

## AIR LANDING BATTALION

## WAR ESTABLISHMENT

## (i) Personnel

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Support company							A.A. and A.Tk. company			4 rifle companies (eac)			Total, air landing battalion	
		Company headquartes	No. 1 signal platoon	No. 2 morar platoon	No. 3 reconnaissance platoon	No. 4 pioneer platoon	No. 5 transport platoon	No. 6 administrative platoon	Total, support company	Company headquarers	3 platoon (each)	Total, A.A. and A.Tk. company	Company headquarters	4 platoons (each)		Total, rifle company (each)
Lieutenant-colonel	1															1
Major (2nd-in-command)	1															1
Majors		1						1	1		1	1		1		6
Captains					1			1	1		1	1		1		6
Adjutant (captain)	1															1
Subalterns	2		1	1	4	1	1	8		1	3		1	4		29
Quartermaster							1	1								1
Total, officers	5	1	1	1	5	1	1	11	2	1	5	2	1	6		45
Regimental serjeant-major	1															1
Regimental quartermaster-serjeant							1	1								1
Company serjeant majors		1						1	1		1	1		1		6
Total, warrant officers	1	1					1	2	1		1	1		1		8
Company quartermaster-serjeants		1						1	1		1	1		1		6
Intelligence serjeant	1															1
Orderly room clerk (serjeant)	1															1
Provost serjeant	1															1
Pioneer serjeant						1		1								1
Transport serjeant							1	1								1
Serjeant technical storeman							1	1								1
Serjeants			1	1	1			3		1	3	1	1	5		26
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	7	1	1	4	2	1	6		38

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Support company							A.A. and A.Tk. company			4 rifle companies (eac)			Total, air landing battalion	
		Company headquarters	No. 1 signal platoon	No. 2 morar platoon	No. 3 reconnaissance platoon	No. 4 pioneer platoon	No. 5 transport platoon	No. 6 administrative platoon	Total, support company	Company headquarters	3 platoon (each)	Total, A.A. and A.Tk. company	Company headquarters	4 platoons (each)		Total, rifle company (each)
Corporals (includes 17 lance-serjeants)	2		6	4	3	1	2	1	17		6	18	2	3	14	93
Privates (includes 75 lance-corporals)	42	2	39	23	21	12	16	13	126	6	30	96	17	18	89	620
Total, rank and file	44	2	45	27	24	13	18	14	143	6	36	114	19	21	103	713
Total, other ranks	48	4	46	28	25	14	19	16	152	8	37	119	22	22	110	759
Total, all ranks	53	5	47	29	30	15	20	17	163	10	38	124	24	23	116	804
<i>Attached—</i>																
R.A.M.C.—Medical officer	1															1
Serjeant	1															1
Nursing orderlies (includes 5 lance-corporals)	1				1				1				2		2	10
R.A.O.C.—Armourer (serjeant)								1	1							1
Armourer (lance-corporal)								1	1							1
Shoemaker (corporal)								1	1							1
Fitters, M.V. (includes 1 corporal and 1 lance-corporal)							2	2	4							4
A.C.C.—Serjeant cook								2	2							2
Officers' mess cook								1	1							1
Other ranks' mess cooks (includes 1 corporal)								11	11							11
<i>From Air Landing Brigade Group Headquarters</i>																
Chaplain, R.A.Ch.D.	1															1
Batman-driver	1															1
<i>From Glider Regiment—</i>																
Glider pilots	6		6	1					7	3	3	12	2		2	33
Total, attached	3				1		2	19	22				2		2	33
Total, air landing battalion (including attached)	56	5	47	29	31	15	22	36	185	10	38	124	26	23	118	837
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>																
<i>Tradesmen—</i>																
Bricklayer						1			1							1

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Support company							A.A. and A.Tk. company			4 rifle companies (eac)			Total, air landing battalion	
		Company headquarters	No. 1 signal platoon	No. 2 morar platoon	No. 3 reconnaissance platoon	No. 4 pioneer platoon	No. 5 transport platoon	No. 6 administrative platoon	Total, support company	Company headquarters	3 platoon (each)	Total, A.A. and A.Tk. company	Company headquarters	4 platoons (each)		Total, rifle company (each)
Carpenters and joiners						6		6							6	
Mason						1		1							1	
Clerks (includes 2 lance-corporals)	2	1						3	1		1	1		1	10	
Driver-mechanics	2			2		1	1	5		2	6	1		1	17	
Driver-operators			8					8							8	
Equipment repairer								1							1	
Motor-mechanics (includes 1 lance-corporal)								2							2	
Technical storemen (includes 1 corporal)								3							4	
Total, tradesmen	4	1	8	2		9	7	4	31	1	2	7	2		50	
<i>Non-tradesmen—</i>																
Batmen	6	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	8	2	1	5	2	1	6	43
Butchery duties								1	1						1	
Drivers, I.C.				4			10		14		6	18	2		2	40
Intelligence section	6															6
L.M.G. numbers and riflemen	3				6				6					18	72	297
Mortar detachments				17					17			12	2		20	97
Orderlies			2	2	16				20	2		2				22
Officers' mess servant								1	1							1
Pioneers						3			3							3
Regimental police	3															3
Range taker				1					1							1
Storemen								1	1	1		1	1		1	6
Signallers			34						34							34
Stretcher bearers	22															22
Sanitary duties								4	4							4
Postman								1	1							1



## (iv) Organization

## BATTALION HEADQUARTERS

Motor-cycle combination	1	Commanding officer Batman	Pistol Sten Rifle	1 1 1
Motor-cycle combination	2	Second-in-command Batman	Pistol Sten Rifle 2-inch mortar	1 1 1 1
Motor-cycle combination	3	Adjutant Orderly room clerk (serjeant)	Pistol Sten Rifle	1 1 1
Motor-cycle	1	Loading officer	Pistol	1
Motor-cycle	2	Intelligence serjeant	Rifle	1
Motor-cycles	3-8	6 intelligence privates	Rifles	6
Motor-cycle	9	Regimental serjeant-major	Sten	1
5-cwt. cars	1 and 2	2 driver-mechanics	Pistols	2
Trailers	1 and 2	2 batmen	Rifles L.M.Gs.	2 2
Motor-cycle combination	5	Medical officer, R.A.M.C. Nursing orderly, R.A.M.C.	Pistols	2
Motor-cycle	10	Serjeant, R.A.M.C.	Pistol	1
Motor-cycles	11-16	6 glider pilots	Stens	6
Marchng		Provost serjeant 2 clerks 3 regimental police Batman 3 L.M.G. numbers and riflemen 22 stretcher bearers	Pistols Rifles Pistols, signal A. Tk. rifle L.M.G Rifles	2 8 2 1 1 22
2-seater car, attached from brigade headquarters		Chaplain Batman-driver	Rifle	1
		Total personnel (including attached)		
		Officers	6	
		Other ranks	50	

## SUPPORT COMPANY

## Company headquarters

Motor-cycle	1	Major	Pistol	1
Motor-cycle	2	Batman	Sten	1
Motor-cycle	3	Company serjeant-major	Sten	1
Motor-cycle	4	Clerk	Rifle	1
Marching:—		Company quarter-master-serjeant	Rifle	1
		Total, personnel	5	
		Officer	1	
		Other ranks	4	

## No. 1 Signal platoon

Motor-cycle	1	Signal officer	Pistol	1
Motor-cycle	2	Batman	Sten	1
Motor-cycle	3	Signal serjeant	Rifle	1
		2 driver-operators	(for duty with	
		2 signallers	battalion	
5-cwt. cars	1-3	2 No. 21 sets	headquarters)	
Trailers	1-2	1 driver-operator	Rifles	6
		1 signaller	(spare	
		1 No. 21 set		
Motor-cycles combination	1-2	4 signallers	(for duty with	Pistols
		2 No. 18 sets	battalion	2
			headquarters)	Sten
				2

Motor-cycle combination	3	2 signallers No. 18 set	(for duty with reconnaissance platoon)	Sten Rifle	1 1
Motor-cycles	4-5	2 orderlies		Pistols	2
Motor-cycles (Carried in transport of mortar platoon)	6-11	6 glider pilots 2 signallers 2 No. 18 sets		Stens Rifles	6 2
Marching:—  (Carried in transport of reconnaissance platoon)		4 signallers 2 No. 18 sets	(spare)	Rifles	4
(Carried in transport of reconnaissance platoon)		3 signallers 3 No. 18 sets	(for duty with reconnaissance platoon)	Rifles	3
(Carried in transport of A.A. and A.Tk. company)		5 driver-operators 5 No. 18 sets	(for duty with A.A. and A.Tk. company)	Rifles	5
Marching:—		16 signallers 4 No. 18 sets 4 handcarts	(for duty with rifle companies)	Pistols Rifles	8 8
		<i>Total, personnel</i>	47		
		<i>Officer</i>	1		
		<i>Other ranks</i>	46		

No. 2 mortar platoon

Motor-cycle	1	Subaltern		Pistol	1
Motor-cycle	2	Batman		Sten	1
Motor-cycle	3	Serjeant		Sten	1
Motor-cycles	4-5	2 orderlies		Pistols	2
	1-2	2 driver-mechanics		Pistols	2
5-cwt. cars	1-2	Range-taker		Rifles	2
Trailers		Private for mortar detachment (2 signallers and 2 No. 18 sets attached from signal platoon)		A.Tk. rifle L.M.G. Grenades No. 75	1 1 144
Motor-cycle	6	Glider pilot		Sten	1
		<i>Four detachments (each)</i>			
Motor-cycle	1	Corporal		Rifle	1
5-cwt. car	1	Driver, I.C.		Pistol	1
Trailer	1	3 privates		Rifles L.M.G. 3-in. mortar	3 1 1
		<i>Total, personnel</i>	29		
		<i>Officer</i>	1		
		<i>Other ranks</i>	28		

No. 3 reconnaissance platoon

Motor-cycle combination	1	Captain Batman		Pistol Rifle Pistol, signal Sten	1 1 1 1
Motor-cycle combination	2	Subaltern Batman		Pistol Rifle Sten	1 1 1
Motor-cycle	1	Serjeant		Sten	1
Motor-cycles	2-5	4 privates		Rifles	4
Trailer (drawn by 5-cwt. car in signal platoon)		Ammunition		L.M.G.	1
Motor-cycle	6	Nursing orderly, R.A.M.C.		Pistol	1

*Three sections (each)*

Motor-cycle combination	1	Subaltern <i>Signaller { attached from No. 18 set { signal platoon</i>	Pistol Sten Pistol, signal L.M.G. S.I.P. grenade (box)	1 1 1 1 1
Motor-cycle combination	2	Lance-serjeant Private	Pistol Rifle No. 4 S.I.P. grenades (box)	1 1 1
Motor-cycles	1-4	Lance-corporal 3 privates	Stens	4
		<i>Total, personnel (including attached)</i>		31
		<i>Officers</i>		5
		<i>Other ranks</i>		26

No. 4 pioneer platoon

Motor-cycle	1	Subaltern	Pistol	1
Motor-cycle	2	Batman	Sten	1
Motor-cycle	3	Serjeant	Sten	1
Bicycle	1	Corporal	Rifle	1
Bicycles	2-10	Lance-corporal 8 privates	Rifles	9
5-cwt. car	1	Driver-mechanic	Pistol	1
Trailer	1	Private Stores	Rifle L.M.G.	1 1
		<i>Total, personnel</i>		15
		<i>Officer</i>		1
		<i>Other ranks</i>		14

No. 5 transport platoon

Motor-cycle	1	Transport officer	Pistol	1
Motor-cycle	2	Batman	Sten	1
Motor-cycle	3	Transport serjeant	Sten	1
5-cwt. cars	1-5	2 motor-mechanics		
Trailers	1-5	3 technical storemen 2 fitters, M.V. R.A.O.C.	Rifles A.Tk. rifles	19 2
5-cwt. cars	6-17	10 drivers, I.C.	L.M.Gs	4
Trailers	6-17	2 driver-mechanics		
		<i>Total, personnel (including attached)</i>		22
		<i>Officer</i>		1
		<i>Other ranks</i>		21

No. 6 administrative platoon

Motor-cycle	1	Quartermaster	Pistol	1
Motor-cycle	2	Regimental quarter-master-serjeant	Pistol	1

Cars, 5-cwt.	1-10	Serjeant(technical storeman)		
Trailers	1-10	Batman		
		2 clerks		
		Equipment repairer		
		Butchery dutyman		
		Officers' mess orderly		
		Storeman		
		4 sanitary dutymen	Rifles	19
		Postman		
		Water dutyman		
		Armourer (serjeant) R.A.O.C.		
		Shoemaker (corporal) R.A.O.C.		
		2 Fitters, M.V. R.A.O.C.		
		2 serjeant cooks, A.C.C.		
		11 cooks, A.C.C.		
		1 officers' mess cook A.A.C.C.		
Motor-cycle combination		Amourer (lance-corporal) R.A.O.C.	Rifles	2
		Corporal (technical storeman)		
		<i>Total, personnel (including attached)</i>		36
		<i>Officer</i>		1
		<i>Other ranks</i>		5

#### A.A. AND ANTI-TANK COMPANY

##### *Company headquarters*

Motor-cycle combination		Major	Pistol	1
		Batman	Sten	1
Motor-cycle	1	Captain	Pistol	1
Motor-cycle	2	Batman	Sten	1
Motor-cycle	3	Company serjeant-major	Sten	1
Cars, 5-cwt.	1-2	Clerk	Pistols	2
Trailers	1-4	Storeman	L.M.Gs.	2
		<i>2 driver-operators and 2 No. 18 sets attached from signal platoon</i>		
Motor-cycle	4	Company quartermaster-serjeant	Rifle	1
Motor-cycles	5-6	2 orderlies	Rifles	2
Motor-cycles	7-9	3 glider pilots	Stens	3
Motor-cycle combination (attached from administrative platoon)		Corporal (technical storeman)		
		Lance-corporal (armourer) R.A.O.C.		
		<i>Total, personnel</i>		10
		<i>Officers</i>		2
		<i>Other ranks</i>		8

#### THREE A.A. AND ANTI-TANK PLATOONS (EACH)

Motor-cycle	1	Subaltern	Pistol	1
Motor-cycle	2	Batman	Sten	1
Motor-cycle	3	Serjeant	Sten	1
Car, 5-cwt.	1	Private	Rifle	1
Trailer	1-2	<i>(Driver-operator and No. 18 set attached from signal platoon)</i>		
		Ammunition		
Motor-cycles	4-6	3 glider pilots	Stens	3
Motor-cycles	7-8	2 lance-serjeants	Stens	2
Cars, 5-cwt.	2-9	4 corporals	Rifles	32
Trailers	3-10	2 driver-mechanics	Guns 20 mm	
		6 drivers, I.C.	A.A. and	8
		4 lance-corporals	A. Tk.	
		16 privates		



<i>Total, personnel</i>	38
<i>Officer</i>	1
<i>Other ranks</i>	37

FOUR RIFLE COMPANIES (EACH)

*Company headquarters*

Motor-cycle combination		Major	Pistol	1
		Batman	Sten	1
Motor-cycle	1	Captain	Pistol	1
Motor-cycles	2-3	2 <i>glider pilots</i>	Stens	2
Cars, 5-cwt.	1-2	Driver-mechanic	Pistols	2
Trailers	1-2	2 drivers, I.C.	Rifles	3
		Clerk	Pistol, signal	1
		Storeman	L.M.Gs.	2
<i>Marching:—</i>		Company serjeant-major	Sten	1
		Company quartermaster-serjeant	Rifle	1
		Serjeant	Pistols	6
		2 corporals	Rifles	6
		Batman	Sten	2
		10 privates	A. Tk rifle	1
		4 handcarts	3-inch	
		1 No. 38 set	mortars	2
		2 No. 38 sets (spare)	Grenades No.	
			75	108
		2 nursing orderlies, R.A.M.C.	Pistols	2
		<i>Total, personnel (including attached)</i>		26
		<i>Officers</i>		2
		<i>Other ranks</i>		24

FOUR RIFLE PLATOONS (EACH)

Bicycle		Batman	Sten	1
<i>Marching:—</i>		Subaltern	Pistol	1
		Serjeant	Pistols	2
		3 corporals	Rifles	9
		2 lance-corporals	Rifles, No. 4	2
		9 privates	Stens	2
			L.M.Gs.	2
		6 privates	Pistols	2
		3 handcarts	Rifles	4
		No. 38 wireless set	A. Tk, rifle	1
			L.M.G.	1
			2-inch mortar	1
			Pistol, signal	1
			Grenades No.	
			75	36
		<i>Total, personnel</i>		23
		<i>Officer</i>		1
		<i>Other ranks</i>		2

(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Support company								A.A. and anti-tank company			4 rifle companies (each)			Total, air landing battalion	Ammunition—rounds			
		Company headquarters	No. 1 signal platoon	No. 2 mortar platoon	No. 3 reconnaissance platoon	No. 4 pioneer platoon	No. 5 transport platoon	No. 6 administrative platoon	Total, support company	Company headquarters	3 platoons (each)	Total, A.A. and A.Tk. company	Company headquarters	4 platoons (each)	Total, rifle companies (each)		Total, air landing battalion	On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .45-inch automatic	12	1	13	9	9	2	1	2	37	4	1	7	12	5	32	184	21	2,576	6,440	
Rifles, .303-inch	43	2	30	18	6	11	19	34	120	3	33	102	10	13	62	513	50	5,130	76,950	
Rifles, No. 4 (telescopic sights)					3				3					2	8	35	50	5,250	7,000	
Machine carbines, 9 mm sten	5	2	4	2	18	2	2		30	3	4	15	4	3	16	114	180	13,680	34,200	
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	3			5	4	1	4		14				2	3	14	73	1,700	36,500	160,600	
Anti-tank rifles, .55-inch	1			1			2		3				1	1	5	24	100	2,400	4,800	
Pistols, signal, R.A.F.																10	60		600	
Pistols, signal, Army	2				4				4				1	1	5	26	20		520	
3-inch mortars				4					4				2		2	12	102	648	1,872	
2-inch mortars (modified)														1	4	16	H.E.	12	120	324
2-inch mortars (modified) (signalling)	1															1	Smoke	30		12
Guns, 20 mm. A.A. and A.Tk.											8	24				24	1,000	24,000	48,000	
Discharger cups														3	12	48				
Grenades—																				
No. 36M														12	48	192			192	
No. 687														17	68	272			272	
No. 69														34	136	544			544	
No. 75				144					144				108	36	252	1,152			1,152	
S.I.P. (boxes)					6				6							6			6	

(a) Non-airborne transport required in the United Kingdom only. This transport is not therefore included in *table (iv) organization*.

NOTE

1. 1 man in each company will be trained to repair boots as a part time employment, under the supervision of the R.A.O.C. shoemaker, and if qualified, may be paid as a shoemaker (group C, class III) only on the days on which he is actually employed at that trade.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

*Details left at base—*

Orderly room serjeant	1		
First reinforcements			
(organized into one complete rifle platoon per company, one section (half platoon) A.A. and A.Tk. company, two 3-inch mortar detachments, one section reconnaissance platoon, detachment signal platoon and general reserve)—			
Major	1		
Captain	1		
Subalterns	5		
Company serjeant-major	1		
Company quartermaster-serjeant	1		
Serjeants	4		
Lance-serjeants	2		
Corporals	17		
Lance-corporals	12		
Privates	114		
Nursing orderlies, R.A.M.C.	3		
Total, all ranks, first reinforcements	161		
Pistols, .45-inch automatic	29	and	609 rounds
Rifles, .303-inch	105	and	5,250 rounds
Rifles, No. 4 (telescopic sights)	105	and	450 rounds
Machine carbines, 9 mm. sten	18	and	3,240 rounds
Pistols, signal (Army)	4	and	80 rounds
L.M.Gs. .303-inch	12	and	20,400 rounds
A.Tk rifles, .55-inch	4	and	400 rounds
2-inch mortars	4		
H.E.			48 rounds
Smoke			168 rounds
Signal			12 rounds
3-inch mortars	2		
H.E.			204 rounds
Discharger cups	12		
Grenades			
No. 36M	48		
No. 68	68		
No. 69	136		
No. 75	144		
S.I.P. (boxes)	2		
Guns, 20 mm. A.A. and A.Tk,	4	and	4,000 rounds
<i>Transport—</i>			
Bicycles, folding			4
Motor-cycles			15
Cars, 5-cwt. 4 x 4			7
Trailers			7
Handcarts			13