

A PARACHUTE BATTALION

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Signal platoon	Mortar platoon (4 3-inch mortar detachments)	Headquarters company (a)			3 rifle companies each					Total, parachute battalion	
				Company headquarters	Administrative platoon	Total, headquarters company	Rifle company headquarters	2 3-inch mortar detachments (each)	3 rifle platoons (each)				Total, rifle company (each)
									Headquarters rifle platoon	3 rifle sections (each)	Total, rifle platoon		
Lieutenant-colonel	1												1
Major (2nd-in-command)	1												1
Majors							1					1	3
Captains				1		1	1					1	4
Adjutant	1												1
Subalterns	1	1	1	1		1			1		1	3	13
Quarter-master					1	1							1
Total, officers	4	1	1	2	1	3	2		1		1	5	24
Regimental serjeant-major	1												1
Regimental quarters-master-serjeant					1	1							1
Company serjeant-majors				1		1	1					1	4
Total, warrant officers	1			1	1	2	1					1	6
Company quarter-master-serjeant				1		1	1					(a)1	4
Orderly-room clerk (serjeant)	(a)1												1
Intelligence serjeant	1												1
Signal serjeant		1											1
Serjeant technical storeman					1	1							1

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Transport serjeant					1	1							1
Provost serjeant	1												1
Parachute packer serjeant					1	1							1
Serjeants			4					1	1	1	4	14	46
Total, serjeants	3	1	4	1	3	4	1	1	1	1	4	15	57
Corporal (including 8 lance corporals)	1	1	4					1		1	3	11	39
Privates (including 39 lance-corporals)	6	17	26	1	58	59	5	6	1	8	25	92	384
Total, rank and file	7	18	30	1	58	59	5	7	1	9	28	103	423
Total, other ranks	11	19	34	3	62	65	7	8	2	10	32	119	486
Total, all ranks	15	20	35	5	63	68	9	8	3	10	33	124	510
<i>Attached—</i>													
R.A.M.C.—													
Medical officer	1												1
Corporal	1												1
Nursing orderlies	8												8
R.A.O.C.—													
Armourer (serjeant)					1	1							1
Fitter, M.V. (serjeant)					1	1							1
Shoemaker (corporal)					1	1							1
A.C.C.—													
Serjeant cook					1	1							1
Cooks for—													
Officers' mess					2	2							2
Serjeants' mess					2	2							2
Other ranks (including 1 corporal)					8	8							8

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Total, a parachute battalion (including attached)	25	20	35	5	79	84	9	8	3	10	33	124	536
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and distribution</i>													
<i>Tradesmen</i>													
Clerks	1			1	3	4	1					1	8
Technical storeman					1	1							1
Equipment repairer					1	1							1
Carpenter and joiner					1	1							1
Blacksmith					1	1							1
Driver-mechanics					2	2							2
Total, tradesmen	1			1	9	10	1					1	14
<i>Non-tradesmen</i>													
Parachute packers					8	8							8
Regimental police	6												6
L.M.G. numbers and riflemen									9	27	81	243	
Wireless operators (including one corporal)		10											10
Signaller, visual		8											8
Rangetaker			1										1
Mortar detachments			28					7				14	70
Orderlies			1				3		1	1	6	19	
Batmen					13	13							13
Officers' mess servants					2	2							2
Serjeants, mess waiters					5	5							5
Postman					1	1							1
Butcher					1	1							1
Storemen					2	2	1				(a)1	3	
Sanitary duties					3	3							3



(v) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition—rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	162	12	972	2,916
Rifles, .303-inch (parachutists)	213	50	21,300	31,950
Rifles, .303-inch (non-parachutists)	85	20		1,700
Machine carbines	67	250	23,450	40,200
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	27	1,000	27,000	54,000
Mortars, 3-inch				
H.E.	10	36	360	720
Smoke		12	60	180
A.tk. rifles, .55-inch	10	50	400	900
68 Grenades		238		238
68 Grenades, discharger cup	14			14
Grenades (various types)	435	200	635	

(a) Need not be parachutists.

(b) For use in training in lieu of bicycles, folding.

## NOTES ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

*Details left at base—**Orderly room clerk (serjeant)*

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## First reinforcements—

Captain

1

Subalterns

4

Warrant officers, class II

1

Company quarter-master-serjeant

1

Serjeants

6

Corporals

4

Lance-corporals

8

Privates

57

Total, first reinforcements

82

Pistols

5 and 60 rounds

Rifles

77 and 3,850 rounds.