

AN INFANTRY BATTALION
(TROPICAL SCALE)

Consisting of –

Battalion Headquarters

Headquarters company of –

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

Four rifle companies, each of –

Company headquarters

Three platoons of –

Platoon headquarters

Three sections

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(This establishment is a rewrite of II/12C/2 and includes amendments Nos. 1 to 7)

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarters 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, platoon					Platoon headquarters	Three sections (each)	Total, platoon			
Lieutenant-colonel	1																				1	
Major (second-in-command)	1																				1	
Majors or captains (a)		1													1	1					1	5
Captains																1					1	4
Captain (adjutant)	1																				1	1
Captain (quartermaster)													1	1							1	1
Lieutenant (intelligence officer)	1												1	1							1	1
Lieutenant (transport officer)													1	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	1
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant	1																				1	1
Company sergeant-majors		1												1	1						1	5
Total, warrant officers	1	1												1	1						1	7
Company quartermaster-sergeants		1												1	1						1	5
Orderly room sergeants	(b)2																					2
Provost serjeant	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	15	1	1			1	4	36	
Corporals	4	1	2		3	3	1	4	5		2	4	4	1	20	1		1	3	10	64	
Privates	40	3	28	2	24	26	8	40	48	3	7	17	34	32	188	6	4	10	34	108	660	

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Total, rank and file	44	4	30	2	27	29	9	44	53	3	9	21	38	33	208	7	4	11	37	118	(d)724
Total, other ranks	50	6	31	3	28	31	10	48	58	4	10	24	39	36	225	9	5	11	38	123	767
Total, all ranks	54	7	32	4	28	32	11	48	59	5	10	25	(e)40	38	233	11	6	11	39	128	799
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
Craftsmen																					
Armourer (trade group I)														1	1						1
Fitter gun (trade group I)										1					1						1
A.A.C.C. –																					
Warrant officer class II (caterer)														1	1						1
Sergeants		1													1	1				1	5
Corporals		1													1	1				1	4
Privates (trade group II)		5													5	2				2	13
A.A.P.C. –																					
Corporal	1																				1
Postal services –																					
Sergeant														1	1						1
Total, all ranks including attached	61	14	32	4	28	32	11	48	59	6	10	26	40	43	246	15	6	00	39	132	835

Detail	Headquarters company															Four rifle companies (each)					Total, infantry battalion (tropical scale)
	Battalion headquarters	Company headquarters	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		
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Storemen	(g)20	1											1	2	1					1	6
Stretcher bearers																					20
Water dutymen														2	2						2
Total, rank and file	44	4	30	2	27	29	9	44	53	3	9	21	38	33	208	7	4	11	37	118	724
(iii) Transport																					
Trucks ¼-ton														8	8						8
Trailers, 2-wheeled, 8-cwt														8	8						8

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition – rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	(k)95	12	570	1,710
Rifles, .303-inch	(l)605	50	60,000	90,250
Rifles, .303-inch for attached personnel	30	20		600
Sub-machine guns	(m)121	200	48,400	72,600
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
Mortars –				
2-inch	12	36	720	1,152
3-inch	8	112	448	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)12	20		240

- (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 and the other by a corporal.
- (d) One man in headquarters 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, sergeants and corporals of 3-inch mortar detachments, twenty-four 2-inch mortar personnel and thirteen signallers 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 gun	L.M.Gs.
Battalion headquarters	4	1
Administrative platoon	12	
No. 1 (signal platoon)	5	
M.M.G. platoon	4	
Mortar platoon	8	
Tk. A. platoon	8	4
4 rifle company headquarters	8	
36 sections	72	36
Total	121	41

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

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base –

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

Lieutenants	7
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Sergeants	8
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Rank and file (including 8 corporals)	145
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(Includes –

Carpenter (trade group II)	1
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Intelligence duties (trade group II)	1
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Signallers (trade group II)	5
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Clerks (trade group III)	2
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Storeman, technical (trade group III)	1
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Tk. A. gun numers	4)
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Total	160
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