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AN INDEPENDENT BRIGADE GROUP

MACHINE GUN COMPANY

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

79/W.E./2408

(i) Personnel

Detail	Company headquarters	3 platoons (each)	Total, an independent brigade group machine gun company
Major	1	...	1
Captain	1	...	1
Subaltern	..	1	3
Total, officers	2	1	5
Company serjeant-major	1	...	1
Total, warrant officers	1	...	1
Company quarter-master-serjeant	1	...	1
Transport serjeant	1	...	1
Serjeants	...	2	6
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	2	2	8
Corporals (may include 3 lance-serjeants)	4	4	16
Privates (may include 8 lance-corporals)	35	33	134
Total, rank and file	39	37	(a)150
Total, other ranks	42	39	159
Total, all ranks	44	40	164
Attached – R.A.O.C. – Armourer (serjeant)	1	...	1
Fitter, M.V. (corporal)	1	...	1
Total, an independent infantry brigade group machine gun company (including attached)	46	40	166

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Detail	Company headquarters	3 platoons (each)	Total, an independent brigade group machine gun company
<i>Tradesmen</i>			
Clerk	1	..	1
Carpenter and joiner	1	..	1

Motor mechanic	1	...	1
Driver mechanic	1	1	4
Technical storeman	1	...	1
Total, tradesmen	5	1	8
<i>Non-tradesmen</i>			
Batmen	2	1	5
Clerk	1	...	1
Cooks ( <i>b</i> ) for –			
Officers' mess	1	...	1
Other ranks	4	...	4
Drivers, I.C.	7	5	22
General duties	1	...	1
Signallers	6	...	...
Orderlies	2	3	11
Storeman	1	...	1
Stretcher bearers	4	...	4
Medical officer's orderly	1	...	1
M.G. detachments	...	23	69
Rangetakers	...	2	6
Scouts	...	2	6
Ammunition numbers	4	...	4
Total, non-tradesmen	34	36	142
Total, rank and file	39	37	150

(iii) *Table of weapons and ammunition*

Detail	Company headquarters	3 platoons (each)	Total, an independent brigade group machine gun company
Motor cycles	3	1	6
Car, 2-seater, 4-wheeled	1	...	1
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4-wheeled, personnel	4	6	22
Truck, 15-cwt., 4-wheeled, water	1	...	1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4-wheeled	2	...	2

(iv) *Organization*

COMPANY HEADQUARTERS	
Motor cycle 1	Transport serjeant
Motor cycles 2-3	2 orderlies
2-seater car	Major Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. truck personnel 1	Captain Batman 2 ammunition numbers Driver mechanic L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds
15-cwt. truck personnel 2	Company serjeant-major Batman Corporal clerk

	Clerk Driver, I.C. L.M.G. and 1,000 rounds
15-cwt. truck personnel 3	Signalling corporal 5 signallers Driver, I.C. Signal equipment
15-cwt. truck personnel 4	Medical officer's orderly (lance-corporal) 4 stretcher bearers Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. truck, water	General duties Driver, I.C. (trained to water duties)
3-ton lorry 1	Company quarter-master-serjeant Officers' mess cook 3 cooks Driver, I.C. Cooking sets and rations
3-ton lorry 2	Technical storeman (corporal) Storeman 2 ammunition numbers Carpenter and joiner Motor mechanic Armourer, R.A.O.C. Fitter, M.V., R.A.O.C. Driver, I.C. Stores and anti-gas stores
<i>Total, personnel (including attached) –</i>	
<i>Officers</i>	... .. 2
<i>Other ranks</i>	... .. 44
<i>Pistols</i>	... .. 5
<i>Rifles</i>	... .. 41
<i>L.M.Gs.</i>	... .. 2
EACH PLATOON	
Motor cycle	Orderly
15-cwt. truck, personnel 1	Subaltern 2 rangetakers 2 orderlies Driver mechanic
15-cwt. truck, personnel 2	Serjeant 2 scouts Batman Driver, I.C. A. Tk. rifle and 200 rounds
15-cwt. truck, personnel 3	Serjeant 5 gun numbers Driver, I.C. Medium M.G. and 3,500 rounds Tools
15-cwt. trucks, personnel 4-6 (each)	Corporal 5 gun numbers Driver, I.C. Medium M.G. and 3,500 rounds Tools
<i>Total, personnel (including attached) –</i>	
<i>Officers</i>	... .. 1

<i>Other ranks</i>	...	...	39
<i>Pistols</i>	...	...	10
<i>Rifles</i>	...	...	30
<i>A. Tk. rifle</i>	...	...	1
<i>Medium M.Gs.</i>	...	...	4

(v) *Table of weapons and ammunition*

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch (c)	35	12	210	630
Rifles, .303-inch	131	40	81,000	13,240
Light machine guns, .303-inch	2	1,000	1,000	3,000
Anti-tank rifles, .55-inch	3	200	120	720
Medium machine guns, .303-inch	12	3,500	54,000	96,000
Pistols, signal	4	20	...	80
Hand grenades	4	20	...	80

- (a) Scottish companies will be allowed 1 piper in addition. At least 1 serjeant and 4 rank and file will be trained in anti-gas duties.
- (b) May be group "B" tradesmen if qualified.
- (c) For officers, motor cyclists and Nos. 1 and 2 of M.G. detachments.

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS AND 2ND LINE R.A.S.C.

*First reinforcements –*

Subaltern	1
Corporal	1
Lance-corporals	2
Privates	12
	<u>16</u>

Pistol, .38-inch – 1 and 12 rounds

Rifles, .303-inch – 15 and 600 rounds

*2nd line transport –*

See W.E. of Independent Brigade Group  
Company, R.A.S.C.