

**A MOTOR BATTALION, MIDDLE EAST
WAR ESTABLISHMENT**

(i) *Personnel*

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Four motor companies (each)					Total company	Total, battalion
		Company headquarters	Scout platoon	Machine gun platoon	Motor platoon	A.Tk platoon		
Lieutenant colonel	1							1
Major second in command	1							1
Majors		(a)1					1	3
Captains	1	1					1	6
Adjutant (captain)	1							1
Quartermaster	1							1
Lieutenants						1	1	4
Subalterns—								
Signal officer	1							1
Intelligence officer	1							1
Transport officer	1							1
Technical officer	1							1
Platoon commander			1	1	1		3	12
Total officers	9	2	1	1	1	1	6	33
Regimental sergeant major	1							1
Regimental quartermaster sergeant	1							1
Company sergeant majors	1	1					1	5
Total warrant officers	3	1					1	7
Company quartermaster sergeants	1	1					1	5
Signal sergeant	1							1
Provost sergeant	1							1
Sergeant stretcher bearer	1							1
Intelligence sergeant	1							1
Technical sergeant	1							1
Transport sergeant	1							1
Sergeant clerk	1							1
Sergeants		1	3	2	1	5	12	48
Total staff sergeants and sergeants	8	2	3	2	1	5	13	60
Corporals (includes 11 lance sergeants)	6	1	5	2	3	4	15	66
Privates (includes 43 lance corporals)	76	35	29	25	19	21	129	592
Total rank and file	82	36	34	27	22	25	144	658
Total other ranks	93	39	37	29	23	30	158	725
Total all ranks	102	41	38	30	24	31	164	758
<i>Attached—</i>								
R.A.M.C.—Medical officer	1							1
R.A.Q.C.— Armourers (includes 1 sergeant and 1 corporal)	3							3
Fitters M.V. (includes 1 sergeant and 1 lance corporal)		1					1	4

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		Company headquarters	Scout platoon	Machine gun platoon	Motor platoon	A.Tk platoon	Total company	
Electrician	1							1
A.C.C.—cooks for—								
Officers mess	2							2
Other ranks mess	3	2					2	11
Total attached	10	3					3	22
Total motor battalion	112	44	38	30	24	31	167	780
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>								
<i>Tradesmen—</i>								
Blacksmith	1							1
Clerkd	2	1					1	6
Driver operators (corporal)	1							1
Driver operators	1		2				2	9
Driver mechanics	4	1	11			2	14	60
Equipment repairer	1							1
Fitter	1							1
Fitters gun						1	1	4
Motor mechanics	2	1					1	6
Technical storeman (corporal)	1							1
Technical stormen	1	1					1	5
Total tradesmen	16	4	13			3	20	96
<i>Non tradesmen—</i>								
Batmen	1							1
Batmen drivers	8	2	1	1	1	1	6	32
Butchery duties	1							1
Drivers I.C. (includes 1 corporal)	25	13	4	4	2	4	27	133
General duties		8	16	18	19	1	77	308
Intelligence duties (includes 1 corporal)	6							6
Medical orderly	1							1
Officers mess servant	1							1
Orderlies				2			2	8
Postman (lance corporal)	1							1
Rangetakers				2			2	8
Regimental police	2							2
Sanitary duties	1	1					1	5
Signallers (includes 1 corporal)	12	4					4	28
Stretcher bearers (includes) 1 corporal)	4	2					2	12
Storemen	2	1					1	6
Water duties	1	1					1	5
A.A. L.M.G. gunners						1	1	4
Total non tradesmen	66	32	21	27	22	22	124	562
Total rank and file	82	36	34	27	22	25	144	658
<i>Transport</i>								
Car 5cwt FWD	8	1	2	1	1	2	7	36
Car utility	1							1
<i>Trucks—</i>								

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15cwt G.S.	5	1		1			4	21
15cwt armoured wireless	2	2					2	10
15cwt wireless	1							1
15cwt water	1	1					1	5
15cwt cable laying	1							1
3ton G.S.	9	5	1	2	2	1	11	51
3ton portee	1					4	4	17
Carriers			11				11	44

(iv) *Weapons*

Pistols, .38-inch	81
Rifles, .303-inch	659
Machine carbines	40
L.M.Gs. .303-inch	26
Medium machine guns, .303-inch	16
A.Tk. rifles, .55-inch	12
Cup dischargers	4
Pistols, signal	30
3-inch mortars	4
A.Tk. guns, 2-pdr.	16

- (a) One motor company is commanded by a captain.

NOTES

- Scottish and Irish battalions except the Royal Ulster Rifles will be allowed the following additional personnel—
1 Serjeant piper
5 pipers
- Battalions of Foot Guards will be allowed the following additional personnel—
2 Drill serjeants (warrant officers, class III)
- At least one officer and 12 men in this unit will be trained in anti-gas and decontamination duties.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base

Orderly room serjeant 1

First reinforcements—

Captain 1

Subalterns 5

Warrant officer, class II 1

Serjeants 5

Rank and file 70

Pistols, .38-inch 6

Rifles, .303-inch 76