

A CANADIAN PARACHUTE BATTALION

War Establishment

Consisting of:

- Battalion headquarters
- Headquarters company of
  - Company headquarters
  - Intelligence section
  - Signal platoon
  - Mortar platoon of four detachments
  - Protective section
  - Administrative platoon
- Three rifle companies each of
  - Company headquarters
  - Two mortar detachments
  - Anti-tank section
- Three rifle platoons each of
  - Platoon headquarters
  - Three rifle sections









(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company						3 rifle companies (each)						Total, parachute battalion	Ammunition -rounds				
		Company headquarters	Intelligence section	Signal platoon	Mortar platoon (four 3-inch mortar detachments)	Protective section	Administrative platoon	Total, headquarters company	Company headquartes	Two 3-inch mortar detachments	Anit-tank section	3 rifle platoons (each)			Total, rifle company (each)	On man or with gun	Reserve	Total	
												Rifle platoon headquarters	3 rifle (sections) each						Total rifle platoon
Pistols, .45-inch, automatic	11	5		8	28	2	2	45	5	7		1	2	7	40	176	21	2,464	6,160
Rifles, .303-inch	17	6	11	10	2	4	75	108	8		6	2	6	20	74	347	50	34,700	52,050
Machine carbines, 9-mm., Sten	2			9	7			16	1	1	1	1	2	7	25	93	256	5,952	29,760
Machine carbines, 9-mm., Sten (pool for parachutists)																429		137,280	137,280
L.M.Gs., .303-inch						2		2					1	3	9	29	1,000	29,000	58,000
Mortars, 3-inch					4			4		1					2	10	48	540	1,020
Mortars, 2-inch, modified	1												1	3	9	28	(e)6	(f)12	180
A.Tk. rifles, .55-inch						1						1		1	3	10	50	500	1,000
Grenades No. 68						34		34			17	17		17	68	238			238
Discharger cups						2					1		1	2	10	32			
Grenades, No. 36M	48	4	22	56	74	12		168	22	16	14	8	20	68	272	1,032		500	1,532
No. 69												30		30	90	270		150	420
Smith guns										1					1	3	20	60	120

- (a) Need not be parachutist may be of medical category "B"
- (b) 1 need not be a parachutist, may be of medical category "B"
- (c) 4 need not be parachutist, may be of medical category "B"
- (d) Either corporal cook or one of seven cooks need not be a parachutist.
- (e) For training purposes, in lieu of bicycles folding.
- (f) Signal
- (g) Smoke

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

*Detail left at base –*

Orderly room sergeant	1
First reinforcements	
Captain	1
Lieutenants	4
Warrant officer, class II	1
Sergeants	7
Corporals	4
Lance-corporals	8
Privates	57
Nursing orderlies R.C.A.M.C.	3
Pistols, .45-inch automatic (and 168 rounds)	8
Rifles, .303-inch (and 3850 rounds)	77
Machine carbines, 9mm sten (and 20992 rounds)	82