

**Organization of a French
Regiment of Dragons Portes
in a Light Division (DIM)
1 November 1939**

This applied to the elements of the 14th and 15th Regiment de Dragons Portes, as well as those put at the disposition of the 2nd, 3rd and 5th Regiments until they were given all-terrain vehicles.

Regimental Staff:

- 1 Staff
- 1 Command Platoon
- 1 Squadron (hors-rang)

2 Battalions: each with
Staff

organization unknown

Command Platoon

organization unknown

1 Mixed Squadron

Staff

- 1 Captain (commanding)
- 1 Driver (1 6-seat liaison vehicle)

Command Platoon

- 1 Adjutant chef of the Platoon (NCO)

1st Group: Signals & Intelligence

- 1 Sergeant Major
- 1 Radio Operator (NCO)
- 2 Radio Operator (Privates)
- 1 Corporal, 8 Privates (signalers, observers,
code operators & courier pigeon tenders)
- 1 AMR
- 1 NCO, 2 Corporals, & 6 Privates
(Signal Operators & 4 trumpeters)
- 8 solo motorcycles & 1 motorcycle
with sidecar)

2nd Group: Supply and Squadron Services

- 1 Sergeant Major (Accountant)
- 1 Sergeant (Accountant)
- 1 Supply Sergeant
- 1 Medic
- 1 Driver
 - 1 light truck (camionette legere)
- 1 Corporal (Supply Clerk)
- 3 Privates (Supply Clerks)
- 3 Drivers
 - 1 Camionette
 - 1 3-ton truck (food & baggage)
 - 1 3-ton truck (food & wine)
 - 1 Kitchen Trailer

3rd Group: Recovery Echelon (wreckers)

- 1 NCO (Chief Mechanic)
- 2 Brigaders (recovery specialists)
- 10 Privates (recovery specialists)
(recovery specialists includes 2
mechanics, 1 blacksmith, 1 welder)

1 electrician, 4 drivers &
4 recovery workers.

1 NCO (repairman)
3 Corporals (repairmen)
9 Privates (repairmen)
1 3-ton Truck
5 5-ton Tow Trucks

2 platoons (AMR), each with:

1 Platoon Cmdr (Lieutenant or Sous-lieutenant)
1 Sergeant (attached)
1 Sergeant (vehicle commander)
2 Corporals (vehicle commanders)
5 Drivers (privates)
5 A.M.R.s
1 Signalmen (Corporal)
1 motorcycle with sidecar
2 Signalmen (privates)
2 Solo motorcycles

2 Platoons Motorcycle Fusiliers, each with:

Command:

1 Platoon Cmdr (Lieutenant, Sous-Lieutenant or
Adjutant-Chef)
1 NCO (Executive officer, 2nd-in-command)
1 Corporal
1 Mechanic (Private)
2 Drivers/Observers/Signalmen (privates)
3 Motorcycles with sidecars

2 Groups, each with:

1 Group Commander (Sergeant Major)
1 Grenadier
1 Squad of Fusiliers with:
1 Corporal
1 Ammunition Carrier
1 Machine Gunner
1 Loader

Total 5 motorcycles with side cars

1 Fusilier Squadron

Total

5 Officers
22 NCOs
22 Brigadiers (corporals)
160 Troopers
32 All terrain vehicles
2 Liaison Vehicles
1 Camionettes
3 Trucks
11 A.M.R
1 Supply Vehicles
1 Trailer (fuel?)
5 Solo Motorcycles
6 Motorcycles with sidecars

3 Fusilier Platoons

1 Machine Gun Platoon

1 Morter Section (1 60mm mortar)

1 Machine Gun Squadron

Total

6 Officers
17 NCOs
25 Brigaders (corporals)
138 Troopers
30 All terrain vehicles
2 Liaison Vehicles
3 Camionettes
3 Trucks
1 Trailer (fuel?)
12 Solo Motorcycles
7 Motorcycles with sidecars

2 Machine Gun Platoons, each with:¹

Staff:

1 Lieutenant or Sous-lieutenant (platoon cmdr)
1 NCO (executive officer)
1 Radioman
2 Signalmen/observers
1 Driver with all terrain vehicle
1 messenger on motorcycle with sidecar

2 Groups, each with:

1 Sergeant Major
2 Brigadiers (gun captains)
2 Gunners
2 Loaders
1 Machine Gun Mechanic
2 Ammunition Carriers
2 Drivers with 2 all terrain vehicles

1 Medium Morter Platoon (85mm)

Staff

1 Lieutenant or Sous-lieutenant (platoon cmdr)
1 NCO (executive officer)
2 Ammunition carriers
1 Driver (with all terrain vehicle)

2 Groups, each with:

1 Sergeant Major (group cmdr)
2 Brigadiers (gun captains)
2 Gunners
2 Loaders
2 Reparimen
1 Signalmán
2 Drivers, each with one all terrain vehicle.

2 Anti-tank Groups, each with:

Command

1 Captain

Command Section:

1 Lieutenant or Sous-lieutenant
1 NCO (executive officer)

¹ Each machine gun platoon had 5 machine guns, one of which was transported on the vehicle of the platoon commander and was for anti-aircraft use and the defense of the vehicles.

Fire Direction Group

5 NCOs
2 Brigadiers
2 Gunners
1 Driver
1 Truck

Signals Group:

2 NCOs
2 Brigadiers
12 Signalmen
2 Drivers
2 Camionettes

2 Firing Batteries, with a total of:

1 Lieutenant or Sous-lieutenant (btry cmdr)
3 Sergeant Major
6 Gunnery NCOs (with 6 25mm AT guns)
6 Gunnery Brigadiers
30 Gunners
6 Tractors
6 Trailers (fuel?)

Recovery Section

2 NCOs
1 Brigadier
4 Soldiers
1 Driver with 1 tractor

Machine Gun Service

1 Brigadier
4 Soldiers

Supply and Munitions:

1 NCO with 1 solo motorcycle
2 Soldiers with 2 solo motorcycles
2 Drivers with 2 trucks

Motorcycle Maintenance

3 Motorcyclists with 3 solo motorcycles