

**LONG RANGE DESERT GROUP,
MIDDLE EAST**

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Group headquarters	Two squadrons (each)			Total, two squadrons	Total, long range desert group, Middle East
		Squadron headquarters	Eight patrols (each)	Total, eight patrols		
Lieutenant-colonel	1					1
Second-in-command (major)	1					1
Squadron commanders (majors)		1			2	2
Adjutant (captain)	1					1
Captains		1			2	2
Captains and subalterns			1	8	16	16
Intelligence officers (captains or lieutenants)	1	1			2	3
Quarter-master	1					1
Subaltern (air duties)	1					1
Total, officers	6	3	1	8	22	28
Squadron serjeant-majors	1	1			2	3
Squadron quarter-master-serjeants	1	1			2	3
Staff-serjeant (clerk, general duties)	1					1
Serjeants for —						
Air duties	1					1
Intelligence duties	1					1
Serjeants	1		1	8	16	17
Total, warrant officers, staff-serjeants and serjeants	6	2	1	8	20	26
Corporals	4		2	16	32	36
Lance-corporals	4	3			6	10
Privates	23	17	2	16	66	89
Total, rank and file	31	20	4	32	104	135
Total, other ranks	37	22	5	40	124	161
Total, all ranks	43	25	6	48	146	189
Attached —						
R.A.M.C. — Medical officer	1					1
Nursing orderlies —						
Serjeants	1					1
Lance-corporals		1			2	2
Privates	2	2			4	6
R.A.V.C. — Farriers (corporals)	2					2
A.C.C. — Cooks —						
Corporals	1	1			2	3
Privates	3	3			6	9
Total, attached	10	7			14	24

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		Squadron headquarters	Eight patrols (each)	Total, eight patrols		
Total, long range desert group, Middle East (including attached)	53	32	6	48	160	213

(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties

Tradesmen —						
Clerks, general duties	1	1			2	3
Driver-mechanics	2	1	1	8	18	20
Saddlers and harness makers		1			2	2
Total, tradesmen		1			2	2
Non-tradesmen —						
Drivers, I.C.	13	9	1	8	34	47
General dutymen (includes one corporal in group headquarters)	5	5			10	15
Mess orderlies for officers mess (includes one corporal in group headquarters)	3	1			2	5
Operators (corporals)			2	16	32	32
Postal dutyman (corporal)	1					1
Sanitary dutyman	1	1			2	3
Storemen	2	1			2	4
Transport N.C.O. (corporal)	1					1
Navigators (for aircraft)	2					2
Total, non-tradesmen	28	17	3	24	82	110
Total, rank and file	31	20	4	32	104	135

(iii) Transport

Cars —						
5-cwt., 4x4	4	1	2	16	34	38
4-seater, 4x2	1	1			2	3
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4x2 —						
G.S.	2	1			2	4
Water	1	1			2	3
Lorries, 3-ton, 4x2, G.S.	7	6			12	19
Aircraft	2					2

(iv) Animals

Pack mules	24					24
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(v) Weapons

L.M.Gs., .303-inch	95
M.Gs., .5-inch	43

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

First reinforcements —

Captain	1
Sublaterns	2
Total, Officers	<u>3</u>
Corporal	1
Lance-corporal	1
Privates	<u>30</u>

Total, rank and file	<u>32</u>
Total, first reinforcements	<u>35</u>

First reinforcements are held at 20 percent. The 35 all ranks will be held with the unit and the remainder will be included in the establishment of the Holding Unit Special Forces, Middle East, W.E. No. VI/692/1

This establishment supersedes W.E. No. VE/34B/3