

COMMANDO, ROYAL MARINES

(Consistinf of:—

Commando headquarters

Headquarter troop of—

Headquarters

Signal group

Heavy weapons group (4 mortars and 2 MMGs)

Assault engineer group

Administrative troop of—

Headquarters

MT group

Administrative group

Five fighting troops, each of—

Headquarters

Two sections

ESTABLISHMENT

(i) PERSONNEL

Detail	Commando headquarters	Headquarter troop					Administrative troop				5 fighting troops (each)	Total, commando Royal Marines
		Headquarters	Signal group	Heavy weapons group	Assault engineer group	Total, headquarters troop	Headquarterz	MT group	Administrative group	Total, administrative troop		
Commanding officer (lieutenant-colonel)	1											1
Second-in-command (major)	1											1
Adjutant (captain)	1											1
Captains (a)		1		1		2	1			1	1	8
Signals officer (subaltern)			1			1						1
Intelligence officer (subaltern)	1											1
Subalterns	(b)1			2	1	3		1		1	2	15
Quarter-master									1	1		1
Total, officers	5	1	1	3	1	6	1	1	1	3	3	29
Regimental serjeant-major	1											1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant									1	1		1
Company serjeant-majors (c)		1				1	1			1	1	7
Total, warrant officers	1	1				1	1		1	2	1	9
Company quarter-master-serjeants (colour serjeants)		1				1	1			1		2
Clerks (includes 1 for pay duties)	1								1	1		2
Officers' mess steward									1	1		1
Provost serjeant	1											1
Signals serjeant			1			1						1
Transport N.C.O.								1		1		1
Intelligence	1											1
Sniper	1											1
Heavy weapons				4		4						4
Assault engineer					1	1						1
Cook									1	1		1
Armourer									1	1		1
Vehicle mechanic								1		1		1

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Stores N.C.O.									1	1		1
Serjeants									(d)1	1	6	31
Total, colour serjeants and serjeants (e)	4	1	1	4	1	7	1	2	6	9	6	50
Corporals (f)	3		5	7	4	16		5	7	12	8	71
Marines (including tradesmen)	31	4	30	30	16	80	3	64	34	101	51	467
Total, rank and file	34	4	35	37	20	96	3	69	41	113	59	538
Total, other ranks	39	6	36	41	21	104	5	71	48	124	66	597
Total, all ranks	44	7	37	44	22	110	6	72	49	127	69	626
Attached—												
Royal Navy												
Medical officer	1											1
Instructor (lieutenant or lieutenant-commander)	1											1
Chaplain	1											1
SBPO	1											1
LSBA	1											1
SBAs	6											6
Total, attached	11											11
Total, commando, Royal Marine (including attached)	55	7	37	44	22	110	6	72	49	127	69	637
(ii) DISTRIBUTION OF RANK AND FILE BY TRADES AND DUTIES												
Tradesmen—												
Shoemakers									2	2		2
Armourer									1	1		1
Equipment repairer									1	1		1
Vehicle mechanics (includes 1 corporal)								5		5		5
Driver-mechanics								11		11		11
Storemen (technical) (includes 1 corporal)								2		2		2
Carpenters and joiners (g)					4	4						4

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Bricklayers (g)					2	2						2
Plumber (g)					1	1						1
Tailor									1	1		1
Painter and decorator									1	1		1
Total, tradesmen					7	7		18	6	24		31
Non-tradesmen—												
Batmen-orderlies	9	1	1	3	1	6	1	1	1	3	3	33
Clerks (includes 2 corporals)	3	1				1	1		4	5		9
MT clerk								1		1		1
Motor-cyclists (includes 1 corporal)			5	3		8						8
Drivers, I.C. (includes 3 corporals)								49		49		49
Intelligence section (includes 1 corporal)	5											5
Heavy weapons detachment (includes 6 corporals)				30		30						30
Range taker				1		1						1
Assault engineers (includes 3 corporals)					12	12						12
Signallers (includes 4 corporals)			29			29						29
Snipers (incudes 1 corporal)	7											7
Orderlies	4										1	9
Butchery dutyman									1	1		1
Sanitary and water dutymen (includes 1 corporal)									7	7		7
Regimental police	4											4
Cooks (includes 2 corporals)									14	14		14
Postman (corporal)									1	1		1
Ration dutyman (corporal)									1	1		1
Storeman		2				2	1		2	3		5
Officers' mess orderlies (includes 1 corporal)									2	2		2
Serjeants' mess orderlies									2	2		2

(iv) WEAPONS

Unit	Commando headquarters	Headquarter troop	Administrative troop	Five fighting troops (each)	Pool	Total, commando Royal Marine
Pistols—						
Browning, 9-mm	18	32	7	8	25	122
Signal		10		3	12	37
Rifles—						
.303-inch, No. 4	38	104	121	65		588
No. 4, Mk I (T) (equipment)	8				4	12
Machine carbines, Sten—						
Mk 5	7	29	10	21	25	176
Mk 6 or Mk II					10	10
MMG, .303-inch, Vickers		2			2	4
LMGs, Bren, Mk IV		6	1	6	10	47
PsIAT, Mk II		2	1	1	4	12
Mortars—						
2-inch, Mk VIII		2		1	10	17
3-inch, Mk V		4			2	6
Flame throwers, portable, No. 5, Mk I					20	20

- (a) One to be a major.
- (b) As assitant adjutant.
- (c) One to be drill instructor.
- (d) As serjeant for PRI.
- (e) Four to be colour serjeants, one to be physical training instructor 1st class. five to be platoon weapon instructors, two to be drill instructors.
- (f) One to be physical training instructor 2nd class.
- (g) One to be corporal and one lance-corporal.

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

The following is the scale of first reinforcements required to make good one month's wastage at the intense rate:—

Captains	2
Lieutenants	4
Warrant officers, class I or class II	2
Serjeants	10
Corporals	14
Marines	93
Total	<u>125</u>