staghound Armored Cars

4 Squadrons, each with

1 Squadron HQ

3 Staghound Scout Cars

3 Humber Scout Cars

5 Troops, each with:

2 Daimler Armored Cars

2 Humber Armored Car

1 Heavy Troop

2 75mm Armored Cars or halftracks

1 Scout Troop

1 Scout Car

3 Halftracks

Reconnaissance Regiment, March 1941

RHQ & HQ Sqn

1 Armored Car

3 Squadrons, each with:

3 Reconnaissance Troops, each with:

Troop HQ

1 Carrier

1 Truck

- 2 Carrier Sections, each with:
  - 3 Carriers
- 5 Reconnaissance Sections
  - 5 light armored cars
- 1 Assault Troop
  - 4 White Armored Trucks

Reconnaissance Regiment, March 1944

- RHQ
  - 2 Carriers
  - 1 Scout Car
- HQ & HQ Squadron
  - Anti-Tank Battery
    - 2 Anti-Tank Troops, each with:
      - 8 Carriers
      - 4 6-6pdr anti-tank guns
  - Mortar Troop
    - 7 Carriers
    - 6 3" mortars
- 3 Squadrons, each with:
  - Squadron HQ
    - 1 Armored Car
    - 1 Reconnaissance Car
  - 3 Scout Troops
    - Troop HQ
      - 2 Trucks
    - 2 Carrier Sections, each with
      - 3 Carriers
    - 1 Reconnaissance Section
      - 2 Armored Cars
      - 2 Light Reconnaissance Cars
    - 4 Sections, each with:
      - 1 White Armored Truck

Armored Reconnaissance Regiment: March 1944

- RHQ
  - 4 Cromwell Tanks
- HQ Squadron
  - Squadron HQ
    - AA Troop
      - 5 AA Tanks
    - Communication Troop
      - 9 Scout Cars
    - Reconnaissance Troop
      - 12 Scout Cars
- 3 Squadrons, each with:
  - HQ Squadron
    - 4 Cromwell Tanks
    - 2 Halftracks
    - 1 Carrier
    - 1 Scout Car
  - 5 Troops, each with
    - 2 Cromwell Tanks
    - 2 Stuart Tanks

Airborne Armored Reconnaissance Regiment (March 1944)

RHQ

2 Scout Cars

HQ Squadron

Squadron HQ

Admin Troop

1 Carrier

18 Jeeps

Communication Troop

10 Motorcycles

Seaborne Party

8 Cromwell Tanks

Support Squadron

Squadron HQ

2 Medium Machine Gun Troops, each with

4 Carriers

4 Medium Machine Guns

Heavy Mortar Troop

5 Jeeps

4 4.2" mortars

4 Trailers

Infantry Support Troop

1 Scout Car

18 Motorcycles

2 Squadrons

Squadron HQ

2 Scout Cars

6 Motorcycles

1 Jeep

2 Reconnaissance Troops

2 Scout Cars

2 Carriers

1 Heavy Troop

4 Tetrarch

Flail Regiment (March 1944)

RHQ & HQ Squadron

3 Command Tanks

2 Halftracks

2 White Trucks

3 Squadrons, each with:

Squadron HQ

1 Command Tank

2 CS Command Tanks

3 Scout Cars

3 Flail Troops, each with:

5 Sherman Crab flail tanks

Assault Regiment, Royal Engineers March 1944

RHQ & HQ Squadron

1 Scout Car

4 Squadrons, each with:

Squadron HQ

Troop HQ

1 Scout Car

3 Assault Troops  
6 Churchill AVRE  
Assault Dozer Squadron  
Squadron HQ  
Troop HQ  
1 Scout Car  
3 Troops  
4 Centaur Dozers

Assault Regiment, Royal Engineers (Amphibious), September 1944

RHQ & HQ Squadron  
1 Scout Car  
4 Squadrons, each with  
Squadron HQ  
2 Buffalo LVT  
1 Carrier  
2 Scout Cars  
Troop HQ  
1 Scout Car  
3 Assault Troops, each with:  
6 Buffalo LVT  
Supply Squadron  
Squadron HQ  
1 Scout Car  
1 Carrier  
4 Terrapins  
Troop HQ  
1 Scout Car  
2 Terrapins  
3 Troops, each with:  
5 Terrapins

Armored Personnel Carrier Regiment: (December 1944)

RHQ & HQ  
1 Scout Car  
2 Squadrons, each with  
Squadron HQ  
5 Kangaroo APC  
1 Scout Car  
4 APC Troops  
Troop HQ  
3 Kangaroo APCs  
3 Sections, each with:  
3 Kangaroo APCs  
2 Halftracks

Armored Support Regiment, Royal Marines (June 1944)

RHQ  
2 Batteries, each with  
Battery HQ  
4 Troops, each with:  
Troop HQ  
1 Sherman Command Tank  
1 White Truck  
2 Sections, each with:  
2 Centaur 95mm CS Tanks

Divisional Reconnaissance Battalion (1941)

Battalion HQ

1 Armored Car

HQ Squadron

Squadron HQ

18 15cwt trucks

6 3-ton trucks

3 Squadrons, each with:

Squadron HQ

3 Reconnaissance Troops, each with:

4 Armored reconnaissance cars

7 Carriers

1 Assault Troop

4 White Trucks

Motor Battalion (1940)

Battalion HQ & HQ Company

1 Scout Car

4 Motor Companies, each with:

Company HQ

2 15cwt trucks

3 Motor Platoons, each with

3 15cwt trucks

3 LMGs

Scout Platoon

9 Universal Carriers

Motor Battalion (1942)

Battalion HQ & HQ Company

1 Scout Car

Anti-Tank Company

4 Anti-tank Platoons, each with:

6 Bren Gun Carriers

4 2pdr anti-tank guns

3 Motor Companies, each with:

Mortar Section

4 15cwt trucks

2 3" mortars

Motor Platoon

3 15cwt trucks

3 LMGs

MMG Platoon

4 15cwt trucks

4 MMGs

Scout Platoon

9 Bren Gun Carriers

Motor Battalion (1944)

Battalion HQ & HQ Company

1 Scout Car

Support Company

3 Anti-tank Platoons, each with

4 Carriers

2 6pdr anti-tank guns

MMG Platoon  
4 Carriers  
4 Medium Machine Guns  
3 Motor Companies, each with  
Company HQ  
1 Halftrack  
2 Carriers  
2 Scout Cars  
2 3" mortars  
3 Motor Platoons, each with:  
4 Halftracks  
Carrier Platoon  
11 Carriers

Machine Gun Battalion: (1941)

Battalion HQ & HQ Company  
4 MG Companies, each with  
Company HQ  
1 15cwt truck  
3 Machine Gun Platoons  
6 15cwt trucks

*from 1943 the machine gun company was replaced by a mortar company and  
the 15cwt trucks were replaced by carriers*

Mortar Company  
Company HQ  
3 Mortar Platoons, each with:  
1 Carrier AOP  
4 4.2" mortars  
6 Lloyd Carriers

Support Battalion (1943)

Battalion HQ & HQ Company  
2 Jeeps  
1 Scout Car  
1 Carrier  
Machine Gun Company  
Company HQ  
1 Jeep  
3 Machine Gun Platoons, each with:  
6 Carriers  
4 Medium Machine Guns  
Mortar Company  
Company HQ  
1 Jeep  
2 Mortar Platoons, each with:  
4 3" mortars  
4 Carriers  
1 Carrier OP  
Anti-Aircraft Company  
Company HQ  
1 Jeep  
4 15cwt trucks  
4 AA Platoons, each with:  
6 15cwt trucks  
4 20mm Oerlikon AA guns



Infantry Battalion (1940)

Battalion HQ

- 1 Carrier
- 1 Scout Car

HQ Company

Company HQ

- 1 Jeep
- 5 15cwt trucks
- 13 3-ton trucks
- (if RASC Platoon present, add 30 3-ton trucks)

Carrier Platoon

- 2 15cwt trucks
- 14 Carriers

Mortar Platoon

- 3 15cwt trucks
- 6 3" mortars
- 7 Carriers

Pioneer Platoon

- 2 15cwt trucks

AA Platoon

- 4 Twin AA Machine guns
- 4 Anti-tank rifles
- 3 15cwt trucks

4 Rifle Companies, each with:

Company HQ

- 3 15cwt trucks

3 Rifle Platoons

- 30 troops

Infantry Battalion: 1943)

Battalion HQ

- 1 Carrier
- 1 Scout car

HQ Company

Company Headquarters

- 1 Jeep
- 15 15cwt trucks
- 13 3-ton trucks
- (RASC Platoon present, add 30 3-ton trucks)

Support Company

Company Headquarters

- 3 15cwt trucks
- 2 3-ton trucks

Carrier Platoon

- 2 15cwt trucks
- 13 carriers

Anti-Tank Platoon

- 12 carriers
- 6 6pdr anti-tank guns
- 1 Carrier AOP

Mortar Platoon

- 3 15cwt trucks
- 6 3" mortars
- 7 Carriers

Pioneer Platoon  
3 Jeeps  
1 Halftrack  
4 Rifle Companies, each with:  
Company Headquarters  
1 Jeep  
3 15cwt trucks  
1 Carrier  
3 Rifle Platoons  
30 Troops

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