

A MOTOR BATTALION

Consistin of—

Battalion headquarters; headquarter company of signal and administrative and transport platoons; and 4 motor companies, each of 1 scout platoon of 3 scout sections, and 2 motor platoons of 3 motor sections.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company				4 motor companies (each)					Total
		Company headquarters	Signal platoon	Administrative platoon	Total, headquarter company	Company headquarters	Scout platoon	1 motor platoon	2 motor platoons (each)	Total, each motor company	
Lieutenant-colonel	1										1
Majors	1					(a)1				(a)1	4
Captains		1			1	1				1	6
Adjutant	1										1
Quarter-master				1	1						1
Subalterns	2		1	1	2		1	1		2	12
Total, officers	5	1	1	2	4	2	1	1		4	25
Regimental serjeant-major	1										1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant				1	1						1
Company serjeant-majors		1			1	1				1	5
Warrant officers, class III									1	2	8
Total, warrant officers	1	1		1	2	1			1	3	15
Company quarter-master-serjeants		1			1	1				1	5
Pioneer serjeant (b)		1			1						1
Transport serjeant				1	1						1
Provost serjeant	1										1
Serjeant cook				1	1						1
Serjeants	(c)2		1	1	2		2	1	1	5	24
Total, serjeants	3	1	1	4	6	1	2	1	1	6	33
Corporals			1	2	3	1	5	3	3	15	(d)63
Riflemen	15	3	21	68	92	22	29	25	25	126	(e)611
Total, rank and file	15	3	22	70	95	23	34	28	28	(r)141	674
Total, other ranks	19	5	23	75	103	25	36	29	30	150	722
Total, all ranks	24	6	24	77	107	27	37	30	30	154	(f)747
<i>Attached—</i>											
R.A.M.C.—Medical officer				1	1						1
R.A.O.C.—Armourers				2	2						2
Fitters (motor vehicle)	(s)1			1	1	1				1	6
Electrician				1	1						1

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company				4 motor companies (each)					Total
		Company headquarters	Signal platoon	Administrative platoon	Total, headquarter company	Company headquarters	Scout platoon	1 motor platoon	2 motor platoons (each)	Total, each motor company	
Total, including attached	25	6	24	82	112	28	37	39	30	155	767
<i>(ii) Distribution of Rank and File by Trades and Duties</i>											
<i>Tradesmen—</i>											
Blacksmith				1	1						1
Bricklayer				1	1						1
Mason				1	1						1
Carpenters and joiners				2	2						2
Corporal, driver-operator			1		1						1
Driver-operators			3		3		1			1	7
Driver mechanics (g)				2	2	1	11			12	50
Motor mechanics (g)				2	2	1				1	6
Equipment repairers				2	2						2
Technical storemen				2	2	1				1	6
Total, tradesmen			4	13	17	3	12			15	77
<i>Non-tradesmen—</i>											
Batmen			1	(h)10	11	2	1	1		4	27
Butcher				1	1						1
Clerks	1	1		1	2	1				1	7
Cooks				3	3	3				3	15
Corporals				(j)2	2	1	5	3	3	15	62
Drivers, I.C.	5	1	4	14	19	5		4	4	17	92
Medical orderly (lance-corporal)				1	1						1
Motor cyclists	2	1	5		6	4	4	1	1	11	52
Officers' mess cook				1	1						1
Officers' mess servant				1	1						1
Orderlies	3										3
Police	2										2
Postman (lance-corporal)				1	1						1

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		Company headquarters	Signal platoon	Administrative platoon	Total, headquarter company	Company headquarters	Scout platoon	1 motor platoon	2 motor platoons (each)	Total, each motor company	
Riflemen	2			2	2	1	12	19	20	72	292
Sanitary duties (t)				4	4						4
Signallers			8		8	2				2	16
Storemen				2	2	1				1	6
Stretcher bearers				13	13						13
Water duties (t)				(k)1	1						1
Total, non-tradesmen	15	3	18	57	78	20	22	28	28	126	597
Total, rank and file	15	3	22	70	95	23	34	28	28	141	674
(iii) <i>Transport</i>											
Motor cycles	6	1	5	1	7	4	4	1	1	11	57
Car, 4-seater, 4-wheeled	1										1
Trucks, 8-cwt., 4-wheeled, G.S.	2	1		2	3	1				1	9
Trucks, 8-cwt., 4-wheeled, wireless			2		2	1				1	6
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4-wheeled, G.S.	1		2	5	7	3		4	4	15	68
Truck, 15-cwt., 4-wheeled, office	1										1
Truck, 15-cwt., water tank				1	1						1
Carriers, scout							11				44
Lorries, 3--cwt, 4 or 6 wheeled, G.S.				9	9	1				1	13
Total, vehicles excluding motor cycles	5	1	4	17	22	6	11	4	4	29	143

(iv) Organization

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS (administered by headquarters company)			
Car, 4-seater (v)	Lieutenant-colonel Adjutant Driver, I.C. Orderly	15-cwt. truck 1 (v) (cable laying)	Corporal, driver operator 3 signallers Driver, I.C. Signal stores and wire Hand cable layer Packs and greatcoats
8-cwt. truck 1(v)	Major Orderly Driver, I.C.	15-cwt. truck 2 (v)	Driver operator 3 signallers Driver, I.C. Signal stores and wire Packs and greatcoats
8-cwt. truck 2 (v)	Technical officer (subaltern) Driver, I.C. Fitter, M.V. R.A.O.C.— serjeant (attached)	Motor cycles 1-5	5 orderlies
15-cwt. truck 1 (v) (office)	R.S.M. Serjeant or corporal clerk Driver, I.C. Orderly Office gear	<i>Total personnel</i>	
		<i>Officers</i> 1	<i>Other ranks</i> 23
		<i>Pistols</i> 6	<i>Rifles</i> 18
15-cwt. truck 2 (l) (v)	Liaison officer or intelligence serjeant Driver, I.C. 2 riflemen L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds	<hr/> <i>Administrative and transport platoon</i> <hr/>	
Motor cycle 1	Liaison officer or intelligence serjeant	8-cwt. truck 1 (v)	Quarter-master R.Q.M.S. Clerk Driver mechanic
Motor cycles 2-6	Provost serjeant 2 regimental police 2 orderlies	8-cwt. truck 2 (v)	Transport officer Batman to R.S.M. Driver, I.C. Armourer, R.A.O.C. (attached)
<i>Total personnel excluding attached—</i>		15-cwt. truck 1 (v)	Medical officer (attached) Batman Medical orderly 3 stretcher bearers Driver, I.C. Medical equipment Packs and greatcoats
	<i>Officers</i> 5		<i>Other ranks</i> 19
	<i>Pistols</i> 15		<i>Rifles including those for attached</i> 13
HEADQUARTER COMPANY Company headquarters		15-cwt. truck 2 (v)	Serjeant 5 stretcher bearers Driver, I.C. Medical equipment Packs and greatcoats
8-cwt. truck 1 (v)	Captain C.S.M. C.Q.M.S. Clerk Driver, I.C.	15-cwt. truck 3 (v)	Corporal 5 stretcher bearers Driver, I.C. Medical equipment Packs and greatcoats
Motor cycle 1	Orderly	15-cwt. truck 4 (l) (v)	2 riflemen Driver, I.C. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds Blankets if H.Q. company
<i>Total personnel</i>		15-cwt. truck 5 (v)	Sanitary dutyman Driver, I.C. Petrol reserve for H.Q. company
	<i>Officer</i> 1		<i>Other ranks</i> 5
	<i>Pistols</i> 2		<i>Rifles</i> 4
Signal platoon		15-cwt. truck 6 (water tank)	Water dutyman Driver, I.C.
8-cwt. truck 1 (v)	Signal subaltern Batman Driver operator Signaller Driver, I.C. Wireless set 1 or 11	Motor cycle 1	Transport serjeant
8-cwt. truck 2 (v)	Serjeant Driver operator Signaller Driver, I.C. Wireless set 1 or 11		

30-cwt. lorry 1	Motor mechanic Technical storeman M.T. storeman Driver, I.C. Fitter, M.V. R.A.O.C. (attached) M.T. stores and tools	8-cwt. truck, 2 (v)	Captain 2 signallers Driver, I.C. Wireless set 1 or 11
30-cwt. lorry 2	Motor mechanic Technical storeman Storeman Corporal, driver, I.C. Armourer, R.A.O.C. (attached) Electrician, R.A.O.C. (attached) Q.M. stores and baggage	Motor cycles 1-4	4 orderlies <i>Administrative</i>
30-cwt. lorry 3	2 equipment repairers Blacksmith Bricklayer Mason 2 carpenters Driver, I.C. Pioneer stores	15-cwt. truck 1 (v)	Motor mechanic Technical storeman Driver, I.C. Fitter, M.V. R.A.O.C. (attached) Petrol reserve for company
30-cwt. lorry 4	Postman (lance-corporal) 2 sanitary dutymen 6 batmen Driver, I.C.	15-cwt. truck 2 (v)	C.Q.M.S. Storeman 2 batmen Driver, I.C., Q.M. stores reserve of S.A.A. and mortar ammunition
30-cwt. lorry 5	2 batmen Driver mechanic Officers' mess' cook Officers' mess' servant Officers' mess equipment and baggage	15-cwt. truck 3 (l) (v)	Corporal Driver, I.C. Rifleman L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds Packs, greatcoats and blankets of headquarter company Packs and greatcoats
30-cwt. lorry 6	Serjeant cook Butcher 3 cooks Driver, I.C. Cooking set	30-cwt. lorry 1	3 cooks Driver, I.C. Cooking set Water in tins
30-cwt. lorry 7	Sanitary dutyman Driver, I.C. Ammunition reserve		<i>Total personnel, excluding attached</i>
30-cwt. lorries 8 and 9	Pioneer serjeant 2 drivers, I.C. Anti-gas capes (1 per man) 25 per cent reserve clothing 5 per cent reserve web equipment		<i>Officers</i> 2 <i>Other ranks</i> 25 <i>Pistols</i> 6 <i>Rifles</i> <i>(including rifles</i> <i>for attached</i> <i>personnel)</i> 22
	<i>Total personnel, excluding attached</i>		
	<i>Officers</i> 2 <i>Other ranks</i> 7		
	<i>Pistols (including</i> <i>pistol for</i> <i>medical officer)</i> 4		<i>Rifles (including</i> <i>rifles for attached</i> <i>personnel)</i> 78
	4 MOTOR COMPANIES (each) Company headquarters		
	<i>Fighting</i>		
8-cwt. truck, 1 (v)	Major or captain C.S.M. Clerk Driver mechanic A.T. rifle and 200 rounds		
			1 scout platoon
			<i>Platoon headquarters</i>
		Carrier 1 (v)	Subaltern Batman (gun number) Driver mechanic L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds Greatcoats and blankets
		Carrier 2 (v)	Corporal (gun number) Driver operator Driver mechanic L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds Greatcoats and blankets
		Motor cycle 1	Orderly
			3 scout sections (each)
		Carrier 1 (v)	Serjeant (u) Rifleman (gun number) Driver mechanic L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds Greatcoats and blankets

Carrier 2 (v)	Corporal Rifleman (gun number) Driver mechanic L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds Greatcoats and blankets	15-cwt. truck (v)	Corporal 6 riflemen Driver, I.C. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds Packs, greatcoats and blankets Tools
Carrier 3 (v)	Rifleman (lance-corporal) Rifleman (gun number) Driver mechanic L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds Greatcoats and blankets	<i>Total, personnel</i>	
Motor cycle	Orderly	<i>Officers</i> 1	<i>Other ranks</i> 29
<i>Total personnel</i>		<i>Pistols</i> 2	<i>Rifles</i> 28
1 motor platoon			
<i>Platoon headquarters</i>			
15-cwt. truck (v)	Subaltern Serjeant Batman (gun number) Driver, I.C. Rifleman 2-inch mortar and 72 rounds	15-cwt. truck (v)	Warrant officer class III Serjeant Driver, I.C. 2 riflemen 2-inch mortar and 72 rounds Packs, greatcoats and blankets Tools
Motor cycle 1	Orderly	Motor cycle 1	Orderly
<i>3 motor sections (each)</i>		<i>3 motor sections (each)</i>	
Motor cycle 1	Orderly	15-cwt. truck (v)	Corporal 6 riflemen Driver, I.C. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds Packs, greatcoats and blankets Tools
<i>3 motor sections (each)</i>		<i>Total personnel</i>	
		<i>Pistols</i> 2	<i>Other ranks</i> 30 <i>Rifles</i> 28

(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition—rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, (including officers pistols) .38-inch	(m)92	12	552	1,650
Rifles (including those for attached personnel) .303-inch	625	50	16,000	47,250
Anti-tank rifles, .55-inch	90	200	3,600	21,000
Light machine guns, .303-inch for A.A. defence	6	1,000	3,000	9,000
With scout and motor platoons	80	1,000	40,000	120,000
2-inch mortars	12			
H.E.		18	72	288
Smoke		54	216	864
Signal bombs (n)				
Pistols, signal (o)	39	12	234	702
Hand grenades			(p)180	180

- One company is commanded by a captain.
- The pioneer serjeant is a tradesman.
- Includes a serjeant or corporal clerk who is a tradesman.
- Includes 13 lance-serjeants.
- Includes 45 lance-corporals.
- At least 1 officer and 12 men in each battalion will be trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work.
- Provisional allotment. The whole question of artificer personnel is still under consideration.
- Includes 1 for medical officer and 1 for R.S.M.

- (j) Includes 1 stretcher bearer and 1 driver, I.C.
- (k) The driver of the water truck is also trained in water duties.
- (l) Fitted with a "Motley" A.A. mounting—central.
- (m) Officers, R.S.M., warrant officer platoon commanders and motor cyclists are armed with pistols, the remainder with rifles.
- (n) A proportion of signal bombs may be allotted in addition to H.E. and smoke bombs.
- (o) Allotted as follows:—

Battalion headquarters	3
Each motor company headquarters	2
Each scout platoon	4
Each motor platoon	1
- (p) 1 box of 12 per motor platoon and 3 boxes in regimental reserve.
- (q) To be found from R.A.R.O. or other sources.
- (r) 1 man in each company will be trained in peace as a shoemaker.
- (s) Will be a staff-serjeant or serjeant.
- (t) In each motor company 1 man will be trained in sanitary duties and 1 man in water duties as a part time employment.
- (u) One section in each scout platoon will be commanded by a lance-serjeant.
- (v) Carries a portable cooker No. 2.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS AND ATTACHED PERSONNEL

Detail left at base—

<i>Orderly room serjeant</i>	1
<i>First reinforcements—</i>	
Officers (q)	5
Warrant officers	2
Serjeants	3
Rank and file	67
Total	<hr style="width: 50%; margin-left: auto; margin-right: 0;"/> 77

Attached—

- R.A.S.C.—*2nd line transport.* see W.E. of Mobile Divisional Troops Company, R.A.S.C in Vol. I
- R.A.O.C.—*Light aid detachment.* See W.E. of Mobile Divisional Workshop, R.A.O.C., in Vol. I
- R.A.Ch.D.—*See* W.E. of Headquarters, Mobile Division