

A MOTOR BATTALION

Consisting of:—

Battalion headquarters; headquarters company of signal and administrative and transport platoons; and 4 motor companies each of 1 scout platoon of 3 scout sections and 3 motor platoons of 3 motor sections.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Summary of Ranks

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarters company				4 motor companies (each)				Total
		Company headquarters	Signal platoon	Administrative and transport platoon	Total headquarters company	Company headquarters	Scout platoon	1 motor platoon	2 motor platoons (each)	
Lieutenant colonel	1									1
Majors	1					(a)1			(a)1	4
Captains		1			1	1			1	6
Adjutant	1									1
Quartermaster				1	1					1
Subalterns	2		1	1	2		1	1	2	12
Total officers	5	1	1	2	4	2	1	1	4	25
Regimental sergeant major	1									1
Regimental quartermaster sergeant				1	1					1
Company sergeant majors		1			1	1			1	5
Warrant officers class III								1	2	8
Total warrant officers	1	1		1	2	1		1	3	15
Company quartermaster sergeants		1			1	1			1	5
Pioneer sergeant				1	1					1
Transport sergeant				1	1					1
Provost sergeant	1									1
Sergeant cook				1	1					1
Sergeant technical storeman				1	1					1
Sergeants	2		1	1	2		2	1	1	(c)24
Total sergeants	3	1	1	5	7	1	2	1	1	34
Corporals	1		2	4	6	(w)2	5	3	3	16
Riflemen	20	3	24	70	97	23	34	25	25	132
Total rank and file	21	3	26	74	103	25	39	28	28	148
Total other ranks	25	5	27	80	112	27	41	29	30	157
Total all ranks	30	6	28	82	116	29	42	30	30	161
<i>Attached</i>										
R.A.M.C.—Medical officer				1	1					1
R.A.O.C.—Armourers	1			2	2					3
Fitters (motor vehicles)				1	1	1			1	5
Electrician				1	1					1
Total including attached	31	6	28	87	121	30	42	30	30	162
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Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarters company				4 motor companies (each)					Total
		Company headquarters	Signal platoon	Administrative and transport platoon	Total headquarters company	Company headquarters	Scout platoon	1 motor platoon	2 motor platoons (each)	Total each company	
Truck 15cwt water tank				1	1						1
Truck 15cwt cable laying			1		1						1
Carriers scout							11			11	44
Lorries 30cwt G.S.				11	11	1				1	15
Cars scout	2					1	2			3	14
Total vehicles excluding motor cycles	7	1	5	19	25	7	13	12	5	5	160

(iv) Organisation

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS (administered by headquarters company)		HEADQUARTER COMPANY Company Headquarters	
Car, 4-seater (u)	Lieutenant-colonel Adjutant Driver, I.C. Orderly	8-cwt. truck 1 (u)	Captain Company serjeant-major Company quarter-master-serjeant Clerk Driver, I.C.
8-cwt, truck 1 (u)	Major Orderly Driver, I.C.	Motor cycle	Orderly
8-cwt. truck 2 (u)	Technical officer (subaltern) Driver, I.C. Armourer R.A.O.C.	<i>Total personnel—</i>	
15-cwt. truck 1 (u) (office)	Regimental serjeant-major Serjeant or corporal clerk Clerk Driver, I.C. Orderly Office gear	<i>Officer</i>	1
15-cwt., truck 2 (k) (u)	Liaison officer or intelligence serjeant Corporal Driver, I.C. 3 riflemen (L.M.G. and 1000 rounds) (A.T. rifle and 200 rounds)	<i>Pistols</i>	2
Scout car 1	2 drivers, I.C. (L.M.G. and 360 rounds) (Rifle and 50 rounds)	<i>Other ranks</i>	5
Scout car 2	2 drivers, I.C. (L.M.G. and 360 rounds) (Rifle and 50 rounds)	<i>Rifles</i>	4
Motor cycle 1	Liaison officer or intelligence serjeant	Signal Platoon	
Motor cycles 2-6	Provost serjeant 2 regimental police 2 orderlies	8-cwt. truck 1 (u)	Signal subaltern Batman Driver operator Driver, I.C. (Wireless set No. 11)
<i>Total personnel excluding attached—</i>		8-cwt. truck 2 (u)	Serjeant Driver operator Signaller Driver, I.C. (Wireless set No. 11)
<i>Officers</i>	5	8-cwt. truck 3 (u)	Corporal signaller 3 signallers Driver, I.C. (Signalling equipment, packs and greatcoats)
<i>Pistols</i>	14	15-cwt. truck 1 (u) (Cable laying)	Corporal driver operator 3 signallers Driver, I.C. (Signal stores and wire. Hand cable layer. Packs and greatcoats)
<i>Other ranks</i>	25	15-cwt. truck 2 (u)	Driver operator 3 signallers Driver, I.C. (Signal stores and wire. Packs and greatcoats)
<i>Rifles</i>	17		

Motor cycles 1-5	5 orderlies			30-cwt. lorry 3	Motor mechanic Corporal technical storeman Storeman Corporal driver, I.C. Armourer R.A.O.C. Electrician R.A.O.C. (QM stores and baggage L.M.G. and 1000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds)
	<i>Total, personnel</i>				
<i>Officer</i>	1	<i>Other ranks</i>	27		
<i>Pistols</i>	6	<i>Rifles</i>	22		
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<i>Administrative and transport platoon</i>					
8-cwt. truck 1 (u)	Quarter-master Regimental quarter-master serjeant Clerk Driver mechanic			30-cwt. lorry 4	2 equipment repairers Blacksmith Bricklayer Mason 2 carpenters Driver, I.C. (Pioneer stores L.M.G. and 1000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds)
8-cwt. truck 2 (u)	Transport officer Batman to regimental serjeant-major Driver, I.C. Armourer R.A.O.C.				
15-cwt. truck 1 (u)	Serjeant 4 stretcher bearers Driver, I.C. (Medical equipment, packs and greatcoats)			30-cwt. lorry 5 (k)	Postman (lance-corporal) Sanitary dutyman 6 batmen Driver, I.C. (L.M.G. and 1000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds)
15-cwt. truck 2 (u)	Corporal 4 stretcher bearers Driver, I.C. (Medical equipment, packs and greatcoats)			30-cwt. lorry 6	2 batmen Driver mechanic Officers' mess cook Officers' mess servant (Officers mess equipment and baggage L.M.G. and 1000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds)
15-cwt. truck 3 (u)	Corporal Driver, I.C. 4 stretcher bearers (Medical equipment, packs and greatcoats)			30-cwt. lorry 7	Sanitary dutyman Driver, I.C. (Ammunition reserve)
15-cwt. truck 4 (k) (u)	2 riflemen Driver, I.C. (L.M.G. and 1000 rounds A.T. rifle and 200 rounds Blankets of headquarters company)			30-cwt. lorry 8	Sanitary dutyman Driver, I.C. (Ammunition reserve)
15-cwt. truck 5 (u)	Sanitary dutyman Driver, I.C. Petrol reserve for headquarters company)			30-cwt. lorry 9	Serjeant cook Butcher 3 Cooks Driver, I.C. (Cooking set)
15-cwt. truck 6 (water tank)	Water dutyman Driver, I.C.			30-cwt. lorries 10 and 11	Pioneer serjeant 2 drivers, I.C. (Anti-gas capes (1 per man) 25 per cent reserve clothing; 5 per cent reserve webbing)
Motor cycle	Transport serjeant				
30-cwt. lorry 1	Medical officer Batman 3 stretcher bearers Driver, I.C. (Medical equipment and packs and greatcoats)				
30-cwt. lorry 2	Motor mechanic Serjeant technical storeman M.T. storeman Driver, I.C. Fitter, M.V. R.A.O.C. (M.T. stores and fitters tools)				
				<i>Total personnel excluding attached</i>	
		<i>Officers</i>	2	<i>Other ranks</i>	80
		<i>Pistols</i>	4	<i>Rifles</i>	83
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4 MOTOR COMPANIES (each)					
Company headquarters					
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<i>Fighting</i>					
8-cwt. truck 1 (u)	Major or captain Company serjeant-major Clerk Driver mechanic (A.T. rifle and 200 rounds)				

8-cwt. truck 2 (u)	Captain 2 signallers Driver, I.C. (Wireless set No. 11)			<i>3 scout sections (each)</i>			
Scout car 1	Driver, I.C. Signaller (L.M.G. and 360 rounds) (Rifle and 50 rounds)			Carrier 1 (u)	Serjeant (t) Rifleman (gun number) Driver mechanic (L.M.G. and 700 rounds A.T. rifle and 60 rounds 2 rifles and 100 rounds Greatcoats and blankets)		
Motor cycles 1 to 3	3 orderlies			Carrier 2 (u)	Corporal Rifleman (gun number) Driver mechanic (L.M.G. and 700 rounds A.T. rifle and 60 rounds 2 rifles and 100 rounds Greatcoats and blankets)		
	<i>Administrative</i>			Carrier 3 (u)	Rifleman (lance-corporal) Rifleman (gun number) Driver mechanic (L.M.G. and 700 rounds A.T. rifle and 60 rounds 2 rifles and 100 rounds Greatcoats and blankets)		
15-cwt. truck 1 (u)	Motor mechanic Technical storeman Transport corporal (w) Driver, I.C. Fitter M.V. R.A.O.C. (Petrol reserve for company)			Motor cycle 1	Orderly		
15-cwt. truck 2 (u)	Company quarter-master-serjeant Storeman 2 batmen Driver, I.C. (Quarter-master stores, company reserve of S.A.A. and mortar ammunition)			<i>Total personnel—</i>			
15-cwt. truck 3 (k) (u)	Corporal Driver, I.C. 1 rifleman (L.M.G. and 1000 rounds, A.T. rifle and 200 rounds, packs, greatcoats and blankets of company headquarters, packs of scout platoon.			<i>Officers</i>	1	<i>Other ranks</i>	41
				<i>Pistols</i>	19	<i>Rifles</i>	23
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				1 Motor platoon			
				<i>Platoon headquarters</i>			
30-cwt. lorry 1	3 cooks Driver, I.C. (Cooking set, water in tins)			15-cwt. truck 1 (u)	Subaltern Serjeant Batman Driver, I.C. Rifleman 2-inch mortar and 72 rounds)		
	<i>Total personnel excludint attached</i>			Motor cycle	Orderly		
	<i>Officers</i>	2	<i>Other ranks</i>				
	<i>Pistols</i>	6	<i>Rifles</i>				
				<i>3 motor sections (each)</i>			
	1 Scout Platoon			15-cwt. truck 1 (u)	Corporal 6 riflemen Driver, I.C. (L.M.G. and 1000 rounds, A.T. rifle and 200 rounds, packs, greatcoats and blankets, tools)		
	<i>Platoon headquarters</i>			<i>Total personnel—</i>			
Carrier 1 (u)	Subaltern Driver operator (gun number) Driver mechanic (L.M.G. and 700 rounds A.T. rifle and 60 rounds Wireless set No. 11 Greatcoats and blankets)			<i>Officer</i>	1	<i>Other ranks</i>	29
Carrier 2 (u)	Corporal (gun number) Driver operator Driver mechanic (L.M.G. and 700 rounds A.T. rifle and 60 rounds Wireless set No. 11 Greatcoats and blankets)			<i>Pistols</i>	2	<i>Rifles</i>	28
Scout cars 1 and 2 (each)	2 drivers I.C. (L.M.G. and 360 rounds) (Rifle and 50 rounds)			2 motor platoons (each)			
Motor cycle 1	Orderly (batman to subaltern (v)			<i>Platoon headquarters</i>			
Motor cycle 2	Orderly			15-cwt. truck 1 (u)	Warrant officer class III Serjeant Batman Driver, I.C. Rifleman 2-inch mortar and 72 rounds)		
				Motor cycle	Orderly		

15-cwt. truck 1 (u) Corporal 6 riflemen Driver, I.C. (L.M.G. and 1000 rounds, A.T. rifle and 200 rounds, packs, greatcoats and blankets, tools)	<i>Total personnel—</i>		
	<i>Pistols</i>	2	<i>Other ranks</i> <i>Rifles</i> 30 28

(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition—rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols (including officers' pistols) .38-inch	(l)150	12	900	2,700
Rifles (including those for attached personnel) .303-inch	548	50	54,800	82,200
Anti tank rifles .55-inch	50	200	2,000	12,000
Light machine guns .303-inch for ground and A.A. defence	10	1,000	5,000	15,000
2-inch mortars	12			
H.E.		18	72	288
Smoke		54	216	864
Signal bombs (m)				
Hand grenades			(o)180	180
Pistols, signal (n)	39	12	234	702
Scout carriers	44			
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	44	700	15,400	46,200
A.T. rifles, .55-inch	44	60	1,760	4,400
Rifles, .303-inch	88	50	8,800	13,200
Scout caars	14			
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	14	700	15,400	46,200
Rifles, .303-inch	14	50	1,400	2,100
L.M.Gs. .303-inch in motor platoons	36	1,000	18,000	54,000

- (a) One company is commanded by a captain.
- (b) The pioneer serjeant is a tradesman.
- (c) Includes a serjeant or corporal clerk in battalion headquarters who is a tradesman.
- (d) Includes 13 lance-serjeants.
- (e) Includes 45 lance corporals.
- (f) At least 1 officer and 12 men will be trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work.
- (g) Includes 1 for medical officer and 1 for regimental serjeant-major.
- (h) Includes 2 stretcher bearers, 1 corporal signaller and 1 corporal driver, I.C.
- (j) Driver of water truck is also trained in water duties.
- (k) Fitted with " Motley " A.A. mounting central.
- (l) Officers, regimental serjeant-major, warrant officer platoon commanders, motor cyclists, drivers of scout cars and gun numbers in carriers are armed with pistols and the remainder with rifles.
- (m) A proportion of signal bombs may be allotted in addition to H.E. and smoke bombs.
- (n) Allotted as follows:—

Battalion headquarters	3
Each motor company headquarters	2
Each scout platoon	4
Each motor platoon	1
- (o) 1 box of 12 per motor platoon and 3 boxes in regimental reserve.
- (p) To be found from R.A.R.O. or other sources.
- (q) 1 man in each company will be trained as a boot repairer in peace.
- (r) Will be a staff-serjeant or serjeant.
- (s) In each motor company 1 man will be trained in sanitary duties and 1 man in water duties as a part time employment.
- (t) One section in each scout platoon will be commanded by a lance-serjeant.
- (u) Carries a portable cooker No. 2
- (v) 1 motor cyclist acts as batman to subaltern.
- (w) 4 corporals (1 per motor company headquarters) for M.T. duties
- (x) Lance-corporal.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS ATTACHED AND 2ND LINE R.A.S.C.

Details left at base—

<i>Orderly room serjeant</i>	1
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First reinforcements—

Officers (p)	5
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Warrant officers	2
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Serjeants	4
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Rank and file	71
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Total	82
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Attached—

R.A.O.C.— *Light aid detachment. See W.E. of Armoured Divisional R.A.O.C. in Vol. 1*

R.A.Ch.D.— *See W.E. of Headquarters, Support Group, Armoured Division in Vol. 1*

For R.A.S.C.— *2nd line transport. See W.E. of Armoured Divisional R.A.S.C. in Vol. 1*