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**SUDAN DEFENCE FORCE**  
**A MOUNTED MACHINE GUN COMPANY**  
**(WITH ARMOURED CARS)**

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) *Personnel*

79/W.E./4137 (S.D. 3)

Detail	Company headquarters	Armoured car platoon	L.M.G. platoon	A.Tk rifle platoon	B rifle platoon	C rifle platoon (at base)	Left in barracks	Under training	Total, mobile machine gun company (with armoured cars)
<i>British personnel –</i>									
Major or captain (kaimakam or bimbashi)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Captain (bimbashi)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Captain or subaltern (bimbashi or yousbashi)	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1
Serjeant (M.T. N.C.O.)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total, British personnel	3	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4
<i>Native personnel –</i>									
Officers	1	1	1	..	..	..	1	..	4
Bash shawish (company serjeant-major)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Bulak amin (company quarter-master-serjeant)	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Shawisha (serjeants)	..	1	2	1	1	2	2	..	9
M.T. shawish (serjeant) (also driver)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Onbashia (corporals)	..	5	6	3	3	5	5	..	27
M.T. shawishia (corporals) (also drivers)	..	1	1	1	1	..	..	..	4
Wakil onbashia (lance-corporals)	..	1	2	2	2	1	2	4	14
Anfar (privates)	(a)5	13	15	22	16	8	20	32	131
Anfar sawag (drivers)	7	6	8	2	2	3	..	..	28
Anfar sawag (fitters) (spare drivers)	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Total, native personnel	21	28	35	31	25	19	31	36	226
<i>Civilians –</i>									
Clerk	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Total, mobile machine gun company (with armoured cars)	24	28	35	31	25	20	32	36	231

(ii) *Animals*

Detail	Company headquarters	Armoured car platoon	L.M.G. platoon	A.Tk rifle platoon	B rifle platoon	C rifle platoon (at base)	Left in barracks	Under training	Total, mobile machine gun company (with armoured cars)
Horses, riding	::	::	::	::	::	::	2	::	2
Horses, government	::	::	::	::	::	::	4	::	4

(iii) *Vehicles*

Detail	Company headquarters	Armoured car platoon	L.M.G. platoon	A.Tk rifle platoon	B rifle platoon	C rifle platoon (at base)	Left in barracks	Under training	Total, mobile machine gun company (with armoured cars)
Vans, 15-cwt.	3	..	1	..	1	(b)2	..	..	7
Vans, 15-cwt. (for machine guns)	..	..	8	..	..	..	..	..	8
Trucks, 30-cwt.	5	..	..	3	2	(b)1	..	..	1
Armoured cars (local pattern)	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	7

(iv) *Table of weapons and ammunition*

Detail	Number	Ammunition – rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	(c)68	12	3,264	4,080
Rifles, .303-inch	166	60	39,840	49,800
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	(d)19	2,000	114,000	152,000
A.Tk. rifles, .55-inch	(d)13	120	3,120	4,680
Machine guns, Vickers, .303-inch	7	2,000	70,000	84,000
Pistols, signal	15	12	720	900

(a) Includes servant for officer of armoured car platoon.

(b) One van and one truck go to group headquarters on mobilization.

(c) Includes 4 for training purposes.

(d) Includes 2 for training purposes.

NOTE

The following will be entitled to extra pay –

Armourers	2
Carpenters	2
Writer	1
Assistant writer	1
Drivers	34

Fitters	6
Tailor	1
Saddlers	2
Tumergia	2
Machine gunners, class II	12
Machine gunners, class III	24

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