

SUDAN DEFENCE FORCE
MOTOR BATTALION

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Battalion headquarters	3 motor companies (each)					Total, battalion	Left in barracks (each company)	Total, motor battalion
		Company headquarters	Armoured car platoon	Bren van platoon	2 motor platoons (each)	Total, each company			
<i>British personnel—</i>									
Lieutenant-colonel (miralai)	1						1		1
Major (kaimakam)	1						1		1
Captain (adjutant) (bimbashi)	1						1		1
Captains (bimbashia)		1					1		3
Captains or lieutenants (bimbashia)		2					2		6
Total, officers	3	3				3	12		12
<i>Staff-serjeants or serjeants for—</i>									
Cipher duties	1						1		1
M.T. duties	1	1				1	4		4
Total, other ranks	2	1				1	5		5
Total, British personnel	5	4				4	17		17
<i>Native personnel—</i>									
Bimbashi (captain)	2						2		2
Mulazim (lieutenant)		1	1	1		3	9	1	12
Total, officers	2	1	1	1		3	11	1	14
Sol tayin (regimental quarter-master-serjeant)	1						1		1
Bash shawishia (company serjeant-major)		1				1	3		3
Bulak amin (company quarter-master-serjeant)	1						1	1	4
Shawishia (serjeants)			1	2	1	5	15	2	21
Shawishia (serjeants) for M.T. duties		1				1	3		3
Onbashia (corporals)	2		5	6	3	17	53	5	68
Onbashia (corporals) for M.T. duties			1	1	1	4	12		12
<i>Nafar (privates) for duty as—</i>									
Drivers, I.C.	25	9	6	8	3	29	112		112
Despatch riders	4						4		4
Servants	7	5				5	22		22
L.M.G. numbers	4						4		4
Armourer	1						1		1
Tailor	1						1		1
Saddler	1						1		1
Wakil bulak amin (quarter-master clerk)	1						1		1
Tumergi (medical orderly)	1						1		1
General duties	6		14	17	23	77	237	22	303
Fitters		6				6	18		18
Total, native other ranks	55	22	27	34	31	145	490	30	580
Total, native personnel	57	23	28	35	31	148	501	31	594

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Civilians—									
Clerks	2						2	5	
Servants	2						2	2	
Total, motor battalion	66	27	28	35	31	152	522	618	
(ii) Transport									
Motor-cycles	4						4	4	
Vans or trucks, 8- or 15-cwt	5	3		1		4	17	17	
Bren vans, 8- or 15-cwt				8		8	24	24	
Truck, 15-cwt., water	1						1	1	
Lorries 2- or 3-ton for—									
Officers' and British N.C.Os. kit	5	3				3	14	14	
Cooks, rations and office	1						1	1	
Ammunition and petrol	4	1				1	7	7	
Motor-cycle and armourer	1						1	1	
Kit of personnel	1						1	1	
Fitters		1				1	3	3	
Lorries, 2- or 3-ton					3	6	18	18	
Armoured cars			7			7	21	21	
(iii) Distribution of weapons									
Pistols, .38-inch	16	6	28	17	6	63	205	1	208
Rifles, .303-inch	46	21		18	25	89	313	30	403
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	2			8	3	14	44	2	50
A. Tk. rifles, .55-inch	2		7		2	11	35	5	50
Machine guns, .303-inch			7			7	21		21
Pistol, signal	4	4	4	4	1	14	44	2	46

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition—rounds			
		On man	Reserve	2nd line reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	208	12	3,600	7,200	13,296
Rifles, .303-inch	403	60	45,000	57,000	126,180
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	50	2,000	78,000	422,000	600,000
A. Tk. rifles, .55-inch	50	120	2,250	6,900	15,150
Machine guns, .303-inch	21	4,000	52,000	156,000	292,000
Pistols, signal	46	12	1,500	750	2,802

NOTE

The total native other ranks in each company include the following tradesmen:—

Armourers	2
Writer	1
Tailor	1
Medical orderlies	2
Carpenters	2
Assistant writer	1
Saddlers	2