

**MOTOR MACHINE GUN BATTALION,
NORTH AFRICA**

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) PERSONNEL

Detail	Battalion headquarters	3 M.M.G. companies (trucks) (each)			1 M.M.G. company (carrier)			Total, motor machine gun battalion, Middle East
		Company headquarters	3 platoons (each)	Total, one company	Company headquarters	3 platoons (each)	Total, one company	
Officer commanding (lieutenant-colonel)	1							1
Second-in-command (major)	1							1
Company commanders (majors)		1		1	1		1	4
Captains								
Company seconds-in-command		1		1	1		1	4
Adjutant	1							1
Liaison officer	1							1
Subalterns								
Signal officers	1							1
Intelligence officer	1							1
M.T. officer	1							1
Platoon commanders			1	3		1	3	12
Quarter-master	1							1
Total, officers	8	2	1	5	2	1	5	28
Regimental serjeant-major	1							1
Regimental quarter-master serjeant	1							1
Company serjeant-majors		1		1	1		1	4
Warrant officer, class II (regimental duties)	1							
Total, warrant officers	3	1		1	1		1	7
Company quarter-master-serjeants	1	1		1	1		1	5
Clerk, general duties (serjeant) (for orderly room)	1							1
Serjeants								
Signalling	1							1
Medical	1							1
Technical	1							1
M.T.	1							1
Intelligence	1							1
Provost	1							1
Pioneer	1							1
Platoon and section serjeants			3	9		3	9	36
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	9	1	3	10	1	3	10	49

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Corporals (including 10 lance-serjeants)	6	2	3	11	2	3	11	50
Privates (including 41 lance-corporals)	56	24	34	126	24	37	135	569
Total, rank and file	62	26	37	137	26	40	146	619
Total, other ranks	74	28	40	148	28	43	157	675
Total, all ranks	82	30	41	153	30	44	162	703
Attached—								
R.A.Ch.D.Chaplain	1							1
R.A.M.C.Medical officer	1							1
R.E.M.E.								
Armourers (1 staff serjeant and 1 serjeant)	2							2
Fitter (serjeant)	1							1
Electrician vehicle and plant	1							1
Vehicle mechanics		1		1	2		2	5
R.A.O.C.Shoemaker (corporal)	1							1
A.C.C.Cooks for								
Officers' mess	1							1
Other ranks' mess								
Corporals	1	1		1	1		1	5
Privates	2		1	3		1	3	14
Total, attached	11	2	1	5	3	1	6	32
Total, motor machine gun battalion , North Arfica (including attached)	91	32	42	158	33	45	168	733
(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE BY TRADES AND DUTIES								
Tradesmen—								
Carpenters and joiners (includes 1 corporal)	3							3
Clerks, general duties (includes 1 for M.T. duties)	4							4
Equipment repairer	1							1
Driver mechanics	4	1	1	4	1	2	7	23
Motor mechanics	1	1		1	1		1	5
Storemen, technical	2	1		1	1		1	6
Total, tradesmen	15	3	1	6	3	2	9	42
Non-tradesmen—								
Batman	1							1
Batmen-drivers	9	2	1	5	2	1	5	29
Butchery dutyman	1							1
Drivers, I.C.	8	8	5	23	8	7	29	106
Drivers, I.C. (for duty as orderlies)	4							4
Anti-aircraft L.M.G. gunners		2		2	2		2	8
Regimental police	3							3
Machine gun numbers			20	60		20	60	240
Intelligence dutymen (corporals)		1		1	1		1	4

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Medical officer's orderly (lance-corporal)	1							1
Orderlies	2	3	3	12	3	3	12	50
Postal dutyman (lance-corporal)	1							1
Ration N.C.O. (corporal)	1							1
Rangetakers			2	6		2	6	24
Signallers (includes 1 corporal)	8	3	1	6	3	1	6	32
Stretcher bearers (includes 1 corporal)	4							4
Sanitary or water dutymen	1	1		1	1		1	5
Storemen	1	2		2	2		2	9
Riflemen			2	6		2	6	24
Mess orderly (for officers' mess)	1							1
M.T. dutymen (corporals)	1	1		1	1		1	5
Section N.C.Os. (corporals)			2	6		2	6	24
Total, non-tradesmen	47	23	36	131	23	38	137	577
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(iii) TRANSPORT								
Motor cycles, solo	3							3
Cars								
5-cwt., 4x4	10	5	1	8	5	1	8	42
2-seater, 4x2	2							2
Trucks, 15-cwt, 4x2								
G.S.	4	2	5	17	1		1	56
Fitted for wireless	2	1		1				5
Water	1	1		1	1		1	5
Lorries, 3-ton, 4x2, G.S.	6	2	1	5	2	2	8	29
Carriers, universal					2	7	23	23

(iv) WEAPONS

L.M.Gs., .303-inch	6
L.M.Gs., .303-inch (for anti-aircraft)	8
M.M.Gs.	48
Ps.I.A.T.	19
Pistols, signal	24