

AN INFANTRY BATTALION

War Establishment

(This war establishment will apply to infantry battalions other than those in the First Canadian Division temporarily. For infantry battalions of the First Canadian Division see II/233/2)

(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)	2		3	2	5		5	9	7	2	23	1	3	10	70
Corporal, R.C.O.C.				1	1										1
Corporals, R.C.A.S.C.				2	2										2
Privates (incl 63 l/cpls)	38	3	31	27	61	6	32	46	40	18	142	11	32	107	669
Privates, R.C.O.C. (incl 1 l/cpls)				1	1		1	1	2		4				5
Privates, R.C.A.S.C.				13	13										13
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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Snipers											2		2	8	
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	24	63	7	34	47	38	13	139	11	(a)36	119	719
TRADESMEN															
Trade group															
Armourer (sgt) RCOC				1	1									1	
Bricklayer										1	1			1	
Butcher, R.C.A.S.C.				1	1									1	
Carpenters										6	6			6	
Clerks	2	1		2	3	1					1	1	1	10	
Sergeant	1													1	
Pay duties (sergeant)				1	1									1	
Cooks, R.C.A.S.C.															
Officers' mess				1	1									1	
Other ranks' mess															
Sergeants				2	2									2	
Corporals				1	1									1	
Privates				11	11									11	
Driver mechanics															
Corporals							1	1	1		3	1	1	7	
Privates	1						6	12	12		30	1	1	35	
Fitter, R.C.O.C.									1		1			1	
Fitters, (M.V.) RCOC-															
Sergeant				1	1									1	
Privates (incl. 1 l/cpl)				1	1		1	1	1		3			4	
Mason										1	1			1	

(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) Includes one lance-corporal in each rifle section of each platoon.
(b) One man in each company will be trained to repair boots under the supervision of the RCOC shoemaker. When otherwise qualified within the regulations, he may receive tradesmens' rates of pay, group "C", as a shoemaker.

NOTES

1. Scottish battalions and Irish battalion will be allowed the following additional personnel:
Sergeant, bandsman, group "C" 1
Pipers, bandmen, group "C" 5
2. The undermentioned personnel will be trained as shown below:
Pioneer platoon – Anti-gas duties and decontamination work
Drivers of lorries carrying water tins – Water duties.
Driver of petrol lorry – Petrol duties
Storemen in rifle coys and
carrier platoon – Armourer duties (by armourer RCOC)
Drivers of trucks in signal platoon – Signallers
2 drivers in admin pl }
1 driver in each rifle coy } – Repairers, equipment
3. When the battalion forms part of an armoured division the following ammendment will be made to this establishment

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

Signal platoon

<u>Delete</u> Drivers, I.C.	2
Signallers, orderlies	3
Signallers	13
<u>Add</u> Driver-operators, group "C"	18

Under (iii) Transport

	Bn HQ	Sig Pl	Sp coy HQ	Each rifle Coy HQ
<u>Delete</u> Bicycles	6			1
Car, 5-cwt	1			
Truck, 15-cwt., G.S.		1		
<u>Add</u> Motorcycle, solo, light	6			1
Truck, heavy utility, wireless		1		

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 4

Corporals 7

Lance-corporals 13

Privates 130

Total, all ranks, first reinforcements 164

(v) Organization

NOTE: This table is intended merely as a guide to officers commanding units, and may be varied, within the numbers of ranks, tradesmen and vehicles provided, according to tactical or administrative requirements.

BATTALION HEADQUARTERS			Motorcycle	2	Transport sergeant
Bicycles	1-6	6 int privates	Car, 5-cwt		Quartermaster
Motorcycles	1	Int sgt			Batman driver
	2	Provost sgt	Truck HUP		Paymaster
	3-5	3 regimental police	(computer)		Clerk (sgt)
Carrier universal		C.O.			Batman driver
LMG		Batman	Truck, 15-cwt G.S.		Sanitary dutyman
		Driver mechanic			Driver, I.C.
Truck, HUP		(Lt-col)			Reserve small arms amn
		Adjutant	Lorry, 3-ton	1	3 sanitary dutymen
		Driver, I.C.			Driver, I.C.
Car, 5-cwt		2 i/c (major)			PIAT and amn
		Batman driver			2-inch mortar bombs
Truck, 15-cwt Office		Clerk (sergeant)	Lorry, 3-ton	2	Repairer equipment
		2 clerks			Shoemaker RCOC
		Driver, I.C.			Storeman (from Support Coy Headquarters)
Truck, 15-cwt G.S.	1	Intelligence officer			Driver, I.C.
		R.S.M.			PIAT and amn
		Batman driver			3-inch mortar bombs
		Intelligence equipment	Lorry, 3-ton	3	6 cooks RCASC
Lorry, 3-ton G.S. (medical)		M.O			Butcher RCASC
		Medical officer's orderly driver			Batman
					Driver, I.C.
Truck, 15-cwt G.S.	2	Medical sergeant			LMG
		Driver, I.C.			Officers' mess and rations
		20 stretcher bearers			Cooking sets, ration and water tins
		Batman			
HEADQUARTERS COMPANY			Lorry, 3-ton	4-8	CQMS (from support coy HQ and each rifle coy)
		<i>Headquarters</i>		(each)	Cook RCASC
Car, 5-cwt		Captain			Driver, I.C.
		CSM			Cooking sets
		Clerk			Ration and water tins
		Batman driver			
Carried in transport of adm platoon		CQMS	Lorry, 3-ton	9	Sergeant storeman (T & D)
		Storeman			2 storemen (T & D)
		<i>Signal Platoon</i>			Sergeant fitter (MV) RCOC
		<i>Headquarters</i>			Fitter (MV) RCOC
Motorcycle		Signal sgt			2 motor mechanics
Truck, 15-cwt G.S.		Lieutenant			LMG
		Batman driver			PIAT and amn
					MT stores and tools
		<i>Wireless and Visual Section</i>	Lorry, 3-ton	10	Clerk, MT
Truck, 15-cwt G.S.		Corporal signaller			Driver, I.C.
		Driver, I.C.			Petrol
		18 signallers	Lorry, 3-ton	11	RQMS
		<i>Signal Office and Line Section</i>			Armourer (sgt) RCOC
Bicycles	1-3	3 orderlies			Storeman
Motorcycles	1-4	4 orderlies			CQMS (from HQ headquarters company)
Truck, 15-cwt G.S.		2 corporal signallers			Postal duties
		2 signallers			Clerk
		Storeman			Water duties
		Driver, I.C.			Storeman
		<i>Administrative platoon</i>			Driver, I.C.
Motorcycle	1	Lieutenant			LMG, QM Stores

Lorry 3-ton 12 4 cooks RCASC
 Draws water trailer Driver, I.C.

Rations

SUPPORT COMPANY

Headquarters

Car, 5-cwt Captain
 Batman driver

Truck, 15-cwt personnel CSM
 Clerk
 2 orderlies
 Driver, I.C.

Carried in transport of CQMS
 administrative platoon) Storeman

3-inch mortar platoon

Motorcycle 1 Sergeant

Motorcycles 2-3 2 orderlies

Carrier 1 Lieutenant
 Fitter, (MV) RCOC
 Rangemaker
 Driver mechanic

Carriers 2, 4 & 6 Sergeant
 (each) 3 mortarmen
 Driver mechanic
 3-inch mortar and bombs

Carriers 3, 5 & 7 Corporal mortarman
 (each) 3 mortarmen
 Driver mechanic
 3-inch mortar and bombs

Truck, 15-cwt G.S. 1 Corporal mortamen
 Batman driver
 PIAT and amn
 3-inch mortar bombs

Truck, 15-cwt G.S. 2-3 Mortarman
 (each) Driver, I.C.
 PIAT and amn
 3-inch mortar bombs

Carrier platoon

Headquarters

Motorcycle 1 Pln sgt

Motorcycles 2 - 3 2 orderlies

Carrier Captain
 Batman
 Driver-mechanic