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A MOTOR BATTALION

Amdt. No.	
Date	4 June 1943
Officers	38
O.Rs.	816
Total	854
M/Cs.	57
Vehicles	185
Trailers	4

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

This establishment supersedes W.E. No. II/231/1.

(i) Personnel

79/W.E./6912 (S.D. 3)

Detail	Headquarters	Headquarter company				Support company				Three motor companies (each)				Total, a motor battalion
		Headquarters	Signal platoon	Administrative platoon	Total, a headquarters company	Headquarters	Three anti-tank platoons (each)	Two M.M.G. platoons (each)	Total, support company	Headquarters	Three motor platoons (each)	Scout platoon	Total, motor company	
Officer commanding (lieutenant-colonel)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Majors (1 in battalion headquarters to be second-in-command)	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	5
Adjutant	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Captains	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	5
Technical officer (captain)	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Subalterns	1	..	1	1	2	..	1	1	5	..	1	(a)2	5	23
Quarter-master	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Total, officers	5	1	1	2	4	2	1	1	7	2	1	2	7	37
Regimental serjeant-major	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Company serjeant-majors	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	5
Total, warrant officers	1	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	7
Company quarter-master-serjeants (technical in administrative platoon)	..	1	..	1	2	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	6
Intelligence serjeant	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Provost serjeant	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Pioneer serjeant	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
N.C.O. i/c stretcher bearers	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Clerk	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Transport serjeants	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2
Serjeants	..	..	1	..	1	..	3	3	15	1	1	4	8	40
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	3	1	1	4	6	2	3	3	17	2	1	4	9	53
Corporals (includes 12 lance-serjeants)	3	..	1	3	4	1	4	4	21	4	3	4	17	79
Privates (includes 66 lance-corporals)	20	6	14	50	70	13	29	21	142	26	26	33	137	643

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Total, rank and file	23	6	15	53	74	14	33	25	163	30	29	37	154	722
Total, other ranks	27	8	16	58	82	17	36	28	181	33	30	41	164	782
Total, all ranks	32	9	17	60	86	19	37	29	188	35	31	43	171	819
<i>Attached –</i>														
R.A.M.C. – Medical officer	1	1	1
R.A.O.C. – Shoemaker (corporal)	1	1	1
R.E.M.E. –														
Armourers (includes 1 serjeant and 1 lance-corporal)	3	3	3
Fitters, M.V. (includes 4 corporals)	4	4	3	3	1	1	10
Fitters (includes 1 serjeant)	1	1	..	3	4
A.C.C. – Cooks for –														
Officers' mess	1	1	1
Other ranks' mess (includes 5 corporals)	3	3	3	3	3	3	15
Total, attached	1	13	13	6	1	...	9	4	4	35
Total, a motor battalion	33	9	17	73	99	25	38	29	197	39	31	43	175	854

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

Detail	Headquarters	Headquarter company				Support company				Three motor companies (each)				Total, a motor battalion
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<i>Tradesmen –</i>														
Carpenters and joiners	3	3	3
Clerks	1	1	...	3	4	1	1	1	1	9
Driver-mechanics	1	9	8	43	2	...	11	13	83
Driver-operators	7	2	3	...	5	2	...	...	2	4	...	8	12	50
Equipment repairers	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Motor mechanics	1	...	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	6
Technical storemen	...	...	...	2	2	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	1	6
Total, tradesmen	10	3	3	11	17	5	9	8	48	9	...	19	28	159
<i>Non-tradesmen –</i>														
Batmen	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	(a)2	2	10
Batmen-drivers	3	...	1	3	4	2	1	...	5	2	1	...	5	27
Butchery dutyman	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Drivers, I.C.	2	1	2	14	17	3	1	...	6	5	3	2	16	73
Gun numbers Includes 12 corporals)	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	54	...	...	...	...	54
Intelligence section (includes 1 corporal)	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
L.M.G. numbers and riflemen –														
Corporals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3	3	12	36
Privates	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	9	63	189
Machine gun numbers (includes 8 corporals)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	24	...	...	...	...	24
Medical officer's orderly (lance-corporal)	1	1	1
Mortarmen for –														
3-inch mortars (includes 3 corporals)	8	8	24

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2-inch mortars	2	..	6	18
Motor-cycle orderlies	..	1	1	2	3	1	13	3	1	2	8	38
Postman (lance-corporal)	1	1	1
Rangetakers	2	4	4
Regimental police	2	2
Sanitary dutymen	2	2	2
Signallers	4	..	4	1	1	1	6	1	1	..	4	22
Signaller-orderlies	4	..	4	4
Storemen	..	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	1	8
Stretcher-bearers (includes 2 corporals)	17	17	17
Transport corporals	1	1	3
Water dutyman	1	1	1
Total, non-tradesmen	13	3	12	42	57	9	24	17	115	21	29	18	126	563
Total, rank and file	23	6	15	53	74	14	33	25	163	30	29	37	154	722

(iii) Transport

Detail	Headquarters	Headquarter company				Support company				Three motor companies (each)				Total, a motor battalion
		Headquarters	Signal platoon	Administrative platoon	Total, a headquarters company	Headquarters	Three anti-tank platoons (each)	Two M.M.G. platoons (each)	Total, support company	Headquarters	Three motor platoons (each)	Scout platoon	Total, motor company	
Motor-cycles, solo	8	1	5	2	8	3	3	1	14	4	1	2	9	57
Cars –														
4-seater, 4 x 4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
5-cwt., 4 x 4	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	5
Trucks, 15-cwt. –														
4 x 2, G.S.	..	..	2	2	4	..	2	..	6	1	..	1	2	16
4 x 4, personnel	3	1	1	3	5	3	..	..	3	2	4	..	14	53
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 4, G.S.	..	..	..	11	11	1	..	..	1	2	..	..	2	18
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 4, mobile cooker	..	..	..	1	1	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	5
Carriers –														
Universal	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	8	19	..	..	11	11	53
Fitted for 3-inch mortar	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	2	6
Loyd	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	24	..	..	..	..	24
Scout cars	1	1	1	4
Trailers, 15-cwt., 2-wheeled, water, 180-gallon	1	1	1	1	4

(iv) Weapons

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Pistols, .38-inch	5	1	1	3	5	2	1	1	7	2	1	2	7	38
Rifles, .303-inch	13	6	8	37	51	14	24	25	136	26	20	28	114	542
Machine carbines	15	2	8	33	43	9	13	3	54	11	7	4	36	220
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	2	..	2	4	6	..	4	..	12	1	3	12	22	86
M.M.Gs., .303-inch	4	8	8
Ps.I.A.T.	4	4	1	2	2	1	3	8	30
Mortars –														
2-inch	4	..	12	..	1	3	6	30
3-inch	2	2	6
Guns –														
20-mm.	2	4	6	6
6-pdr. A.Tk.	4	..	12	12

(v) Organization

This table is intended merely as a guide to officers commanding units, and may be varied, within the numbers of ranks, tradesmen and vehicles provided, according to tactical or administrative requirements.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS	
Motor-cycle, solo 1	Intelligence serjeant
Motor-cycles, solo 2-5 (each)	Intelligence private
Motor-cycle, solo 6	Provost serjeant
Motor-cycles, solo 7-8 (each)	Regimental police

4-seater car	Lieutenant-colonel Batman Driver, I.C.
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4	Fitter, R.E.M.E. Motor mechanic
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel 1 No. 19 set	Adjutant Clerk 2 driver-operators Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel 2 No. 19 set	Major Regimental serjeant-major Serjeant clerk Batman 2 driver-operators Batman-driver
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel 3 No. 19 set	Technical officer 2 driver-operators Batman-driver
Carrier, universal No. 19 set L.M.G.	Driver-operator Driver-mechanic
Scout car L.M.G.	Intelligence officer Batman-driver
HEADQUARTER COMPANY	
<i>Headquarters</i>	
Motor-cycle, solo	Orderly (for duty as batman)
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel No. 19 set	Captain Company serjeant-major Clerk 2 driver-operators Driver, I.C.
(Company quarter-master-serjeant and storeman will be carried in the transport of administrative platoon).	
<i>Signal platoon</i>	
Motor-cycle, solo 1	Signal serjeant
Motor-cycles, solo 2-5 (each)	Signaller-orderly

15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 1 Signal stores L.M.G. 20-mm. gun (on trailer)	Storeman Driver-operator Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 2 Cable layers (3 No. 2 and 1 No. 3) L.M.G. 20-mm. gun (on trailer)	4 signallers Driver, I.C.
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel No. 19 set No. 18 set (spare station)	Subaltern 2 driver-operators Batman-driver
<i>Administrative platoon</i>	
Motor-cycle, solo 1	Subaltern
Motor-cycle, solo 2	Transport serjeant
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 1 Rations	Quarter-master Batman-driver
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 2 Reserve small arms ammunition	Storeman Batman-driver
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel 1	Serjeant i/c stretcher-bearers 4 stretcher-bearers Batman-driver
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel 2-3 (each)	Corporal stretcher-bearer 4 stretcher-bearers Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 1 Medical stores	Medical officer, R.A.M.C. Medical officer's orderly 3 stretcher bearers Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 2 M.T. stores L.M.G. P.I.A.T. 20-mm. gun (on trailer)	Company quarter-master-serjeant (technical) Technical storeman Fitter, M.V., R.E.M.E. Storeman Driver, I.C.

3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 3 M.T. stores L.M.G. P.I.A.T. 20-mm. gun (on trailer)	Motor mechanic Technical storeman 3 fitters, M.V., R.E.M.E. Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 4 Petrol	Clerk (for petrol) Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 5 Petrol	Clerk (for M.T.) Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 6 Q.M. stores L.M.G. P.I.A.T. 20-mm. gun (on trailer)	Regimental quarter-master-serjeant Serjeant armourer, R.E.M.E. Armourer, R.E.M.E. Clerk (for Q.M.) Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 7 Pioneers' tools Anti-gas stores L.M.G. P.I.A.T. 20-mm. gun (on trailer)	Pioneer serjeant 3 carpenters and joiners 2 sanitary dutymen Corporal shoemaker, R.A.O.C. Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 8 Reserve rations	Butchery dutyman Postman Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 9 Reserve ammunition M.M.G.	Armourer, R.E.M.E. Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 10 Reserve ammunition 3-inch mortar	Equipment repairer Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 11 Reserve ammunition 2-inch mortar bombs	Equipment repairer Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 mobile cooker Cooking sets Ration and water tins (draws water trailer)	Water dutyman Corporal cook, A.C.C. Driver, I.C. <i>Company quarter-master-serjeant</i> <i>Storeman</i>

SUPPORT COMPANY

Headquarters

Motor-cycles, solo 1-2 (each)	Orderly
Motor-cycle, solo 3	Transport serjeant
5-cwt. car 4 x 4	Fitter, M.V., R.E.M.E. Motor mechanic
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel 1 No. 18 set No. 19 set	Major 2 driver-operators Signaller Batman-driver
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel 2	Captain Company serjeant-major Clerk Batman-driver
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel 3	2 fitters, M.V., R.E.M.E. Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 mobile cooker Cooking sets Ration and water tings	Company quarter-master-serjeant Corporal cook, A.C.C. 2 cooks, A.C.C. Storeman Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 1 Company stores M.T. stores	Technical storeman Driver, I.C.
<i>Each anti-tank platoon</i>	
<i>Headquarters –</i>	
Motor-cycle, solo	Orderly
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 1 Ammunition stores	Serjeant Batman-driver
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 2 Ammunition	Fitter, R.E.M.E. Driver, I.C.
Carrier, universal No. 18 set	Subaltern Signaller Driver-mechanic
<i>Two sections (each) –</i>	
Motor-cycle, solo	Orderly
<i>No. 1 detachment –</i>	

Carrier, Loyd 1 2-inch mortar 6-pdr. gun	Serjeant 3 gun numbers Driver-mechanic
Carrier, Loyd 2 L.M.G.	Corporal Driver-mechanic
<i>No. 2 detachment –</i>	
Carrier, Loyd 1 2-inch mortar 6-pdr. gun	Corporal 3 gun numbers Driver-mechanic
Carrier, Loyd 2 L.M.G.	Gun number Driver-mechanic
<i>Each M.M.G. platoon</i>	
<i>Headquarters –</i>	
Motor-cycle, solo	Orderly
Carrier, universal 1 No. 18 set	Subaltern Signaller Driver-mechanic
Carrier, universal 2 Ammunition and stores P.I.A.T.	Serjeant Batman Driver-mechanic
<i>Two sections (each) –</i>	
Carrier, universal 1 Ammunition and equipment	Serjeant Range-taker Driver-mechanic
Carriers, universal 2-3 (each) 2 M.M.Gs. and ammunition	Corporal 2 gun numbers Driver-mechanic
EACH MOTOR COMPANY	
<i>Headquarters</i>	
<i>Fighting headquarters –</i>	
Motor-cycles, solo 1-3 (each)	Orderly
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel 1 No. 18 set No. 19 set	Major Clerk Signaller 2 driver-operators Batman-driver

15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel 2 No. 19 set	Captain 2 driver-operators Company serjeant-major Batman-driver
<i>3-inch mortar detachment –</i>	
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 3-inch mortar bombs P.I.A.T.	Mortarman Driver, I.C.
Carrier, universal 1 3-inch mortar No. 38 set	Serjeant 3 mortarmen Driver-mechanic
Carrier, universal 2 3-inch mortar No. 38 set	Corporal 3 mortarmen Driver-mechanic
<i>Administrative headquarters –</i>	
Motor-cycle, solo 4	Transport corporal
5-cwt. car, 4 x 4	Fitter, M.V., R.E.M.E. Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 1 Petrol and stores	Motor mechanic Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4 2 Reserve small arms ammunition L.M.G. P.I.A.T.	Technical storeman Storeman Driver, I.C.
3-ton lorry, 4 x 4, mobile cooker Cooking sets Ration and water tins (draws water trailer)	Company quarter-master-serjeant Corporal cook, A.C.C. 2 cooks, A.C.C. Driver, I.C.
<i>Each motor platoon</i>	
<i>Headquarters –</i>	
Motor-cycle, solo	Orderly
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel No. 18 set 2-inch mortar P.I.A.T.	Subaltern Serjeant Signaller 2 mortarmen Batman-driver

<i>Three sections (each) –</i>	
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 4, personnel L.M.G.	Corporal rifleman 6 riflemen Driver, I.C.
<i>Scout platoon</i>	
<i>Headquarters –</i>	
Motor-cycles, solo 1-2 (each)	Orderly
15-cwt. truck, 4 x 2, G.S. 1	Serjeant Driver, I.C.
Carrier, universal 1 No. 19 set L.M.G.	Subaltern (platoon commander) 2 driver-operators Driver-mechanic
Carrier, universal 2 L.M.G.	Subaltern Batman Driver-mechanic
Scout car L.M.G.	Batman Driver, I.C.
<i>Three scout sections (each) –</i>	
Carrier, universal 1 No. 19 set L.M.G. P.I.A.T.	Serjeant 2 driver-operators Driver-mechanic
Carrier, universal 2 L.M.G. 2-inch mortar	Corporal rifleman Rifleman Driver-mechanic
Carrier, universal 3 L.M.G.	Lance-corporal rifleman Rifleman Driver-mechanic

(a) In each scout platoon, the second officer, together with one batman, will be allowed only when specially authorised by the War Office.

NOTES

1. One man will be trained up to the standard of a shoemaker, group "C", class III, and will be eligible to draw the rates of a pay of a tradesman, group "C", class III, only on those days on which he is employed at that trade.
2. At least 1 officer and 12 men will be trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work.
3. The drivers of vehicles carrying water in tins or towing water trailers will be trained in water duties.
4. One man in each company will be trained in sanitary duties.
5. The drivers of petrol lorries will be trained as petrol storemen.
6. One driver, I.C., in each motor company will be trained up to the standard of an equipment repairer, and will be eligible to draw the rates of pay of an equipment repairer, only on those days on which he is employed at that trade.
7. All officers in the motor companies will be trained in the use of the 3-inch mortar.

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

<i>Details left at base –</i>	
<i>Orderly room serjeant</i>	1
<i>First reinforcements –</i>	
Captain	1
Subalterns	5
Company quarter-master-serjeant	1
Serjeants	2
Corporals	4
Lance-corporals	6
Privates	65
Cooks, A.C.C.	1
Pistols, .38-inch	6
Rifles, .303-inch	39
Machine carbines	40
 The total rank and file includes the following tradesmen –	
Clerk	1
Driver-mechanics	8
Driver-operators	5
Motor mechanic	1
Technical storeman	1

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