

**INDEPENDENT PARACHUTE COMPANY
WAR ESTABLISHMENT**

(i) PERSONNEL

Detail	Company headquarters	Two 3-inch mortar detachments (each)	Anti-tank section	3 rifle platoons (each)			Total, independent parachute company
				Rifle platoon headquarters	3 rifle platoons (each)	Total, each rifle platoon	
Major	1						1
Captain	1						1
Subalterns				1		1	3
Total, officers	2			1		1	5
Company serjeant-major	1						1
Total, warrant officers	1						1
Company quarter-master-serjeant	1						1
Parachute packer serjeant	1						1
Serjeants				1	1	4	14
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	2	1		1	1	4	16
Corporals (including 3 lance-serjeants)	1	1	1		1	3	13
Privates (includes 12 lance-corporals)	29	6	6	2	8	26	125
Total, rank and file	30	7	7	2	9	29	138
Total, other ranks	33	8	7	3	410	33	155
Total, all ranks	35	8	7	4	10	34	160
Attached							
R.A.M.C.							
Serjeant	1						1
Nursing orderlies	4						4
R.E.M.E.							
Armourer (serjeant)	1						1
Vehicle mechanic (corporal)	1						1
A.C.C.							
Cooks for							
Officers' mess	1						1
Other ranks' mess (includes 1 corporal)	4						4
A.P.T.C.—Instructor	1						1
Total, attached	13						13
Total, independent parachute company (including attached)	48	8	7	4	10	34	173
(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE BY TRADES AND DUTIES							
Tradesmen							
Clerk, gneral duties	1						1
Storeman, technical (lance-corporal)	1						1
Equipment repairer	1						1
Carpenter and joiner	1						1
Driver-mechanic	1						1
Total, tradesmen	5						5

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				Rifle platoon headquarters	3 rifle platoons (each)	Total, each rifle platoon	
Non-tradesmen							
Parachute packers	2						2
Signallers (includes 1 corporal)	7						7
Water dutyman	1						1
Transport N.C.O. (lance-corporal)	1						1
General dutyman	1						1
Sanitary dutymen	2						2
Storeman	1						1
Motor-cyclist	1						1
Batmen (operational)	2			1		1	5
Orderlies	3			1		1	6
Mortar detachments		7					14
Anti-tank detachment			7				7
L.M.G. numbers and riflemen					9	27	81
Total, non-tradesmen	25	7	7	2	9	29	133
Total, rank and file	30	7	7	2	9	29	138
(iii) TRANSPORT							
Bicycles, folding	22			1		1	25
Bicycles, non-folding (a)	1			1		1	4
Motor-cycles, solo	2						2
Motor-cycles, folding	4			2		2	10
Car, 2-seater, 4x2 (b)	1						1
Truck, 15-cwt., 4x2							
Water (b)	1						1
G.S. (b)	1						1
Lorry, 3-ton, 4x2 (b)	1						1
(iv) WEAPONS							
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	1				1	3	10
L.M.Gs., .303-inch, (pool reserve)				1		1	3
Ps.I.A.T.				1		1	3
Mortars							
3-inch		1					2
2-inch modified	1	1	1	1	1	4	16
Pistols, signal, R.A.F.	15						15
Discharger cups			1		1	3	10
Grenades							
No. 36M	22	16	14	8	20	68	272
No. 68			17	17		17	68
No. 69				30		30	90

(a) For use in training, in lieu of bicycles folding

(b) Non airborne transport required in the United Kingdom only.

NOTE ON FIST REINFORCEMENTS

Subalterns	2
Serjeant	1
Corporal	1
Lance-corporals	2
Privates	26
Total, first reinforcements	<u>32</u>