

AN INFANTRY BATTALION
(TROPICAL SCALE)

Consisting of

Battalion headquarters
Headquarter company off –
Company headquarters
No. 1 (Signal) platoon
No. 2 (M.M.G.) platoon
No. 3 (Mortar) platoon
No. 4 (Tank Attack) platoon
No. 5 (Pioneer) platoon
No. 6 (Administrative) platoon

Four rifle companies, each of
Company headquarters
Three platoons of –
Platoon headquarters
Three section

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company											Four rifle companies (each)				Total, infantry battalion (tropical scale)					
		Company headquarters	No. 1 (signal) platoon	No. 2 (m.M.G.) platoon			No. 3 (mortar) platoon			No. 4 (Tk A.) platoon			No. 5 (pioneer) platoon	No. 6 (administrative) platoon	Total, headquarters company	Company headquarters		Three platoons (each)			Total, rifle company	
				Platoon headquarters	Two sections	Total, platoon	Platoon headquarters	Eight detachments	Total, platoon	Platoon headquarters	Two sections (each)	Total, p:appm						Platoon headquarters	Three sections (each)	Total, platoon		
Lieutenant-colonel	1																				1	
Major (second-in-command)	1																				1	
Majors or captains (a)		1													1	1					5	
Captains																1					4	
Captain (adjutant)	1																				1	
Captain (quartermaster)														1	1						1	
Lieutenant (intelligence officer)	1														1	1					1	
Lieutenant (transport officer)															1	1					1	
Lieutenants			1	1		1	1		1	1		1	1		5		1			1	3	17
Total, officers	4	1	1	1		1	1		1	1		1	2	8	2	1			1	5	32	
Regimental sergeant-major	1																				1	
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant															1	1					1	
Company sergeant-majors		1													1	1					5	
Total, warrant officers	1	1													1	2	1				1	7
Company quartermaster-sergeants		1													1	1					1	5
Orderly room sergeants	(b)2																				2	
Provost sergeant	1																				1	
Sergeant tailor															1	1					1	
Sergeant i/c stretcher bearers	1																				1	
Intelligence sergeant	1																				1	
Sergeant (technical stores)															1	1					1	
Sergeants			1	1	(c)1	2	1	4	5	1	1	3	1		12		1			1	3	24
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	5	1	1	1	1	2	1	4	5	1	1	3	1	2	15	1	1			1	4	36
Corporals	4	1	2		3	3	1	4	5		2	4	2	1	18	1		1	3	10	62	
Privates	40	3	28	2	24	26	8	24	32	3	7	17	16	20	142	6	4	10	34	108	614	

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Total, rank and file	44	4	30	2	27	29	9	28	37	3	9	21	18	21	160	7	4	11	37	118	(d)676
Total, other ranks	50	6	31	3	28	31	10	32	42	4	10	24	19	24	177	9	5	11	38	123	719
Total, all ranks	54	7	32	4	28	32	11	32	43	5	10	25	(e)20	26	185	11	6	11	39	128	751
Attached																					
A.A.M.C.																					
Captain	1																				1
Sergeant (hygiene inspector)	1																				1
Sergeant	1																				1
Corporal chiropodist	1																				1
Private	1																				1
A.A.O.C.																					
Shoemaker (corporal)														1	1						1
A.E.M.E.																					
Armourer sergeant														1	1						1
Craftsman – Fitter gun										1	1				1						1
A.A.C.C.																					
Warrant officer (caterer)														1	1						1
Sergeants		1													1	1				1	1
Corporals		1													1	1				1	1
Privates		4													4	2				2	12
A.A.P.C.																					
Sergeant	1																				1
Corporal	1																				1
Postal services																					
Sergeant														1	1						1
Total, all ranks, including attached	61	18	32	4	28	32	11	32	48	6	10	26	20	30	196	15	6	11	39	132	785

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Storemen	(g)20	1											1	2	1				1	6	
Stretcher bearers													2	2						20	
Water dutymen																				2	
Total rank and file	44	4	30	2	27	29	9	28	37	3	9	21	18	21	160	7	4	11	37	118	676

(111) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols. .38-inch	(k)58	12	348	1044
Rifles, .303-inch	(l)610	50	61,000	91,500
Rifles, .303-inch for attached	28	20		560
Sub machine guns	(m)105	200	42,000	63,000
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	(m)41	1,000	20,500	61,500
M.M.Gs., .303-inch	4	3,500	18,000	32,000
Tk. A. rifles, .55-inch	(m)14	200	560	3,360
Mortars –				
2-inch	12	36	720	1,152
3-inch	8	112	447	1,344
Guns, 2-pr. Tk A.	4	112	224	672
Grenades, No. 36M –				
Packed for hand		(n)936	180	1,116
Packed for rifle			288	288
Pistols, signal	(o)24	20		480

- (a) Two companies will be commanded by majors and the remainder by captains.
- (b) 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.
- (c) One section will be commanded by the sergeant the the other by a corporal.
- (d) One man in headquarter company and 1 man in each rifle company will be trained to repair boots as a part time employment. In each rifle company one man will be trained in hygiene duties and one man in first aid. Stretcher bearers may also be trained as bandsmen and one man as a bugler.
- (e) Will be trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work.
- (f) Includes, or is, a corporal.
- (g) Includes 2 corporals
- (h) Includes 3 corporals.
- (j) Includes 4 corporals.
- (k) Officers, regimental sergeant major, provost sergeant, pay sergeant, regimental police, Nos. 1 and 2 of M.M.G. detachments and sergeants and corporals of 3-inch mortar detachments are armed with pistols.
- (l) Officers of rifle companies are armed with a rifle in addition to a pistol.
- (m) Allotted as follows –

Detail	Sub machine guns	L.M.Gs.	Tk. A. rifles
Battalion headquarters	4	1	
Administrative platoon			1
No. 1 (Signal) platoon	1		1
M.M.G. platoon	4		
Mortar platoon	8		
Tk. A. platoon	8	4	
4 Rifle company headquarters	8		12
36 sections	72	36	
Total	105	41	14

- (n) Includes 2 for all ranks in each rifle platoon.
- (o) Allotted as required.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base –

Orderly room sergeant

1 (Attached to L. of C. Area Records Office)

First reinforcements –		
Lieutenants		7
Sergeants		8
Rank and file (including 8 corporals)		145
(Includes –		
Carpenter (trade group II)	1	
Intelligence duties (trade group II)	1	
Signallers (trade group II)	5	
Clerks (trade group III)	2	
Technical storeman (trade group III)	1	
Tk. A. gun numbers	4)	
	Total	<u>160</u>