

# **Parachute Battalion April 1943**

## **Consisting of**

### **Headquarters**

#### **Headquarters Company**

#### **3 Rifle Companies**

#### **Battalion Headquarters**

Officers Lieutenant colonel battalion commander, major second in command, captain adjutant, captain medical officer, lieutenant  
WOs Regimental sergeant major  
NCOs 2 orderly room sergeants, sergeant hygiene inspector, sergeant medical, sergeant pay, sergeant postal, corporal clerk, corporal medical orderly  
Enlisted Clerk, 6 batmen, driver MT, 2 motorcyclist orderlies, orderly, 3 riflemen, 3 storemen  
Vehicles Bicycle folding, 2 motorcycles, car DS  
Weapons 9 pistols, 17 rifles, 2 SMG, 2 inch mortar

#### **Headquarters Company**

##### **Company Headquarters**

Officers Major company commander, captain second in command  
WOs Company sergeant major  
NCOs Company quartermaster sergeant, sergeant AACC, corporal clerk, corporal AACC  
Enlisted 2 medical orderlies, 3 privates AACC, 2 batmen, 2 storemen  
Weapons 3 pistols, 11 rifles

##### **Intelligence Section**

Officers Lieutenant intelligence officer  
NCOs Intelligence sergeant, intelligence corporal  
Enlisted 9 intelligence duties, batman  
Weapons Pistol, 12 rifles

##### **Signal Platoon**

Officers Lieutenant signals officer  
NCOs Signals sergeant, 3 corporal signallers  
Enlisted 22 signallers, batman  
Vehicles 8 bicycles folding  
Weapons 8 pistols, 11 rifles, 9 SMG

##### **Mortar Platoon**

Officers Lieutenant platoon commander  
NCOs 4 sergeants, 4 corporal mortar numbers  
Enlisted Batman, 28 mortar numbers  
Vehicles Bicycle fording  
Weapons 28 pistols, 3 rifles, 7 SMG, 4 3 inch mortars

##### **Protective Section**

NCOs Corporal  
Enlisted 5 riflemen  
Weapons 2 pistols, 4 rifles, 2 LMG, AT rifle

##### **Administrative Platoon**

Officers Quartermaster  
WOs Regimental quartermaster sergeant, caterer  
NCOs Sergeant parachute packer, pioneer sergeant, sergeant technical storeman, sergeant armourer, corporal shoemaker, corporal armourer, corporal clerk, corporal technical storeman,

corporal parachute packer  
 Enlisted Shoemaker, armourer, 2 carpenters & joiners, butcher, clerk, 2 driver mechanics, 3 equipment repairers, technical storeman, batman, 13 drivers MT, 2 hygiene dutymen, 4 orderlies, 7 parachute packers, 4 pioneers, water dutyman  
 Vehicles 6 trucks ¼ton, 8 trucks 3ton GS, truck 3ton water  
 Weapons 2 pistols, 54 rifles

### **3 Rifle Companies (each)**

#### **Company Headquarters**

Officers Major company commander, captain second in command  
 WOs Company sergeant major  
 NCOs Company quartermaster sergeant, sergeant AACC, corporal clerk, corporal medical orderly, corporal AACC  
 Enlisted 2 batmen, 2 orderlies, 2 medical orderlies, 2 privates AACC  
 Vehicles Bicycle folding  
 Weapons 3 pistols, 9 rifles, SMG

### **2 3inch Mortar Detachments (each)**

NCOs Sergeant, corporal mortar number  
 Enlisted 5 mortar numbers  
 Weapons 7 pistols, SMG, 3inch mortar

#### **Tank Attack Section**

NCOs Corporal  
 Enlisted 6 riflemen  
 Weapons 6 rifles, SMG, 17 AT grenades

### **3 Rifle Platoons (each)**

#### **Platoon Headquarters**

Officers Lieutenant platoon commander  
 NCOs Platoon sergeant  
 Enlisted Batman, rifleman  
 Weapons Pistol, 2 rifles, SMG, AT rifle

### **3 Sections (each)**

NCOs Sergeant, corporal  
 Enlisted 8 riflemen  
 Weapons 2 pistols, 6 rifles, 2 SMG, LMG, 2inch mortar