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RAIDING SUPPORT REGIMENT, MIDDLE EAST

(Consisting of: Headquarters raiding support regiment, mountain battery, R.A., Anti-tank battery, Anti-aircraft battery, M.M.G. battery and 3-inch mortar battery.)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

79/W.E./8586 (S.D.3)

HEADQUARTERS

(Includes administrative staff, transport and first reinforcements for the five batteries under command)

(i) PERSONNEL

British personnel –

Lieutenant-colonel		1
Second-in-command (major)		1
Adjutant (captain)		1
Quarter-master		1
Total, officers		4
Regimental serjeant-major		1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant		1
Clerks, general duties (includes 1 staff-serjeant and 1 serjeant for pay duties)		2
Officers' mess steward (serjeant)		1
Provost serjeant		1
Serjeants' mess caterer (serjeant)		1
Transport N.C.O. (serjeant)		1
Total, warrant officers, staff-serjeants and serjeants		8
Clerks, general duties –		
Corporals	} (includes 1 corporal and 1 private for "Q" duties {	2
Privates		6
Driver-mechanic (lance-corporal)		1
Vehicle mechanic (corporal)		1
Regimental police (includes 1 corporal)		7
Sanitary dutyman (lance-corporal)		1
Storemen (includes 1 lance-corporal)		7
Total, rank and file		25
Total, other ranks		33
Total, British personnel		37
Attached –		
R.A. – Battery quarter-master-serjeant		1
R.E.M.E. – Armourers (serjeants)		6
R.A.M.C. –		
Medical officer		1
Nursing orderlies –		
Serjeants		3
Corporals		12
A.C.C. – Cooks for rank and file mess –		
Serjeant		1
Corporal		1
Total, attached		25

Total, British personnel (including attached)		62
Non-U.K. personnel –		
Driver-mechanics		3
Batmen		16
Batmen-drivers		7
Drivers, I.C.		12
Motor-cyclists		2
Orderlies		7
Sanitary dutymen or water dutymen		11
Total, non-U.K. personnel		58
Civilians –		
Mess orderlies for –		
Officers' mess	} (may be non-U.K. personnel{	4
Serjeants' mess		4
Cooks for –		
Officers' mess		2
Serjeants' mess		2
Rank and file mess		9
Total, civilians		21
Total, headquarters (including attached non-U.K. and civilian personnel)		141

(ii) TRANSPORT

Motor-cycles, solo	2
Cars, 5-cwt. 4 x 4	7
Car, 4-seater, 4 x 2	1
Truck, 15-cwt., 4 x 2, G.S.	1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.	11
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 4, G.S.	2

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Detail	Mountain battery, R.A.	Anti-tank batter	Anti-aircraft battery	M.M.G. battery	3-inch mortar battery	Total, first reinforcements
Captains	1	1	1	1	1	5
Subalterns	::	::	1	2	1	4
Total, officers	1	1	2	3	2	9
Warrant officers, class II	1	1	::	::	::	2
Serjeants	2	2	2	4	1	11
Bombardiers or corporals	2	2	4	2	1	11
Lance-bombardiers or lance-corporals	::	::	4	::	::	4
Gunners or privates	11	5	19	17	8	60
Total, other ranks	16	10	29	23	10	88
Total, first reinforcements	17	11	31	26	12	97

MOUNTAIN BATTERY, R.A.

(Consisted of battery headquarters and two troops each of four 75-mm. guns)

(i) PERSONNEL

Detail	Battery headquarters	Two troops (each)			Total, mountain battery, R.A.
		Troop headquarters	Two sections (each)	Total, troop	
Major	1	..	..	..	1
Captains	..	1	..	1	2
Subalterns	..	..	1	2	4
Total, officers	1	1	1	3	7
Battery serjeant-majors	1	1	..	1	3
Serjeants	1	..	2	4	9
Total, warrant officers and serjeants	2	1	2	5	12
Tradesmen	1	1	..	1	3
Bombardiers (includes 4 lance-serjeants)	1	..	2	4	9
Gunners (includes 16 lance-bombardiers)	14	..	10	20	54
Total, rank and file (including tradesmen)	15	..	12	24	63
Total, other ranks	18	2	14	30	78
Total, mountain battery, R.A.	19	3	15	33	85

(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF TRADESMEN AND RANK AND FILE NON-TRADESMEN

Detail	Battery headquarters	Two troops (each)			Total, mountain battery, R.A.
		Troop headquarters	Two sections (each)	Total, troop	
Tradesmen –					
Artificer, R.A.	1	..	..	..	1
Fitters (gun)	..	1	..	1	2
Total, tradesmen	1	1	..	1	3
Non-tradesmen –					
Gun detachments	..	..	12	24	48
Gun position officer's assistants	4	..	..	..	4
Signallers	11	..	..	..	11
Total, non-tradesmen	15	..	12	24	63

(iii) WEAPONS

L.M.Gs., .303-inch	6
75-mm. guns	8

ANTI-TANK BATTERY

(Consisting of battery headquarters and two troops, each of four Italian 47/32-mm. guns)

(i) PERSONNEL

Detail	Battery headquarters	Two troops (each)			Total, anti-tank battery
		Troop headquarters	Two sections (each)	Total, troop	
Major	1	..	..	..	1
Captains	..	1	..	1	2
Subalterns	..	..	1	2	4
Total, officers	1	1	1	3	7
Battery serjeant-majors	1	1	..	1	3
Serjeants	..	..	2	4	8
Total, warrant officers and serjeants	1	1	2	5	11
Bombardiers or corporals (includes 4 lance-serjeants)	..	..	2	4	8
Gunners or privates (includes 8 lance-bombardiers or lance-corporals)	..	1	6	13	26
Total, rank and file	..	1	8	17	34
Total, other ranks	1	2	10	22	45
Total, all ranks	2	3	11	25	52
Attached – R.A. – Artificer	1	..	..	..	1
Total, anti-tank battery (including attached)					

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

Detail	Battery headquarters	Two troops (each)			Total, mountain battery, R.A.
		Troop headquarters	Two sections (each)	Total, troop	
Tradesmen – Fitters (gun)	..	1	..	1	2
Total, tradesmen	..	1	..	1	2
Non-tradesmen – Gun detachments	8	16	32
Total, non-tradesmen	8	16	32
Total, rank and file	..	1	8	17	34

(iii) WEAPONS

L.M.Gs., .303-inch	8
47/32-mm. anti-tank guns (Italian)	8

ANTI-AIRCRAFT BATTERY

(Consisting of battery headquarters and three troops, each of two sections of three 2-cm. German A.A. guns)

Detail	Battery headquarters	Three troops (each)					Total, anti-aircraft battery
		Troop headquarters	Two sections (each)			Total, troop	
			Section headquarters	Three sub-sections (each)	Total, section		
Major	1	::	::	::	::	::	1
Captains	1	1	::	::	::	1	4
Subalterns	::	::	1	::	1	2	6
Total, officers	2	1	1	::	1	3	11
Battery serjeant-major	1	::	::	::	::	::	1
Battery quarter-master-serjeant	1	::	::	::	::	::	1
Serjeants	1	1	1	::	1	3	10
Total, warrant officers, staff-serjeants and serjeants	3	1	1	::	1	3	12
Bombardiers or corporals	::	::	::	1	3	6	18
Lance-bombardiers or lance-corporals	::	::	::	1	3	6	18
Gunners or privates	::	1	1	4	13	27	81
Total, rank and file	::	1	1	6	19	39	117
Total, other ranks	3	2	2	6	20	41	129
Total, anti-aircraft battery	1	3	3	6	21	45	140

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

Detail	Battery headquarters	Three troops (each)					Total, anti-aircraft battery
		Troop headquarters	Two sections (each)			Total, troop	
			Section headquarters	Three sub-sections (each)	Total, section		
Tradesmen – Fitters (gun)	::	1	::	::	::	1	3
Total, tradesmen	::	1	::	::	::	1	3
Non-tradesmen – Gun detachments	::	::	::	6	18	36	108
Orderlies	::	::	1	::	1	2	6
Total, non-tradesmen	::	::	1	6	19	38	114
Total, rank and file	::	1	1	6	19	39	117

(iii) WEAPONS

L.M.Gs., .303-inch	18
2-cm. anti-aircraft guns (German)	18

M.M.G. BATTERY

(Consisting of battery headquarters and two troops, each of three sections of two .303-inch M.M.Gs.)

(i) PERSONNEL

Detail	Battery headquarters	Two troops (each)						Total, M.M.G. battery
		Troop headquarters	Three sections (each)				Total, troop	
			Section headquarters	Two guns		Total, section		
				No. 1 gun	No. 2 gun			
Major	1	::	::	::	::	::	::	1
Captains	::	1	::	::	::	::	1	2
Subalterns	::	::	1	::	::	1	3	6
Total, officers	1	1	1	::	::	1	4	9
Battery serjeant-major	1	::	::	::	::	::	::	1
Serjeants	::	::	::	1	::	1	3	6
Total, warrant officers and serjeants	1	::	::	1	::	1	3	7
Corporals	::	::	::	::	1	1	3	6
Privates	3	3	1	2	2	5	18	39
Total, rank and file	3	3	1	2	3	6	11	45
Total, other ranks	4	3	1	3	3	7	14	52
Total, M.M.G. battery	5	4	2	3	3	8	18	61

(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE BY DUTIES

Detail	Battery headquarters	Two troops (each)						Total, M.M.G. battery
		Troop headquarters	Three sections (each)				Total, troop	
			Section headquarters	Two guns		Total, section		
				No. 1 gun	No. 2 gun			
Gun detachments	::	::	::	2	3	5	15	30
Range takers	::	::	1	::	::	1	3	6
Signallers	3	3	::	::	::	::	3	9
Total, rank and file	3	3	1	2	3	6	21	45

(iii) WEAPONS

Ps.I.A.T.	6
M.M.Gs., .303-inch	12

3-INCH MORTAR BATTERY

(Consisting of battery headquarters and three troops, each of three sections of two 3-inch mortars)

(i) PERSONNEL

Detail	Battery headquarters	Three troops (each)						Total, 3-inch mortar battery
		Troop headquarters	Three sections (each)				Total, troop	
			Section headquarters	Two detachments		Total, section		
				No. 1 gun	No. 2 gun			

Major	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Captains	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	3
Subalterns	...	...	1	...	...	1	3	9
Total, officers	1	1	1	...	...	1	4	13
Battery serjeant-major	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Serjeants	...	1	...	1	1	2	7	21
Total, warrant officers and serjeants	1	1	...	1	1	2	7	22
Corporals	...	...	...	1	...	1	3	9
Lance-corporal	...	...	...	...	1	1	3	9
Privates	3	4	1	3	3	7	25	78
Total, rank and file	3	4	1	4	4	9	31	96
Total, other ranks	4	5	1	5	5	11	38	118
Total, 3-inch mortar battery	5	6	2	5	5	12	42	131

(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE BY DUTIES

Detail	Battery headquarters	Three troops (each)						Total, 3-inch mortar battery
		Troop headquarters	Three sections (each)				Total, troop	
			Section headquarters	Two detachments		Total, section		
				No. 1 gun	No. 2 gun			
Mortar detachments	...	...	...	4	4	8	24	71
Orderlies	...	3	1	...	...	1	6	18
Rangetakers	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	3
Signallers	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Total, rank and file	3	4	1	4	4	9	31	98