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AN INDEPENDENT COMPANY<sup>T</sup>  
Consisting of company headquarters and three platoons  
each of three sections.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Company headquarters				Three platoons (each)			Total, independent company
	Command and administration	R.A.E. section	Corps of signals section	Total, company headquarters	Platoon headquarters	Three sections (each)	Total, platoon	
Major	1			1				1
Captains (a)	1			1	1		1	4
Lieutenants		1	1	2		1	3	11
Lieutenant (transport officer)	1			1				1
Total, officers	3	1	1	5	1	1	4	17
Company sergeant-major (warrant officer class II)	1			1				1
Total, warrant officers	1			1				1
Company quarter-master-sergeant	1			1				1
Sergeants		1	1	2	1		1	5
Sergeant cook	1			1				1
Sergeant fitter		1		1				1
Total, staff-sergeants and sergeants	2	2	1	5	1		1	8
Corporals	7	2	3	12	1	2	7	33
Sappers, signalmen and privates	21	15	25	61	7	16	55	226
Drivers, M.T.	2			2				2
Total, rank and file	30	17	28	75	8	18	62	(b)261
Total, other ranks	33	19	29	81	9	18	63	270
Total, all ranks	36	20	30	86	10	19	67	287
Attached—								
A.A.M.C.—								
Captain	1			1				1
Sergeant	1			1				1
Corporals (medical orderlies)	4			4				4
A.A.O.C.—								
Armourer (corporal)	1			1				1
Total, independent company (including attached)	43	20	30	93	10	19	67	294

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Trade group I								
Fitter		3		3				3
Instrument mechanic			1	1				1
Trade group II								
Carpenters and joiners		2		2				2
Cooks	(c)2			2	(c)2		2	8
Electricians		3		3				3
Mechanics, M.V.	(f)17			17				17
Operators, signals			10	10				10
Signallers			13	13				13

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	Command and administration	R.A.E. section	Corps of signals section	Total, company headquarters	Platoon headquarters	Three sections (each)	Total, platoon	
Trade group III								
Clerks	(c)2			2				2
Technical storeman		(c)1		1				1
Non-specialists								
Corporals	(d)2	1	3	6		2	6	24
Batmen	3	1	1	5	1	1	4	17
Orderlies	2			2	2	1	5	17
Pioneers		6		6				6
Snipers					3		3	9
Drivers, M.T.	2			2				2
Total, rank and file	30	17	27	75	8	18	62	261

(iii) Transport

Motor cycles	4
Trucks, 15-cwt., G.S.	3
Trucks, 3-ton, G.S.	13
Total vehicles excluding motor cycles	16

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition-rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .455-inch	100	12	600	1,800
Rifles, .303-inch	170	50	8,500	(e)17,000
Rifles, snipers, .303-inch	9	50		(e)450
L.M.Gs. Bren, .303-inch	10	1,000	5,000	(e)15,000
Machine carbines	50	200	20,000	30,000
Mortars, 2-inch	8			
H.E.		8	96	160
Smoke		5	60	100
Pistols, signal	4		72	72
Grenades, No. 36, H.E. – Hand			2,060	2,060
Rifle			540	540

(a) 2nd-in-command

(b) Of the corporals, 6 may be lance-sergeants and of the privates, etc 30 may be lance-corporals

(c) Includes or is a corporal.

(d) Includes one trained in hygiene duties.

(e) 20 per cent may be tracer.

(f) To be qualified drivers M.T. Includes 3 corporals.

## NOTES OF FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base

First reinforcements:-

Lieutenants	4
Sergeants	2
Corporals	2
Privates	49
(including Fitter (Trade group I))	1
Electrician R.A.E. (Trade group II)	1
Cook (Trade group II)	1
Operators, Signals (Trade group II)	2
Signallers (Trade group II)	3
Sappers	2
Drivers, M.T.	1
Total	<u>57</u>

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