

FIELD COMPANY, R.E. (AIRBORNE)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Headquarters	Three sections (each)	Total, field company R.E. (airborne)
Major	1		1
Captains	1	1	4
Subalterns	1	1	4
Total, officers	3	2	9
Company serjeant-major	1		1
Total, warrant officers	1		1
Company quarter-master-serjeant	1		1
Serjeants	1	1	4
Transport serjeant	1		1
Total, staff serjeants and serjeants	3	1	6
Corporals (lance-serjeants)		2	6
Corporals	2	4	14
Sappers (lance-corporals)	2	4	14
Sappers	15	46	153
Transport corporals (including 1 lance-serjeant)		1	3
Drivers, I.C. (lance-corporals)	1	1	4
Drivers, I.C.	15	3	24
Total, rank and file	35	61	218
Total, other ranks	39	62	225
Total, field company R.E. (airborne)	42	64	234
<i>Attached—</i>			
A.C.C.—Cooks for			
Officers' mess	1		1
Other ranks' mess (includes a corporal)	6		6
Total, attached	7		7
Total, field company, R.E. (airborne) (including attached)	49	64	241
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>			
<i>Tradesmen—</i>			
<i>Groups A—D</i>			
Blacksmiths	1	2	7
Bricklayers	1	4	13
Carpenters and joiners	2	10	32
Clerks	2	1	5
Concretors	2		2
Draughtsman (architectural)	1		1
Driver-mechanics	1	1	4
Electricians (maintenance)	2	1	5
Engine fitters (I.C. and pumps)	2	3	11
Mason	1		1
Miners		1	3

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Motor-mechanics	2		2
Painters and decorators		1	3
Plumbers and pipefitters (domestic engineers)		1	3
Surveyors (engineering)	1		1
Tinsmiths and whitesmiths		1	3
Watermen		1	3
Total, groups A—D	18	27	99
<i>Group E—</i>			
Engine hands, I.C.		2	6
Pioneers, R.E.	4	27	85
Stokers (stationary engine)		1	3
Total, group E	4	30	94
Total, tradesmen	22	57	193
<i>Non-tradesmen—</i>			
Drivers, I.C. for duty as—			
Transport N.C.Os.		1	3
Drivers of vehicles	8	1	11
Batmen	3	2	9
Sanitary duties	1		1
Water duties	1		1
Total, non-tradesmen	13	4	25
Total, rank and file	35	61	218
<i>(iii) Transport</i>			
<i>Operational—</i>			
Bicycles	28	47	169
Motor-cycles	4	8	28
Motor-cycles combination: side-car	3	2	9
Cars, 5-cwt., 4 x 4	2	2	8
Trailers (tool carts)	2	2	8
<i>Non-operational—</i>			
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4 x 2, G.S.	2		2
Truck, 15-cwt., 4 x 2, air compressor	1		1
Truck, 15-cwt., 4 x 2, water	1		1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.	2		2
Lorry, 3-ton, 6 x 4, winch	1		1

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition—rounds		
		On man	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .45-inch, automatic	36	21	504	1,260
Rifles, .303-inch	191	50	9,550	19,100
Machine carbines, Sten	14	250	3,500	7,000
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	14	1,000	7,000	21,000
Anti-tank rifles, .55-inch	4	200	160	960

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base—

Subaltern		1
Serjeant		1
Sappers		14
Total		16
Pistols, .45-inch, automatic	1 and 21 rounds	
Rifles, .303-inch	15 and 750 rounds	