

A typical infantry battalion in 1914 consisted of 1,007 men, of whom 30 were officers

This total increased to 1021 for standard or 1034 for Pioneer battalions in 1915.

This is an establishment figure although once a battalion had seen action this could be very much diminished.

Total battalion numbers as low as 200 men were seen in battle, where heavy losses were sustained.

Battalion HQ					
Lieutenant Colonel Major Adjutant (Captain or Lieutenant) Quartermaster (Captain or Lieutenant) Medical Officer, normally an officer of the Royal Army Medical Corps Regimental Sergeant-Major Quartermaster, Drummer, Cook, Pioneer, Shoemaker, Transport, Signaler, Armourer (often attached from the Army Ordnance Corps) and Orderly Room Clerk. Corporal and 4 Privates for water duties. (Normally R.A.M.C.) Corporal and 15 Privates as signallers Corporal and 10 Privates as Pioneers (Construction and repair and general engineering duties) 11 Privates as Drivers for the horse-drawn transport 16 Privates as Stretcher-bearers (often the musicians of the Battalion Band) 6 Privates as officer's batmen (personal servants) 2 Privates as orderlies for the Medical Officer					
Base Depot Detachment	A Company	B Company	C Company	D Company	Machine Gun Section
<u>first reinforcement</u> Lieutenant or Sub Lieutenant 2 Sergeants 91 Privates	<u>Company HQ</u> Major or Captain (Company Commander) Captain (Second in Command) Company Sergeant-Major Company Quartermaster Sergeant 2 Privates as batmen 3 Privates as drivers	<u>Company HQ</u> Major or Captain (Company Commander) Captain (Second in Command) Company Sergeant-Major Company Quartermaster Sergeant 2 Privates as batmen 3 Privates as drivers	<u>Company HQ</u> Major or Captain (Company Commander) Captain (Second in Command) Company Sergeant-Major Company Quartermaster Sergeant 2 Privates as batmen 3 Privates as drivers	<u>Company HQ</u> Major or Captain (Company Commander) Captain (Second in Command) Company Sergeant-Major Company Quartermaster Sergeant 2 Privates as batmen 3 Privates as drivers	Lieutenant Sergeant Corporal 2 Privates as Drivers 1 Private as a Batman 12 Privates forming two 6 men Machine Gun Teams manning 1 x Vickers Heavy Machine Gun per team.
4 Storemen Band Sergeant Of the above only the Bandmaster and a Sergeant that was Musketry Master would not be taken into the field and instead would join the reserve battalion.	<u>Company Body</u> <u>Split into 4 Platoons</u> 4 Platoon Commanders (Lieutenant or Second Lieutenant) 8 Sergeants 10 Corporals 4 Drummers 188 Privates. <i>Each Platoon split into 4 Sections Comprising of 1 NCO and 12 Men</i>	<u>Company Body</u> <u>Split into 4 Platoons</u> 4 Platoon Commanders (Lieutenant or Second Lieutenant) 8 Sergeants 10 Corporals 4 Drummers 188 Privates. <i>Each Platoon split into 4 Sections Comprising of 1 NCO and 12 Men</i>	<u>Company Body</u> <u>Split into 4 Platoons</u> 4 Platoon Commanders (Lieutenant or Second Lieutenant) 8 Sergeants 10 Corporals 4 Drummers 188 Privates. <i>Each Platoon split into 4 Sections Comprising of 1 NCO and 12 Men</i>	<u>Company Body</u> <u>Split into 4 Platoons</u> 4 Platoon Commanders (Lieutenant or Second Lieutenant) 8 Sergeants 10 Corporals 4 Drummers 188 Privates. <i>Each Platoon split into 4 Sections Comprising of 1 NCO and 12 Men</i>	This was increased to 4 machine guns in 1915. These sections were re-allocated to the Brigade and by February 1916 these sections were formally transferred from their regiments to the newly formed Machine Gun Corps. On the formation of the Machine Gun Corps each battalion was issued with 4 Lewis Light Machine Guns. This was increased to 16 by July 1916 and to 36 by 1918.