

RAIDING SUPPORT REGIMENT, MIDDLE EAST

(Consisting of : Headquarters raiding support regiment, mountain battery R.A., Anti-tank battery, Anti-aircraft battery,
M.M.G. battery and 3-inch mortar battery)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT**HEADQUARTERS**

(Includes administrative staff, transport and first reinforcements for the five batteries under command)

(i) Personnel

British personnel —	
Lieutenant-colonel	1
Second-in-command (major)	1
Adjutant (captain)	1
Quarter-master	1
Total, officers	<u>4</u>
Regimental serjeant-major	1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant	1
Clerks, general duties (includes 1 staff-serjeant and 1 serjeant for pay duties)	2
Officers' mess steward (serjeant)	1
Provost serjeant	1
Serjeants' mess caterer (serjeant)	1
Transport N.C.O. (serjeant)	1
Total, warrant officers, staff-serjeants and serjeants	<u>8</u>
Clerks, general duties —	
Corporals (includes 1 for Q duties)	2
Privates (includes 1 for Q duties)	6
Driver-mechanic (lance-corporal)	1
Vehicle mechanic (corporal)	1
Regimental police (includes 1 corporal)	7
Sanitary dutyman (lance-corporal)	1
Storemen (includes 1 lance-corporal)	7
Total, rank and file	<u>25</u>
Total, other ranks	<u>33</u>
Total, British personnel	<u>37</u>
Attached —	
R.A. — Battery quarter-master-serjeant	1
R.E.M.E. — Armourers (serjeants)	
R.A.M.C. —	
Medical officer	1
Nursing orderlies —	
Serjeants	3
Corporals	12
A.C.C. — Cooks for rank and file mess	
Serjeant	1
Corporal	1
Total, attached	<u>25</u>
Total, British personnel (including attached)	<u>62</u>
Non-U.K. personnel —	
Driver-mechanics	3
Batmen	16
Batmen-drivers	7
Drivers, I.C.	12

Motor-cyclists	2
Orderlies	7
Sanitary dutymen or water dutymen	11
Total, non-U.K. personnel	<u>58</u>
Civilians —	
Mess orderlies for —	
Officers' mess	4
Serjeants' mess	4
Cooks for —	
Officers' mess	2
Serjeants' mess	2
Rank and file mess	9
Total, civilians	<u>21</u>
Total, headquarters (including attached, non-U.K. and civilian personnel)	<u>141</u>
(ii) Transport	
Motor-cycles, solo	2
Cars, 5-cwt., 4x4	7
Car, 4-seater, 4x2	1
Truck, 15-cwt., 4x2, G.S.	1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4x2 G.S.	11
Lorries, 3-ton, 4x4, G.S.	2

Note on first reinforcements

Detail	Mountain battery R.A.	Anti-tank battery	Anti-aircraft battery	M.M.G. battery	3-inch mortar battery	Total, first reinforcement
Captains	1	1	1	1	1	5
Subalterns			1	2	1	4
Total, officers	1	1	2	3	2	9
Warrant officers, class II	1	1				2
Serjeants	2	2	2	4	1	11
Bombardiers or corporals	2	2	4	2	1	11
Lance-bombardiers or lance-corporals			4			4
Gunners or privates	11	5	19	17	8	60
Total, other ranks	16	10	29	23	10	88
Total, first reinforcements	17	11	31	26	12	97

MOUNTAIN BATTERY, R.A.

(Consisting of battery headquarters and two troops each of four 75-mm guns)

(i) Personnel

Detail	Battery headquarters	Two troops (each)			Total, mountain battery R.A.
		Troop headquarters	Two sections (each)	Total, troop	
Major	1				1
Captains		1		1	2
Subalterns			1	2	4
Total, officers	1	1	1	3	7

Detail	Battery headquarters	Two troops (each)			Total, mountain battery R.A.
		Troop headquarters	Two sections (each)	Total, troop	
Battery serjeant-majors	1	1		1	3
Serjeants	1		2	4	9
Total, warrant officers and serjeants	2	1	2	5	12
Tradesmen	1	1		1	3
Bombardiers (includes 4 lance-serjeants)	1		2	4	9
Gunners (includes 16 lance-bombardiers)	14		10	20	54
Total, rank and file (excluding tradesmen)	15		12	24	63
Total, other ranks	18	2	14	30	78
Total, mountain battery R.A.	19	3	15	33	85

(ii) Distribution of tradesmen and rank and file non-tradesmen

Tradesmen —					
Artificers, R.A.	1				1
Fitters (gun)		1		1	2
Total, tradesmen	1	1		1	3
Non-tradesmen —					
Gun detachments			12	24	48
Gun position officer's assistants	4				4
Signallers	11				11
Total, non-tradesmen	15		12	24	63

(iii) Weapons

L.M.Gs., .303-inch
75-mm. guns

6
8

ANTI-TANK BATTERY

(Consisting of battery headquarters and two troops each of four Italian 47/32mm guns)

(i) Personnel

Detail	Battery headquarters	Two troops (each)			Total, anti-tank battery
		Troop headquarters	Two sections (each)	Total, troop	
Major	1				1
Captains		1		1	2
Subalterns			1	2	4
Total, officers	1	1	1	3	7
Battery serjeant majors	1	1		1	3
Serjeants			2	4	8
Total, warrant officers and serjeants	1	1	2	3	11
Bombardiers or corporals (including 4 lance-serjeants)			2	4	8
Gunners or privates (including 8 lance-bombardiers or lance-corporals)		1	6	13	26
Total, rank and file		1	8	17	34
Total, other ranks	1	2	10	22	45
Total, all ranks	2	3	11	25	52
Attached —					
R.A. — Artificer	1				1
Total, anti-tank battery (including attached)	3	3	11	25	53

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Detail	Battery headquarters	Two troops (each)			Total, anti-tank battery
		Troop headquarters	Two sections (each)	Total, troop	
Tradesmen —					
Fitters (gun)		1		1	2
Total, tradesmen		1		1	2
Non-tradesmen —					
Gun detachments			8	16	32
Total, non-tradesmen			8	16	32
Total, rank and file		1	8	17	34

(iii) Weapons

L.M.Gs., .303-inch	8
47/32-mm. anti-tank guns (Italian)	8

ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY

(Consisting of battery headquarters and three troops, each of two sections of three 2-cm. German A.A. guns)

(i) Personnel

Detail	Battery headquarters	Three troops (each)					Total, anti-aircraft battery
		Troop Headquarters	Two sections (each)		Total, troop		
		Section headquarters	Three sub-sections (each)	Total, section	Total, troop		
Major	1						1
Captains	1	1			1	1	4
Subalterns			1		1	2	6
Total, officers	2	1	1		1	3	11
Battery serjeant-major	1						1
Battery quarter-master-serjeant	1						1
Serjeants	1	1	1		1	3	10
Total, warrant officers, staff-serjeants and serjeants	3	1	1		1	3	12
Bombardiers or corporals				1	3	6	18
Lance bombardiers or lance corporals				1	3	6	18
Gunners or privates		1	1	4	13	27	81
Total, rank and file		1	1	6	19	39	117
Total, other ranks	3	2	2	6	20	42	129
Total anti-aircraft battery	5	3	3	6	21	45	140
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties							
Tradesmen —							
Fitters (gun)		1				1	3
Total, tradesment		1				1	3
Non-tradesmen —							
Gun detachments				6	18	36	108
Orderlies			1		1	2	6

Detail	Battery headquarters	Three troops (each)					Total, anti-aircraft battery
		Troop Headquarters	Two sections (each)			Total, troop	
	Section headquarters		Three sub-sections (each)	Total, section			
Total, non tradesmen			1	6	19	38	114
Total, rank and file		1	1	6	19	38	117

(ii) Weapons

L.M.Gs., .303-inch	18
2-cm. anti-aircraft guns (German)	18

M.M.G. BATTERY

(Consisting of battery headquarters and two troops, each of three sections of two .303-inch M.M.Gs.)

(i) Personnel

Detail	Battery headquarters	Two troops (each)						Total, M.M.G. battery
		Troop headquarters	Three sections (each)				Total, troop	
			Section headquarters	Two guns		Total, section		
	No 1 gun	No 2 gun						
Major	1							1
Captains		1					1	2
Subalterns			1			1	3	6
Total, officers	1	1	1			1	4	9
Battery serjeant-major	1							1
Serjeants				1		1	3	6
Total, warrant officers and serjeants	1			1		1	3	7
Corporals					1	1	3	6
Privates	3	3	1	2	2	5	18	39
Total, rank and file	3	3	1	2	3	6	21	45
Total, other ranks	4	3	1	3	3	7	24	52
Total, M.M.G. battery	5	4	2	3	3	8	28	61
(iii) Distribution of rank and file by duties								
Gun detachments				2	3	5	15	30
Range takers			1			1	3	6
Signallers	3	3					3	9
Total, rank and file	3	3	1	2	3	6	21	45

(iii) Weapons

P.I.A. Ts.	6
M.M.Gs., .303-inch	12

3-INCH MORTAR BATTERY

(Consisting of battery headquarters and three troops, each of three sections of two 3-inch mortars)

(i) Personnel

Detail	Three troops (each)								
	Battery headquarters	Three sections (each)						Total, troop	Total, 3-inch mortar battery
		Troop headquarters	Section headquarters	Two detachments		Total, section			
				No 1	No 2				
Major	1							1	
Captains		1					1	3	
Subalterns			1			1	3	9	
Total, officers	1	1	1			1	3	9	
Battery serjeant-major	1							1	
Serjeants		1		1	1	2	7	21	
Total, warrant officers and serjeants	1	1		1	1	2	7	22	
Corporals				1		1	3	9	
Lance-corporals					1	1	3	9	
Privates	3	4	1	3	3	7	25	78	
Total, rank and file	3	4	1	4	4	9	31	96	
Total, other ranks	4	5	1	5	5	11	38	118	
Total, 3-inch mortar battery	5	6	2	5	5	12	42	131	
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by duties									
Mortar detachments				4	4	8	24	72	
Orderlies		3	1			1	6	18	
Rangetakers		1					1	3	
Signallers	3							3	
Total rank and file	3	4	1	4	4	9	31	96	

(iii) Weapons

L.M.Gs., .303-inch	18
P.I.A. Ts.	3
3-inch mortars	18