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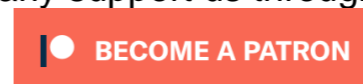
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A MACHINE GUN TRAINING CENTRE

Consisting of –

Headquarters and headquarter company, 1 depot company, 1 recruit company of headquarters and 7 platoons, each of 30 men under instruction, 1 machine gun company and 6 platoons, each of 25 men under instruction, 1 specialist company of headquarters, a signal platoon with 12 men under instruction and a transport platoon with 36 men under instruction. The establishment is designed to produce 100 trained men monthly in the proportions given below and includes an increment for producing a further 100 trained men monthly.

Drivers, I.C.	...	...	...	18
Signallers	...	...	...	4
Remainder	...	...	...	78

The remainder includes range takers and motor-cyclists.

HOME WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Summary of ranks

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Detail	To produce 100 trained men monthly													Increment to produce a further 100 trained men monthly (a)										Total, machine gun training centre to produce 200 trained men monthly				
	Headquarters	Headquarter company	Depot company (b)	Recruit company			Machine gun company			Specialist company			Total, machine gun training centre to produce 100 trained men monthly	Additions to		One additional recruit company			One additional machine gun company			Addition to specialists company			Total, increment			
				Company headquarters	7 platoons (each)	Total, recruit company	Company headquarters	6 platoons (each)	Total, machine gun company	Company headquarters	1 signal platoon	1 transport platoon		Total, specialist company	Headquarters	Headquarter company	Company headquarters	7 platoons (each)	Total, recruit company	Company headquarters	6 platoons (each)	Total, recruit company	Company headquarters			Signal platoon	1 transport platoon	Total, specialist company
Lieutenant-colonel	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Major (2nd-in-command)	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Majors or captains	...	(c) 1	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	4	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	6		
Adjutant	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Subalterns	...	...	1	(e)2	...	(e)2	(e)2	...	(e)2	...	...	(d)1	1	6	...	...	(e)2	...	(e)2	(e)2	...	(e)2	...	1	(d)1	2	6	12
Quarter-master	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1		
Total, officers	2	2	2	3	...	3	3	...	3	1	...	1	2	14	...	...	3	...	3	3	...	3	...	1	1	2	8	22
Regimental serjeant-major	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Company serjeant-majors	...	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	4	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	6		
Total, warrant officers	1	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	6	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	8		
Company quarter-master-serjeants	...	1	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	1	5	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	7		
Serjeants	3	1	...	...	1	7	...	1	6	...	1	3	4	21	...	...	...	1	7	...	1	6	...	...	3	3	16	37
Total, serjeants	3	2	1	1	1	8	1	1	7	1	1	3	5	26	...	...	1	1	8	1	1	7	...	...	3	3	18	44
Corporals	...	...	...	...	1	7	...	1	6	...	2	12	14	(f)27	...	...	...	1	7	...	1	6	...	...	12	12	(f)25	52
Privates	6	50	3	8	21	225	7	25	157	8	13	80	101	542	...	33	8	31	225	7	25	157	5	12	80	97	512	1054
Total, rank and file	6	50	3	8	32	232	7	26	163	8	15	92	115	569	...	33	8	32	232	7	26	163	5	12	92	109	537	1106

Detail	To produce 100 trained men monthly													Increment to produce a further 100 trained men monthly (a)											Total, machine gun training centre to produce 200 trained men monthly			
	Headquarters	Headquarter company	Depot company (b)	Recruit company			Machine gun company			Specialist company			Total, machine gun training centre to produce 100 trained men monthly	Additions to		One additional recruit company			One additional machine gun company			Addition to specialists company				Total, increment		
				Company headquarters	7 platoons (each)	Total, recruit company	Company headquarters	6 platoons (each)	Total, machine gun company	Company headquarters	1 signal platoon	1 transport platoon		Total, specialist company	Headquarters	Headquarter company	Company headquarters	7 platoons (each)	Total, recruit company	Company headquarters	6 platoons (each)	Total, recruit company	Company headquarters	Signal platoon			1 transport platoon	Total, specialist company
Majors or captains	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	3	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	2	5	
Subalterns	(e)2	...	(e)2	(e)2	...	(e)2	1	1	5	(e)2	...	(e)2	(e)2	...	(e)2	...	1	1	2	6	11
Total, officers	3	...	3	3	...	3	1	...	1	2	8	3	...	3	3	...	3	...	1	1	2	8	16
Company serjeant-majors	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	3	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	5
Total, warrant officers	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	3	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	2	5
Serjeant, instructor in musketry	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Serjeants (instructors in D. & M.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	3	6
Serjeants	...	...	...	...	1	7	...	1	6	...	1	...	1	14	...	...	...	1	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	13	27
Total, serjeants	1	...	...	...	1	7	...	1	6	...	1	3	4	18	...	...	...	1	7	...	1	...	...	3	3	16	34
Corporals (instructors in D. & M.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	12	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	12	12	24
Corporals	...	...	...	...	1	7	...	1	6	...	2	...	2	15	...	...	...	1	7	...	1	...	...	...	...	13	28
Drivers, I.C.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(k)44	44	44	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	(k)44	44	44	88
Privates	...	...	...	...	(i)1	7	...	...	...	...	(i)1	...	1	8	...	...	...	(i)1	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	15
Total, rank and file	...	...	...	...	2	14	...	1	6	...	3	56	59	79	...	...	...	2	14	...	1	...	...	56	56	76	155
Total, instructional	1	4	3	(l)25	4	2	(i)(m)16	2	4	60	66	108	4	3	(l)25	4	2	(l)(m)16	...	1	60	61	102	210
Attached – Army physical training staff instructor	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Privates UNDER INSTRUCTION	30	210	...	25	150	...	12	36	48	408	30	210	...	25	150	...	12	36	48	408	816
Total, under instruction	30	210	...	25	150	...	12	36	48	(n)408	30	210	...	25	150	...	12	36	48	408	(n)816
Total, machine gun training centre	12	55	7	13	33	244	12	27	174	11	16	96	123	615	...	33	13	33	244	12	27	174	5	13	96	114	565	1180
Total, machine gun training centre, including attached	15	62	7	13	33	244	12	27	174	11	16	96	123	625	...	36	13	33	244	12	27	174	5	13	96	114	568	1193

(iii) Transport

Detail	To produce 100 trained men monthly							Increment to produce a further 100 trained men monthly				
	Headquarters	Headquarter company	Depot company	Recruit company	Machine gun company	Specialist company	Total, machine gun training centre to produce 100 trained men monthly	Recruit company	Machine gun company	Specialist company	Total, increment	Total, machine gun training centre to produce 200 trained men monthly
Bicycles	1	2	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	...	2	9

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Motor cycles	12	12	12	12	24
Car, 4-seater, 4-wheeled	1	1	1
Cars, 2-seater, 4-wheeled	...	2	...	1	2	2	7	1	2	2	5	12
Trucks, 15-cwt., G.S.	24	24	24	24	48
Lorries, instructional	20	20	20	20	40

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	To produce 100 trained men monthly	Increment to produce a further 100 trained men monthly	Total to produce 200 trained men monthly
Pistols, .38-inch	6	6	12
Rifles, .303-inch	(o)500	(o)500	1000
A.T. rifles, .55-inch	7 (2 D.P.)	7 (2 D.P.)	14 (4 D.P.)
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	6 (2 D.P.)	6 (2 D.P.)	12 (4 D.P.)
M.Gs., .303-inch – Service	24	24	48
D.P.	28	28	56

NOTES

1. Instructional and administrative personnel will be found as follows:-

i. From regular battalion –

- 1 major or captain to command specialist company.
- 1 subaltern for M.T. duties in specialist company.
- 1 subaltern qualified at Machine Gun School.
- 1 company serjeant-major.
- 1 corporal for specialist company headquarters.
- 2 motor mechanics for specialist company headquarters.
- 1 serjeant instructor in D and M.
- 2 corporal instructors in D and M.
- 3 driver mechanics.
- 1 serjeant for signal platoon.
- 1 corporal for signal platoon.
- 1 private for signal platoon.
- 1 corporal (instructor in D and M) for transport platoon.

A N.C.O. provided by the regular battalion may be one rank lower than specific, provided that he is qualified for higher rank.

ii. From depot –

- 1 commander of depot company and second in command of Training Centre (will be depot commander in peace, but, if not available, will be found by regular battalion).

- 1 commander of recruit company.
- 1 commander of machine gun company.
- 1 commander of headquarters company and administrative officer (retired officer on peace establishment of depot).
- 1 adjutant.
- 1 quarter-master.
- 1 regimental serjeant-major.
- 1 regimental quarter-master-serjeant.
- 1 company serjeant-major.
- 1 company quarter-master-serjeant.
- 1 orderly-room serjeant (may be warrant officer, Class II, according to service).
- 1 serjeant instructor in musketry.
- 1 serjeant-cook.
- 6 serjeants.
- 8 corporals (6 general duty, 1 physical training, 1 training in map reading).
- 37 privates (*p*).
- 3 buglers or drummers.

iii. The remainder may be R.A.R.O. or reservists, N.C.Os., both for administrative and instructional duties, may be found from Section E of the Army Reserve.

2. The training personnel for the increment are, in principle, obtained from the Territorial Army. In the event of a machine gun training centre being required to mobilize with increment, special instructions will be issued regarding the provision of the additional training personnel.
3. 20 per cent. of the numbers under training at any one time may be appointed unpaid lance-corporals at the discretion of the O.C. of this unit. These appointments will be relinquished on leaving the training unit (see Mobilization Regulations, 1932, Appendix J, para. 4).
4. The following personnel, surplus to the war establishment of the regular battalion at home, will be attached to the centre:-

Bandmaster	...	...	...	1
Boys	...	...	...	16

- (a) The increment will not be formed until orders to that effect have been received.
- (b) For the administration of initial wastage reservists, trained men maturing and men returning from the Field Force in varying numbers.
- (c) Retired officer on the peace establishment of the Depot.
- (d) Trained in M.T.
- (e) 1 may be replaced by a warrant officer found from regular sources or from Section E of the Army Reserve.
- (f) 6 may be lance-serjeants.
- (g) To be provided from civilian personnel at the Depot.
- (h) The civilian mobilization storekeeper on the Depot peace establishment may be re-enlisted as company quarter-master-serjeant.
- (i) Includes, or is, a lance-corporal.
- (j) May be provided from personnel unfit for general service with fighting units.
- (k) Includes 8 lance-corporals.
- (l) 1 N.C.O. to be an assistant physical training instructor.
- (m) 2 N.C.Os. to be qualified instructors in rangetaking.
- (n) See note 3.
- (o) 1 for each recruit plus a pool for instructors.
- (p) Includes the following men at the Depot:-

2 clerks.	2 serjeants' mess.
1 storemen.	3 police.
1 postman.	2 quarter-master's stores.
1 butcher.	1 pioneer.
1 officer's mess.	3 cooks.
6 batmen.	

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