

A CANADIAN PARACHUTE BATTALION

War Establishment

Consisting of:

Battalion headquarters
Headquarters company of
 Company headquarters
 Intelligence section
 Signal platoon
 Mortar platoon of four detachments
 Protective section
 Administrative platoon
Three rifle companies each of
 Company headquarters
 Two mortar detachments
 Anti-tank section
Three rifle platoons each of
 Platoon headquarters
 Three rifle sections

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company							3 rifle companies (each)							Total, parachute battalion	Ammunition -rounds		
		Company headquarters	Intelligence section	Signal platoon	Mortar platoon (four 3-inch mortar detachments)	Protective section	Administrative platoon	Total, headquarters company	Company headquartes	Two 3-inch mortar detachments	Anit-tank section	3 rifle platoons (each)			Total, rifle company (each)		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
												Rifle platoon headquarters	3 rifle (sections) each	Total rifle platoon					
Pistols, .45-inch, automatic	11	5		8	28	2	2	45	5	7		1	2	7	40	176	21	2,464	6,160
Rifles, .303-inch	17	6	11	10	2	4	75	108	8		6	2	6	20	74	347	50	34,700	52,050
Machine carbines, 9-mm., Sten	2			9	7			16	1	1	1	1	2	7	25	93	256	5,952	29,760
Machine carbines, 9-mm., Sten (pool for parachutists)																429		137,280	137,280
L.M.Gs., .303-inch						2		2					1	3	9	29	1,000	29,000	58,000
Mortars, 3-inch					4			4		1					2	10	48	540	1,020
Mortars, 2-inch, modified	1												1	3	9	28	(e)6	(f)12	180
A.Tk. rifles, .55-inch						1						1		1	3	10	50	500	1,000
Grenades No. 68						34		34			17	17		17	68	238			238
Discharger cups						2					1		1	2	10	32			
Grenades, No. 36M	48	4	22	56	74	12		168	22	16	14	8	20	68	272	1,032		500	1,532
No. 69												30		30	90	270		150	420
Smith guns										1					1	3	20	60	120

- (a) Need not be parachutist may be of medical category "B"
- (b) 1 need not be a parachutist, may be of medical category "B"
- (c) 4 need not be parachutist, may be of medical category "B"
- (d) Either corporal cook or one of seven cooks need not be a parachutist.
- (e) For training purposes, in lieu of bicycles folding.
- (f) Signal
- (g) Smoke

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Detail left at base –

<i>Orderly room sergeant</i>	1
First reinforcements	
Captain	1
Lieutenants	4
Warrant officer, class II	1
Sergeants	7
Corporals	4
Lance-corporals	8
Privates	57
Nursing orderlies R.C.A.M.C.	3
Pistols, .45-inch automatic (and 168 rounds)	8
Rifles, .303-inch (and 3850 rounds)	77
Machine carbines, 9mm sten (and 20992 rounds)	82