

**A GLIDER PILOT REGIMENT, ARMY AIR
CORPS, MIDDLE EAST**

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Headquarters	Administrative squadron (b)	6 pilot squadrons (each)					Total, aglider pilot regiment, Army Air Corps, Middle East
			Squadron headquarters	3 troops (each)			Total, each pilot squadron	
				Troop headquarters	2 sections (each)	Total, each troop		
Lieutenant-colonel	1						1	
Major (second-in-command)	1						1	
Majors		1	1			1	7	
Captains or subalterns (a)		1		1	1	3	9	55
Adjutant (captain)	1							1
Senior towmasters (captains)			1				1	6
Quarter-master (b)	1							1
Total, officers	4	2	3	1	1	3	12	78
Regimental serjeant-major	1							1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant		1						1
Squadron serjeant-majors		1	1				1	7
Total, warrant officers	1	2	1				1	9
Squadron quarter-master-serjeants		1	(b)1				1	7
Serjeant clerk		1						1
Provost serjeant		1						1
Transport serjeant		1						1
Staff-serjeants and serjeants (glider pilots)			2	(c)1	14	29	(d)89	534
Towmasters (serjeants)				(b)1		1	3	18
Serjeants (6 for regimental duties)		7						7
Total, staff-serjeants and serjeants		11	3	2	14	30	93	569
Corporal		1						1
Troopers (includes 12 lance-corporals)	(b)7	158						165
Total, rank and file	7	159						166
Total, other ranks	8	172	4	2	14	30	94	744
Total, all ranks	12	174	7	3	15	33	106	822
<i>Attached—</i>								
R.A.Ch.D.—Chaplain		1						1
R.A.M.C.—								
Medical officer		1						1
Nursing orderly (corporal)		1						1
R.E.M.E.—								
Armourer (serjeant)		1						1
Fitter, M.V. (corporal)		1						1
R.A.O.C.—Shoemaker (corporal)		1						1
A.C.C.—Cooks for—								
Officers' mess (includes 1 corporal)		3						3

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Other ranks' messes (includes 7 corporals)		23					23	
Total, attached		32					32	
Total, a glider pilot regiment, Army Air Corps, Middle East	12	206	7	3	15	33	106	854
<i>(ii) Distribution of rank and file by trades and duties</i>								
<i>Tradesmen—</i>								
Clerks	(b)1	(e)14						15
Driver-mechanic		1						1
Motor-mechanic		1						1
Total, tradesmen	1	16						17
<i>Non-tradesmen—</i>								
Batmen	(b)(f)4	37						41
Butchery dutyman		1						1
Batmen-drivers		2						2
Drivers, I.C. (includes 1 lance-corporal)		2						2
General dutymen (includes 1 corporal)		(e)12						12
Orderlies	(b)2							2
Orderies for—								
Medical officer (lance-corporal)		1						1
Officers' mess		8						8
Serjeants mess		48						48
Rank and file mess		4						4
Postman (lance-corporal)		1						1
Sanitary dutymen		4						4
Water dutyman		1						1
Storemen		(e)8						8
Total, non-tradesmen	6	143						149
Total, rank and file	7	159						166

(iii) Transport

Bicycles	12
Motor-cycles, solo	2
Cars, 5-cwt., 4 x 4	8
Car, 4-seater, 4 x 2	1
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4 x 2, G.S.	2
Truck, 15-cwt., 4 x 2, water	1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4 x 2, G.S.	6

(iv) Weapons

Pistols, .45-inch, automatic	80
Rifles, .303-inch	774

- (a) 3 captains, 52 subalterns.
- (b) Non-pilot personnel.
- (c) Staff-serjeant.
- (d) Includes 29 staff-serjeants.
- (e) Includes 1 per company.
- (f) Adjutant shares batman with quarter-master.