

A PARACHUTE BATTALION

Consisting of –

Battalion headquarters

Headquarters company of –

Company headquarters

Intelligence section

Signal platoon

Mortar platoon

Protective section

Administrative platoon

Three rifle companies, each of –

Company headquarters

Two 3-inch mortar detachments

Tank attack section

Three platoons

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(iv) Weapons

Detail	Weapons																Ammunition		
	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company							Three rifle companies (each)						Total, parachute battalion	On man or with gun	Feserve	Total	
		Compnay headquarters	Intelligence section	Signal platoon	Mortar platoon	Protective section	Administrative platoon	Total, headquarter company	Company headquarters	Two 30inch mortar sections (each)	Tank attack section	Three rifle platoons (each)							Total, rifle company
												Platoon headquarters	Three sections (each)	Total, platoon					
Pistols, .38-inch	9	3	1	8	28	2	2	44	3	7		1	2	7	38	167	21	2338	5845
Rifles .303-inch	16	6	12	11	3	4	48	84	5		6	2	6	20	71	313	50	32000	47650
Rifles .303-inch for A.A.O.C., A.E.M.E., A.A.C.C. and postal services personnel	1	5					6	11	4						4	24	20		480
Sub machine guns Austen 9 mm	2			9	7			16	1	1	1	1	2	7	25	93	256	5952	29760
Sub machine guns Austen 9 mm Pool for parachutists																429		137280	137280
L.M.Gs., .303-inch						2		2					1	3	9	29	1000	29000	58000
Tk. A. rifles .55-inch						1		1				1		1	3	10	50	500	1000
Mortars																			
2-inch	1												1	3	9	28	(f)6	(g)12	180
3-inch					4			4		1					2	10	48	540	1020
Pistols, signals															(h)20	(j)18	(k)300		660
Grenades –																			
No. 36	48	4	22	56	74	12		168	22	16	14	8	20	68	272	1032		500	1532
No. 68							34	34			17	17	20	17	68	238			238
No. 69												30		30	90	270		150	420

(a) One will be attached to L. of C. Area Records Office, The N.C.O. selected for this appointment may be provided from personnel classified medically fit, class B.

(b) Includes or is a corporal.

(c) Includes 1 staff-sergeant and 1 corporal.

(d) Includes 3 corporals.

(e) Includes 4 corporals

(f) Smoke

(g) Signal

(h) For allotment as required

(j) Includes 6 red, 6 green and 6 white

(k) Includes 100 red, 100 green and 100 white.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base –

Orderly room sergeant	1	(Attached to L. of C. Area Records Office)
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First reinforcements –

Lieutenants	5
Sergeants	8
Rank and file (includes 8 corporals)	69
Privates, A.A.M.C.	<u>2</u>
Total	<u>84</u>