Optional Unofficial MSH Australian Army 2004-2006 TO&E

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Morale: ?

Mechanised/Motorised Battalion

Battalion headquarters: 1-HQ stand in M113 or IMV

Support: 1-SP 81mm mortar stand; 1-M113 or IMV carrying recon infantry stand; 1-Milan stand in M113 (now retired, to be replaced by Javelin); 2-L.Rover/106mmRCL stands ('80s, now retired); 1 stand GPMG in M113 or IMV 4-Mechanised Infantry Companies, each: 3-M113 or IMV infantry combat teams

Light Infantry Battalion

Battalion headquarters: 1-HQ stand

Support: 1-towed 81mm mortar stand; 1-Milan stand in L.Rover (now retired, to be replaced by Javelin); 1 combat engineer stand; 1 recon infantry stand; 1 stand GPMG in L.Rover

4-Light Infantry Companies, each: 3-infantry stands

Armoured Regiment

Battalion headquarters: 1-HQ Leopard stand

Recon: 2-recon M113 stands AA: 2-RBS-70 stands in M113

4-Armoured Squadrons, each: 3-Leopard 1A3 stands

2 Cavalry Regiments

Battalion headquarters: 1-HQ stand in ASLAV-C

<u>3-Cavalry Squadrons, each:</u> 3-recon ASLAV-25 stands; 1-recon ASLAV-PC infantry combat team [prior to 1997: 2 recon MRV (M113 with 76mm Scorpion Turret), 2 recon M113, 1 M113 with 1 infantry combat team].

Field Artillery Regiment: 3 or 4 105mm light gun stands

Medium Artillery Regiment: 2-M198 towed 155mm stands; 2-105mm light gun stands

1st Aviation Regiment

2 Squadrons each 2 Tiger ARH flights

Combat Engineer Regiment

Battalion HQ: 1-HQ stand in truck

2-Field Squadrons, each: 3-engineer stands in truck; 1 Bailey bridge

NOTES:

- 1. Only 1 RAR and 2 RAR actually have four rifle companies at present.
- 2. Australia has fielded specialised M113-only units called Cavalry or Light Horse that can provide lift for a complete Light Infantry Battalion. A troop of APCs provides lift for a light infantry company.
- 3. 2/14 Light Horse is transitioning to the same structure as 2 Cav with new ASLAVs but only 2 squadrons.
- 4. In early 2004 the Australian government announced that 59 second hand M1A1 tanks were to be procured from the US. The tanks will equip two regular squadrons and a training squadron in 1 Armoured Regiment with other tanks being based at the School of Armour in Puckapunyal, Victoria. The Army Reserve tank squadron which currently forms part of 1 Armoured Regiment is to be disbanded. This reorganisation will be complete by 2007.
- 5. Australia only ever had two stands of Milan ATGW (now retired) in total.