

AN INFANTRY BATTALION

War Establishment

(This war establishment will apply to infantry battalions of the First Canadian Division temporarily. For infantry battalions other than those of the First Canadian Division see II/233/3)

*This establishment supersedes II/233/1*

## (i) Personnel

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarters company				Support company						4 rifle companies (each)		TOTAL, INFANTRY BATTALION	
		Company headquarters	Signal platoon	Administrative platoon	Total, H.Q. company	Company headquarters	3-inch mortar pl	Carrier platoon	Anti-tank platoon	Pioneer platoon	Total Sp company	Company headquarters	3 platoons (each)		Total, each company
Lieutenant-colonel	1														1
Major (2nd-in-command)	1														1
Majors											1		1	(c)4	
Captains		1			1	1		1	1		3	1	1	8	
Adjutant	1													1	
Lieutenants	1			1	1		1	1	1	1	4		1	3	18
Lieutenant (R.C. Signals)			1		1										1
Quartermaster				1	1										1
Medical officer R.C.A.M.C.	1														1
Paymaster R.C.A.P.C.				1	1										1
Total, officers	5	1	1	3	5	1	1	2	2	1	7	2	1	5	37
Warrant officer, class I	1														1
Warrant officers, class II		1		1	2	1					1	1		1	7
Company quartermaster-sergeants		1			1	1					1	1		1	6
Sergeants	4		1	3	4		4	5	4	1	14		1	3	34
Sergeants, R.C.O.C.				2	2										2
Sergeants, R.C.A.S.C.				2	2										2
Total, W.Os., s/sgts and sgts	5	2	1	8	11	2	4	5	4	1	16	2	1	5	52
Corporals (incl 13 l/sgts)	3		3	2	5		7	9	7	2	25	1	3	10	73
Corporal, R.C.O.C.				1	1										1
Corporals, R.C.A.S.C.				2	2										2
Privates (incl 68 l/cpls)	37	3	31	28	62	6	30	46	40	18	140	11	32	107	667
Privates, R.C.O.C. (incl 2 l/cpls)				1	1		1	1	2		4				5
Privates, R.C.A.S.C.				11	11										11
Total, rank and file	40	3	34	45	82	6	38	56	49	20	169	12	35	117	759
Total, other ranks	45	5	35	53	93	8	42	61	53	21	185	14	36	122	811
Total, all ranks	50	6	36	56	98	9	43	63	55	22	192	16	37	127	848

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<i>(ii) Distribution of other ranks by trades and duties</i>															
NON-TRADESMEN															
Batmen	2			1	1			1			1		1	3	16
Batmen-drivers	2	1	1	2	4	1	1	1	2	1	6	2		2	20
Drivers, I.C.	3		2	12	14	1	2	1		3	7	1		1	28
Gun numbers									27		27				27
Intelligence section (incl. 1 sgt)	7														7
LMG numbers and riflemen								32			32		30	90	392
Medical officer's orderly	1														1
Medical sergeant	1														1
Mortarmen, 3-inch							24				24				24
Mortarmen, 2-inch													3	9	36
Orderlies						2	2	6	4		14	3	1	6	38
Orderly, officers' mess				1	1										1
Pioneers (includes 1 sergeant)										9	9				9
Postal duties				1	1										1
Rangetaker							1				1				1
Regimental duties															
Regimental sergeant-major (WO I)	1														1
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant (WO II)				1	1										1
Company sergeant-majors (WO II)		1			1	1					1	1		1	6
Company quartermaster-sergeants		1			1	1					1	1		1	6
Sergeants			1		1		4	5	4		13		1	3	26
Regimental police (incl. 1 sgt)	4														4
Sanitary duties				4	4										4
Signaller/orderlies			7		7										7
Signallers			23		23										23
Snipers												2		2	8

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Storemen		1	1	1	3	1		1	1		3	1		1	10
Stretcher bearers (incl. 2 cpls)	20														20
Transport sergeant				1	1										1
Water duties				1	1										1
Total, non-tradesmen	41	4	35	25	64	7	34	47	38	13	139	11	36	119	720
TRADESMEN															
Trade group															
Armourer (sgt) RCOC	"B"			1	1										1
Bricklayer	"B"									1	1				1
Carpenters	"B"									6	6				6
Clerks	"C"	2	1	2	3	1					1	1		1	10
Orderly room sergeant	"C"	1													1
Sergeant, pay duties	"C"			1	1										1
Cooks, R.C.A.S.C.															
Sergeants	"C"			2	2										2
Corporals	"C"			2	2										2
Privates (1 for offrs mess)	"C"			11	11										11
Driver mechanics	"C"	1		1	1		7	13	13		33	2		2	43
Fitter, R.C.O.C.	"A"										1				1
Fitters, (M.V.) RCOC–															
Sergeant	"A"			1	1										1
Privates (incl. 2 l/cpl)	"A"			1	1		1	1	1		3				4
Mason	"B"									1	1				1
Mechanic, motor	"B"			1	1										1
Repairer, equipment	"C"			1	1										1
Shoemaker (cpl) RCOC	"B"			1	1										1
Storemen (T & D) (incl 1 sgt)	"C"			3	3										3
Total, tradesmen	4	1		28	29	1	8	14	15	8	46	3		3	91
Total, other ranks	45	5	35	53	93	8	42	61	53	21	185	14	36	122	811



(iv) Weapons

Pistols, .38-inch	37
Rifles, .303-inch	595
Rifles, .303-inch, snipers	8
Machine carbines	160
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	63
P.I.A.Ts.	22
Pistol, signal	38
2-inch mortars	26
3-inch mortars	6
6-pdr guns	6

- (a) Scottish battalions and Irish battalions will be allowed one sergeant and 5 pipers in addition.  
(b) In battalions which form part of an armoured division the following amendments will apply—

Under (ii) Distribution of other ranks by trades and duties

<u>Insert</u>	Driver operators, group "C"	18	under signal pln.
<u>Delete</u>	Drivers, I.C.	2	under signal pln.
	Orderlies	5	under signal pln.
	Signallers	13	under signal pln.

Under (iii) Transport

<u>Insert</u>	Motorcycles, solo, light	6	under Bn. H.Q.
<u>Delete</u>	Bicycles	6	under Bn. H.Q.
<u>Insert</u>	Truck, heavy utility, wireless	1	under signal pln.
<u>Delete</u>	Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.	1	under signal pln.
<u>Insert</u>	Truck, heavy utility, wireless	1	under Sp. coy H.Q.
<u>Delete</u>	Car, 5-cwt	1	under Sp. coy H.Q.
<u>Insert</u>	Truck, heavy utility, wireless	1	under rifle coy H.Q.
	Motorcycle, solo, light	1	under rifle coy H.Q.
<u>Delete</u>	Bicycle	1	under rifle coy H.Q.

- (c) Two only may be majors until deletion of this note

NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

*Details left at base –*

Orderly room sergeant clerk "C" 1

First reinforcements –

Captain	1
Lieutenants	6
Warrant officer, class II (C.S.M.)	1
Company quartermaster-sgts	2
Sergeants	5
Corporals	7
Lance-corporals	14
Privates	132
Total, all ranks, first reinforcements	168
Pistols, .38-inch	7
Rifles, .303-inch	121
Machine carbines	40

The following table shows a suggested distribution of the lance-sergeants, corporals and lance-corporals (other than RCOC and RCASC personnel) shown in part (I) Personnel, for the guidance of commanding officers. The ranks authorized for this Canadian WE are those stipulated in (i) Personnel and (ii) Distribution of other ranks by trades and duties.

CORPORALS (INCLUDING 13 LANCE/SERGEANTS)

Bn. H.Q.	2 - Stretcher bearers 1 - Intelligence
Signal Platoon	3 - (increase one for WT)
Admin Platoon	2 One storeman (T & D), one motor mechanic
Mortar Platoon	7 - 3 sec comds (to be 1/sgts) - 3 spare numbers and one corporal mechanic
Carrier Platoon	9 - Detachment comds (3 to be 1/sgts) One corporal mechanic
A.Tk. Platoon	7 - (3 to be 1/sgts) One corporal mechanic
Pioneer Platoon	2 - Corporals (assault sec comds)
Rifle Coys (each)	10 - Corporals, one corporal mechanic, one corporal per section (one per coy to be 1/sgt)
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INCLUDING 68 LANCE/CORPORALS

Bn. H.Q.	2 - Intelligence privates 3 - Regimental police 1 - Medical orderly
Signal Platoon	4 - Signallers
Admin Platoon	2 Driver, I.C. petrol lorry (petrol storeman) One postal orderly
Mortar Platoon	3 - Mortarmen
A.Tk. Platoon	3 - Gun numbers
Pioneer Platoon	2 - Tradesmen
Rifle Coys. (each)	12 - Lance-corporals one per section. One per 2-inch mortar section
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(v) Organization

	P - Pistols,	R - Rifles,	S - Machine carbines,	B - LMG	
<i>Infantry Battalion HQ</i>			Truck, 15-cwt G.S.	2 Sgt (medical) Driver, I.C. 20 stretcher bearers Batman	R S 20S R
Bicycles	1-6 6 int privates		6R		
Motorcycles	1 Int sgt 2 Provost sgt 3-5 3 regimental police		S S 3S		
Carrier universal	C.O.		P	<i>HEADQUARTERS COMPANY</i> <i>Company headquarters</i>	
LMG	Batman Driver mechanic		R R	Car, 5-cwt Coy comd (capt) CSM	P R
Truck, hvy utility personnel	(Lt-col) Adjutant Driver, I.C.		P S	Clerk Batman driver Carried i Adm pl tpt CQMS Storeman	R S
Car, 5-cwt	2 i/c (major) Batman driver		P S		
Truck, 15-cwt Office	Orderly room sgt 2 clerks Driver, I.C.		R 2R S	<i>SIGNAL PLATOON</i> <i>Headquarters</i> Motorcycle Truck, 15-cwt G.S.	S P S
Truck, 15-cwt G.S.	1 I.O.		P	Pl comd (lieut) Batman driver	S
Intelligence equipment	R.S.M. Batman driver		S S	<i>Wireless and Visual Section</i>	
Lorry, 3-ton G.S. (medical)	M.O Medical orderly driver		P S	Truck, 15-cwt G.S. Signaller (cpl) Driver, I.C. 18 signallers	R S 9S 9R

<i>Signal Office and Line Section</i>				Truck, 15-cwt personnel	CSM	R	
Bicycles	1-3	3 orderlies	3R	Clerk		R	
Motorcycles	1-4	4 orderlies	4S	2 orderlies		2R	
Truck, 15-cwt G.S.		Signaller (cpl)	R	Driver, I.C.		S	
		Storeman	R	Carried in admin pl tpt	CQMS		
		Driver, I.C.	S		Storeman		
		3 signallers (1 to be cpl)	3R	<b>3-INCH MORTAR PLATOON</b>			
<b>ADMINISTRATIVE PLATOON</b>				Motorcycle	1	Sergeant	S
Motorcycle	1	MTO (lieut)	P	Motorcycles	2-3	2 orderlies	2S
Motorcycle	2	Transport sgt	S	Carrier	1	Pl comd (lieut)	P
Car, 5-cwt		Quartermaster	P			Fitter, (MV) RCOC	R
		Batman driver	S			Rangetaker	S
Truck hvy utility personnel (computer)		Paymaster	P			Driver mechanic	R
		Seg clerk	S	Carriers	2, 4 & 6 (each)	Sergeant	R
		Batman driver	S			3 mortarmen	3R
Truck, 15-cwt G.S.		Sanitary dutyman	R	3-inch mortar and bombs		Driver mechani	R
Reserve SAA		Driver, I.C.	S	Carriers	3, 5 & 7 (each)	L/sgt	R
Lorry, 3-ton	1	3 sanitary dutymen	3R			3 mortarmen	3R
PIAT and amn, 2-inch mortar bombs reserve		Driver, I.C.	S	3-inch mortars and bombs		Driver mechanic	R
Lorry, 3-ton	2	Repairer equipment	R	Truck, 15-cwt G.S.	1	Corporal	R
PIAT and amn		Shoemaker RCOC (cpl)	R	3-inch mortar bombs		Batman driver	R
3-inch mortar bombs reserve		Storeman (sp coy HQ)	R	PIAT and amn			
		Driver, I.C.	S	Truck, 15-cwt G.S.	2	Corporal	R
Lorry, 3-ton	3	2 sgt cooks	2R	3-inch mortar bombs		Driver, I.C.	S
LMG		Cpl cook	R	PIAT and amn			
Officers' mess and rations cooking set ration and water tins		Officers' mess cook	R	Truck, 15-cwt G.S.	3	Corporal	R
		2 cooks	2R	3-inch mortar bombs		Driver, I.C.	S
		Officers' mess servant	R	PIAT and amn			
		Batman	R	<b>CARRIER PLATOON</b>			
		Driver, I.C.	S	<i>Headquarters</i>			
Lorry, 3-ton	4-8 (each)	CQMS (rifle and sp coy)	R	Motorcycle	1	Pln sgt	S
		1 cook	R	Motorcycles	2 & 3	2 orderlies	2S
Cooking set		Driver, I.C.	S	Carrier universal		Pln comd (capt)	P
Ration and water tins				LMG		Batman	S
Lorry, 3-ton	9	Sgt tech stores	R			Driver-mechanic	R
LMG		Tech storeman (cpl)	R	Truck, 15-cwt G.S.	1	2 i/c (lieut)	P
PIAT and amn		Tech storeman	R	(Ammunition, blankets and greatcoats)		Storeman	R
MT stores and tools		Fitter (MV) RCOC (sgt)	R			Batman driver	S
		Fitter (MV) RCOC	R	Truck, 15-cwt G.S.	2	Fitter (MV) RCOC	R
		Motor mechanic	R	Stores		Driver, I.C.	S
		Driver mechanic	S				
Lorry, 3-ton	10	Clerk, MT	R	<i>4 sections (each)</i>			
Petrol		Driver, I.C.	S	Motorcycle		Orderly	S
Lorry, 3-ton	11	RQMS	R	Carrier universal	1	Sergeant	R
LMG		CQMS (bn HQ coy)	R	LMG		2 privates	R
		Armourer RCOC (sgt)	R	PIAT			B
		Storeman (HQ coy)	R	No. 2 cooker		Driver mechanic	R
		Postman	R	Carrier universal	2	Corporal	R
		Clerk, QM	R	LMG		2 privates	R
		Water dutyman	R	2-inch mortar			B
		Storeman QM	R	No. 2 cooker		Driver mechanic	R
		Driver, I.C.	S	Carrier universal	3	Corporal	R
Lorry 3-ton	12	4 cooks	4R	LMG		3 privates	2R
3-inch mortar bombs		Driver, I.C.	S	No. 2 cooker			B
PIAT and amn						Driver mechanic	R
<b>SUPPORT COMPANY HEADQUARTERS</b>				<b>ANTI-TANK PLATOON</b>			
				<i>Headquarters</i>			
Car, 5-cwt		Coy comd (capt)	P	Motorcycle	1	2 i/c (lieut)	P
		Batman driver	S	Motorcycle	2	Orderly	S



