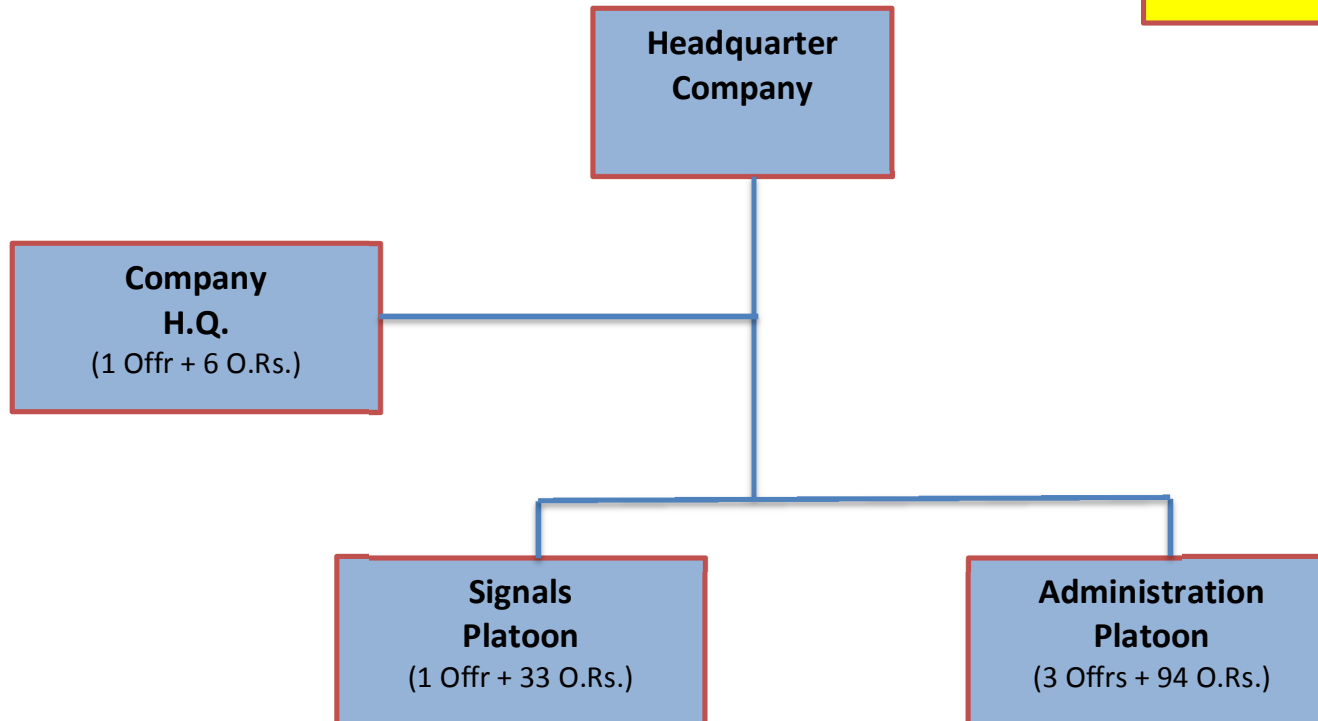
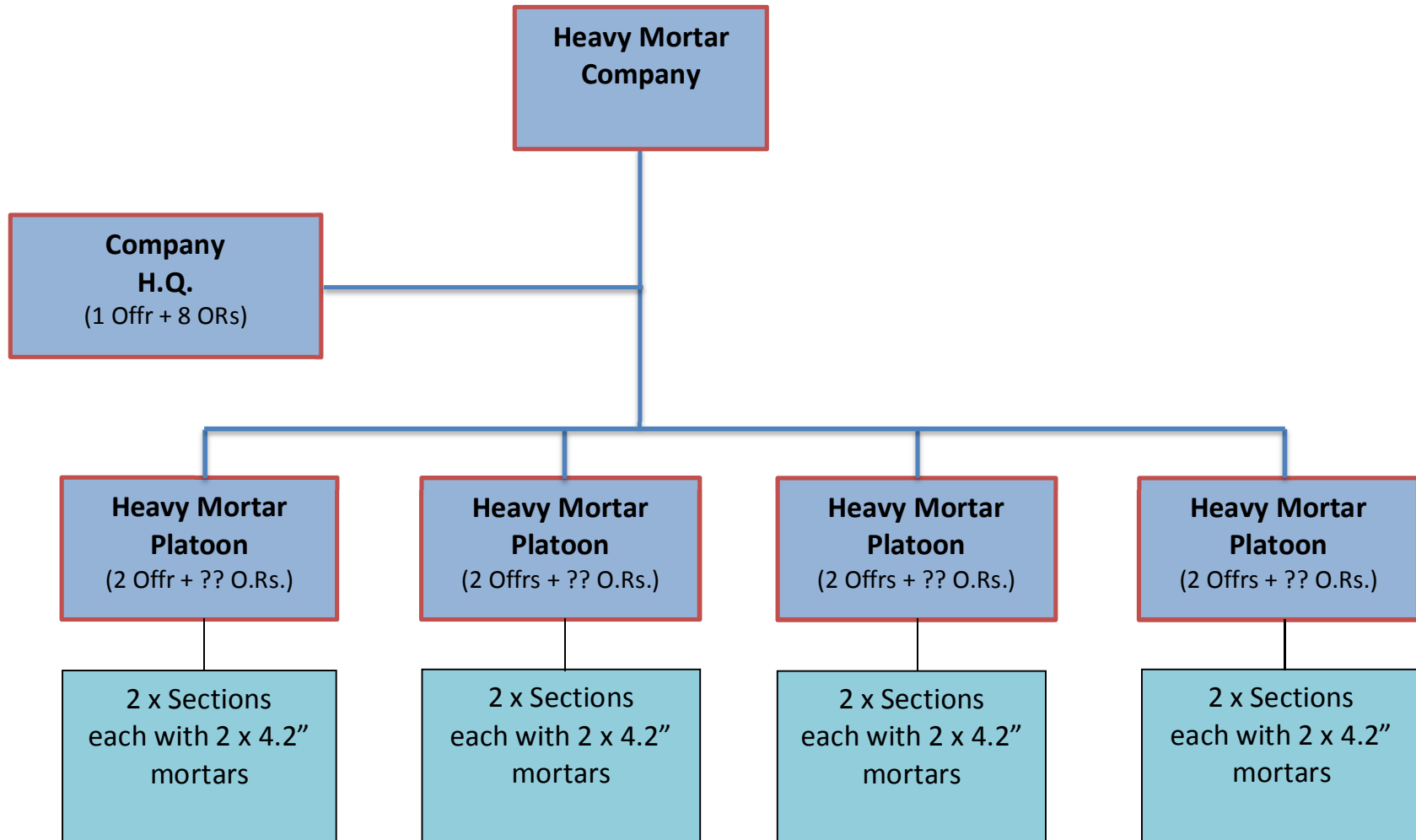


Infantry Battalion
(35 Officers, 662 Other Ranks)





NOTES:

1. In 1943, the machine gun battalions were reorganized into three 'Groups'. Each Group was designed to be attached to one of the three infantry brigades within each infantry division. Each Group comprised one Medium Machine Gun company (of three platoons, each platoon being equipped with four, 0.303 Vickers medium machine guns), one Anti-Aircraft company equipped with 20 mm cannon, and a Heavy Mortar Company of 4.2" mortars. This structure was applied to the 2nd/7th Battalion when it served in Tunisia and when it landed at Anzio. The main appointments held within the battalion at the time of the landings at Anzio were:

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| Commanding Officer | – Lieutenant-Colonel A. de CHIMAY; |
| Second-in-Command | – Major G. W. P. HODDING; |
| Adjutant | – Captain M. O. BROCK; |
| Intelligence Officer | – Lieutenant R. W. GODDEN; |
| Quarter-Master | – Lieutenant (Q.M.) R. W. J. SMITH; |

The Group and Company Commanders were:

"A" Support Group

| | |
|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Officer Commanding | – Major G. C. D. SCOTT-LOWE; |
| M.M.G. Company | – Major A. D. JEFFERSON; |
| 20-mm. A.A. Company | – Captain C. P. GLANVILLE; |
| Heavy Mortar Company | – Captain B. F. THOMPSON; |

"B" Support Group

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|----------------------|---------------------------|
| Officer Commanding | – Major J. D. ROBBINS; |
| M.M.G. Company | – Major R. E. ROBOTHANI; |
| 20-mm. A.A. Company | – Captain C. S. GOULDING; |
| Heavy Mortar Company | – Captain G. JENKINS; |

C' Support Group

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|----------------------|------------------------------|
| Officer Commanding | – Major E. F. J. RICH; |
| M.M.G. Company | – Major A. I. JONES, M.B.E.; |
| 20-mm. A.A. Company | – Captain D. B. McF. KIDD; |
| Heavy Mortar Company | – Captain J. R. ASLING. |

On the 8th June 1944, the three Groups were abolished, with the 2nd/7th Battalion assuming the new War Establishment organization of three Medium Machine Gun companies, and one Heavy Mortar company (see NOTE 2 below).

2. On the 8th June 1944, the 2nd/7th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (which was serving in Italy at the time with the 1st Infantry Division) reorganized again. The 20 mm cannon were withdrawn as the Allies enjoyed air superiority over the battlefield. The 'Groups' were disbanded to become companies again. Three companies were retained as Medium Machine Gun Companies, which could be attached to each of the three infantry brigades in the division. The fourth company, 'D' Company, was equipped with large 4.2" mortars. This company comprised four platoons, each with a commanding officer and second-in-command. Each platoon had two sections; each section had two, 4.2" mortars. This brought the 2nd/7th Battalion into line with the same establishment of the 8th Battalion, The Middlesex Regiment, which was then serving in Normandy with the 43rd (Wessex) Infantry Division. The officers on strength of this battalion in Normandy are shown below. Note that 'D' Company also had its own Signals Officer. In addition, note the inclusion of a R.E.M.E. Light Aid Detachment within Headquarter Company.

Battalion Headquarters – June 1944

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|----------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Commanding Officer | – Lieutenant-Colonel M. CRAWFORD; |
| Second-in-Command | – Major W. A. VENOUR; |
| Adjutant | – Captain W.J. SPEAR; |
| Intelligence Officer | – Lieutenant R. F. CUTLER; |
| R.S.M. | – Warrant Officer Class I J. CASTREE; |

H.Q. Company

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| Officer Commanding | – Captain M. C. D. KING; |
| Signals Officer | – Captain I. D. BROTHERTON; |
| Quarter-Master | – Lieutenant L. T. HONEYBUN; |
| M.T. Officer | – Lieutenant E. H. TAYLOR; |
| Medical Officer | – Captain S. FALK, R.A.M.C.; |
| W.O. i/c L.A.D. | – Artificer Serjeant Major C. MORDY, R.E.M.E.; |
| R.Q.M.S. | – Warrant Officer Class II F. WOODALL; |
| C.S.M. | – Warrant Officer Class II J. TEW; |
| C.Q.M.S. | – Company Quarter-Master Serjeant R. WHEELER; |
| Attached | – Major L. H. J. de la M. HEREPATH; |

'A' Company

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| Officer Commanding | – Major A. N. W. KIDSTON; |
| Second-in-Command | – Captain H. G. WELLS; |
| No. 3 Platoon | – Lieutenant L. PRESTON; |
| No. 4 Platoon | – Lieutenant R. H. LAKE; |
| No. 5 Platoon | – Lieutenant C. E. E. SPENCER; |
| C.S.M. | – Warrant Officer Class II G. CHANDLER; |
| C.Q.M.S. | – Company Quarter-Master Serjeant A. GRAY; |

'B' Company

Officer Commanding
Second-in-Command
No. 6 Platoon
No. 7 Platoon
No. 8 Platoon
C.S.M.
C.Q.M.S.

– Major W. P. M. ALLEN;
– Captain H. A. B. JENNINGS;
– Lieutenant E. R. CHAMBERLAIN;
– Lieutenant D. E. BLOOMER;
– Lieutenant G. E. DEARBURGH;
– Warrant Officer Class II E. ARMSTRONG;
– Company Quarter-Master Serjeant F. GRAY;

'C' Company

Officer Commanding
Second-in-Command
No. 9 Platoon
No. 10 Platoon
No. 11 Platoon
C.S.M.
C.Q.M.S.

– Major O. D. KAINES;
– Captain A. L. PAGE;
– Lieutenant E. J. GROVE;
– Captain C. J. SCANLAN;
– Lieutenant M. RAWES;
– Warrant Officer Class II H. REECE;
– Company Quarter-Master Serjeant C. HARDY;

'D' Company

Officer Commanding
Second-in-Command
Signals Officer
No. 12 Platoon
Second-in-Command
No. 13 Platoon
Second-in-Command
No. 14 Platoon
Second-in-Command
No. 15 Platoon
Second-in-Command
C.S.M.
C.Q.M.S.

– Major J. R. C. KENYON;
– Captain D. C. GLENNY;
– Lieutenant I. H. WILSON;
– Lieutenant A. CLARK;
– Lieutenant C. R. OAKLEY;
– Captain I. D. MARJORIBANKS;
– Lieutenant I. W. MEPHAM;
– Captain J. H. L. PENNOCK;
– Lieutenant D. CLARK;
– Lieutenant F. R. WAITING;
– Lieutenant B. M. U. ROBINS;
– Warrant Officer Class II, W. MORRIS;
– Company Quarter-Master Serjeant A. READ.