

## A MACHINE GUN BATTALION, MIDDLE EAST

## WAR ESTABLISHMENT

## (i) Personnel

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Four machine gun companies (each)				Total, machine gun battalion, Middle East
		Company headquarters	Two machine gun platoons (each)	Anti-tank platoon	Total, machine gun company	
Lieutenant-colonel	1					1
Major (2nd-in-command)	1					1
Majors or captains		1			1	4
Captains		1			1	4
Liaison officer (captain)	1					1
Lieutenants				1	1	4
Subalterns	3		1		2	11
Quartermaster	1					1
Total, officers	8	2	1	1	5	28
Regimental serjeant-major	1					1
Regimental quartermaster-serjeant	1					1
Company serjeant-major		1			1	4
Warrant officer, class II (anti-tank duties)	1					1
Total, warrant officers	3	1			1	7
Company quartermaster-serjeant	1	1			1	5
Orderly room clerk (serjeant)	1					1
Serjeants						
Intelligence	1					1
Provost	1					1
Signal	1					1
Medical	1					1
Transport	1					1
Technical	1					1
Pioneer	1					1
Mortar		1			1	4
Serjeants			3	5	11	44
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	9	2	3	5	13	61
Corporals (including 10 lance-serjeants)	6	2	3	4	12	54
Privates (including 40 lance-corporals)	67	33	34	21	122	555
Total, rank and file	73	35	37	25	132	609
Total, other ranks	85	38	40	30	148	677
Total, all ranks	93	40	41	31	153	705
Attached						
R.A.M.C. Medical officer	1					1
R.A.O.C.						
Armourers (staff-serjeants or serjeants) (a)	1					1
Fitter, M.V. (serjeants)1	1					1

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Fitters, M.V. (includes 1 lance-corporal)	1				1	4
Electrician (maintenance)	1					1
Shoemaker (corporal)	1					1
A.C.C. Corporals	1	1			1	5
Officers' mess, privates	1					1
Other ranks' mess, privates	3		1	1	3	15
Total, attached	11	2	1	1	5	31
Total, a machine gun battalion, Middle East (including attached)	104	42	42	32	158	736
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>						
Tradesmen						
Bricklayers (b )	1					1
Carpenters and joiners (b)	1					1
Clerks	4					4
Equipment repairer	1					1
Driver-mechanics	4	1	1	2	5	24
Motor-mechanics	1	1			1	5
Mason (b)	1					1
Technical-storemen	2	1			1	6
Fitters, gun		1		1	2	8
Total, tradesmen	17	4	1	3	9	53
Non-tradesmen						
Batmen	7	2	1		4	23
Batmen-drivers	3			1	1	7
Butchery duties	1					1
Drivers, I.C.	19	11	6	4	27	127
Driver-orderlies	4					4
A.A.L.M.G. numbers		2		1	3	12
Machine gun numbers			22		44	176
Motar detachments		5			5	20
Medical officers' orderly	1					1
Orderlies	1	2	3		8	33
Postman	1					1
Ration corporal	1					1
Rangetakers		1	2		5	20
Regimental police	3					3
Signallers	8	3			3	20
Stretcher bearers	4					4
Sanitary duties	1	1			1	5
Storemen	1	(c)2			2	9
Anti-tank riflemen			2		4	16
Officers' mess servant	1					1
M.T. duties (corporals)		1			1	4
Anti-tank gun numbers				16	16	64

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Total, non-tradesmen	56	31	36	22	125	556
Total, rank and file	73	35	37	25	134	609
<i>(iii) Transport</i>						
Motor-cycles	3					3
Cars, 5-cwt., 4x4	14	5	1	2	9	50
Cars, 4-seater	2					2
Trucks, 15-cwt., G.S. (d)	4	4	5		14	60
fitted for wireless water	2	1			1	6
	1	1			1	5
Lorries, 3-ton, G.S.	6	2	1	1	5	26
Lorries, 3-ton, portee	1			4	4	17
<i>(iv) Tables of wireless sets</i>						
Wireless set, No. 11, H.P.	2	1			1	6
Wireless set, No. 18	2	1	1	1	4	18
<i>(v) Table of weapons</i>						
Pistols, .38-inch	13	2	9	1	21	97
Rifles, .303-inch	87	38	31	29	129	603
Machine carbines	4	2	2	2	8	36
L.m.Gs., .303-inch	5	2		3	5	25
Anti-tank rifles, .55-inch	6		1		2	14
Machine guns (Vickers)			4		8	32
Mortars, 3-inch		1			1	4
2-pr, Anti-tank guns				4	4	16
Pistols, signal (to be allotted as required)	24					24
Cup dischargers			4	4	12	48

- (a) Where no R.A.O.C. armourers are available an assistant armourer (Infantry) may be employed and paid as a tradesman.
- (b) Total of pioneers includes one corporal.
- (c) Will be trained in A.A. duties.
- (d) Up to 50 of these vehicles may be 15-cwt., 4x4 Armoured personnel trucks as and when available.

#### NOTES

1. Scottish Battalions will be allowed 1 Serjeant piper and 5 pipers in addition. At least 1 officer and 12 men (including all pioneers) will be trained in anti-gas and decontamination work.
2. Three men per company will be trained in stretcher bearer duties.
3. One man in each company will be trained to repair boots as a part time employment under the supervision of the shoemaker, R.A.O.C. and if qualified may be paid as a shoemaker (group C, class III) only on those days on which he is actually employed at that trade.

#### NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

*Details left at base—*

<i>Orderly room serjeant</i>	1
<i>First reinforcements</i>	
Captain	1
Subaltern	5

Company quarter-master-serjeant	1
Serjeants	2
Corporals	3
Lance-corporals	7
Privates	<u>57</u>
	<u>76</u>
Pistols, .38-inch	6
Rifles, .303-inch	70