

**HEADQUARTERS OF A MOUNTAINEER BATTALION  
MIDDLE EAST**

(To command from three to six Mountaineer Companies—  
usually five)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) PERSONNEL

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarters company						Total, headquarters platoon	Total, headquarters of a mountaineer battalion, Middle East
		Company headquarters	Medical platoon	Signal platoon	L.M.G. platoon	Pioneer platoon	Administrative platoon		
Lieutenant-colonel	1								1
Second-in-command (Major)	1								1
Adjutant (captain)	1								1
Major or captain		1						1	1
Subalterns				1	1	1	1	4	4
Quarter-master							1	1	1
Total, officers	3	1		1	1	1	2	6	9
Regimental serjeant-major	1								1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant							1		1
Company serjeant-major		1							1
Total, warrant officers	1	1					1		1
Company quarter-master-serjeant		1						1	1
Clerk for orderly room	1								1
Provost serjeant	1								1
Medical serjeant			1					1	1
Signalling serjeant				1				1	1
Pioneer serjeant						1		1	1
Section commanders					4			4	4
Transport serjeant							1	1	1
Storeman, technical							1	1	1
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	2	1	1	1	4	1	2	10	12
Corporals (includes 4 lance-serjeants)			3	4	13	4		24	24
Privates (includes 13 lance-corporals)	9	3	14	40	46	13	25	141	150
Total, rank and file	9	3	17	44	59	17	25	165	174
Total, other ranks	12	5	18	45	63	18	28	177	189
Total, all ranks	15	6	18	46	64	19	30	183	198
Attached—									
R.A.M.C.—Medical officer	1								1
R.E.M.E.									
Armourer (serjeant)							1	1	1
Fitter							1	1	1
R.A.O.C.—Shoemaker							1	1	1
A.C.C.Cooks —(includes 1 serjeant)							4	4	4

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		Company headquarters	Medical platoon	Signal platoon	L.M.G. platoon	Pioneer platoon	Administrative platoon	Total, headquarters platoon	
Total, attached	1						7	7	8
Total, headquarters of a mountaineer battalion, Middle East (including attached)	16	6	18	46	64	19	37	190	206
(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE BY TRADES AND DUTIES									
<i>Tradesmen—</i>									
Clerks general duties	2	2					2	4	6
Equipment repairers							2	2	2
Vehicle mechanics							3	3	3
Storeman, technical							2	2	2
Total, tradesmen	2	2					9	11	13
<i>Non-tradesmen—</i>									
Batmen	1						1	1	2
Batmen-drivers	3	1		1	1	1	1	5	8
Drivers, I.C.							11	11	11
Regimental police	3								3
Medical orderly			1					1	1
Stretcher bearers (includes 3 corporals)			16					16	16
Storeman				1				1	1
Signallers (includes 4 corporals)				42				42	42
Orderlies					6			6	6
Machine gunners (includes 13 corporals)					52			52	52
Pioneers (includes 4 corporals)						16		16	16
Butchery dutyman							1	1	1
Postman							1	1	1
Sanitary dutyman							1	1	1
Total, non-tradesmen	7	1	17	44	59	17	16	154	161
Total, rank and file	9	3	17	44	59	17	25	165	174
(iii) TRANSPORT									
Motor-cycle, solo	2			1			1	2	4
Car, 4-seater, \$\$	1								1
Cars, 5-cwt., 4x4	3	1		1	1	1	1	5	8
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4x2									
G.S.							1	1	1
Office	1								1
Water							1	1	1
Lorries, 3-ton 4x4, G.S.							7	7	7

NOTES

1. For Scottish battalions only, the following will be added to the battalion headquarters:—
 

Serjeant piper	1
Pipers	5
2. For each mountaineer company above three which is put under command of a headquarter mountaineer battalion the following will be added:—
 

<i>Medical Platoon</i>	
Stretcher bearers 4 (1 to be a corporal)	
<i>Signal Platoon</i>	
Signallers 12 (1 to be a corporal)	

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENT

Details left at base—	Battalion headquarters
<i>Orderly room serjeant</i>	1
First reinforcements—	
Captain	1
Subaltern	1
Serjeants	1
Corporals	1
Lance-corporals	4
Privates	37