

**INDEPENDENT COMPANY**  
(consisting of a headquarters and 3 platoons  
each of 3 sections)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Summary of ranks

Detail	Company headquarters					3 platoons (each)				Total, independent company
	Command and administration	Intelligence section	R.E. detachment	Signal section	Total, company headquarters	Platoon headquarters	3 section headquarters (each)	3 sections (each)	Total, each platoon	
Major	1				1					1
Captains	(o)1				1	1			1	4
Subalterns		1	1	1	3		1		3	12
Total, officers	2	1	1	1	5	1	1		4	17
Company serjeant-major	1				1					1
Company quarter-master-serjeant	1				1					1
Serjeants			1	1	2	1			1	5
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants	1		1	1	3	1			1	6
Corporals	3		1	2	6			2	6	(d)24
Rank and file	10	6	15	25	56	7	2	14	55	(f)221
Total, rank and file	13	6	16	27	62	7	2	16	61	245
Total, other ranks	15	6	17	28	66	8	2	16	62	252
Total, independent company	17	7	18	29	71	9	3	16	66	269
Attached R.A.M.C.										
Captain or subaltern	1				1					1
Orderlies	2				2					2

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

<i>Tradesmen</i>										
<i>R. Signals</i>										
Operators, wireless and line				11	11					11
Instrument mechanics				1	1					1
<i>R.E.</i>										
Carpenters and joiners			4		4					4
Fitters			3		3					3
Electricians			3		3					3
Pioneers			6		6					6
<i>R.A.O.C.</i>										
Armourer	(l)1				1					1
<i>Non-trademen</i>										
Corporals	(c)2			1	3			2	6	(d)21
Batmen	3				3	1	1		4	15
Clerks	2				2					2
Cooks (n)	1				1	1			1	4
Drivers, I.C.	2				2					2
Privates		6			6			14	42	132
Orderlies	2				2	2	1		5	17
Signallers, regimental				14	14					14

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Snipers						3			3	9
Total, rank and file	13	6	16	27	62	7	2	16	61	245
(iii) <i>Distribution of personnel by corps</i>										
<i>Infantry</i>										
Major	1				1					1
Captains	(o)1				1	1			1	4
Subalterns		1			1		1		3	10
Company serjeant-major	1				1					1
Company quarter-master-serjeant	1				1					1
Serjeants						1			1	3
Rank and file	12	6		15	33	7	2	16	61	216
<i>R.E.</i>										
Subaltern			1		1					1
Serjeant			1		1					1
Corporal			1		1					1
Sappers			(p)15		15					15
<i>R.Signals</i>										
Subaltern				1	1					1
Serjeant				1	1					1
Corporal				1	1					1
Rank and file				(p)11	11					11
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Orderlies	2				2					2

(iv) *Transport*

Motor cycles	4
Car, 4-seater, 4-wheeled	1
Lorry, 30-cwt., 4-wheeled	1

(v) *Table of weapons and ammunition*

Detail	Number	Ammunition—rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols, automatic (g)	15	30	300	750
Pistols, .45 or .38-inch (h)	52	12	624	1,248
L.M.Gs., .303-inch (b)	18	500	18,000	(a)27,000
Machine carbines (j)	36	250	27,000	36,000
Sniper rifles	9	50		450
Rifles, .303-inch	158	50	16,000	23,900
Grenades, percussion (k)		2		504

(a) Of this total 2,000 rounds will be tracer for use on four L.M.Gs. for A.A. defence.

- (b) 2 per section.
- (c) Corporal cook and corporal intelligence.
- (d) Includes 6 lance-serjeants.
- (f) Includes 30 lance-corporals.
- (g) For officers (excluding officers, R.E. and R. Signals).
- (h) For numbers 1 and 2 of Bren guns, 2 officers, R.E. and R. Signals and for R. Signals other ranks.
- (j) 4 per section.
- (k) 2 per other rank (bakelite).
- (l) Is, or includes a corporal.
- (m) 50 per cent of weapons will normally be with the company. It will be made up to full scale from the pool before an operation.
- (n) May be group B tradesmen if qualified.
- (o) 2nd in command.
- (p) Includes 2 lance-corporals.