

**SUDAN DEFENCE FORCE  
AN INFANTRY BATTALION  
WAR ESTABLISHMENT**

## (i) PERSONNEL

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Administrative platoon	Signal platoon	Mortar platoon	4 companies (each)				Total. S.D.F. infantry battalion
					Company headquarters	3 rifle platoons (each)	M.M.G. platoon	Total, company	
British personnel—									
Lieutenant-colonel (miralai)	1								1
Second-in-command (major) (kaimakam)	1								1
Majors or captains (bimbashia)					1			1	4
Adjutant (captain) (bimbashi)	1								1
Captains or lieutenants (bimbashia)		(a)1		1	1			(b)1	6
Total, British officers	3	1		1	2			2	13
Staff-serjeant or serjeant (for orderly room and cipher duties)	1								1
Total, British other ranks	1								1
Total, British personnel	4	1		1	2			2	14
Native personnel—									
Bimbashi or sagh	1								1
Yazbashi or mulazim		1			1			1	5
Mulazim			1	1	(c)2			2	10
Total, Native officers	1	1	1	1	3			3	16
Sol talim (regimental serjeant-major)	1								1
Sol tayin (regimental quarter-master-serjeant)		1							1
Bash shawishia (company serjeant-majors)					1			1	4
Buluk amin (company quarter-master-serjeants)		1			1			1	5
Shawish (serjeant) (for M.T. duties)		1							1
Shawishia (serjeants) (one at battalion headquarters for provost duties)	1		1	3	1	1	1	5	25
Total, warrant officers, staff-serjeants and serjeants	2	3	1	3	3	1	1	7	37
Onbashia (corporals)			4	7	3	3	3	15	71
Onbashia (corporals) (wakil buluk amin)		1			1			1	5
Anfar (privates) (up to 10 per cent may be wakil onbashia)	12	27	26	31	25	34	35	162	744
Total, rank and file	12	28	30	38	29	37	38	178	820
Total, other ranks	14	31	(d)31	41	32	38	39	185	857
Total, native personnel	15	32	32	42	35	38	39	188	873
Total, all ranks	19	33	32	43	37	38	39	190	887
Attached—									
Sudan Ordnance Corps—									
British personnel—									
Vehicle mechanics—									
Serjeant		1							1
Corporal		1							1

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Armourer (serjeant)		1							1
Native personnel—									
Fitters, M.V.—									
Shawish (serjeant)		1							1
Onbashia (corporals)		2							2
Anfar (privates)		8							8
Armourers—									
Shawish (serjeant)		1							1
Onbashi (corporal)		1							1
Nafar (private)		1							1
Total, Sudan Ordnance Corps		17							17
Sudan Medical Corps									
Medical officer	1								1
Sanitary orderlies		2			2			2	10
Driver-batman	1								1
Total, Sudan Medical Corps	2	2			2			2	12
Civilians—									
Clerks		2			1			1	6
Total, attached	2	21			3			3	35
Total, S.D.F. an infantry battalion (including attached)	21	54	32	43	40	38	39	193	922
(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE BY TRADES AND DUTIES									
Native personnel—									
Tradesmen—									
Driver-mechanics		3		3	2		1	3	18
Tailors		1			1			1	5
Saddlers		1			1			1	5
Carpenters and joiners					1			1	4
Total, tradesmen		5		3	5		1	6	32
Non-tradesmen—									
Onbashia (for M.T. duties)				1	1			1	5
Wakil buluk amin		1			1			1	5
Drivers, I.C.	1	10	1	3		1	3	6	39
Driver-batmen	2	1	1	2	5		1	6	30
Batmen	3								3
Cooks		2			2			2	10
Orderlies	2				2			2	10
Range takers				2					2
Storemen		1			1			1	5
Signallers			28						28
Despatch riders		4							4
Regimental police	4								4
Stretcher bearers		2							2
Medical officer's orderlies		2			2			2	10
General dutymen				27	10	36	33	151	631

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Total, non-tradesmen	12	23	30	35	24	37	37	172	788
Total, rank and file	12	28	30	38	29	37	38	178	820
(iii) TRANSPORT									
Motor-cycles, solo		4							4
Car, 6-seater, 4 x 2, closed	1								1
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4 x 2, G.S.	2	1	1	8	3		3	6	36
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4 x 2, water		2							2
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.		8	1		1	1	1	5	29
(iv) WEAPONS									
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	1	1		4	5	3		14	62
M.M.Gs., .303-inch							4	4	16
Ps.I.A.T.						1		3	12
Pistols, signal	3	2		8	3	1	2	8	45
Mortars, 3-inch				6					6
Cups, discharger						3		9	36

- (a) Quarter-master and M.T. officer.
- (b) Of the total number in the four companies, 2 will be captains.
- (c) Detached with platoons as required.
- (d) Up to 29 may draw signal allowance.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS  
First reinforcements—  
British officers