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SUDAN DEFENCE FORCE

AN INFANTRY COMPANY (NORTHERN) WITH ANIMAL TRANSPORT

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

79/W.E./4002 (S.D. 3)

Detail	Company headquarters	4 rifle platoons (a)	Machine gun platoon	Mounted infantry scout troop	Left in barracks	Total, infantry company (Northern) with animal transport
<i>British personnel –</i>						
Major or captain (kaymakam or bimbashi)	1	..	..	..	..	1
Captain (bimbashi)	1	..	..	..	..	1
Total, British personnel	2	..	..		..	2
<i>Native personnel –</i>						
Officers	1	..	1	1	1	4
Solotayin (regimental quarter-master-serjeant)	..	..	..	..	1	1
Bash shawish (company serjeant-major)	1	..	..	..	..	1
Bash amin (pay serjeant)	1	..	..	..	..	1
Shawishia (serjeants)	..	4	1	1	1	7
Onbashia (corporals)	1	16	3	3	2	25
Wakil onbashia (lance-corporals)	2	10	2	1	2	17
Nafar (privates)	15	94	17	11	18	155
<i>Transport drivers –</i>						
Shawish (serjeant)	1	..	..	..	..	1
Onbashia (corporal)	3	2	2	..	..	7
Wakil onbashia (lance-corporals)	4	2	2	..	1	9
Anfar (privates)	38	20	14	..	8	80
Total, native personnel	67	148	42	17	34	308
<i>Civilians –</i>						
Clerks	..	..	..		1	1
Total, an infantry company (Northern) with animal transport	69	148	42	17	35	311

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

Detail	Company headquarters	4 rifle platoons (a)	Machine gun platoon	Mounted infantry scout troop	Left in barracks	Total, an infantry company (Northern) with mechanical transport
Signal onbashi (corporal)	1	1

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Onbashia (corporals)	3	2	5
Signallers	8	8
Officers' servants	3	..	1	1	1	6
Armourer	1	1
Wakil bulukat amin (clerks)	1	2	3
Tailor	1	1
Saddler	1	1
Tumergi (medical orderly)	1	1
Carpenter	1	1
Storemen	2	2
Police	2	2
Rifle numbers (includes 12 onbashia)	..	92	92
L.M.G. detachments (includes 4 onbashia)	..	28	28
Machine gun detachments (includes 3 onbashia)	21	21
Station duties and first reinforcements	13	13
Nafar (privates)	11	..	11
Drivers (onbashia) (corporals)	3	2	2	7
Drivers (anfar) (privates)	42	22	16	..	9	89
Total, rank and file	63	144	40	15	31	293

(iii) Transport

Detail	Company headquarters	4 rifle platoons (a)	Machine gun platoon	Mounted infantry scout troop	Left in barracks	Total, an infantry company (Northern) with mechanical transport
Riding horses	2	..	..	..	..	2
Riding horses (government)	1	..	1	1	1	4
Riding mules	..	..	..	16	2	18
Pack mules or pack horses for –						
Signal equipment	2	..	..	..	..	2
Medical	1	..	..	..	..	1
Tools	1	..	3	..	..	4
L.M.Gs.	..	8	..	..	..	8
Ammunition	..	16	18	..	..	34
A.Tk. rifles	..	8	..	..	..	8
Ammunition	..	8	..	..	..	8
Machine guns and tripods	..	..	6	..	..	6
Water for guns	..	..	3	..	..	3
Spare	..	2	2	..	..	4
Station duties	..	..	..	..	8	8
Camels for –						
British officers' kit	8	..	..	..	..	8
Native officers' kit	9	..	..	..	..	9

Detail	Company headquarters	4 rifle platoons (a)	Machine gun platoon	Mounted infantry scout troop	Left in barracks	Total, an infantry company (Northern) with mechanical transport
Rifle ammunition	10	..	..	..	..	10
Other ranks' baggage	6	..	..	..	..	6
Water	6	..	..	..	..	6
Rations	7	..	..	..	..	7
Forage (3 days)	(b)18	..	..	..	..	18
Miscellaneous stores	8	..	..	..	..	8
Spare	7	..	..	..	..	7
Station duties	..	..	..	..	8	8

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition – rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	34	12	1,632	2,040
Rifles, .303-inch	276	60	66,240	82,800
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	8	2,000	48,000	64,000
A.A., L.M.Gs., .303-inch	2	2,000	12,000	16,000
A.Tk. rifles, .55-inch	8	120	1,920	2,880
Machine guns (Vickers), .303-inch	6	2,000	60,000	72,000
Pistols, signal	10	12	480	600

(a) Composition of each rifle platoon as follows:-

Detail	Platoon H.Q.	3 rifle sections	L.M.G. section	Total
Shawish (serjeant)	1	..	..	1
Onbashia (corporals)	..	3	1	4
Nafar (privates)	2	18	6	26

(b) Each animal carries 2 days' forage for itself.

NOTE

Armourers	2
Carpenters	2
Writer	1
Assistant writer	1
Tailors	2
Saddlers	6
Tumergia	3
Veterinary dressers	4
Animal clippers	2
Signallers, class I	2
Signallers, class II	7

Machine gunners, class II	16
Machine gunners, class III	32

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