

Notified in A.C.Is. for the week ending 6th April. 1938

AN INFANTRY (MACHINE GUN) BATTALION

Consisting of—

Battalion headquarters; headquarter company of signal, A.A. and administrative platoons; and 4 machine gun companies, each of 12 guns (3 platoons). Battalion is on truck basis and all personnel are carried in M.T.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

Detail	Personnel					Vehicles	
	Officers	Warrant officers	Staff-serjeants and serjeants	Rank and file	Total	Motor cars, 4-seater	Motor cycles
SUMMARY							
Battalion headquarters	4	1	3	27	35	1	5
Headquarter company	4	3	6	101	114		11
Headquarter company (attached)	1		3	6	10		
4 machine gun companies	12	12	28	472	524		24
Total, battalion	20	(a)16	37	(b)600	673	1	40
Total, battalion (including attached)	21	16	40	606	683	1	40
<i>Not included in above totals</i>							
<i>Details left at base—</i>							
Orderly room serjeant			1		1		
First reinforcements	(c)4	3	4	60	71		
(i) Personnel, &c.							
BATTALION HEADQUARTERS							
Lieutenant-colonel	1				1	1	
Major (2nd-in-command)	1				1		
Adjutant	1				1		
Subaltern for intelligence	1				1		1
Regimental serjeant-major		1			1		
Serjeant clerks			1		1		
Provost serjeant			1		1		1
Privates				10	10		3
<i>Medical section—</i>							
Serjeant			1		1		
Corporal				1	1		
Privates				16	16		
Total, battalion headquarters	4	1	3	27	35	1	5
HEADQUARTERS COMPANY							
<i>Headquarters</i>							
Major or captain	1				1		
Company serjeant-major		1			1		
Company quarter-master-serjeant			1		1		
Privates				3	3		
<i>N. 1 (signal) platoon</i>							
Subaltern	1				1		
Serjeant			1		1		1
Corporal				1	1		1

Detail	Personnel				Vehicles		
	Officers	Warrant officers	Staff-serjeants and serjeants	Rank and file	Total	Motor cars, 4-seater	Motor cycles
Privates				26	26		6
Total, platoon	1		1	27	29		8
<i>No. 2 platoon (4 A.A. L.M.Gs.)—</i>							
Warrant officer, Class III		1			1		1
Corporals				2	2		
Privates				13	13		1
Total, platoon		1		15	16		2
<i>No. 3 (administrative) platoon—</i>							
Quarter-master	1				1		
Subaltern for transport	1				1		
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant		1			1		
Transport serjeant			1				1
Serjeant for technical stores			1		1		
Serjeant cook			1		1		
Corporal				3	3		
Privates				48	48		
<i>Pioneer section—</i>							
Pioneer serjeant			1		1		
Corporal				1	1		
Privates				4	4		
Total, platoon	2	1	4	56	63		1
Total, headquarter company	4	3	6	101	114		11
<i>Attached—</i>							
R.A.M.C.—							
Medical officer	1				1		
R.A.O.C.—							
Armourers			2		2		
Shoemaker				1	1		
Fitters (motor vehicle)			1	4	(u)5		
Electrician				1	(u)1		
<i>Light aid detachment</i>	1	1		11	13		1
R.A.S.C.—							
<i>Drivers, I.C. 2nd. line transport (d0</i>				4	4		
R.A.Ch.D.—							
<i>Chaplain and batmen</i>	1			1	2		1
Total, headquarter company (including attached)	5	3	9	107	124		11
4 MACHINE GUN COMPANIES (each of 12 guns) (each)							
<i>Headquarters—</i>							
Major or captain	1				1		
Captain	1				1		
Company serjeant-major		1			1		
Company quarter-master-serjeant			1		1		
Transport corporal				1	1		1
Privates				20	20		2
Total, headquarters	2	1	1	21	25		3

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	Officers	Warrant officers	Staff-serjeants and serjeants	Rank and file	Total	Motor cars, 4-seater	Motor cycles
<i>1 platoon (4 guns)—</i>							
<i>Headquarters—</i>							
Subaltern	1				1		
Serjeant			1		1		
Privates				6	6		1
<i>2 sections (each 2 guns)</i>							
Serjeant			1		1		
Corporals				3	3		
Privates				24	24		
Total, platoon	1		2	33	36		1
<i>2 platoons (each of 4 guns) (each)—</i>							
<i>Headquarters—</i>							
Warrant officer, Class III		1			1		
Serjeant			1		1		
Privates				5	5		1
<i>2 sections (each 2 guns)—</i>							
Serjeant			1		1		
Corporals				3	3		
Privates				24	24		
Total, each platoon		1	2	32	35		1
Total, each machine gun company	3	3	7	(e)118	131		6

(ii) *Transport*

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company					4 M.G. companies (each)			Total, battalion
		Company headquarters	No. 1 platoon	No. 2 platoon	No. 3 platoon	Total, company	Company headquarters	3 platoons (each)	Total, each company	
<i>1st line</i>										
Motor cycles	5		8	2	1	11	3	1	6	40
Car, 4-seater, 4-wheeled	1									1
Trucks, 8-cwt., 4-wheeled, 5-seater for Officers and personnel	1	1	1		2	4	1		1	9
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4-wheeled, G.S. for—										
Medical officer, medical section	3									3
Battalion office	1									1
A.A.L.M.Gs. detachments and ammunition				(f)4		4				4
M.Gs., detachments and ammunition								4	12	48
Signal personnel and stores			3			3				3
Personnel, equipment and company and platoon reserves of ammunition					(t)3	3	(t)2	2	8	35

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Trucks, 15-cwt., 4-wheeled, water					2	2				2
Lorries, 30-cwt., 4-wheeled, G.S. for—										
Officers' mess					1	1				1
M.T. stores and fitters					1	1				1
Cooks and cooking sets					1	1				1
Battage and decontamination stores and anti-gas capes (q)					1	1				1
Reserve clothing (r)					1	1				1
Reserve S.A.A.					2	2				2
Distribution of petrol					1	1				1
<i>Attached—</i>										
<i>Light aid detachment R.A.O.C.—</i>										
<i>Motor cycle</i>					1	1				1
<i>Car, 2-seater, 4-wheeled</i>					1	1				
<i>Lorries, 30-cwt., 6-wheeled</i>										
<i>Store</i>					2	2				2
<i>Breakdown</i>					1	1				1
<i>2nd line—R.A.S.C.</i>										
<i>Lorries, 3-ton, 4-wheeled for supplies (g)</i>					2	2				2

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

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company					4 M.G. companies (each)				Total, battalion
		Company headquarters	No. 1 platoon	No. 2 platoon	No. 3 platoon	Total, company	Company headquarters	One platoon	Two platoons (each)	Total, each company	
<i>Tradesmen—</i>											
Clerk					1	1					1
Equipment repairer					1	1					1
Bricklayer					1	1					1
Carpenters					3	3					3
Mason					1	1					1
Motor mechanics (u)							1			1	4
Driver mechanics (u)					(h)3	3		1	1	3	15
Technical storemen					2	2	1			1	6
Total, tradesmen					12	12	2	1	1	5	32
<i>Non-tradesmen—</i>											
Batmen	5	1	1		2	4	2	1		3	21
Cooks					2	2	3			3	14
Clerks	2	1			1	2	1			1	8
Drivers, I.C.					(j)26	26	5	5	5	20	106

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Butcher					1	1					1
Postman (k)					1	1					1
Sanitary duties					4	4					4
Water duties					2	2					2
Officers' mess cook and servant					2	2					2
Serjeants' mess					2	2					2
Storemen		1			1	2	1			1	6
Signallers			20			20					20
Orderlies			6	1		7	2	3	3	11	51
Stretcher bearers	16										16
Regimental police	3										3
Medical officer's orderly (k)	1										1
A.A.L.M.G. detachments				14		14					14
M.G. detachments								19	19	57	228
Rangetakers								2	2	6	24
Scouts								2	2	6	24
Ammunition numbers							4			4	16
Transport corporals							1			1	4
Total, non-tradesmen	27	3	27	15	44	89	19	32	31	113	568
Total, rank and file	27	3	27	15	56	101	21	33	32	118	600

(iv) Table of weapons

Detail	Number	Ammunition—rounds		
		On man or with gun	In platoon, company and battalion reserve(l)	Total
Pistols (including officers pistols) .38-inch	(m)165	12	990	2,970
Rifles, including those for the attached men, .303-inch	518	40	(s)31,000	51,720
Anti tank rifles, .55-inch	(n)18	200	720	4,320
Light machine guns, .303-inch	(t)13	1,000	6,000	19,000
Machine guns (Vickers), .303-inch	48	3,500	216,000	384,000
Pistols, signal	(o)24	12		288
Hand grenades			(p)180	180

- 9 platoons in the battalion are commanded by warrant officers Class III who are equipped as officers. The allotment of warrant officers, Class III is provisional pending further examination of the peace organization.
- Of the 48 corporals in the battalion 10 may be lance-serjeants and of the privates 41 may be lance-corporals.
Scottish battalions will be allowed 1 serjeant piper and 5 pipers in addition. At least 1 officer and 12 men (including all pioneers) will be trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work.
- To be found from R.A.R.O. or other sources.
- Provided by corps troops supply column, R.A.S.C.

- (e) 1 man in each company will be trained after mobilization, to repair boots as a part time employment under the supervision of the shoemaker, R.A.O.C. 1 man in each company will be trained in sanitary duties as a part time employment.
- (f) Fitted with central "Motley" A.A. mountings
- (g) 1 lorry in each echelon of corps troops supply column R.A.S.C.
- (h) 1 each for signal platoon, A.A. platoon and medical section.
- (j) Includes all drivers for battalion headquarters and headquarter company.
- (k) Lance-corporal.
- (l) Distributed as required between battalion reserve vehicles, company and platoon trucks. Not more than 80 boxes of S.A.A. will be carried in the two lorries allotted for battalion reserve, the remainder being distributed on the 90 M.G., signal and personnel trucks at 2 or 3 boxes per truck,
- (m) Officers, R.S.E.M., warrant officer platoon commanders, motor cyclists and Nos. 1 and 2 of machine gun detachments are armed with pistols; and the remainder with rifles.
- (n) Allotted as follows:—

Signal platoon	1
A.A. platoon	4
Administrative platoon	1
<i>Each</i> M.G. platoon	<u>1</u>
Total	<u>18</u>

- (o) Pistols are allotted as required.
- (p) 1 box of 12 per M.G. platoon carried in company or platoon trucks, and 3 boxes in battalion reserve.
- (q) Carry 1 spare anti-gas cape per man.
- (r) Carries 25 per cent reserve of clothing, any that will not fit in this lorry being distributed on other baggage vehicles.
- (s) 60 rounds per rifle.
- (t) In addition to the A.A. platoon, 1 truck in the administrative platoon and 2 trucks in each M.G. company headquarters are fitted with forward "Motley" A.A. mountings and provided with A.A.L.M.Gs. No extra personnel are allowed for these weapons.
- (u) Provisional allotment. The whole question of artificer personnel is still under consideration.