

PARACHUTE SQUADRON, R.E.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(Consisting of headquarters and 3 troops each of 4 sections)

(i) Personnel

Detail	Headquarters	3 troops (each)	Total, parachute squadron, R.E.
Major	1		1
Captain	1		1
Captains or subalterns		1	3
Subalterns		4	12
Total, officers	2	5	17
Squadron serjeant-major	1		1
Total, warrant officers	1		1
Squadron quarter-master-serjeant	1		1
Serjeants	1	1	4
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	2	1	5
Lance-serjeants		2	6
Corporals	2	4	14
Lance-corporals (sappers)	2	8	26
Sappers	9	15	54
Drivers, I.C.	6	5	21
Total, rank and file	19	34	121
Total, other ranks	22	35	127
Total, all ranks	24	40	144
<i>Attached—</i>			
A.C.C.—Cooks (a) for—			
Officers' mess (private)	1		1
Other ranks' mess—			
Corporal	1		1
Privates	3		3
Total, attached	5		5
Total, parachute squadron, R.E. (including attached)	29	40	149
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>			
<i>Tradesmen—</i>			
<i>Groups A—D—</i>			
Blacksmiths		2	6
Bricklayers		2	6
Carpenters and joiners		4	12
Clerks	3		3
Draughtsman, topographical	1		1
Electricians (power station)	2		2
Fitters	2		2
Tinsmith and whitesmith	1		1

Detail	Headquarters	3 troops (each)	Total, parachute squadron, R.E.
Railway engine drivers	2		2
Total, groups A—D	11	8	35
Group E—			
Pioneers, R.E., for duty as—			
General duty men	1	21	(b)64
Orderly	1		(c)
Total, group E	2	21	65
Total, tradesmen	13	29	100
<i>Non-tradesmen—</i>			
Drivers, I.C. for duty as—			
Batmen	2	5	17
Drivers of vehicles (a)	2		2
Sanitary dutyman (a)	1		1
Water dutyman (a)	1		1
Total, non-tradesmen	6	5	21
Total, rank and file	19	34	121

(iii) *Transport*

Motor cycles	2
Car, 2-seater, 4-wheeled	1
Lorry, 3-ton, 4-wheeled	1

(iv) *Table of weapons and ammunition*

Detail	Number	Ammunition—rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, .38-inch	19	12	114	342
Rifles, .303-inch	116	50	6,000	11,800
Anti-tank rifles, .55-inch	4	200	160	960
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	13	1,000	6,500	19,500
Machine carbines, Sten	14	250	3,500	7,000
Grenades, hand, No. 36M	96			96

- (a) Non-jumping personnel.
(b) 4 to be trained as cooks.
(c) To be trained in water duties.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base—

Subalterns	2
Serjeant	1
Corporal	1
Sappers—	
Carpenters and joiners	4
Electricians (maintenance)	2
Fitters	2
Pioneers	20
Total	32
Pistols, .38-inch	2 and 24 rounds
Rifles, .303-inch	30 and 1,500 rounds

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