

(Notified in G.R.Os. dated 11<sup>th</sup> December 1942)**AN INFANTRY (MACHINE GUN) BATTALION**

Consisting of —

- Battalion headquarters
- Headquarters company of —
  - Company headquarters
  - No. 1 (signal) platoon
  - No. 2 (A.A.L.M.G.) platoon
  - No. 3 (Administrative) platoon
- Four machine gun companies each of —
  - Company headquarters
  - Three platoons, each of —
    - Platoon headquarters
    - Two sections

**WAR ESTABLISHMENT**

(Provisional)

(i) Personnel

Detail	Headquarters company						Four machine gun companies (each)					Total battalion
	Battalion headquarters	Company headquarters	Signals platoon	A.A. platoon	Administrative platoon	Total company	Company headquarters	Three platoons (each)			Total company	
								Platoon headquarters	Two sections	Total platoon		
Lieutenant colonel	1											1
Majors	1											1
Majors or Captains (a)		1				1	1				1	5
Captains							1				1	4
Captain (adjutant)	1											1
Captain (quartermaster)				1	1							1
Lieutenant (intelligence officer_	1											1
Lieutenants (transport officer)					1	1						1
Lieutenants			1	1		2	1		1	3		14
Total, officers	4	1	1	1	2	5	2	1		1	5	29
Regimental sergeant major	1											1
Regimental quartermasters sergeant					1	1						1
Caterer (W.O. II)					1	1						1
Company sergeant majors		1				1	1				1	5
Total, warrant officers	1	1			2	3	1				1	8
Company quartermaster sergeants		1				1	1				1	5
Orderly room sergeants	2											2
Pioneer sergeant					1	1						1
Provost sergeant	1											1
Sergeant cook					1	1						1
Transport sergeant					1	1						1
Sergeant tailor					1	1						1
Sergeant i/c stretcher bearers	1											1
Sergeant for technical stores					1	1						1
Sergeants			1	1		2	1	(c)1	2	6		26

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								Platoon headquarters	Two sections	Total platoon		
Total, staff sergeants and sergeants	4	1	1	1	5	8	1	1	1	2	7	40
Corporals	2	1	1	1	5	8	3		3	3	12	58
Privates	32	3	29	18	33	83	17	4	28	32	113	567
Total, rank and file	34	4	30	19	38	91	20	4	31	35	125	(d)625
Total, other ranks	39	6	31	20	45	102	22	5	32	37	133	673
Total, all ranks	43	7	32	21	47	107	24	6	32	38	138	702
Attached												
A.A.M.C. –												
Captain	1											1
Sergeant	1											1
Sergeant (hygiene inspector)	1											1
Privates	2											2
A.A.O.C. –												
Shoemaker (corporal)					1	1						1
A.E.M.E. –												
Armourers (sergeants)					2	2						2
Fitter sM.V. –												
Sergeant					1	1						1
Corporal					1	1						1
Privates (trade group 1)					3	3						3
Postal services												
Sergeant					1	1						1
A.A.P.C.												
Sergeant					1	1						1
Total all ranks including attached	48	7	32	21	57	117	24	6	32	38	138	717
(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties												
<i>Trade group I</i>												
Bricklayers					1	1						1
<i>Trade group II</i>												
Carpenters					(e)2	2						2
Cooks					(e)4	4	(e)4				4	20
Mechanics M.V.							1			1		4
Signallers			(e)20			20						20
<i>Trade group III</i>												
Butcher					1	1						1
Clerks	(e)3	(e)1			(e)2	3	(e)1				1	10
Driver mechanicks	1		1	1		2		1		1	3	15
Equipement repairer					1	1						1
Rangetakers									2	2	6	24
Tailor					(e)1	1						1

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Technical storemen					2	2	1				1	6
Non - specialists												
Transport corporals							1				1	4
A.A.L.M.G. detachments				(e)13		13						13
Ammunition numbers							2				2	8
Batmen	6	1	1	1	2	5	2	1		1	5	31
Drivers, M.T.	5	1	2	3	(e)14	20	5	1	4	5	20	105
General dutymen for												
Officers mess					1	1						1
Sergeants mess					1	1						1
Hygiene dutymen					2	2						2
Machine gun detachments									(f)23	23	69	276
Motor cyclist orderlies			6	1		7	2	1		1	5	27
Orderlies					1	7			2	2	6	25
Regimental police	3											3
Storemen		1			1	2	1				1	6
Stretcher bearers	(e)16											16
Water dutyment					2	2						2
Total, rank and file	34	4	30	19	38	91	20	4	31	35	125	625
(iii) Transport												
Motor cycles	5		18	2	1	21	3	1		1	6	40
Car, 6-seater utility	1											1
Trucks, 15-cwt. –												
G.S.	3		3		2	5	1	2	4	6	19	84
A.A.L.M.G.				4	1	5	2				2	13
Office unit	1											1
Personnel	1	1			2	3						4
Trucks, 3 – ton –												
G.S.					8	8	2				2	16
Water					2	2						2
Trailers, mobile cooker					1	1	1				1	5

(iv) Organisation

Note. – This organisation may be varied, within the numbers of ranks, tradesmen and vehicles provided, according to tactical or administrative requirements.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS		Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	1	Captain, A.A.M.C. 2 privates, A.A.M.C. 4 stretcher bearers Batman Driver mechanic Medical equipment
Motor cycle	1	Intelligence officer		
Motor cycle	2	Provost sergeant		
Motor cycles	3-5 (each)	Regimental police		
Car, 6 seater, utility		Lieutenant – colonel Adutant Orderly room sergeant Driver M.T.		



Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	7	Storemen Corporal shoemaker Driver, M.T. Reserve clothing	Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	1	Company quarter-master-sergeant Corporal cook 3 cooks Driver, M.T. Cooking equipment Water in tins Officers mess box Rations
Truc, 3-ton, G.S.	8	Sergeant cook Corporal cook 2 cooks Butcher Driver, M.T. Cooking equipment Water in tins	Truck, 3-ton, G.S.	2	Technical storeman Storeman Driver, M.T. Baggage Decontamination equipment Anti-gas capes Stores
<i>Total – Personnel –</i>		<i>Weapons</i>			
<i>Officers</i>	2	<i>Pistols</i>			4
<i>Other ranks</i>	55	<i>Rifles</i>			38
		<i>Sub machine guns</i>			15
		<i>L.M.G.</i>			1
		<i>A.Tk. rifle</i>			1
FOUR MACHINE GUN COMPANIES (EACH)					
<i>Company headquarters</i>					
Motor cycle	1	Transport corporal	<i>Three platoons (each)</i>		
Motor cycles	2 and 3 (each)	Motor cyclist orderly	Motor cycle	Motor cyclist orderly	
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.		Company commander Batman Driver, M.T.	Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	1	Lieutenant 2 rangetakers 2 orderlies Driver-mechanic
Truck, 15-cwt., A.A.L.M.G.	1	Captain Mechanic, M.V. Batman Ammunition number Driver, M.T. L.M.G. and 1000 rounds	Truck, 15-cwr., G.S.	2	Sergeant Batman Driver, M.T. A.Tk. rifle and 200 rounds
Truck, 15-cwt., A.A.L.M.G.	2	Company sergeant-major Ammunition number Corporal clerk Driver, M. L.M.G. and 1000 rounds	Trucks, 15-cwt., G.S.	3-6 (each)	Sergeant or corporal 5 machine gun numbers Driver, M.T. M.M.G. and 3500 rounds Tools
			<i>Total – Personnel –</i>		
			<i>Officers</i>	2	<i>Weapons – Pistols</i>
			<i>Other ranks</i>	22	<i>Rifles</i>
					5
					14
					5
					2
			<i>Total – Personnel –</i>		
			<i>Officers</i>	1	<i>Weapons – Pistols</i>
			<i>Other ranks</i>	37	<i>Rifles</i>
					10
					22
					6
					4
					1

(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	(g)176	12	1,056	3,168
Rifles, .303-inch	408	40	25,000	41,320
Rifles, .303-inch for A.A.C.C. and A.E.M.E. personnel	8	20		160
Sub machine guns	121	200	48,400	72,600
M.M.Gs. .303-inch	48	3,500	216,000	384,000
A.A.L.M.Gs. .303-inch	13	1,000	6,500	19,500
A.Tk. rifles, .55-inch	18	200	720	4,320
Pistols, signal	(h)24	20		480
Grenades, hand			(j)180	180

- Two companies will be commanded by majors and the remainder by captains.
- One will be attached to L. of C. Area Records Office. the N.C.O. selected for this appointment may be classified medically fit, class b.
- One section will be commande by a sergeant and the other by a corporal.
- In each compnay one man will be trained to repair boots and one man in hygiene duties as part time wmployments. The drivers of the truck 3-ton, water will also be trained in water duties.
- Includes or is a corporal.
- Includes 3 corporals.
- Officer, regimental sergeant-major, sergeant A.A.P.C., personnel mounted on motor cycles and Nos. 1 and 2 of machine gun detachments are armed with pistols.
- Alloted as required.
- One box of 12 for each machine gun platoon, carried in company or platoon trucks and three boxes in regimental reserve.