

(Notified in G.R.Os. dated 11th December 1942)**AN INFANTRY (MACHINE GUN) BATTALION**

Consisting of —

- Battalion headquarters
- Headquarters company of —
 - Company headquarters
 - No. 1 (signal) platoon
 - No. 2 (A.A.L.M.G.) platoon
 - No. 3 (Administrative) platoon
- Four machine gun companies each of —
 - Company headquarters
 - Three platoons, each of —
 - Platoon headquarters
 - Two sections

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(Provisional)

(i) Personnel

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarters company					Four machine gun companies (each)					Total battalion
		Company headquarters	Signals platoon	A.A. platoon	Administrative platoon	Total company	Company headquarters	Three platoons (each)			Total company	
								Platoon headquarters	Two sections	Total platoon		
Lieutenant colonel	1											1
Majors	1											1
Majors or Captains (a)		1				1	1				1	5
Captains							1				1	4
Captain (adjutant)	1											1
Captain (quartermaster)				1	1							1
Lieutenant (intelligence officer_	1											1
Lieutenants (transport officer)					1	1						1
Lieutenants			1	1		2	1		1	3		14
Total, officers	4	1	1	1	2	5	2	1		1	5	29
Regimental sergeant major	1											1
Regimental quartermasters sergeant					1	1						1
Caterer (W.O. II)					1	1						1
Company sergeant majors		1				1	1				1	5
Total, warrant officers	1	1			2	3	1				1	8
Company quartermaster sergeants		1				1	1				1	5
Orderly room sergeants	2											2
Pioneer sergeant					1	1						1
Provost sergeant	1											1
Sergeant cook					1	1						1
Transport sergeant					1	1						1
Sergeant tailor					1	1						1
Sergeant i/c stretcher bearers	1											1
Sergeant for technical stores					1	1						1
Sergeants			1	1		2	1	(c)1	2	6		26

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Total, staff sergeants and sergeants	4	1	1	1	5	8	1	1	1	2	7	40
Corporals	2	1	1	1	5	8	3		3	3	12	58
Privates	32	3	29	18	33	83	17	4	28	32	113	567
Total, rank and file	34	4	30	19	38	91	20	4	31	35	125	(d)625
Total, other ranks	39	6	31	20	45	102	22	5	32	37	133	673
Total, all ranks	43	7	32	21	47	107	24	6	32	38	138	702
Attached												
A.A.M.C. –												
Captain	1											1
Sergeant	1											1
Sergeant (hygiene inspector)	1											1
Privates	2											2
A.A.O.C. –												
Shoemaker (corporal)					1	1						1
A.E.M.E. –												
Armourers (sergeants)					2	2						2
Fitter sM.V. –												
Sergeant					1	1						1
Corporal					1	1						1
Privates (trade group 1)					3	3						3
Postal services												
Sergeant					1	1						1
A.A.P.C.												
Sergeant					1	1						1
Total all ranks including attached	48	7	32	21	57	117	24	6	32	38	138	717
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties												
<i>Trade group I</i>												
Bricklayers					1	1						1
<i>Trade group II</i>												
Carpenters					(e)2	2						2
Cooks					(e)4	4	(e)4				4	20
Mechanics M.V.							1			1		4
Signallers			(e)20			20						20
<i>Trade group III</i>												
Butcher					1	1						1
Clerks	(e)3	(e)1			(e)2	3	(e)1				1	10
Driver mechanicks	1		1	1		2		1		1	3	15
Equipement repairer					1	1						1
Rangetakers									2	2	6	24
Tailor					(e)1	1						1

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Technical storemen					2	2	1				1	6
Non - specialists												
Transport corporals							1				1	4
A.A.L.M.G. detachments				(e)13		13						13
Ammunition numbers							2				2	8
Batmen	6	1	1	1	2	5	2	1		1	5	31
Drivers, M.T.	5	1	2	3	(e)14	20	5	1	4	5	20	105
General dutymen for												
Officers mess					1	1						1
Sergeants mess					1	1						1
Hygiene dutymen					2	2						2
Machine gun detachments									(f)23	23	69	276
Motor cyclist orderlies			6	1		7	2	1		1	5	27
Orderlies					1	7			2	2	6	25
Regimental police	3											3
Storemen		1			1	2	1				1	6
Stretcher bearers	(e)16											16
Water dutyment					2	2						2
Total, rank and file	34	4	30	19	38	91	20	4	31	35	125	625
(iii) Transport												
Motor cycles	5		18	2	1	21	3	1		1	6	40
Car, 6-seater utility	1											1
Trucks, 15-cwt. –												
G.S.	3		3		2	5	1	2	4	6	19	84
A.A.L.M.G.				4	1	5	2				2	13
Office unit	1											1
Personnel	1	1			2	3						4
Trucks, 3 – ton –												
G.S.					8	8	2				2	16
Water					2	2						2
Trailers, mobile cooker					1	1	1				1	5

(iv) Organisation

Note. – This organisation may be varied, within the numbers of ranks, tradesmen and vehicles provided, according to tactical or administrative requirements.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS		Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	1	Captain, A.A.M.C. 2 privates, A.A.M.C. 4 stretcher bearers Batman Driver mechanic Medical equipment
Motor cycle	1	Intelligence officer		
Motor cycle	2	Provost sergeant		
Motor cycles	3-5 (each)	Regimental police		
Car, 6 seater, utility		Lieutenant – colonel Adutant Orderly room sergeant Driver M.T.		

