

**VI/SDF/151/2**

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**SUDAN DEFENCE FORCE  
FRONTIER BATTALION**

**WAR ESTABLISHMENT**

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## (i) Personnel

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company						3 rifle companies (each)			Machine gun company			Total, frontier battalion
		Company headquarters	A.A. platoon	Mortar platoon	Pioneer platoon	Administrative platoon	Total, headquarter company	Company headquarters	3 platoons (each)	Total, each rifle company	Company headquarters	4 platoons (each)	Total, machine gun company	
<i>British personnel—</i>														
Lieutenant-colonel (miralai)	1													1
Majors (kaimakam)	1	1					1							2
Majors or captains (kaimakam or bimbashia)								1		1	1		1	4
Adjutant and quarter-master (captain) (bimbashi)	1													1
Captains or subalterns (bimbashia or yousbashia)								1		1	1		1	4
Subaltern for intelligence (yousbashia)	1													1
Subaltern for M.T. duties (yousbashia)						1	1							1
Subalterns (yousbashia)											1	4		4
Total, British officers	4	1				1	2	2		2	2	1	6	18
Serjeant (clerical and cipher duties)	1													1
M.T. serjeant						1	1							1
Total, British other ranks	1					1	1							2
Total, British personnel	5	1				2	3	2		2	2	1	6	20
<i>Native personnel—</i>														
Bimbashia or sagh						1	1	1		1	1		1	5
Assistant adjutant and quarter-master (bimbashi or sagh)	1													1
Yousbashia or mulazim				1			1		1	3	1		1	11
Total, native officers	1			1		1	2	1	1	4	1		1	17
Sol talim (regimental serjeant-major)	1													1
Sol tayin (regimental quarter-master-serjeant)	1													1
Bash shawishia (company serjeant-major)		1					1	1		1	1		1	5
Bulak amin (company quarter-master-serjeant)		1					1	1		1	1		1	5
Shawishia (serjeants)			1	3	1	1	6		1	3		1	4	19
Shawishi (serjeant) driver						1	1							1
Onbashi (corporal) fitter						1	1							1
Onbashia (corporals)	2		2	4	2	4	12	1	3	10	1	3	13	57

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Nafar (privates)		2	13		17		32	4	32	100	16	29	132	464
Nafar (privates) for duty as—														
Servants	6	1	1		2	4	3	1	6	4	1	8	36	
Medical orderlies	10												10	
General duties	14				10	10							24	
Wakil bulukat amin		1				1	1		1				4	
Rangetaker			1			1							1	
Orderlies			3			3							3	
Mortar detachments			16			16							16	
Driver, M.T.					78	78							78	
Fitters					5	5							5	
Total, other ranks	34	6	16	28	20	102	172	11	37	122	23	34	159	731
Total, native personnel	35	6	16	29	20	103	174	12	38	126	25	34	161	748
<i>Civilians—</i>														
Clerks	2							1		1	1		1	6
Total, frontier battalion	42	7	16	29	20	105	177	15	38	129	28	35	168	774
<i>(ii) Transport</i>														
Cars or trucks, 15-cwt	3	1	4	4	1	2	12	2		2	2	20	22	43
Trucks, 15-cwt., water						2	2							2
Lorries, 30-cwt., 4-wheeled (a)	1				1		1	2	1	5	2	1	6	23
Lorries, 30cwt., 4-wheeled, for (a)														
Officers' mess						1	1							1
A.T. stores						1	1							1
Men's mess						1	1							1
Baggage						1	1							1
Anti-gas stores						2	2							2
Petrol						1	1							1

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British N.C. Os.						1	1						1
Reserve S.A.A.						1	1						1
Reserve mortar ammunition						1	1						1

(iii) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition—rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch (b)	131	12	1,572	3,144
Rifles, .303-inch	637	50	95,550	127,400
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	31	1,000	31,000	62,000
A.Tk. rifles, .55-inch	19	200	14,440	18,240
Machine guns (Vickers), .303-inch	16	3,500	144,000	200,000
Pistol, signal	24	16	768	1,152
Mortars, 2- or 3-inch	4			
H.E.		75	360	660
Smoke		45	216	396

(a) Lorries 3-ton, 4 wheeled may be issued in lieu, in which case only 1 lorry will be supplied for anti-gas stores.

(b) Pistols are allotted to officers, warrant officers and Nos 1 and 2 of L.M.G. and M.G. detachments