

COMMANDO (LIGHT)

WAR ESTABLISHMENT

(i) Personnel

Detail	Headquarters	Heavy weapons troop			Five commando troops (each)	Total, commando (light)
		Headquarters	Three 3-inch mortar sections (each)	Medium machine gun section		
Commander (lieutenant-colonel)	1					1
Second-in-command (major)	1					1
Administrative officer (captain)	1					1
Adjutant (captain)	1					1
Captains		1			1	6
Signal officer (subaltern)	1					1
Intelligence officer (subaltern)	1					1
Subalterns	1	2			2	13
Total, officers	7	3			3	25
Regimental serjeant-major	1					1
Regimental quarter-master-serjeant	1					1
Company serjeant-major	1				1	6
Troop serjeant-major		1			1	1
Total, warrant officers	3	1			1	9
Clerks (includes 1 for pay duties)	2					2
Officers' mess steward	1					1
Provost serjeant	1					1
Signal serjeant	1					1
Transport N.C.O.	1					1
Serjeants					2	10
Total, serjeants	6				2	16
Lance-serjeants	2		1	1	4	26
Corporals	8	2	2	2	10	43
Lance-corporals	10				8	50
Privates	96	17	12	13	66	377
Total, rank and file	116	19	15	16	80	496
Total, other ranks	125	20	15	16	81	521
Total, all ranks	132	23	15	16	84	546
Attached –						
R.A.M.C. – Medical officers	1					1
Nursing orderlies – Serjeant	1					1
Corporals		1			1	6
Privates	2					2

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R.E.M.E. – Vehicle mechanics (includes 1 serjeant and 1 lance-corporal)	6					6
Armourers (1 staff-serjeant and 1 lance-corporal)	2					2
A.C.C. – Cooks (includes 1 serjeant, 1 corporal and 2 lance-corporals)	15					15
Total, attached	27	1			1	33
Total, commando (light)	159	24	15	16	85	67
(ii) Distribution or rank and file by trades and duties						
Tradesmen –						
Bricklayer	1					1
Blacksmith	1					1
Carpenters and joiners	2					2
Clerks for –						
General duties (includes 1 corporal and 1 lance corporal)	6					6
Q.M.	1					1
Driver-mechanics			2	2	8	8
Equipment repairer	1					1
Plumber and pipefitter	1					1
Painter and decorator	1					1
Total, tradesmen	14		2	2	8	22
Non-tradesmen –						
Batmen	8					8
Batmen-orderlies		3			3	3
Butchery dutyman	1					1
Drivers, I.C. (includes 1 corporal and 1 lance corporal in headquarters)	24	14	3	3	26	51
Duty corporals	1	1			1	2
General dutymen (includes 1 corporal) (B)	8					8
Intelligence personnel (includes 1 lance-serjeant and 1 lance-corporal)	6					6
M.M.G. numbers (includes 1 lance-serjeant and 2 corporals)				9	9	9
Mortar numbers (includes 1 lance-serjeant and 2 corporals in each section)			9		27	27
Motor-cyclists (includes 1 corporal)	9					9
Orderlies for – Officers' mess	2					2
Post (lance-corporal)	1					1
Serjeants' mess	2					2
Ration dutyman	1					1
Regimental police	3					3

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Rangetaker				1	1		1
Runners			1	1	4		4
Sanitary dutymen	3						3
Signal platoon (includes 1 lance-sergeant, 3 corporals and 5 lance-corporals)	29						29
Transport corporal		1			1		1
Water dutymen	3						3
Rank and file (includes 4 lance-serjeants, 5 corporals and 8 lance-corporals)						57	285
Total, non-tradesmen	102	19	13	14	72	60	474
Total, rank and file	116	19	15	16	80	60	496
(iii) Transport							
Bicycles, G.S.	35						35
Motor-cycles, solo (includes 1 for signals officer)	10						10
Cars – 5-cwt., 404	9	34			34		43
4-seater, 4x4	1						1
Trucks, 15-cwt., 4x4 – G.S. (with winch)	8						8
Water, 200-gallons	1						1
Lorries, 3-ton, 4x4, G.S.	6						6
Scout car	1						1
Trailers – 10-cwt., 2-wheeled lightweight, G.S.	9	34			34		43
2-wheeled, lightweight, water, 100 gal	1						1

(iv) Weapons

Pistols, auto-Browning, 9-mm	71
Rifles, Garand	40
Machine carbines, Sten-Mk.5	10
Sten-Mk. 6 or IIS	10
L.M.Gs., Bren, Mk. III or Mk. IV	51
M.M.Gs., .303-inch, Vickers	4
Mortars – 3-inch, Mk. V (with Mk. V mounting)	6
2-inch, Mk. VII or Mk. VIII	35
P.I.A.T.	11
Flame throwers, portable, No. 3	20
Grenade launchers, Mk. 8 (for Garand rifles)	40
Equipment, rifle, No. 4, Mk. 1 (T)	10
Pistols, signal	41

(a) Of the total captains one will be a major.

(b) Includes 3 privates trained up to the standard of shoemaker, group 'C', class III

NOTE

At least 40 men will be trained in anti-malarial duties, 20 of whom will be employed full time on anti-malarial measures when operating in a malarial area.