

## BRITISH ARMY INFANTRY BATTALION STRENGTH, 1916

### The Headquarters Company

Commanding Officer	= 1 Lieutenant-Colonel
2nd In Command	= 1 Major = 1 Captain
Adjutant	= 1 Lieutenant
Quartermaster	= 1 Lieutenant or Captain = 1 RAMC officer (Royal Army Medical Corps) = 1 Regimental Sergeant Major = 1 Quartermaster Sergeant = 1 Sergeant Drummer = 1 Sergeant Cook = 1 Pioneer Sergeant = 1 Transport Sergeant = 1 Sergeant Signaller = 1 Sergeant Armourer = 1 Orderly Room Clerk
RAMC Section	= 1 Corporal and 4 Privates
Signals Section	= 1 Corporal and 15 Privates
Pioneer Section	= 10 Privates
Drivers Section	= 11 Privates
Stretcher Bearers	= 32 Privates
Medical Officer's Orderlies	= 2 Privates

### The Company

The Battalion was divided into 4 Companies, lettered 'A', 'B', 'C', and 'D'	
Each company's strength was = 217 officers and men, made up as follows:	
Company Commanding Officer	= 1 Major or Captain
2nd In Command	= 1 Captain = 4 Lieutenants / 2nd Lieutenants (One per platoon) = 1 Company Sergeant Major (CSM) = 1 Company Quartermaster Sergeant (CQMS)
Major's / Captain's Batmen	= 2 Privates
Drivers	= 3 Privates = 4 Sergeants (One per platoon) = 4 Corporals (One per platoon) = 4 Drummers (One per platoon)
Subaltern's Batmen	= 4 Privates
Infantrymen	= 188 Privates

### The Platoon

Each Company was divided into 4 Platoons, made up as follows:	
Platoon officer	= 1 Lieutenant or 2nd Lieutenant = 2 Sergeants = 2 Corporals = 1 Drummer = 1 Batman = 47 Privates

### The Section

Each Platoon was divided into 4 Sections, made up as follows:

= 1 NCO

= 12 Privates

The nominal battalion strength of 959 was seldom achieved by the 2nd battalion, Devonshire Regiment.

There would also have been a Machine Gun section, equipped with Vickers Guns, but the strength of this frequently changed and was eventually separated when the Machine Gun Corps was formed, so it is not included it here. The battalion retained a few Lewis Gun teams following the split.