

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	16	5	1	8	29	2	2	47	7	7		1	2	7	42	189	21	2,646	6,615
Rifles, .303-inch	17	6	12	23	3	4	49	97	5		6	2	6	20	71	327	50	33,000	49,350
Rifles, .303-inch for attached personnel	4	5					6	11	4						4	27	20		540
Sub machine guns	2			9	7			16	1	1	1	1	2	7	25	93	256	5,952	29,760
Sub machine guns Pool for parachutists																429		137,280	137,280
L.M.Gs., .303-inch		1		1	1	3	1	7	1				1	3	10	(d)37	1,000	37,000	74,000
M.M.Gs. .303-inch																(e)4	3,500	18,000	32,000
Projectors, Infantry Tk A	(f)4					2		2		1		1		1	4	18	6	216	324
Mortars																			
2-inch	1												1	3	9	28			
H.E.																	24	1,176	1,848
Smoke																	12	504	840
Signal																		(g)50	50
3-inch					4			4		1					2	10	48	540	1020
H.E.																	84	420	1,260
Smoke																	28	140	420
Pistols, signals																(f)40	18	690	(g)1,518
Grenades –																			
No. 36	48	4	22	56	74	12		168	22	16	14	8	20	68	272	1,032		500	1,532
No. 68							34	34			17	17	20	17	68	238			238
No. 69												30		30	90	270		150	420
No. 75																500			500
No. 77																500			500
No. 82																100		100	200

- (a) One will be attached to Echelon and Recors
- (b) Includes or is a corporal.
- (c) Includes 4 corporals.
- (d) An additional 13 LMGs, .303-inch may be held as reserve.
- (e) For allotment as required. An additional 2 MMGs .303-inch may be held as reserve.
- (f) For allotment as required.
- (g) Includes 33 1/3 per cent red, 33 1/3 per cent green and 33 1/3 per cent white.

NOTE

A Chaplain, 3rd class will only be appointed when authorized by LHQ.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base –

Sergeant clerk	1	(Attached to Echelon and Record )
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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>

TROPICAL SCALE

When on tropical scale the following table will be substituted.

(iii) Transport

Trucks, 1/4-ton		8
Trucks, 2 1/2-ton, GS		8
Trucks, 3 ton , water		1
Trailers, 8 cwt		8