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	Battalion headquarters	Company headquarters	Intelligence section	Signal platoon	Mortar platoon (4 3-inch mortar detachments)	Protective section	Administrative platoon	Totla, headquarters company	Company headquarters	Two 3-inch mortar detachments (each)	Anti-tank section	3 rifle platoons (each)			Total, rifle company (each)	
												Rifle platoon headquarters	3 rifle sections (eachH0)	Total rifle platoon (each)		
Serjeants' mess						2	2									2
Rank and file mess (includes 1 corporal)						(b)8	8									8
A.P.T.C.—																
Instructors						3	3									3
Total, attached	3	2				21	23	3							3	35
Total, a parachute battalion, Middle East (including attached)	27	11	11	27	37	6	77	169	14	8	7	4	10	34	139	613
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>																
<i>Tradesmen—</i>																
Equipment repairer						1	1									1
Clerks	3	(b)2				(b)4	6	1							1	12
Storemen technical						1	1									1
Carpenters and joiners						(b)2	2									2
Blacksmith						1	1									1
Driver-mechanic						2	2									2
Bricklayer						(a)1	1									1
Total, tradesmen	3	2				12	14	1							1	20
<i>Non-tradesmen—</i>																
Regimental police	6															6
Parachute packers						8	8									8
L.M.G. numbers and riflemen					6		6					9	27	81	249	
Signallers (includes 1 corporal)				24			24									24
Water dutyman						1	1									1
Rangetaker					1		1									1
Mortar detachments					29		29		7						14	71



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<i>(iv) Weapons</i>																
Pistols, .45-inch	10	5		8	28	2	2	45	5	7		1	2	7	40	175
Rifles, .303-inch	15	6	11	10	2	4	75	108	8		6	2	6	20	74	345
Machine carbines, 9-mm., Sten	2			9	7			16	1	1	1	1	2	7	25	93
Machine carbines, 9-mm., Sten (pool for parachutists)																429
L.M.Gs., .303-inch						2		2					1	3	9	29
3-inch mortars					4			4		1					2	10
2-inch mortars, modified	1												1	3	9	28
A. Tk. rifles, .55-inch						1		1				1		1	3	10
Cups, discharger						2		2			1		1	3	10	32
Smith guns											1					3

- (a) Need not be a parachutist (may be medical category "B")
- (b) 1 need not be a parachutist (may be medical category "B")
- (c) 1 need not be a parachutist (may be medical category "B")
- (d) For training purposes in lieu of bicycles (folding)

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

<i>Details left at base—</i>	
<i>Orderly room serjeant</i>	1
<i>First reinforcements—</i>	
Captain	1
Subalterns	4
Warrant officer, class II	1
Colour serjeant	1
Serjeants	6
Corporals	4
Lance-corporals	8
Privates	57
Nursing orderlies R.A.M.C.	3
Pistols, .45-inch	8
Rifles, .303-inch	77
Machine carbines, 9-mm., Sten	82