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INFANTRY BATTALION, BARBADOS

Consisting of –

Battalion headquarters.

Headquarter company of Company headquarters; A.A. platoon; M.G. platoon; transport platoon and administrative platoon.

3 rifle companies each of Company headquarters and 3 platoons of platoon headquarters and 3 sections.

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel (a)

79/W.E./5529 (S.D. 3)

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company						3 rifle companies (each)			Total, infantry battalion, Barbados
		Company headquarters	No. 1 (A.A.) platoon	No. 2 (M.M.G.) platoon	No. 3 (transport) platoon	No. 4 (administrative) platoon	Total, headquarter company	Company headquarters	3 Platoons (each)	Total, each company	
Lieutenant-colonel	1	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	1
Major (2nd-in-command)	::	1	::	::	::	::	1	::	::	::	1
Adjutant (captain)	1	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	1
Captains	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	2	::	2	(b)6
Subalterns	(c)1	::	::	1	1	::	2	::	1	3	12
Quarter-master	::	::	::	::	::	1	1	::	::	::	1
Total, officers	3	1	::	1	1	1	4	2	1	5	22

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Regimental serjeant-major	1	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	1	
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant	1	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	1	
Company serjeant-major	::	1	::	::	::	::	1	1	::	1	4	
Company quarter-master-serjeant	::	1	::	::	::	::	1	1	::	1	4	
Intelligence serjeant	1	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	1	
Orderly room clerk (serjeant)	1	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	1	
Transport serjeant	::	::	::	::	1	::	1	::	::	::	1	
Provost serjeant	1	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	1	
Serjeant cook	::	::	::	::	::	1	1	::	::	::	1	
Serjeants	(d)1	::	1	1	::	::	2	::	1	3	12	
Total, warrant officers, staff-serjeants and serjeants	6	2	1	1	1	1	6	2	1	5	27	
Lance-serjeants	}	30	4	10	29	20	18	81	7	36	115	7
Corporals												33
Lance-corporals												38
Privates												378
Total, rank and file	30	4	10	29	20	18	81	7	36	115	456	
Total, other ranks	36	6	11	39	21	19	87	9	37	120	483	
Total, all ranks	39	7	11	31	22	20	91	11	38	125	505	
<i>Attached –</i>												
Medical officer	1	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	1
R.E.M.E. – Armourer	1	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	1
Total, infantry battalion, Barbados (including attached)	41	7	11	31	22	20	91	11	38	125	507	

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

Detail	Battalion headquarters	Headquarter company						3 rifle companies (each)			Total, infantry battalion, Barbados
		Company headquarters	No. 1 (A.A.) platoon	No. 2 (M.M.G.) platoon	No. 3 (transport) platoon	No. 4 (administrative) platoon	Total, headquarter company	Company headquarters	3 Platoons (each)	Total, each company	
<i>Tradesmen –</i>											
Clerks	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	1	6
Motor mechanics	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	1
Driver-mechanics	..	..	..	..	5	..	5	..	..	..	5
Total, tradesmen	2	1	..	..	6	..	7	1	..	1	12
<i>Non-tradesmen –</i>											
Police duties	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5
Cooks	..	..	..	..	..	10	10	..	..	..	10
Batmen	3	1	..	1	1	1	4	2	1	5	22
Drivers, I.C.	..	..	..	..	12	..	12	..	..	..	12
Butchery duties	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1
Sanitary and water duties	..	..	..	..	..	4	4	..	..	..	4
Intelligence duties	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Range takers	..	..	..	3	..	..	3	..	..	..	3
Officers' mess servants	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	5
Storemen	..	1	..	..	1	2	4	1	..	1	7
Orderlies	(e)7	1	1	1	..	..	3	1	..	1	13
Medical officer's orderly	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Stretcher bearers	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	7
M.M.G. and L.M.G. numbers	..	..	9	24	..	..	33	..	3	9	60
Riflemen	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	30	90	270
2-inch mortar detachments	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	6	18
Total, non-tradesmen	28	3	10	29	14	18	74	6	36	114	444
Total, rank and file	30	4	10	29	20	18	81	7	36	115	456

(iii) *Transport*

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		Company headquarters	No. 1 (A.A.) platoon	No. 2 (M.M.G.) platoon	No. 3 (transport) platoon	No. 4 (administrative) platoon	Total, headquarter company	Company headquarters	3 Platoons (each)	Total, each company	
Bicycles	2	::	::	2	::	::	2	1	::	1	7
Motor-cycles	4	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	::	4
Cars, 2-seater, 4 x 2	::	1	::	::	::	::	1	1	::	1	4
Cars, 4-seater, 4 x 2	1	1	::	::	::	::	1	::	::	::	2
Lorries, 30-cwt.	::	::	1	1	::	::	2	1	::	1	5
Lorries, 3-ton	::	::	::	::	::	4	4	::	::	::	4

(iv) *Weapons*

Pistols, 38-inch	41
Rifles, .303-inch	457
L.M.Gs., .303-inch	13
Machine carbines	9
M.M.Gs. Vickers, .303-inch	4
Mortars, 2-inch	9

(a) All personnel to be locally enlisted except 4 officers and 3 other ranks.

(b) One may be a major.

(c) Intelligence officer and assistant adjutant.

(d) Medical.

(e) Includes 4 to be trained as motor cyclists and in intelligence duties.