

**Italian Army**  
**Authorized Strength**  
**Machine Gun Battalion**  
**June 1942**

Battalion Command:

- 1 Lt. Colonel or Major (commander)
- 1 Adjutant Major (Captain or subaltern)
- 1 Chemical Defense and Sapper Officer (subaltern)
- 1 Medical Officer

Command Platoon

Platoon Command

- 1 Subaltern (commander)

Command Squad

- 1 Staff Sergeant
- 1 Staff Corporal
- 1 Medical Assistant Corporal
- 1 Trumpet Corporal
- 1 Clerks
- 2 Stretcher Bearers

Signals Squad

- 1 Sergeant (commander)
- 6 Radio Operators (2 corporals)
- 10 Telephone Operators (3 corporals)
- 6 Observers and batmen
- 4 Motorcycle Couriers
  - 4 motorcycles

Service Squad

- 1 Accounting Sergeant
- 1 Supply Sergeant
- 1 Corporal Gunsmith
- 4 Drivers
  - 3 Light Trucks (1 for signals gear, 2 for use by rest of battalion)
- 1 Mechanic
- 23 Soldiers for various duties

3, 4, or 5 Machine Gun Companies, each with:

Company Command Squad

- 1 Sergeant Clerk
- 2 Bicycle Couriers
  - 2 Bicycles
- 2 Batmen
- 4 Stretcher Bearers
- 8 Supply Troops
- 1 Orderly
- 4 Drivers
  - 3 Light Trucks

3 Machine Gun Platoons, each with:

- 1 Subaltern (Commander)
- 1 Orderly and Courier
- 1 Batman
- 2 Squads, each with:
  - 1 Sergeant (commander)

2 Corporal Gun Captains  
 2 HMGs  
 2 Gun Carriers  
 2 Tripod Carriers  
 2 Case Carrier  
 6 Ammunition Suppliers

	Off	Sgt	Troops	Driver	Light Trucks	Motor-cycles	HMG	Bicycles
Battalion Command	5	4	56	3	3	4	-	-
1 Company	4	7	107	4	3	-	12	2
Battalion Totals with:								
3 Companies	17	25	337	17	12	-	36	6
4 Companies	21	32	484	21	15	-	48	8
5 Companies	25	39	591	25	18	-	60	10

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