

**HOLDING COMMANDO, OVERSEAS (LIGHT)**

(Designed to receive, hold, train, rehabilitary and draft first reinforcements)

(Not to be implemented until receipt of instructions from the War Office)

## WAR ESTABLISHMENT

## (i) PERSONNEL

Detail	Headquarters	Transit wing headquarters	Training wing headquarters	Specialist training wing headquarters	Rehabilitation wing headquarters	Total, holding commando overseas (light)
Commander (lieutenant-colonel)	1					1
Second-in-command (major)	1					1
Officers commanding wings						
Majors			1	1		2
Captains					1	1
Seconds-in-command of wings (captains)			1	1		2
Captains						
Adjutant	1					1
Administrative officer	1					1
Weapons training officer	1					1
Instructors in						
M.T.				1		1
M.M.G. and mortar				1		1
Engineering				1		1
Instructors in fieldcraft (subaltern)			1			1
Captain		1				1
Subalterns	1	1				2
Total, officers	6	2	3	5	1	17
Regimental serjeant-major	1					1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant	1					1
Company serjeant-major		1	1	1	1	4
Clerks for						
General duties	1					1
Pay duties	1					1
Duty N.C.O.	1					1
Officers' mess steward	1					1
Provost serjeant	1					1
<i>R. Marine signal instructor</i>	1					1
Serjeants (for :Q: duties)		1	1	1	1	4
Serjeants' mess caterers	1					1
Transport, N.C.O.	1					1
Total, warrant officers, staff-serjeants and serjeants	9	2	2	2	2	17
Tradesmen						
Bricklayer	1					1
Clerks for						
General duties						
Corporal	1					1

Detail	Headquarters	Transit wing headquarters	Training wing headquarters	Specialist training wing headquarters	Rehabilitation wing headquarters	Total, holding commando overseas (light)
Lance-corporal	1					1
Privates	3	1		2	1	7
Technical (M.T.)	1					1
For pay duties	1	1	1	1	1	5
For administration		1	1	1	1	4
Carpenter and joiner	1					1
Driver-mechanics (includes 1 corporal)	5					5
Equipment repairers	2					2
Plumber and pipefitter	1					1
Painter and decorator	1					1
Storeman (technical)	1					1
Total, tradesmen	19	3	2	4	3	31
Non-tradesmen (a)						
Butchery dutymen	2					2
Batmen	5					5
Drivers, I.C. (includes 2 lance-corporals)	21					21
Motr-cyclists	3					3
Postmen (1 corporal, 1 lance-corporal)	2					2
R. Marine signallers (includes 2 corporals)	8					8
R. Marine signal storeman				1		1
Ration dutymen (includes 1 corporal)	3					3
Storemen (includes 1 corporal)	4					4
Sanitary dutymen (includes 1 corporal and 1 lance-corporal)	9					9
Water dutymen (includes 1 lance-corporal)	4					4
Total, non-tradesmen	53					53
Total, rank and file	72	3	2	4	3	84
Total, other ranks	81	5	4	6	5	101
Total, all ranks	87	7	7	11	6	118
Attached						
R.A.Ch.D.Chaplains	1					1
R.E.						
Clerk (lance-corporal)				1		1
Storeman (includes 1 corporal)				2		2
R. Signals						
Instructor in signals (subaltern)				1		1
Quarter-master-serjeant				1		1
Radio mechanic				1		1
R.A.M.C (b)						
Medical officers						
Major	1					1
Major, captain or lieutenant	1					1
Quarter-master-serjeant	1					1
Instructors (serjeants)	2					2
Nursing orderlies (includes 1 corporal and 1 lance-corporal)	4					4
Clerk (corporal)	1					1

Detail	Headquarters	Transit wing headquarters	Training wing headquarters	Specialist training wing headquarters	Rehabilitation wing headquarters	Total, holding commando overseas (light)
Batmen-orderlies	2					2
R.A.O.C. Shoemakers (corporals) (b)	3					3
R.E.M.E.						
Armourers (including 1 lance-serjeant and 1 lance-corporal)	4					4
Vehicle mechanics (includes 1 serjeant and 1 lance-corporal)	5					5
A.P.T.C. (b) Instructors	4					4
Total, attached	31			6		37
Total, holding commando, overseas (light)	118	7	7	17	6	155

(ii) TRANSPORT

	Administrative	Training
Bicycles, G.S.	10	65
Motor-cycles, solo	2	12
Cars, 5-cwt., 4x4	8	13
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4x4—		
G.S.	5	6
Water, 200 gallons	1	
Lorries, 3-ton, 4x4, G.S.	7	
Ambulances, 2-stretcher, 4x4	2	
Trailers—		
10-cwt., 2-wheeled, lightweight, G.S.	4	13
2-wheeled, lightweight, water, 100 gallons		1
(a) Of the total army personnel, 6 will be trained up to the standard of shoemaker, group "C", class III.		
(b) All personnel, with the exception of those covered by this footnote, may be R. Marines.		

NOTES

1. Cooks for officers', serjeants' and other ranks' messes will be in accordance with scale laid down in Admiralty Fleet Order 5331 of 1944.
2. At least 8 men will be trained in anti-malarial duties, 4 of whom will be employed full time on anti-malarial measures when operating in a malarial area.
3. When this unit is placed under command of commando group, the following will be added—

<i>Amphibious support regiment, R. Marines, wing headquarters—</i>	
<i>Officer commanding (Major)</i>	1
<i>Second-in-command</i>	1
<i>Company serjeant-major</i>	1
<i>Serjeant</i>	1
<i>Clerks (includes 1 for pay duties and 1 for administration)</i>	3
Car, 5-cwt., 4x4	1
Truck, 15-cwt., 4x4, G.S.	1
Lorry, 3-ton, 4x4, G.S.	1
Trailer, 10-cwt., 2-wheeled, lightweight, G.S.	1