

LONG RANGE DESERT GROUP
Consisting of headquarters and 2 squadrons each of 3 fighting patrols

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Group Headquarters	2 squadrons (each)			Total long range desert group
		Squadron Headquarters	3 fighting patrols (each)	Total, squadron	
Commander (lieutenant colonel)	1				1
Second-in-command (major)	1				1
Squadron commanders		1		1	(a)2
Captains			1	3	6
Adjutant and quarter-master	1				1
Intelligence and topographic officer (captain or lieutenant)	1				1
Transport officer (subalter)	1				1
Subalterns			1	3	6
Total Officers	5	1	2	7	19
Squadron serjeant major		1		1	2
Total Warrant Officers		1		1	2
Squadron quarter-master serjeant	1				1
Serjeant fitter		1		1	2
Serjeants	3		1	3	9
Total Serjeants	4	1	1	4	12
Corporals	3	1	3	10	23
Privates	(b)24	(c)6	(b)23	75	174
Total rank and file	27	7	26	85	197
Total, other ranks	31	9	27	90	211
Total, long range desert group	36	10	29	97	230
<i>Attached</i>					
R.E. - Draughtsman	1				1
R.Siganls -					
Subaltern	1				1
Serjeant	1				1
Corporals (operators)	2				2
Instrument mechanic	1				1
Signalmen (operators)	14				14
R.A.S.C. -					
Clerks	2				2
R.A.M.C. -					
Medical officer	1				1
Nursing orderlies	6				6
R.A.O.C. -					
Armament artificer M.T. (staff-serjeant)	1				1
Armourer (serjeant)	1				1
Fitters, M.V.	2				2
Total, attached	33				33

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		Squadron Headquarters	3 fighting patrols (each)	Total, squadron	
Total, long range desert group (including attached)	69	10	29	97	263
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>					
<i>Tradesmen</i>					
Driver-mechanic	3		1	3	9
<i>Non-tradesmen</i>					
Navigators			2	6	12
Gun numbers			2	6	12
Cooks (h)		1		1	2
Storemen	3	1		1	5
Drivers, I.C.	21	5	14	47	115
General dutymen			7	21	42
Total, rank and file	27	7	26	85	197

(iii) Transport

Motor cycle	1
Car, 4 – seater, 4 – wheeled	1
Trucks, 15cwt., 4 – wheeled	11
Lorries, 30 – cwt., 4 – wheeled	70
Lorries, 3 – ton, 4 – wheeled	8

(iv) Table of weapons and ammunition

Detail	Number	Ammunition - rounds		
		On man or with gun	Reserve	Total
Pistols .38 - inch	51	18		918
Rifles, .303 – inch	206	100	20,600	41,200
A.Tk. rifles, .55 - inch	24	200	960	5,760
Light machine guns, .303 - inch	61	1,000	61,000	(d) 122,000
Thompson sub machine guns	12	1,000	12,000	24,000
Vickers machine guns, .303 - inch	6	3,500	21,000	42,000
Guns, 37mm Bofors or 2 – pr truck mounting	6	90	540	(f) 1,080
Mortars, 2 - inch	6	120	720	(g) 1,440
Grenades		586		586

- (a) 1 major, 1 captain.
(b) Includes 3 lance corporals.
(c) Includes 1 lance corporal
(d) Includes 20 per cent tracer
(f) 50 per cent H.E. and 50 per cent A.P.
(g) All H.E.
(h) May be group B tradesman if qualified