

A CANADIAN INFANTRY BATTALION

War Establishment

This establishment supersedes I/8E/2 and II/12F/2

(i) Personnel

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarters company				Support company						3 rifle companies (each)			Total, infantry battalion
		Company headquarters	Signal platoon	Administrative platoon	Total, headquarters company	Company headquarters	3-inch mortar platoon	Carrier platoon	Anti-tank platoon	Pioneer Platoon	Total, support company	Company headquarters	3 platoons (each)	Total, each rifle company	
Lieutenant-colonel	1														1
Major (second-in-command)	1														1
Majors or captains		1			1	1					1	1	1	5	
Captains						1		1			2	1	1	5	
Adjutant	1													1	
Medical officer, R.C.A.M.C.	1													1	
Paymaster, R.C.A.P.C.				1	1									1	
Quartermaster				1	1									1	
Lieutenants	1			1	1	1	1	1	1	4		1	3	15	
Lieutenant, R.C. Sigs			1		1									1	
Total, officers	5	1	1	3	5	2	1	1	2	1	7	2	1	5	32
Warrant officers, Class I	1													1	
Warrant officers, Class II				1	1	1				1	1		1	5	
Total, warrant officers	1			1	1	1				1	1		1	6	
Company quartermaster-sergeants		1			1	1				1	1		1	5	
Sergeant, armourer, R.C.O.C.				1	1									1	
Sergeant, fitter, M.V., R.C.O.C.				1	1									1	
Sergeants	4		1	5	6		4	5	7	1	17		1	3	36
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	4	1	1	7	9	1	4	5	7	1	18	1	1	4	43
Corporal, shoemaker, R.C.O.C.				1	1									1	
Corporals (incl 12 lance-sergeants)	2		3	5	8		5	9		2	16	1	3	10	56
Privates, R.C.O.C. (includes 2 lance-corporals)				1	1		1	1	1	3				4	
Privates (includes 68 lance-corporals)	38	3	31	36	70	8	32	42	42	18	142	7	40	127	631
Total, rank and file	40	3	34	43	80	8	38	52	43	20	161	8	43	137	692
Total, other ranks	45	4	35	51	90	10	42	57	50	21	180	10	44	142	741
Total, infantry battalion	50	5	36	54	95	12	43	58	52	(b)22	187	12	45	147	773

(ii) Distribution of other ranks by trades and duties

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TRADESMEN															
Trade Group															
Sergeants -															
Clerk, pay				1	1										1
Clerk	1														1
Cooks				2	2										2
Storeman (T. & D.)				1	1										1
Armourer, R.C.O.C.				1	1										1
Fitter, M.V., R.C.O.C.				1	1										1
Rank and file -															
Bricklayer										1	1				1
Butcher				1	1										1
Carpenters										6	6				6
Clerks	2	1		2	3	2					2	1		1	10
Cooks				11	11										11
Driver mechanics	1						7	10	12		29	1		1	33
Equipment repairer				1	1										1
Fitter (gun)									1		1				1
Fitters, M.V., R.C.O.C.				1	1		1	1	1		3				4
Mason										1	1				1
Motor mechanics				2	2										2
Shoemaker, R.C.O.C.				1	1										1
Storemen (T. & D.)				3	3										3
Total, tradesmen	4	1		28	29	2	8	11	14	8	43	2		2	82
NON-TRADESMEN															
Regimental sergeant-major	1														1
Regimental quartermaster-sergeant				1	1										1
Company sergeant-majors						1					1	1		1	4
Company quartermaster-sergeants		1			1	1					1	1		1	5

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Sergeants -			1		1		4	5	7		16		1	3	26
Intelligence	1														1
Pioneer										1	1				1
Provost	1														1
Medical section	1														1
Transport				1	1										1
Batmen	2			1	1			1		1	2		1	3	14
Batmen-drivers	2	1	1	2	4	2	1		2		5	2		2	17
Drivers, I.C.	2		1	10	11		1	4		1	6	1		1	22
Intelligence section	6														6
L.M.G. numbers and riflemen	1							36			36		39	117	388
Medical officer's orderly	1														1
Mortar detachments							24				24		3	9	51
Gunners, 6-pr									24		24				24
Orderlies			6		6	3	2		3		8	2		2	20
Officers' mess servant				1	1										1
Pioneers										10	10				10
Regimental police	3														3
Rangetakers							2				2				2
Signallers			25		25										25
Stretcher bearers (incl 2 corporals)	20														20
Sanitary duties				4	4										4
Postal				1	1										1
Water duties				1	1										1
Total, non-tradesmen	41	3	35	23	61	8	34	46	36	13	137	8	44	140	659
Total, other ranks	45	4	35	51	90	10	42	57	50	21	180	10	44	142	741
<i>(iii) Transport</i>															
Bicycles	3		8		8							2	1	5	26

(iv) Table of Weapons and Ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	32	12	192	576
Rifles, .303-inch	518	50	52000	77900
Machine carbines	171	160	16416	43776
L.M.Gs. .303-inch	56	1000	28000	84000
A.Tk. rifles .55-inch	3	200	120	720
Pistols, signal	28	20	280 (#)	840
Pistos, signal, for carriers	10	20(\$)	100(#)	300
2-inch mortars	15			
HE		12	270	450
Smoke		24	630	990
Illuminating			126	126
Signal, red			54	54
Signal, green			54	54
3-inch mortars	6			
H.E.		96	168	744
Smoke		24	48	192
6-prs	6	(to follow as result user trial)		
Grenades				
No. 36M, hand			456)	Subject to loading trials
No. 69			374)	
No. 75			348)	
No. 77			544)	
No. 74			100)	

NOTES

- (a) Scottish battalions and Irish battalions will be allowed one sergeant and 5 pipers (bandsmen group "C") in addition. A battalion of Foot Guards will be allowed 2 drill sergeants (warrant officers, Class II) in addition. One man in each company will be trained, after mobilization, to repair boots as a part time employment, under the supervision of teh R.C.O.C. shoemaker. One man in each company will be trained in sanitary duties as a part time employment.
- (b) Trained in anti-gas duties and decontamination work.
- (c) Teh drivers of trucks carrying water in tins will be trained in water duties.
- (d) Eight sniper's rifles with telescopic sights will be carried in the intelligence section truck. Training and allotment will be made under battalion arrangements.
- (e) In battalions which form part of an armoured division, the following ammendments will apply:

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

Insert Driver mechanics "C" 4 – under Sig Pl

Driver operators "C" 14 – under Sig Pl

Delete Drivers, I.C. 1 – under Sig Pl

Orderlies 3 – under Sig Pl

Signallers 14 – under Sig Pl

Under (iii) Transport

Insert Motorcycles, solo. light 3 – under Bn H.Q.

Delete Bicycles 3 – under Bn H.Q.

Insert Truck, heavy utility wireless 1 – under Sig Pl

Delete Truck, 15-cwt., G.S. 1 – under Sig Pl

Insert Truck, heavy utility, wireless 1 – under 3 Rifle Coys (each), Coy H.Q.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS AND 2ND LINE TRANSPORT R.C.A.S.C.

Details left at base –

Orderly room sergeant clerk. group "C"

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First reinforcements –

Captain	1
Lieutenants	5
W.W. class II	1
C.Q.M.S.	2
Sergeants	5
Corporals	10
Lance-corporals	18
Privates	<u>118</u>
Total, all ranks reinforcements	<u>160</u>

Pistols, .38-inch	6 and 72 rounds
Rifles, .303-inch	124 and 6200 rounds
Machine carbines	30 and 4800 rounds
Brens. .303-inch	12 and 12000 rounds