

SPECIAL AIR SERVICE REGIMENT, MIDDLE EAST

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Headquarters forces	Headquarters squadron					3 Operational squadrons (each)					Total, special air service regiment, Middle East	
		Squadron headquarters	Administrative and depot troop	Intelligence troop	Depot training troop	Total, headquarters squadron	Squadron headquarters	Three troops (each)			Total squadron		
								Troop headquarters	Two sections (each)	One section			Total, troop
Lieutenant-colonel	1												1
Second-in-command (major)	1												1
Majors		1			1	1						1	4
Captains			(a)2	1	(b)1	4	1	1			1	4	16
Adjutant (captain)	1												1
Subalterns					(b)1	1							1
Liaison officers (subalterns)		4				4							4
Quarter-master			1			1							1
Total, officers	3	5	3	1	2	11	2	1			1	5	29
Regimental serjeant-major	1												1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant			1			1							1
Squadron serjeant-majors		1				1	1					1	4
Total, warrant officers	1	1	1			2	1					1	6
Squadron quarter-master-serjeant		1				1	1					1	4
Serjeant (technical storeman)			1			1							1
Provost serjeant			1			1							1
Pioneer serjeant			1			1							1
Intelligence serjeant				1		1							1
Clerk (serjeant)	1					1							1
Transport serjeant			1			1							1
Troop serjeants					(c)2	2		1			1	3	11
Section serjeants									1	1	3	9	27
Total, staff serjeants and serjeants	1	1	4	1	2	8	1	1	1	1	4	13	48
Corporals (includes 14 lance-serjeants)			2	1	4	7			3	3	9	27	88
Troopers (includes 36 lance-corporals)	9	11	33	9	11	64	5	2	8	21	39	122	439
Total, rank and file	9	11	35	10	15	71	5	2	11	24	48	149	527
Total, other ranks	11	13	40	11	17	81	7	3	12	25	52	163	(e)581
Total, all ranks	14	18	43	12	19	92	9	4	12	25	53	168	610
<i>Attached</i>													
<i>R.E.—</i>													
Captain		1				1							1
Serjeants			1			1							1
Blacksmith			1			1							1
Carpenter & joiner			1			1							1
Engine fitter (I.C. and pumps)			1			1							1

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Draughtsmen (topographical)				2		2							2	
Pioneers R.E. includes 1 corporal							4						4	12
R.A.S.C._ Clerks trained in the reproduction of tactical sketches				2		2								2
R.A.M.C.—														
Medical officers	2					2								2
Nursing orderlies		(f)5				5	(g)3						3	14
R.E.M.E. —Armourers—														
Staff-serjeant			1			1								1
Corporal							1						1	3
Craftsmen			2			2								2
R.A.O.C.—Shoemaker			1			1								1
A.C.C._ Cooks for														
Officers' mess			2			2								2
Other ranks' mess														
Serjeant			2			2								2
Corporals							1						1	3
Privates							4						4	12
A.P.T.C._ Instructors					4	4								4
Total, attached		3	17	4	4	28	12						13	67
Total, special forces, Middle East (including attached)	14	21	60	16	23	120	22	4	12	25	53	181	677	

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

<i>Tradesmen</i>													
Clerks	3	1	(g)3	1		5	1					1	11
Motor mechanics			2			2			2	2		6	20
Driver mechanics			2			2		4	10	18		54	164
Carpenters and joiners			2			2							2
Mason			1			1							1
Technical storeman			1			1							1
Modeller (camouflage)				1		1							1
Equipment repairer			1			1							1
Total, tradesmen	3	1	12	2		15	1		4	12	20	61	201
<i>Non-tradesmen</i>													
Intelligence section				7		7							7
Operatives			1			1		7	12	26		78	235
Training instructors					8	8							8
Postal dutyman (lance-corporal)			1			1							1
Pioneers			9			9							9
Storeman	1	3				4	1					1	7
Regimental police			4			4							4
Butchery dutyman			1			1							1

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Packers					5	5							5
Batmen-drivers	3	6	3	1		10	2	1			1	5	28
Batmen		2			2	4							4
Water dutyman			1			1							1
Orderlies	3	1				1	1	1			1	4	16
Total, non-tradesmen	6	10	23	8	15	56	4	2	7	12	28	88	326
Total, rank and file	9	11	35	10	15	71	5	2	11	24	48	149	527

(ii) *Transport*

Motor-cycles, solo	6
Cars, 5-cwt., 4x4	120
Cars, 4-seater, 4x2	5
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4x2 G.S.	4
Lorries, 3-ton, 4x2, G.S.	74

- (a) One O.C. troop, one transport officer
- (b) Training officer
- (c) Training instructors
- (d) May be lieutenants or serjeants.
- (e) When section commanders are lieutenants total other ranks are not decreased. Batman-drivers will be found from within that number
- (f) Includes 1 serjeant
- (g) Includes 1 corporal

NOTE ON FIRST REINFORCEMENTS

Details left at base

Orderly room serjeant 1

First reinforcements

Major	1
Captain	1
Subalterns	3
Warrant officer, class II	1
Staff serjeant	1
Serjeants	2
Corporals	4
Lance corporals	12
Troopers	138
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This establishment supersedes W.E. VI/966/1