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SUDAN DEFENCE FORCE**MOTOR BATTALION****WAR ESTABLISHMENT**

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(i) *Personnel*

79/W.E./4709 (S.D. 3)

Detail	Battalion headquarters	3 motor companies (each)					Total, each company	Total, battalion	Left in barracks (each company)	Total, motor battalion
		Company headquarters	Armoured car platoon	Bren van platoon	2 motor platoons (each)					
<i>British personnel –</i>										
Lieutenant-colonel (miralai)	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Major (kaimakam)	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Captain (adjutant) (bimbashi)	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Captains (bimbashia)	...	1	...	...	...	1	3	...	3
Captains or lieutenants (bimbashia)	...	1	...	...	...	2	6	...	6
Total, officers	3	3	...	...	...	3	12	...	12
Staff-serjeants or serjeants for –										
Cipher duties	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
M.T. duties	1	1	...	...	...	1	4	...	4
Total, other ranks	2	1	...	...	...	1	5	...	5
Total, British personnel	5	4	...	...	...	4	17	...	17
<i>Native personnel –</i>										
Bimbashi or sagh	2	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	2
Yuzbashi or mulazim	...	1	1	1	...	3	9	1	12	
Total, officers	2	1	1	1	...	3	11	1	14	
Sol tayin (regimental quarter-master-serjeant)	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1
Bash shawishia (company serjeant-major)	...	1	...	...	...	1	3	...	3
Bulak amin (company quarter-master-serjeant)	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	2
Shawishia (serjeants)	...	...	1	2	1	5	15	2	21
Shawishia (serjeants) for M.T. duties	...	1	...	...	...	1	3	...	3
Onbashia (corporals)	2	...	5	6	3	17	53	5	68	
Onbashia (corporals) for M.T. duties	...	...	1	1	1	4	12	...	12
Nafar (privates) for duty as –										
Drivers, I.C.	25	9	6	8	3	29	112	...	112	

Detail	Battalion headquarters	3 motor companies (each)					Total, battalion	Left in barracks (each company)	Total, motor battalion
		Company headquarters	Armoured car platoon	Bren van platoon	2 motor platoons (each)	Total, each company			
Despatch riders	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4
Servants	7	5	..	..	..	5	22	..	22
L.M.G. numbers	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4
Armourer	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Tailor	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Saddler	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Wakil bulak amin	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Tumergi	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
General duties	6	..	14	17	23	77	237	22	303
Fitters	..	6	..	..	..	6	18	..	18
Total, native other ranks	55	22	27	34	31	145	490	30	580
Total, native personnel	57	23	28	35	31	148	401	31	594
<i>Civilians –</i>									
Clerks	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	5
Servants	2	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	2
Total, motor battalion	66	27	28	35	31	152	522	32	618

(ii) *Transport*

Detail	Battalion headquarters	3 motor companies (each)					Total, battalion	Left in barracks (each company)	Total, motor battalion
		Company headquarters	Armoured car platoon	Bren van platoon	2 motor platoons (each)	Total, each company			
Motor-cycles	4	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	4
Vans or trucks, 8- or 15-cwt.	5	3	..	1	..	4	17	..	17
Bren vans, 8- or 15-cwt.	..	..	..	8	..	8	24	..	24
Truck, 15-cwt., water	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Lorries, 2- or 3-ton, for –									
Officers' and British N.C.Os.' kit	5	3	..	..	..	3	14	..	14
Cooks, rations and office	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Ammunition and petrol	4	1	..	..	..	1	7	..	7
Motor-cycle and armoured	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Kit of personnel	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
Fitters	..	1	..	..	..	1	3	..	3
Lorries, 2- or 3-ton	..	..	..	..	3	6	18	..	18
Armoured cars	..	..	7	..	..	7	21	..	21

(iii) *Distribution of weapons*

Detail	Battalion headquarters	3 motor companies (each)					Total, each company	Total, battalion	Left in barracks (each company)	Total, motor battalion
		Company headquarters	Armoured car platoon	Bren van platoon	2 motor platoons (each)	Total, each company				
Pistols, .38-inch	16	6	28	17	6	63	205	1	208	
Rifles, .303-inch	46	21	...	18	25	89	313	30	403	
L.M.Gs, .303-inch	2	...	...	8	3	14	44	2	50
A. Tk. rifles, .55-inch	2	...	7	...	2	11	35	5	50	
Machine guns, .303-inch	...	...	7	...	...	7	21	...	21
Pistols, signal	4	4	4	4	1	14	44	2	46	

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition – rounds			
		On man	Reserve	2nd line reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	208	12	3,600	7,200	13,296
Rifles, .303-inch	403	60	45,000	57,000	126,180
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	50	2,000	78,000	422,000	600,000
A. Tk. rifles, .55-inch	50	120	2,250	6,900	15,150
Machine guns, .303-inch	21	4,000	52,000	156,000	292,000
Pistols, signal	46	12	1,500	750	2,802

NOTE

The total native other ranks in each company include the following tradesmen: -

Armourers	2
Writer	1
Tailor	1
Medical orderlies	2
Carpenters	2
Assistant writer	1
Saddlers	2