

**Organization of a British Rifle Battalion  
1944**

Total: 36 officers & 809 men

Battalion HQ

- 4 Officers & 45 men, including 20 stretcher bearers
- 1 Chaplain & 1 medical officer attached
- 6 Bicycles
- 5 Motorcycles
- 2 Jeeps
- 1 Carrier
- 4 15cwt trucks
- 4 Revolvers
- 1 Sten gun
- 1 Bren gun
- 44 Rifles

HQ Comapny

- 1 Officer & 5 men
- 1 15cwt truck
- 1 Revolver
- 1 Sten gun
- 5 Rifles

Signal Platoon

- 1 Officer & 35 men
- 3 Bicycles
- 4 Motorcycles
- 1 Jeep
- 3 15cwt trucks
- 1 Revolver
- 35 Rifles

Admin Platoon

- 1 Officer, 1 QM & 51 men, plus 3 REME, 1 cobbler & 15 cooks
- 2 Motorcycles
- 1 Jeep
- 2 15cwt trucks
- 13 3-ton trucks
- 1 10cwt trailer
- 1 15cwt water carrier
- 1 revolver
- 1 Sten Gun
- 3 Bren Guns
- 32 Rifles
- 1 PIAT

Support Company

- 1 Officer & 8 men
- 1 Jeep
- 1 15cwt truck
- 1 Revolver
- 1 Sten Gun
- 7 Rifles

3" Mortar Platoon:

- 1 Officer, 41 men, 1 REME
- 3 Motorcycles
- 3 15cwt trucks

7 Bren Gun Carriers  
1 Revolver  
2 Bren Guns  
41 rifles  
4 PIAT  
6 3" mortars

Carrier Platoon:

2 Officers, 60 men & 1 REME  
7 Motorcycles  
2 15cwt trucks  
13 Bren Gun Carriers  
2 Revolvers  
60 Rifles  
9 Bren guns

Anti-Tank Platoon

2 Officers, 51 men, 2 REME  
2 15cwt trucks  
12 Loyd Bren gun Carriers  
2 Revolvers  
51 Rifles  
6 Bren Guns  
4 PIATS  
6 6pdr anti-tank guns

Pioneer Platoon:

1 Officer & 21 men  
5 Motorcycles  
3 Jeeps  
2 15cwt trucks  
1 3-ton truck  
1 Bren Gun Carrier  
2 10cwt trailers

A, B, C & D Companies, each with:

Headquarters

2 Officers, 12 men & 2 snipers  
2 Revolvers  
1 Sten Gun  
13 Rifles  
1 Bren Gun  
1 2" mortar  
3 PIATS

3 Platoons, each with:

1 Officer  
1 Sergeant  
1 Lance Corporal  
2 Mortar Men  
1 Runner  
1 Orderly

3 Sections, each with:

1 Corporal  
6 Riflemen

1 Bren Group

1 Lance Corporal  
2 Men

Total Equipment

4 Bicycles

1 Jeep  
3 15cwt trucks  
1 Bren Gun Carrier  
1 Revolver  
4 Sten Guns  
29 Rifles  
1 2" mortar

Other Battalion Equipment

13 Mine Bars  
15 Saws  
4 Chain saws  
37 Axes  
12 Sledgehammers  
160 Pickaxes  
8 Billhooks  
198 Spades  
2 Shovels  
56 Machettes  
57 Folding wire cutters  
800 Sandbags

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