

| Detail | Headquarter company | | | | | | | | 3 rifle companies (each) | | | | | | Total, parachute battalion | |
|--|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------|--|--------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| | Battalion headquarters | Company headquarters | Intelligence section | Signal platoon | Mortar platoon (4 3-inch mortar detachments) | Protective section | Administrative platoon | Totla, headquarters company | Company headquarters | Two 3-inch mortar detachments (each) | Anti-tank section | 3 rifle platoons (each) | | | | Total, rifle company (each) |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | Rifle platoon headquarters | 3 rifle sections (each) | Total rifle platoon (each) | | |
| Serjeants' mess | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | 2 | |
| Rank and file mess (includes 1 corporal) | | | | | | (b)8 | 8 | | | | | | | | 8 | |
| A.P.T.C.— | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Instructors | | | | | | 3 | 3 | | | | | | | | 3 | |
| Total, attached | 3 | 2 | | | | 21 | 23 | 3 | | | | | | 3 | 35 | |
| Total, a parachute battalion, (including attached) | 27 | 11 | 11 | 27 | 37 | 6 | 77 | 169 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 10 | 34 | 139 | 613 |
| <i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Tradesmen—</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Equipment repairer | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Clerks | 3 | (b)2 | | | | (b)4 | 6 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 12 |
| Technical storeman | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Carpenters and joiners | | | | | | (b)2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Blacksmith | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Driver-mechanic | | | | | | 2 | 2 | | | | | | | | | 2 |
| Bricklayer | | | | | | (a)1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Total, tradesmen | 3 | 2 | | | | 12 | 14 | 1 | | | | | | | 1 | 20 |
| <i>Non-tradesmen—</i> | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regimental police | 6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 6 |
| Parachute packers | | | | | | 8 | 8 | | | | | | | | | 8 |
| L.M.G. numbers and riflemen | | | | | 6 | | 6 | | | | | 9 | 27 | 81 | 249 | |
| Signallers (includes 1 corporal) | | | | 24 | | | 24 | | | | | | | | | 24 |
| Water dutyman | | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Rangetaker | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | 1 |
| Mortar detachments | | | | | 29 | | 29 | | 7 | | | | | | 14 | 71 |

| 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 | 10 | 5 | | 8 | 28 | 2 | 2 | 45 | 5 | 7 | | 1 | 2 | 7 | 40 | 175 | 21 | 2,450 | 6,225 |
| Rifles, .303-inch | 15 | 6 | 11 | 10 | 2 | 4 | 75 | 108 | 8 | | 6 | 2 | 6 | 20 | 74 | 345 | 50 | 34,500 | 51,750 |
| 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 a parachutist (may be medical category "B")
- (b) 1 need not be a parachutist (may be medical category "B")
- (c) 1 need not be a parachutist (may be medical category "B")
- (d) For training purposes in lieu of bicycles (folding)
- (e) Smoke.
- (f) Signal.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

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| <i>Details left at base—</i> | |
| <i>Orderly room serjeant</i> | 1 |
| <i>First reinforcements—</i> | |
| Captain | 1 |
| Subalterns | 4 |
| Warrant officer, class II | 1 |
| Colour serjeant | 1 |
| Serjeants | 6 |
| Corporals | 4 |
| Lance-corporals | 8 |
| Privates | 57 |
| Nursing orderlies R.A.M.C. | 3 |
| Pistols, .45-inch | 8 |
| Rifles, .303-inch | 77 |
| Machine carbines, 9-mm., Sten | 82 |