

VI/SDF/162A/1

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**SUDAN DEFENCE FORCE
AN INFANTRY BATTALION**

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

This establishment supersedes W.Es. Nos. VI/SDF/151/2. VI/SDF/164/1. VI/SDF/165/1
and VI/SDF/1 in War Establishments, Volume VI

Detail	Battalion headquarters	No 1 (signals) platoon	No. 2 (A.A.) platoon			No. 3 (mortar) platoon			3 rifle companies (each)							Machine gun company					Left in barracks (4companies each)	Total, an infantry battalion		
			Platoon headquarters	2 detachments (each)	Total, platoon	Platoon headquarters	2detachments (each)	Total, platoon	Company headquarters	2 platoons (each)			1 platoon			Total, each rifle company	Company headquarters	3 platoons (each)						
										Platoon headquarters	3 section (each)	Total, each platoon	Platoon headquarters	3 sections (each)	Total, platoon			Platoon headquarters	1 section	1 section			Total, each platoon	Total, company
A.Tk. riflemen					1		1		1		1	1		1	3		1			1	3		12	
Storemen																						2	8	
Police																						12	48	
Total, native other ranks	60	29	2	7	16	3	12	27	27	4	11	37	5	11	38	139	45	4	15	15	34	147	20	776
Total, native personnel	62	29	2	7	16	4	12	28	28	5	11	38	5	11	38	142	46	5	15	15	35	151	21	796
Civilians	2								1						1	1					1	1	10	
Total, an infantry battalion	71	29	2	7	16	4	12	28	31	5	11	38	5	11	38	145	49	5	15	15	35	154	22	821

(ii) *Transport*

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Signal platoon	A.A. platoon	Mortar platoon	3 rifle companies each			Machine gun company			Total, an infantry battalion
					Company headquarters	3 platoons (each)	Total, each rifle company	Company headquarters	3 platoons (each)	Total, machine gun company	
Cars or trucks, 15-cwt	5		4	4	2		2	2	5	17	36
Trucks, 15-cwt., water	2										2
Lorries, 2-3 ton					2	1	5	2	1	5	20
Lorries, 2-3 ton for—											
Native officers' and clerks' mess	1										1
Men's mess	1										1
Men's baggage	2										2
M.T. stores	1										1
Anti-gas stores	1										1
Petrol	1										1
British N.C.Os.	1										1
Reserve ammunition (including mortar)	2										2

(iii) *Table of weapons and ammunition*

Detail	Number	Ammunition—Rounds			
		On man or with gun	Reserve	2nd line reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	130	12	480		2,040
Rifles, .303-inch	597	80	18,000		65,760
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	31	1,000	17,000		48,000
A.Tk. rifles, .303-inch	12	200	300		2,700
Machine guns, .303-inch	12	3,500	22,000		64,000
3-inch mortars	4				
H.E.		75	156		456
Smoke		45	72		252
Pistols, signal	22	16	300		652
Grenades			480		480
<i>Left in barracks—</i>					
Pistols, .38-inch	16	12	240	960	1,392
Rifles, .303-inch	68	80	9,000	54,000	68,440
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	4	1,000	4,000	14,000	22,000
A.Tk. rifles, .55-inch	1	200	750	8,700	9,650
Machine gun .303-inch	2	3,500	17,000	85,000	109,000
3-inch mortars					
H.E.				282	282
smoke				174	174
Pistols, signal	3	16	150	450	648
Grenades				480	480

(a) Signal platoon allotted as follows

Battalion headquarters:—

Shawish 1

Onbashi 1

Nafars 3

3 rifle companies (each):—

Onbashi 1

Nafars 6