

INDEPENDENT PARACHUTE COMPANY
WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

| Detail | Company headquarters | Two 3-inch mortar detachments (each) | Anti-tank section | 3 rifle platoons (each) | | | Total, independent parachute company |
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| | | | | Rifle platoon headquarters | 3 rifle sections (each) | Total, rifle platoons (each) | |
| Major | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Captain | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Subalterns | | | | 1 | | 1 | 3 |
| Total, officers | 2 | | | 1 | | 1 | 5 |
| Company serjeant-major | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Total, warrant officers | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Company quarter-master-serjeant | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Parachute packer-serjeant | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Serjeants | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 14 |
| Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 4 | 16 |
| Coporals (includes 3 lance-serjeants) | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 13 |
| Pirvates (includes 12 lance-corporals) | 29 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 8 | 26 | 125 |
| Total, rank and file | 30 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 29 | 138 |
| Total, other ranks | 33 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 10 | 33 | 155 |
| Total, all ranks | 35 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 34 | 160 |
| <i>Attached—</i> | | | | | | | |
| R.A.M.C.— | | | | | | | |
| Serjeant | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Nursing orderlies | 4 | | | | | | 4 |
| R.A.O.C.— | | | | | | | |
| Armourer (serjeant) | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Fitter, M.V. (corporal) | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| A.C.C.— | | | | | | | |
| Cooks for— | | | | | | | |
| Officers' mess | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Other ranks' mess (includes 1 corporal) | 4 | | | | | | 4 |
| A.P.T.C.—Instructor | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Total, attached | 13 | | | | | | 13 |
| Total, independent parachute company (including attached) | 48 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 34 | 173 |
| <i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i> | | | | | | | |
| <i>Tradesmen—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Clerk | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Technical storeman (lance-corporal) | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Equipment repairer | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Carpenter and joiner | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Driver, mechanic | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Total, tradesmen | 5 | | | | | | 5 |

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| | | | | Rifle platoon headquarters | 3 rifle sections (each) | Total, rifle platoons (each) | |
| <i>Non-tradesmen—</i> | | | | | | | |
| Parachute packers | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| Signallers (includes 1 corporal) | 7 | | | | | | 7 |
| Water duties | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Transport (lance-corporal) | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| General duties | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Sanitary duties | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| Storeman | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Motor cyclist | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Drivers, I.C. | 4 | | | | | | 4 |
| Batmen (operational) | 2 | | | 1 | | 1 | 5 |
| Orderlies | 3 | | | 1 | | 1 | 6 |
| Mortar detachments | | 7 | | | | | 14 |
| Anti-tank detachment | | | 7 | | | | 7 |
| L.M.G. numbers and riflemen | | | | | 9 | 27 | 81 |
| Total, non-tradesmen | 25 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 29 | 133 |
| Total, rank and file | 30 | 7 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 29 | 138 |

(iii) *Transport*

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|----------------------------------|---|--|--|---|--|---|---|
| Bicycles, folding | 2 | | | 1 | | 1 | 5 |
| Bicycles, non-folding (a) | 1 | | | 1 | | 1 | 4 |
| Motor cycles | 2 | | | | | | 2 |
| Car, 2-seater, 4 x 2, (b) | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Truck, 15-cwt., 4 x 2, water (b) | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Truck, 15-cwt., 4 x 2, G.S. (b) | 1 | | | | | | 1 |
| Lorry, 3-ton, 4 x 2, (b) | 1 | | | | | | 1 |

(iv) *Table of weapons and ammunition*

| Detail | Company headquarters | Two 3-inch mortar detachment (each) | Anit-tank section | 3 rifle platoons (each) | | | Total, independent parachute company | Ammunition—rounds | | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------|---------|--------|
| | | | | Rifle platoon headquarters | 3 rifle sections (each) | Total, rifle platoon (each) | | On man or with gun | Reserve | Total |
| Pistols, .45-inch, automatic | 20 | 7 | | 1 | 2 | 7 | 55 | 21 | 770 | 1,925 |
| Rifles, .303-inch | 21 | | 6 | 2 | 4 | 14 | 69 | 50 | 6,950 | 10,400 |
| Rifles, .303-inch (snipers) | | | | | 2 | 6 | 18 | 50 | 1,800 | 2,700 |
| Machine carbines, 9mm. Sten | 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 30 | 256 | 9,600 | 17,280 |
| Machine carbines, 9mm. Sten (c) | | | | | | | 45 | 256 | | 11,250 |
| L.M.Gs. .303-inch | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | 10 | 1,000 | 10,000 | 20,000 |
| Mortars, 3-inch | | 1 | | | | | 2 | 48 | 108 | 204 |
| Mortars, 2-inch modified | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 16 | 6 | 12 | 108 |

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| | | | | Rifle platoon headquarters | 3 rifle sections (each) | Total, rifle platoon (each) | | On man or with gun | Reserve | Total |
| A.Tk, Rifles, .55-inch modified | | | | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 50 | 150 | 300 |
| Discharger cups | | | 1 | | 1 | 3 | 10 | | | |
| Grenades, No. 36M | 22 | 16 | 14 | 8 | 20 | 68 | 272 | 272 | 136 | 408 |
| Grenades, No. 68 | | | 17 | 17 | | 17 | 68 | 68 | | 68 |
| Grenades, No. 69 | | | | 30 | | 30 | 90 | 90 | 45 | 135 |
| Guns, Smith | | | 1 | | | | 1 | 20 | 20 | 40 |

- (a) For training, in lieu of bicycles folding.
- (b) Non air-borne transport required in the United Kingdom only.
- (c) Pool for parachutists.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

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| Subalterns | 2 |
| Serjeants | 2 |
| Corporal | 1 |
| Lance-corporals | 2 |
| Privates | 15 |
| Total, first reinforcements | <u>22</u> |
| Pistols, .45-inch | 4 and 84 rounds |
| Rifles, .303-inch | 18 and 900 rounds |
| Machine carbines, 9 mm. Sten | 9 and 2,304 rounds |