

SPECIAL BOAT SQUADRON, MIDDLE EAST

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	3 operational troops (each)							Total, special boat squadron, Middle East
	Squadron headquarters	4 sections (each)					Total, each troop	
		Troop headquarters	Section headquarters	2 sub-sections		Total, each section		
				Sub-section	Sub-section			
Major	1							1
Administrative officer (captain)	1							1
Captains (1 may be a major)		2					2	6
Intelligence officer (captain)	1							1
Subalterns (3 may be captains)			1			1	4	12
Quarter-master	1							1
Total, officers	4	2	1			1	6	22
Squadron serjeant-major	1							1
Total, warrant officers	1							1
Squadron quarter-master-serjeant	1							1
Troops serjeants		1					1	3
Serjeants "Q" duties		1					1	3
Section serjeants			1			1	4	12
Intelligence serjeant	1							1
Clerk (serjeant)	1							1
Transport serjeant (fitter)	1							1
Total, staff serjeants and serjeants	4	2	1			1	6	22
Lance-serjeants				1	1	2	8	4
Corporals	2							22
Lance-corporals	4							4
Privates	17	5	1	2	2	5	25	(a)(b)92
Total, rank and file	23	5	1	3	3	7	33	122
Total, other ranks	28	7	2	3	3	8	39	145
Total, all ranks	32	9	3	3	3	9	45	167
<i>Attached</i>								
R.E. (c) —								
Serjeant	1							1
Lance-serjeant	1							1
Corporals	2							2
Lance-corporals	2							2
Sappers	4							4
R.A.M.C. — nursing orderlies —								
Serjeant	1							1

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Corporal	1							1	
Privates	3							3	
R.A.O.C. —									
Shoemaker (corporal)	1							1	
Storeman, technical (corporal)	1							1	
Equipment repairer (lance-corporal)	1							1	
R.E.M.E. —									
Armourers (includes 2 corporals)	3							3	
Fitter	1							1	
A.C.C. — Cooks (includes 1 serjeant)	(d)7							7	
Total, attached	29							29	
Total, special boat squadron, Middle East (including attached)	61	9	3	3	3	9	45	196	

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

<i>Tradesmen</i> —								
Clerks—								
Corporal	1							1
Lance-corporals	1							1
Private	1	1					1	4
Vehicle mechanic	1							1
Driver-mechanic	1							1
Total, tradesmen	5	1					1	8
<i>Non-tradesmen</i>								
Operatives —								
Corporals				1	1	2	8	24
Privates				2	2	4	16	(a)(b)48
Storeman	1							1
Batmen-runners	1	1	1			1	5	16
Batmen-drivers	5	1					1	8
Water dutyman (lance-corporal)	1							1
Water dutyman (privates)		1					1	3
Sanitary dutyman (lance-corporal)	1							1
Sanitary dutyman (privates)		1					1	3
Officers' mess orderly (corporal)	1							1
Motor-cyclists	2							2
Drivers I.C. (includes 1 lance corporal)	6							6
Total, non-tradesmen	18	4	1	3	3	7	32	114
Total, rank and file	23	5	1	3	3	7	33	122

(iii) Transport

Motor-cycles solo	2
Cars, 5-cwt., 4x4	4
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4x2, G.S.	4

(iv) *Weapons*

L.M.Gs., .303-inch (one per section)

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- (a) 5 operative privates per troop may be lance-corporals. Total 15 lance corporals.
- (b) 2 of the 48 operatives, lance-corporals and privates to be trade tested navigators.
- (c) Trades of R.E. attached (rank and file only) carpenters and joiners 2, blacksmith 1, electrician 1, engine fitter (.C. and pumps 1, pioneers 4.
- (d) Cooking on sub-unit cookhouse basis, *i.e.* 4 cookhouses with 1 cook each

NOTE

First reinforcements for Special Boat Squadron, Middle East, are held on W.E. Headquarters Raiding Forces, Middle East, for the purpose of administration and messing.