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AN INDEPENDENT MACHINE GUN COMPANY

(Not to be implemented until receipt of instructions from the War Office)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

Amdt. No.	
Date	11 Feb '44
Officers	9
O.Rs.	203
Total	212
M.Cs.	16
Vehicles	53
Trailers	6

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(i) PERSONNEL

Detail	Headquarters	Headquarter platoon	Heavy mortar platoon	Three M.M.G. platoons (each)	Total, an independent machine gun company
Officer commanding (major)	1	..	..	..	1
Captains	1	1	..	..	2
Subalterns	1	..	2	1	6
Total, officers	3	1	2	1	9
Company serjeant-major	1	..	..	..	1
Company quarter-master-serjeant	..	1	..	..	1
Transport serjeant	..	1	..	..	1
Serjeants (includes 1 for technical stores in headquarter platoon)	1	2	3	3	15
Total, warrant officers, staff-serjeants and serjeants	2	4	3	3	18
Corporals (includes 4 lance-serjeants)	3	3	7	4	25
Privates (includes 11 lance-corporals)	10	35	26	26	149
Total, rank and file	13	38	33	30	174
Total, other ranks	15	42	36	33	192
Total, all ranks	18	43	38	34	201
Attached –					
R.A.M.C. – Nursing orderly (corporal)	1	..	..	..	1
R.E.M.E. –					
Armourer (serjeant)	..	1	..	..	1
Vehicle mechanics (includes 1 serjeant)	..	3	..	..	3
A.C.C. – Cooks (includes 1 for officers' mess and 1 corporal)	..	6	..	..	6
Total, attached	1	10	..	..	11
Total, an independent machine gun company	19	53	38	34	212

(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE BY TRADES AND DUTIES

Detail	Headquarters	Headquarter platoon	Heavy mortar platoon	Three M.M.G. platoons (each)	Total, an independent machine gun company
Tradesmen –					
Carpenter and joiner	..	1	..	..	..
Clerks (corporal in headquarters)	1	2	..	..	3
Driver-mechanics	..	1	5	7	27
Driver-operators (includes 1 corporal in each of headquarters platoon and heavy mortar platoon)	2	4	6	2	18
Equipment repairer	..	1	..	..	1
Storeman (technical)	..	1	..	..	1
Vehicle mechanics (includes 1 corporal)	..	2	..	..	2
Total, tradesmen	3	12	11	9	53
Non-tradesmen –					
Administrative corporal	..	1	..	..	1
Ammunition numbers	..	3	..	..	3
Batmen	..	..	2	1	5
Batmen-drivers	3	1	..	..	4
Drivers, I.C.	1	9	..	1	13
Intelligence dutyman	1	..	..	..	1
M.M.G. numbers (includes 12 corporals)	..	..	..	16	48
Mortarmen (includes 4 corporals)	..	..	16	..	16
Mortar position officer's assistant (corporal)	..	..	1	..	1
Motor-cycle orderlies	..	6	2	1	11
Observation post assistant (corporal)	..	..	1	..	1
Orderly	..	1	..	..	1
Provost corporal	1	..	..	..	1
Rangetakers	..	..	..	2	6
Sanitary dutyman	..	1	..	..	1
Signallers	..	3	..	..	3
Storeman	..	1	..	..	1
Stretcher bearers	4	..	..	..	4
Total, non-tradesmen	10	26	22	21	121
Total, rank and file	13	38	33	30	174

(iii) TRANSPORT

Detail	Headquarters	Headquarter platoon	Heavy mortar platoon	Three M.M.G. platoons (each)	Total, an independent machine gun company
Motor-cycles, solo	2	8	3	1	16
Cars, 5-cwt., 4 x 4	1	1	..	..	2
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4 x 2 –					
G.S.	3	3	..	1	9
Office	1	..	..	..	1
Water	..	1	..	..	1
Fitted for wireless	..	2	..	..	2
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 4, G.S.	..	6	..	..	6
Carriers –					

Universal	..	..	2	(a) 8	26
Loyd	..	..	6	..	6
Trailers, mortar	..	..	6	..	6

(iv) WEAPONS

Detail	Headquarters	Headquarter platoon	Heavy mortar platoon	Three M.M.G. platoons (each)	Total, an independent machine gun company
M.M.Gs., .303-inch	..	..	..	4	12
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	1	2	2	1	8
P.I.A.T.	..	2	1	1	6
Mortars, 4.2-inch	..	..	4	..	4

(v) ORGANIZATION

This table is intended merely as a guide to officers commanding units, and may be varied, within the number of ranks, tradesmen and vehicles provided, according to tactical or administrative requirements.

HEADQUARTERS	
Motor-cycle, solo 1	Intelligence serjeant
Motor-cycle, solo 2	Provost corporal
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4 No. 19 set	(seat for commanding officer) 2 driver-operators
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 1	Corporal nursing orderly, R.A.M.C. 4 stretcher bearers Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 2 300-watt charging set L.M.G.	Captain Company serjeant-major Intelligence dutyman Batman-driver
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 3	Major Batman-driver
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, office	Subaltern Corporal clerk Batman driver
HEADQUARTER PLATOON	
Headquarters	
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4	Captain Batman-driver
Signal section	
Motor-cycle, solo 1	Signal serjeant
Motor-cycles, solo 2-7 (each)	Orderly
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. Signal stores	3 signallers Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, fitted for wireless 1 No. 19 set	Corporal driver-operator Driver-operator
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, fitted for wireless 2 No. 19 set	2 driver-operators
Transport section	
Motor-cycle, solo	Transport serjeant
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. 1 M.T. stores L.M.G. P.I.A.T.	Serjeant vehicle mechanic, R.E.M.E. 2 vehicle mechanics, R.E.M.E. Corporal vehicle mechanic Vehicle mechanic

	Serjeant (for technical stores) Storeman (technical) Driver-mechanic
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. 2 Petrol	Clerk (for M.T. duties) Drivers, I.C.
Supply section	
15-cwt truck, 4 x 2, G.S.	Clerk Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, water	Sanitary dutyman Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. 1 Officers' mess Cooking sets and rations Water tins	Company quarter-master-serjeant 3 cooks, A.C.C. Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. 2 Cooking sets and rations Water tins	Corporal cook, A.C.C. 2 cooks, A.C.C. Driver, I.C.
Administrative section	
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. Reserve ammunition	Administrative corporal Ammunition number Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. 1 "Q" stores Anti-gas stores L.M.G. P.I.A.T.	Serjeant armourer, R.E.M.E. Equipment repairer Carpenter and joiner Storeman Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, G.S. 2 Mortar bombs	2 ammunition numbers Orderly Driver, I.C.
HEAVY MORTAR PLATOON	
Motor-cycle, solo 1	Serjeant
Motor-cycles, solo 2-3 (each)	Orderly
Carrier, universal 1 No. 18 set No. 19 set	Subaltern Corporal observation post assistant 2 driver-operators
Carrier, universal 2 No. 19 set P.I.A.T.	Subaltern Corporal mortar position officer's assistant 2 driver-operators
No. 1 section	
Carrier, Loyd 1 No. 19 set Tele-loud-speaker No. 2 20 bombs L.M.G. (draws trailer, mortar containing 44 bombs)	Serjeant Batman Corporal driver-operator Driver-operator
Carrier, Loyd 2-3 (each) 22 bombs L.M.G. (draws trailer, mortar containing 4.2-inch mortar and 24 bombs)	Corporal mortarman 3 mortarmen Driver-mechanic
No. 2 section	
Carrier, Loyd 1 48 bombs L.M.G. (draws trailer, mortar containing 44 bombs)	Serjeant Batman Driver-operator
Carrier, Loyd 2-3 (each) 22 bombs (draws trailer, mortar containing 4.2-inch mortar and 24 bombs)	Corporal mortarman 3 mortarmen Driver-mechanic
THREE M.M.G. PLATOONS (EACH)	
Headquarters	
Motor-cycle, solo	Orderly

Carrier, universal 1 No. 19 set No. 18 set	Subaltern 2 driver-operators
Carrier, universal 2 Ammunition and stores P.I.A.T.	Serjeant Batman Driver-mechanic
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. L.M.G.	4 M.M.G. numbers Driver, I.C.
Two sections (each)	
Carrier, universal 1 Ammunition and equipment	Serjeant Rangetaker Driver-mechanic
Carriers, universal 2-3 (each) M.M.G. Ammunition	Corporal M.M.G. number 2 M.M.G. numbers Driver-mechanic

(a) To be fitted for carrying M.M.Gs.

NOTES

1. The drivers of the truck, 15-cwt., 4 x 2, water, and lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 4, G.S., in the supply section of headquarters platoon will be trained in water duties.
2. The driver of the lorry, 3-ton, 4 x 4, G.S., carrying petrol in the transport section of headquarter platoon will be trained in petrol duties.
3. One man will be trained up to the standard of a shoemaker, group "C", class III, and will be eligible to draw the pay of a tradesman, group "C", class III, only on those days on which he is actually employed at that trade.
4. At least one N.C.O. and four men will be trained in decontamination work.

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

First reinforcements –

Subalterns	..	..	..	..	..	2
Corporals	..	..	..	..	..	1
Lance-corporals	..	..	..	..	..	2
Privates	..	..	..	..	..	16

(Total rank and file will include the following –

Tradesmen –

Driver-operators	..	..	..	..	3
Driver-mechanics	..	..	..	..	3

Non-tradesmen –

Drivers, I.C.	..	..	..	..	1
M.M.G. numbers	..	..	..	..	8
Mortarmen	..	..	..	..	3
Rangetakers	..	..	..	..	1)