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MALTA DEFENCES

HARBOUR FIRE COMMAND

1st HEAVY REGIMENT, ROYAL MALTA ARTILLERY

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

79/W.E./1400

(i) Summary

Detail	Headquarters	1st heavy battery	2nd heavy battery	3rd heavy battery	4th heavy battery	Total
Lieutenant-colonel	1	...	...	...	...	1
Adjutant	1	...	...	...	...	1
Instructor in gunnery	1	...	...	...	...	1
Quarter-master	1	...	...	...	...	1
Medical officer	1	...	...	...	...	1
Majors	(a)1	1	1	1	1	5
Captains	(b)2	1	1	1	1	6
Subalterns	(c)2	4	2	4	4	16
Total, officers	10	6	4	6	6	32
Regimental serjeant-major (warrant officer class I)	1	...	...	...	...	1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant	1	...	...	...	...	1
Bandmaster	1	...	...	...	...	1
Assistant instructors in gunnery	2	...	...	...	...	2
Battery serjeant-majors (warrant officers class II)	...	1	1	1	1	4
Battery serjeant-majors (warrant officers class II)	(d)2	(e)3	(e)4	(e)1	(e)4	14
Total, warrant officers	7	4	5	2	5	23
Battery quarter-master-serjeants	...	1	1	1	1	4
Serjeants	(f)5	(g)10	(h)7	(j)7	(g)10	39
Trumpet major	1	...	...	...	...	1
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants (exclusive of tradesmen)	6	11	8	8	11	44
Tradesmen (k)	...	2	2	2	4	10
Lance-serjeants	3	7	5	5	7	27
Bombardiers	8	13	9	10	14	54
Lance-bombardiers	8	18	13	14	19	72
Gunners	155	203	140	149	210	857
Total, rank and file (exclusive of tradesmen)	174	241	167	178	250	1,010
Total, other ranks	187	258	182	190	270	(l)1,087
Total, harbour fire command	197	264	186	196	276	1,119
Locally enlisted personnel	(m)3	23	9	24	16	75

(ii) Distribution of personnel by trades and duties

Detail	Headquarters	1st heavy battery	2nd heavy battery	3rd heavy battery	4th heavy battery	Total
(1) <i>Tradesmen –</i>						
Electricians	...	1	1	1	2	5
Fitters (gun C.D. and A.A.)	...	1	1	1	2	5
Total, tradesmen (n)	...	2	2	2	4	10
(2) <i>Rank and file non-tradesmen –</i>						
Range-finding specialists	3	24	12	35	12	87
Telephonists	9	12	6	12	12	51
Signallers	...	6	...	...	12	18
Gun detachments	...	126	69	78	128	401
Battery commanders' assistants	...	3	3	...	6	12
Advanced look-outs	28	...	...	...	...	28
Orderlies	2	...	...	...	...	2
D.E.L. emplacement numbers	...	10	16	12	14	52
N.C.Os. i/c directing station	...	2	4	1	2	9
Switch telephonists	...	4	16	...	14	34
D.E.L. telephonists	...	4	8	2	4	18
Gun storemen	...	2	1	3	2	8
A.A. lewis machine gunners	(o)24	10	6	8	4	52
Vickers machine gunners	(p)34	12	6	6	12	70
Clerks	1	1	1	1	2	6
Pay accountants	...	2	2	1	2	7
N.C.Os. i/c rations	...	1	1	1	1	4
Administrative storemen	...	1	1	1	1	4
D.E.L. storemen	...	1	1	1	1	4
Sanitary orderlies	...	2	1	1	2	6
Cooks	2	7	(q)6	5	(r)8	28
Batmen	10	6	4	6	6	32
Drivers I.C.	...	1	...	...	1	3
Motor cycle D.Ts.	3	...	...	...	...	3
Trumpeters	...	2	2	2	2	8
M.O's. orderlies	...	2	1	1	2	6
Musicians	(s)21	...	...	...	...	21
Casualties	36	...	...	...	...	36
Total, rank and file non-tradesmen	174	241	167	178	250	1,010

(iii) *Transport*

Detail	Headquarters	1st heavy battery	4th heavy battery	Total
Trucks, 15-cwt.	1	1	1	3
Motor cycles	3	::	::	3
Total	4	1	1	6

(a) Fire commander.

- (b) Deputy and relief fire commanders.
- (c) O.C.E.L. and casualty officer.
- (d) Relief section commanders.
- (e) Electric light officers.
- (f) Includes 1 for range-finding; 1 orderly room serjeant; 1 orderly room clerk; 1 serjeant cook; 1 band serjeant.
- (g) Includes 2 for D.E.Ls.
- (h) Includes 4 for D.E.Ls.
- (j) Includes 1 for D.E.Ls.
- (k) The total of fitters (gun C.D. and A.A.) and electricians includes the following additional ranks:-
- | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Staff-serjeant | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Serjeant | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Lance-serjeant | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Bombardiers | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Lance-bombardiers | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
- (l) The total of other ranks excludes the following personnel authorized for manning 2 naval 4-inch guns and 2 naval 4.7-inch guns mounted temporarily:-
- | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Serjeants | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Bombardiers | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Lance-bombardiers | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Gunners | ... | ... | ... | 24 |
- (m) Spares for casualties.
- (n) Artificers R.A. are included in war establishment of the 4th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery.
- (o) For 4th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery.
- (p) Includes 30 for 4th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery, and 4 for boom defence, Marsa Muscetto.
- (q) Separate cookhouses for St. Georges and Ras il Pellegrin.
- (r) Two cookhouses.
- (s) Includes 1 band bombardier.

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