

BRITISH INFANTRY BATTALION (SPECIAL)

(Consisting of battalion headquarters and 2 columns each of a headquarters, 2 infantry companies of 3 platoons of 3 sections and one support platoon)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) PERSONNEL

Details	Battalion headquarters	Two columns (each)					Support platoon	Total, column	Total, British infantry battalion (special)
		Column headquarters	Two companies (each)						
			Company headquarters	Three platoons (each)	Total, company				
Lieutenant-coloned	1							1	
Second-in-command (major)	1							1	
Majors			1		1		2	4	
Adjutan (captain)	1							1	
Captains	1	(a)3				1	4	9	
Quarter-master	1							1	
Subalterns		(a)2		1	3	1	9	18	
Total, officers	5	5	1	1	4	2	15	35	
Regimental serjeant-major	1							1	
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant	1							1	
Company serjeant-majors		1	1		1		3	6	
Total, warrant officers	2	1	1		1		3	8	
Company quarter-master-serjeants		1	1		1		3	6	
Intelligence N.C.O.	1							1	
Provost dutyman	1							1	
Signalling N.C.O.		1					1	2	
Animal transport N.C.Os.		1					1	2	
Serjeants	1			1	3	4	10	21	
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	4	3	1	1	4	4	15	34	
Corporals (includes 14 lance-serjeants)	8	2		3	9	10	30	68	
Privates (includes 60 lance-corporals)	40	49	5	29	92	62	295	630	
Total, rank and file	48	51	5	32	101	72	325	698	
Total, other ranks	54	55	7	33	106	76	343	740	
Total, all ranks	59	60	8	34	110	78	358	775	
Attached									
R.A.Ch.D.—Chaplains		1					1	2	
R.A.M.C.—Majors, captains or lieutenants		1					1	2	
Nursing orderlies—									
Serjeants		1					1	2	
Lance-corporals		1					1	2	
Privates		8					8	16	
R.E.M.E.—Armourers (includes one serjeant and one corporal)		1					1	2	
R.A.V.C.—Farriers		1					1	(b)2	
Total, attached		14					14	28	

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		Column headquarters	Two companies (each)			Support platoon	Total, column	
			Company headquarters	Three platoons (each)	Total, company			
Total, all ranks (including attached)	59	74	8	34	110	78	372	803
Indian personnel—								
Non-combatant (enrolled)								
Cooks, B.T.	16							16
Water carriers	18							18
Sweepers	17							17
Mess servants for officers' mess								
Cooks								
Special grade I	2							2
Mess, grade II	3							3
Waiters								
Wine , grade II	2							2
Mess, grade III	6							6
Masalchis	2							2
Total, Indian personnel	66							66
Total, British infantry battalion (special) (including attached)	125	74	8	34	110	78	372	869
(ii) Distribution of European Rank and File by Trades and Duties								
Tradesmen—								
Clerks, general duties	6							6
Equipment repairer	1							1
Storeman technical	1							1
Total, tradesmen	8							8
Non-tradesmen—								
Batmen	6	(c)7	1	1	4	2	17	40
Boot repairers (d)		2					2	4
Storemen	4							4
Officers' mess N.C.O. (corporal)	1							1
Butchery dutyman	1							1
Sanitary dutymen	3							3
Regimental police	3							3
Postal dutyman (lance-corporal)	1							1
Water dutymen	2							2
Orderlies	3	2	2	1	5	2	14	31
Signallers	3	(e)8	2		2		12	27
Intelligence section	1	2					2	5
Transport N.C.Os. (corporals)						2	2	4
Grooms		9					9	18
Mule leaders		(f)21				24	45	90
L.M.G. number and riflemen				30	90	19	199	398
Rangetakers (corporals)						1	1	2
Mortarmen (for 3-inch mortars)						10	10	20
M.M.Gs. Detachment						12	12	24
General dutymen	12							12

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Total, non-tradesmen	40	51	5	32	101	72	325	690
Total, rank and file	48	51	5	32	101	72	325	698

(iii) ANIMALS

Ponies	18
Mules	90
Reserves	17

(iv) WEAPONS

L.M.Gs., .303-inch	40
M.M.Gs., .303-inch	4
Ps.I.A.T.	8
Mortars—	
2-inch	12
3-inch	4
Pistols, signal	20

- One column staff officer, one column administrative officer, one intelligence officer, one animal transport officer and one regimental signals officer.
- May be unit personnel, if farriers, R.A.V.C., are not available.
- Includes batmen for chaplain and medical officers. Additional batmen at the scale of one per R.A.F. officer attached is authorized.
- Trained up to standard of shoemaker group "C" class 3.
- Includes four for improvised reconnaissance platoon.
- Includes four for improvised engineer section and one for improvised reconnaissance platoon.

NOTE

British other rank cooks as follows will be found at the commanding officers discretion from within the unit:—

They may be A.C.C. personnel—

Cooks—Serjeants	2	(Will not count against establishment of serjeant shown in W.E.)
Cooks for —		
Officers' mess	1	
Other ranks' mess	11	(includes one corporal who will not count against the establishment of corporals shown in W.E.)

These cooks will be group "B" tradesment, if qualified

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Detail left at base—

Clerk, general duties (serjeant)	1
First reinforcement (at special scale)	
Captain	1
Subalterns	2
Company serjeant-major	1
Staff-serjeants and serjeants	3
Corporals	6
Lance-corporals	5