# BAOR ORDER OF BATTLE JULY 1989

"But Pardon, and Gentles all, The flat unraised spirits that have dared On this unworthy scaffold to bring forth So great an object...."

Chorus, Henry V Act 1, Prologue

This document began over five years ago from my frustration in the lack of information (or just plain wrong information) regarding the British Army of The Rhine in general and the late Cold War in particular. The more I researched through books, correspondence, and through direct questions to several "Old & Bold" on Regimental Association Forums, the more I became determined to fill in this gap. The results are what you see in the following pages.

Before I begin a list of acknowledgements let me recognize my two co-authors, for this is as much their work as well as mine. "PM" was instrumental in sharing his research on the support Corps, did countless hours of legwork, and never failed to dig up information on some of my arcane questions. "John" made me "THINK" British Army! He has been an inspiration; a large part of this work would have not been possible without him. He added the maps and the color formation signs, as well as reformatting the whole document. I can only humbly say that these two gentlemen deserve any and all accolades as a result of this document.

Though we have put much work into this document it is far from finished. Anyone who would like to contribute information of their time in BAOR or sources please contact me at <u>BAORORBAT@gmail.com</u>. The document will be updated with new information periodically.

A further note, though the title says 1989 the relevant official documents (MORBAT, see Bibliography) seem to have been misplaced at the Ministry of Defence. Thus much of this work is based on the MORBAT dated December 1991. Additional research seems to indicate that, aside from adding several units, the overall ORBAT was stable during these years. However if there are any factual errors they are mine alone and please feel free to correct me.

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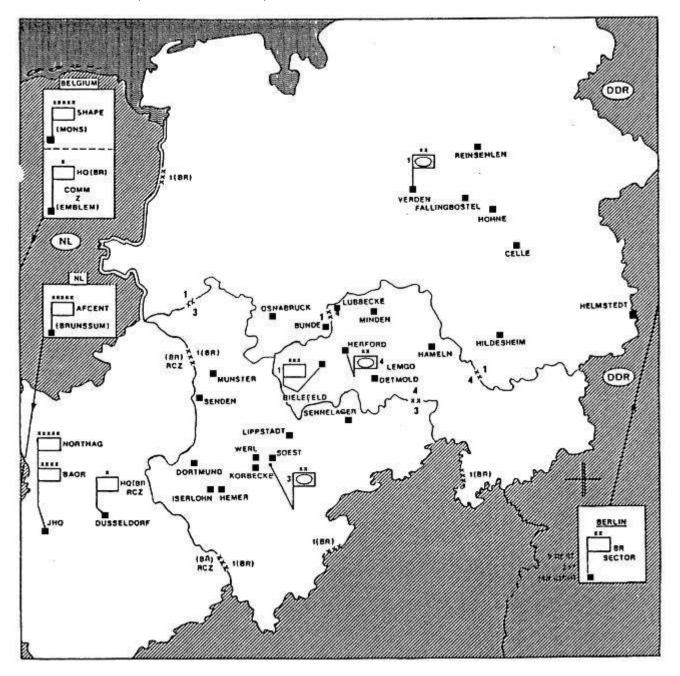
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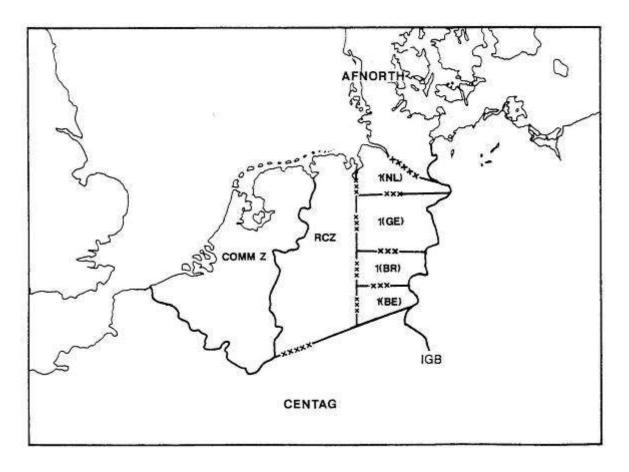
# **BAOR in July 1989 (including reinforcements on Transition To War)**

This document catalogues the Order of Battle of BAOR in July 1989. At that time it is easiest to envisage BAOR as consisting of five main elements:

• **HQ BAOR and BAOR Troops**. HQ British Rhine Army was commanded by a four-star general from Rheindahlen, which also housed the headquarters of RAF Germany, NORTHAG and 2nd Allied Tactical Air Force. In the event of a war, BAOR would come under NATO command and Comd BAOR became Comd NORTHAG. NORTHAG's operational area extended from Hamburg down to Kassel and from the Netherlands border to the Inner German border. The 'remaining' elements of HQ BAOR would form British Support Command which would supply 1 (BR) Corps and guard the rear areas. In peacetime the BAOR laydown looked like this:



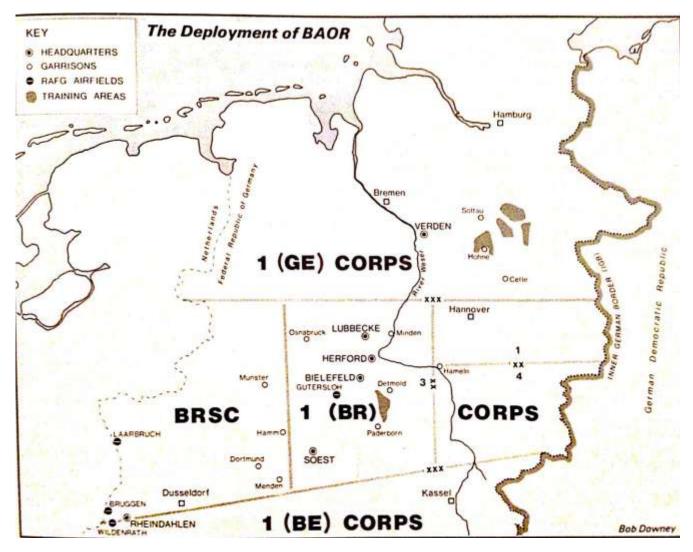
• **1 (BR) Corps**. 1 (BR) Corps was by far the largest element of BAOR. HQ 1 (BR) Corps was based in Bielefeld. In war it would defend a sector of the North German Plain between 1 (GE) Corps and 1 (BE) Corps. The 1 BR Corps area on Transition to War extended, on its North-South axis, from a line just north of Hanover to just north of Kassel (the foothills of the Harz Mountains). On its East-West axis, it extended from the Inner German Border to a line just west of Soest. (The Corps Forward Area was east of the Weser River and the Corps Rear Area west of it.) See Map.



#### NORTHERN ARMY GROUP (NORTHAG)

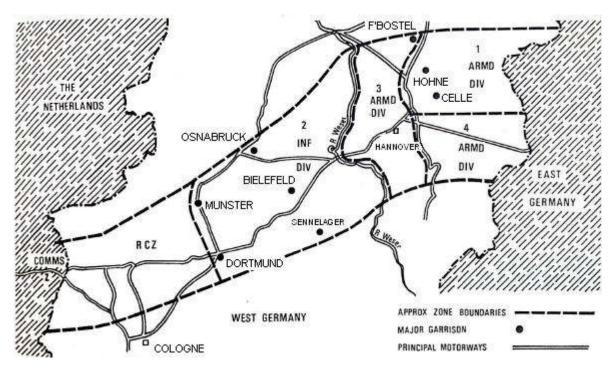
NORTHAG itself was commanded by AFCENT. 1 (BR) Corps consisted of Corps Troops and four divisions. 1, 3 and 4 Armd Divisions (less 19 Inf Bde) were based in Germany. In time of war 1 (BR) Corps was reinforced by the UK based 2 Inf Div.

Whilst this document does not seek to describe the envisaged battle plans a brief understanding can help explain the nature of the British orbat. 1 (BR) Corps was faced by the Soviet 3<sup>rd</sup> Shock Army as the first echelon force with 20<sup>th</sup> Guards Army as the second echelon. The plan to defeat the Soviets involved four elements. Firstly a screening force would delay the Soviet advance allowing the Armd Divisions to prepare their defensive positions and confirm the axes of advance. Secondly the main defensive battle was initially fought by 1 Armd Div (forward left i.e. north) and 4 Armd Div (forward right i.e. south). 4 Armd Div's area was more woody and undulating – hence the presence of 19 Inf Bde in 4 Armd Div. It was planned that 1 & 4 Armd Div's efforts would force a Soviet echelon change. Thirdly 3 Armd Div was to the rear and would strike to defeat the Soviet 2<sup>nd</sup> Echelon and seize the initiative. This strike to defeat mission explains why the STRIKER in 3 Armd Div's Recce Regt (9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Lancers) were grouped into a single squadron whilst in the Screening Force Recce Regts they provided a troop in each squadron to provide overwatch. Finally 2 Inf Div defended the Corps Rear Area with responsibility for the River Weser as a back stop. See Map.

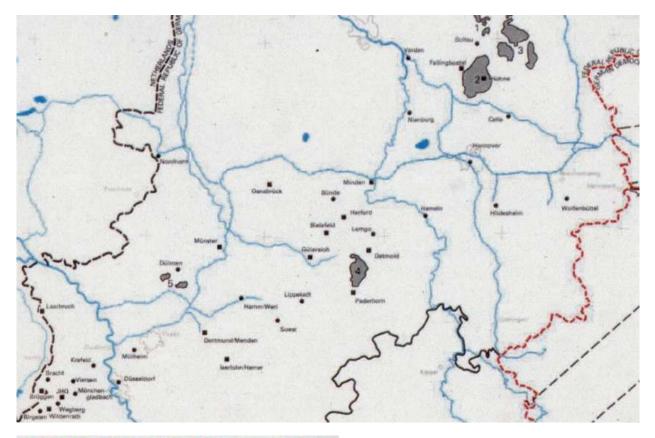


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- **British Rear Combat Zone**. BR RCZ had its headquarters in Dusseldorf. It was responsible for the resupply of the fighting formations.
- **The British Communications Zone**. BR Comm Z had its headquarters at Emblem in Belgium. It was tasked to receive reinforcements from Great Britain and to co-ordinate their onward movement to 1 (BR) Corps.
- **British Sector Berlin**. The fourth and final element was the Berlin Infantry Brigade, which was 3,000 strong and not subordinated to NORTHAG but under the control of the Allied Control Council in Berlin.



(From Fletcher, Geoff & Swann, Robert. British Army Transport and Logistics. Ian Allan Ltd, 1991)



# **BRITISH FORCES GERMANY**

# **Garrisons and Stations**

- Population: over 4000
- Population: 500 4000

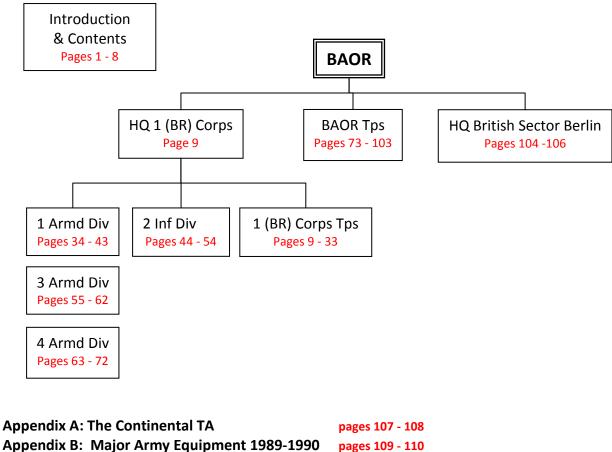
# **Major Training Areas**

- Soltau-Lüneburg Bergen-Hohne (GE) Munster (GE) 1.
- 2
- 3.
- Sennelager 4.
- 5. Haltern 6. Vogelsang (BE)

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#### Contents

For clarity and ease the units are grouped into the following elements. BAOR Tps groups those units supporting BAOR as a whole, the BR RCZ, CommZ and NATO. Each page in a section is tagged with the section title for ease of reference.



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For the most part Units are listed firstly by their parent Formation (Corps / Division and Brigade) and then by the British Army's Order of Precedence (RAC, RA, RE, Avn, R SIGNALS, Inf & SAS, Tpt, Med, Sup, Maint, Pro, PCS, Lab & Int). In some instances units are grouped together by function e.g. Fmn HQ Signals / RPC HQ Defence Platoon and Int Sect. Postal & Courier Units have been listed with the other RE units.

# HQ 1 (BR) Corps & Corps Troops

#### HQ 1 (BR) Corps

GOC: Lt Gen Sir Peter Anthony Inge KCB (08/08/1987 to 02/10/1989) Location: Ripon Bks, Bielefeld

## 1 (BR) Corps HQ Defence Coy RPC

Location: Ripon Bks, Bielefeld Note: 4 Offrs 78 ORs. Sources: 1988 SOHB & correspondence with The Royal Pioneer Corps Association.

# **Screening Force**

Comd: Brig Philip John Sanders CBE (10/12/1987 to 06/02/1990) Note: On TTW this force became an adhoc Brigade formation under command of BAOR's Brigadier RAC.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> The Queen's Dragoon Guards

Location: Northampton Bks, Wolfenbuttel (3/87-7/91) Type: ARMD RECCE REGT (BAOR)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
  - A Sqn
  - B Sqn
  - C Sqn
  - D Sqn
  - LAD REME

Notes: A & B Sqns formed the Maze Prison Guard Force from 5/89-7/89. Under command of 1 Armd Div in peacetime. 44 Offrs 427 ORs with 48x FV107 SCIMITAR, 16x FV102 STRIKER, & 20x FV103 SPARTAN. Source: 1988 SOHB

## 16<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> The Queen's Royal Lancers

Location: Harewood Bks, Herford (11/86-7/91) Type: ARMD RECCE REGT (BAOR)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- A Sqn
- B Sqn
- C Sqn
- D Sqn
- LAD REME

Note: Under command of 4 Armd Div in peacetime. 44 Offrs 427 ORs with 48x FV107 SCIMITAR, 16x FV102 STRIKER, & 20x FV103 SPARTAN. Source: 1988 SOHB

#### 664 Sqn AAC

Location: St. George's Bks, Minden

Note: Under command of Commander Aviation BAOR and 1 (BR) Corps, TTW role is to provide aviation support to the Screening Force. 9 Offrs 105 ORs with 12x GAZELLE AH1. Source: 1988 SOHB



#### Armoured Delivery Regt RAC

Location: Catterick

- Signal Tp
- HQ Sqn receives men & vehicles, sends crewed vehicles to Holding Sqn
- Holding Sqn Forms crewed vehicles into tps/sqns, sends them to Forward Delivery Sqns & Corps Tps
- Forward Delivery Sqn Supports 1 Armd Div
- Forward Delivery Sqn Supports 4 Armd Div
- Forward Delivery Sqn Supports Screening Force & 3 Armd Div
- LAD REME

Note: Based on the RAC Training Regt @ Catterick. Between March 1988 and April 1990 The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars provided two Sqns to the RAC Training Regt and RHQ, HQ, and two Sqns to the RAC Centre Regt @ Bovington/Lulworth. Source: Army Code71520 Operation Desert Sabre The Liberation of Kuwait 1990-91: The Planning Process and Tactics Employed by 1st Armoured Division and 1988 SOHB

This was a shadow organization that in TTW would source manpower from the following:

- 2 Armd Del Sqn RAC Cromwell Bks, Hamm
- RAC Gunnery Wing Caen Bks, Hohne
- RAC Centre Bovington
- RE Trg Wing
- Armd Inf Trg Advisory Team (AITAT)
   Normandy Bks, Sennelager
- 31 District Wksp REME Catterick

Source: The Armoured Delivery Group- Op Granby. Col S H R H Monro, British Army Review No.102, December 1992.

Bovington

#### 5<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Royal Green Jackets

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Oxford; MILAN & Recce Pls @ Oxford; Mortar Pl @ Milton Keynes
- **A Coy** High Wycombe
- **D Coy** Aylesbury
- **E Coy** Milton Keynes w/ Det @ Bletchley

Note: Security for HQ 1 BR Corps. Source: The Royal Green Jackets Chronicle 1988, 1989, and 1990 for Bn ORBAT and Official MOD documents for role.

Note on TA Inf Bns: EachTA Inf Bn organized their support Pls differently. Some had their support Pls under command of the Bns HQ Coy (5 RGJ), some separated them with each Rifle Coy being responsible for a specific Pl (see 4 RGJ), and others formed a separate Support Coy/Gp (see 5 Queens).

# Commander Royal Artillery 1 (BR) Corps

CRA: Maj Gen Thomas David Graham Quayle (12/12/1987 to 15/01/1990)

# 1<sup>st</sup> Artillery Brigade

Comd: Brig Alan Fleetwood Gordon (29/11/1988 to 19/01/1991) HQ Location: Ripon Bks, Bielefeld Note: 48 Offrs 226 ORs. Includes Corps OP Tp

### Det, 55 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS (V)

Location: Deysbrook Bks, Liverpool

#### **Royal Artillery Alanbrooke Band**

Location: Woolwich Note: In TTW functioned as stretcher bearers, triage personnel, etc

#### General Support Group (supports 4 Armd Div)

#### 5 Heavy Regt RA

Location: West Riding Bks, Dortmund Type: HY REGT (M107/Loc)

- HQ Bty
- K (Hondeghem) Heavy Bty
- P Heavy Bty (The Dragon Troop)
- Q (Sanna's Post) Locating Bty
- Wksp REME

Note: re-roling to MLRS. HQ Bty contained 6x Stay-behind Observation Post parties (SBOP). Locating Bty contained Sound Ranging, Drone, and Meteorological Tps. 36 Offrs 700 ORs with 12x M107A2 175mm SPG (6 per Hvy Bty).

#### 45 Field Regt RA "West Yorkshire Gunners"

Location: Kirkee Bks, Colchester Type: FD REGT (FH70)

- HQ Bty
- 52 (Niagra) Field Bty
- 94 Field Bty
- 170 (Imjin) Field Bty
- Wksp REME

Note: From 19<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde, minus Tactical Groups. 33 Offrs 583 ORS with 18x FH70 155mm Howitzers (6 per Fd Bty). Regt had 2x FOO Parties, the third was found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys).



# General Support Group (supports 1 Armd Div)

#### 32 Heavy Regt RA "Lancashire Gunners"

Location: Moore Bks, Dortmund Type: HY REGT (M107/Loc)

- HQ Bty
  - 18 (Quebec 1759) Heavy Bty
  - 74 Heavy Bty (The Battle-Axe Company)
  - 57 (Bhurtpore) Locating Bty
  - Wksp REME

Note: re-roling to MLRS. HQ Bty contained 6x SBOPs. Locating Bty contained Sound Ranging, Drone, and Meteorological Tps. 36 Offrs 700 ORs with 12x M107A2 175mm SPG (6 per Hvy Bty).

# 27 Field Regt RA "Hampshire Gunners"

Location: Alanbrooke Bks, Topcliffe Type: FD REGT (FH70)

- HQ Bty
- 6 Field Bty
- 23 (Gibraltar 1779-83) Field Bty
- 49 (Inkerman) Field Bty
- Wksp REME

Note: from 24<sup>th</sup> Airmobile Bde, minus Tactical Groups. 33 Offrs 583 ORs with 18x FH70 155mm Howitzers (6 per Fd Bty). Regt had 2x FOO Parties, the third was found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys).

# **Corps Support Group**

39 Heavy Regt RA "Birmingham Gunners"

Location: Dempsey Bks, Sennelager Type: HY REGT (M110)

- HQ Tp
- 132 Heavy Bty (The Bengal Rocket Troop)
- 176 (Abu Klea) Heavy Bty
- 56 (Olphert's) Special Weapons Bty

Note: Nuclear Support Role, handles the Nuclear shells for all Nuclear capable artillery. Has M109A1 155mm SPHs on strength to practice loading procedures. On arrival of MLRS, Bty was to re-locate to Portsmouth Bks, Munster under command of 8 Regt RCT. It would keep its nuclear mission but just co-locate with their RCT support Sqn. This Bty also had its own LAD REME. 56 Bty also had the 22<sup>nd</sup> US Army Field Artillery Det under command. Source: Phil from the RA Association Forum and <u>www.olpherts.bravepages.com/page8.html</u>

• Wksp REME

Note: Re-roling to MLRS in 1990, the M110A2 will last be fired in West Germany in Dec 1989. One battery supports each General Support Group. 19 Offrs 577 ORs with 12x M110A2 203mm SPGs (6 per Hvy Bty). Source: <u>39missile.tripod.com/id35.html</u>

#### 94 Locating Regt RA

Location: Roberts Bks, Larkhill

• HQ Bty

Note: 15 Offrs 106 ORs with AD Sect (4x Javelin MANPADS), Meteorological & Survey Tp, & Force Arty HQ AMF (L). Fire Direction Centre Gp (FDC) assigned to BAOR.

• 22 (Gibraltar 1779-83) Locating Bty

Note: 10 Offrs 216 ORs with Sound Ranging, Drone, and Meteorological Tps & RAOC Sect. Assigned to UKMF

• 156 (Inkerman) Locating Bty

Note: 10 Offrs 224 ORs with Sound Ranging, Drone, and Meteorological Tps & RAOC Sect. Assigned to BAOR

#### • 73 (Sphinx) Mortar Locating Bty

Note: 6 Offrs 176 ORs in BHQ & 3x Mortar Loc Tps. BHQ & 2x Tps to BAOR. 1x Tp to UKMF

- 5 (Gibraltar 1779-83) Field Bty
- Note: 8 Offrs 148 ORs with 6x L118 LIGHT GUNS. Assigned to AMF (L)

Wksp REME

Note: Only 156 Bty, 2xTps 73 Bty, & the FDC Gp BAOR assigned

Note on 73 Bty: 73 (Sphinx) Mortar Locating Bty was placed in suspended animation in March 1991, its personnel going to each of the four M109 Regts to form Mortar Loc Tps (the Abbot Regts already had them). In April 1991 the Bty was reformed using personnel taken from the SBOPs from 5 & 32 Hy Regts and renamed 73 (Sphinx) Special OP Bty and came under peacetime command of 5 Hy Regt. Thus 73 Bty became the regular counterpart of the HAC.

#### The Honourable Artillery Company

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Armoury House, Finsbury, London
- I Sqn Somme Tp, Ypres Tp, Arras Tp
- II Sqn El Alamein Tp, Cassino Tp, El Hamma Tp
- III Sqn Aden Tp, Gaza Tp, Rhine Tp

• The Gun Troop

Note: Surveillance & Target Acquisition Role. The Gun Tp, which had 6x 25pdrs, was assigned MHD role in London District.

#### 50 Missile Regt RA "Lincolnshire & Humberside Gunners"

Location: Northumberland Bks, Menden Type: MSL REGT

- RHQ & HQ Bty
- 15 Missile Bty
- 19 (Gibraltar 1779-83) Missile Bty
- 36 (Arcot 1751) Missile Bty
- Wksp REME

Note: 47 Offrs 806 ORs with 12x LANCE (4 per Msl Bty).

#### 8<sup>th</sup> Bn, The Queen's Fusiliers (Volunteers)

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO ARTY SY)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction
- A (Highwood) Coy TAC Flodden Rd, Camberwell
- B (Middlesex) Coy Edgeware & Hornsey
- C (City of London Fusiliers) Coy Balham w/Pl @ Orpington

Note: Security for 50 Missile Regt. The UKLF ORBAT Review Action Plan recommended that an additional TA Inf Bn be formed in London District for MHD which would "resolve the 8 QF anomaly". It does not elaborate further if the Bn was going to be split along Queen's Regt/RRF lines or if a new two Bn "London Regt" would be formed.

Supports HQ 1<sup>st</sup> Arty Bde Supports 1 Armd Div Supports 4 Armd Div Supports HQ 1 BR Corps

#### **TA Observation Post Batteries** (provided the third OP party to each regular field battery)

#### 266 (Gloucestershire Volunteer Artillery) OP Bty RA (V)

Location: The Artillery Grounds (TAC Whiteladies Rd), Clifton, Bristol

#### 269 (West Riding) OP Bty RA (V)

Location: Leeds

#### 307 (South Nottinghamshire Hussars Yeomanry, RHA) OP Bty RA (V)

Location: Bulwell

*Note: provides the third OP to each Fd Bty* 

Further Notes: each Bty provided 18x Observation Teams each of 1 Captain and 6 ORs. Each Bty also a troop of 3x 25pdrs guns on strength. Each 22 Offrs 147 ORs

#### **Air Defence Group**

#### 12 Air Defence Regt RA

Location: Napier Bks, Dortmund Type: AD REGT (RAPIER)

- RHQ & HQ Tp
- T Air Defence Bty (Shah Shujah's Troop)
- 9 (Plassey) Air Defence Bty
- 12 (Minden) Air Defence Bty
- 58 (Eyre's) Air Defence Bty
- Wksp REME

Note: 46 Offrs 799 ORs with 24x TRACKED RAPIER (T & 9 Btys) and 24x TOWED RAPIER FSB1 (12 & 58 Btys).

#### 22 Air Defence Regt RA

"Welsh Gunners"

Location: Moore Bks, Dortmund Type: AD REGT (RAPIER)

- RHQ & HQ Tp
- 11 (Sphinx) Air Defence Bty
- 53 (Louisburg) Air Defence Bty
- 35 Air Defence Bty
- 42 (Alam Hamza) Air Defence Bty
- Wksp REME

Note: 46 Offrs 799 ORs with 24x TRACKED RAPIER (11 & 53 Btys) and 24x TOWED RAPIER FSB1 (35 & 42 Btys).

#### **16 Air Defence Regt RA** "Strathclyde Gunners"

Location: Rapier Bks, Kirton-in-Lindsey Type: AD REGT (RAPIER)

- RHQ & HQ Tp
- 14 (Cole's Kop) Air Defence Bty
- 30 Air Defence Bty (Roger's Company)
- 32 (Minden) Air Defence Bty
- [20 Air Defence Bty]
- Wksp REME

Notes: 39 Offrs 631 ORs with 36x TOWED RAPIER FSB1 (12 per Bty). 20 Bty was reformed April 1990, supports 3 Commando Bde, RM. One Bty supports UKMF, only 2x Btys would support 1<sup>st</sup> BR Corps. Regt provides 2x BADLO parties, one each to 15 and 49 Inf Bdes.

#### 6 Air Defence Regt RA

Location: ? Type: AD REGT (HVM)

- RHQ & HQ Bty
- H Air Defence Bty (Ramsay's Troop)
- M Air Defence Bty
- V Air Defence Bty
- Wksp REME

Note: To be formed in the early 1990's when STARSTREAK HVM comes into service (in service date 1991-93) to consist of three batteries each of 36x HVM STORMER. The British Army: A Pocket Guide 2nd Edition (1986-87), states it would be numbered "15" this had been confirmed by correspondence with the Royal Artillery Museum. However new information direct from the MOD indicate it would be numbered "6" (I side with MOD on this one, 6 used to be a RHA Regt and the Btys were all old RHA units). See also "New Air Defence Regiment for BAOR", Jane's Defence Weekly, 27 December 1987. As per BAOR's submission to The TA ORBAT Review, HQ 1<sup>st</sup> Arty Bde felt it was "highly desirable" that a fourth crewmember be added to each vehicle crew. Options were a new TA Bty or individual reservists who were capable of being trained as a driver, signaler and missile operator. The total requirement was for 108 ORs

Further Notes: After the formation of 6 AD Regt, each Armd Div would have 1x AD Bty with JAVELIN, 1x HVM Bty, and 1x TRACKED RAPIER Bty, and 1x TOWED RAPIER Bty assigned. I believe that three of the AD Regts would then take over these four btys (one AD Regt HQ to each Armd Div) leaving one AD Regt HQ to command the remaining 3x TOWED RAPIER and 1x TRACKED RAPIER Btys for the Corps Rear Area.

# **Royal Artillery TA Reinforcements**

#### 102 (Ulster) Air Defence Regt RA (V)

Locations:

Type: TA AD REGT (JAVELIN)

- RHQ & HQ Bty Newtownards
- 215 (North Down) Bty Newtownards
- 206 (Coleraine) Bty Coleraine
- LAD REME (V)

Note: Each Bty established for 16x JAVELIN MANPADS and 12x OPs.

#### 104 Air Defence Regt RA (V)

Locations:

Type: TA AD REGT (BLOWPIPE)

- RHQ & HQ Bty Raglan Barracks, Newport
- 210 (Staffordshire) Bty Wolverhampton
- **211 (South Wales) Bty** Newport (BHQ and D (Monmouthshire) Tp), Cardiff (E (Glamorgan Yeomanry) Tp), Ebbw Vale (F (Brecknockshire and Monmouthshire) Tp)
- 214 (Worcestershire) Bty Malvern dets @ Worcester & Redditch
- 217 (County of Gwent) Bty Cwmbran
- LAD REME (V)

Note: Each Bty established for 16x BLOWPIPE MANPADS and 12x OPs.

#### 105 (Scottish) Air Defence Regt RA (V)

Locations:

Type: TA AD REGT (JAVELIN)

- RHQ &HQ (City of Edinburgh) Bty TAC Colington Rd, Edinburgh
- 207 (City of Glasgow) Bty Glasgow
- 212 (Highland) Bty Arbroath with F Tp at Glenrothes
- 218 (Lothian) Bty TAC Beveridge Sq, Livingston and Edinburgh
- 219 (City of Dundee) Bty Dundee
- LAD REME (V)

Note: Each Bty established for 16x JAVELIN MANPADS and 12x OPs.

Further notes: As per BAOR's submission to The TA ORBAT Review, HQ 1<sup>st</sup> Arty Bde felt it was "highly desirable" that the Parachute Regiment Group be assigned a BADLO (Bde AD Liason Officer) party of 1x Offr and 1x SNCO (24hr manning) to advise PRG Comd on AD, as well as to command and coordinate any intimate AD assets. 15 and 49 Inf Bdes already had 2x BADLO parties from 16 AD Regt and 24 Airmobile Bde 1x from 21 AD Bty. These three Regts seem to have had a role in both the CRA and RCZ. Sources: 1988 SOHB & "Armed Forces Magazine July 1987 Vol 6 No 7"

# **Logistics 1st Artillery Brigade**

#### 8 Artillery Support Regt RCT

Location: Portsmouth Bks, Münster

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
  - SqnOperatesForward Exchange PointSqnSupports 50 Missile Regt
- 5 Transport Sqn
   Supports 50 Missile Reg
   12 Transport Sqn
   Supports 5 Heavy Regt
- 13 Transport Sqn Supports 32 Heavy Regt
- 27 Transport Sqn Supports 39 Heavy Regt
- Wksp REME
  - [270 Transport Sqn (V) Operates Rear Exchange Point (from 163 Transport & Movements Regt)]

Note: This is the Regimental configuration once MLRS/DROPS is completely deployed, each sqn will be established for 34x DROPS vehicles. In the July 1989 time frame 270 Sqn was still under command of 163 Regt.

#### 153 (Highland) Artillery Support Regt RCT (V)

Locations:

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- RHQ & HQ Sqn Dunfermline
- 231 Arty Sp Sqn (V) Dunfermline
- 239 (Highland Yeomanry) Arty Sp Sqn (V) Cupar, Kirkcaldy, & Leven
- Wksp REME (V)

Note: Regiment supported the AD Regts at this time. The Regiment was scheduled to re-role to a 4<sup>th</sup> Line Transport Regt in the early 1990's.

Note: According to the terms of the Heidelberg Agreement regarding the US supplied warheads for the RA the following American units came under command:

#### 570<sup>th</sup> U.S. Army Artillery Group 583<sup>rd</sup> U.S. Army Ordnance Company

Sources: This and all other RCT information comes mainly from "British Army Transport and Logistics. Robert Swann & Geoff Fletcher. London: Ian Allan Ltd, 1991". Along with various issues of "The Waggoner: Journal of The Royal Corps of Transport 1988, 1989, 1990, & 1991".

Note on RA Sources: All RA sources are from the 1988 SOHB along with the following website: <u>http://british-army-units1945on.co.uk/</u>

Additionally a now defunct website known as "Artillery Friends". It can still be retrieved by an Internet Archive search. http://web.archive.org/web/20060213021333/www.wohnungs-suche.com/Raa/index.htm

# Commander Royal Engineers 1 (BR) Corps

CCRE: Brig Thomas Richard Wright (11/12/1988 to 10/02/1990)

#### 23 Engineer Regt RE

Location: Quebec Bks, Osnabruck Type: CORPS ENGR REGT (BAOR)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 39 Field Sqn
- 73 Field Sqn
- Wksp REME

Note: Each Field Sqn Consists of Sqn HQ, 3x Field Tps, Support Tp, & REME Sect. REME Wksp contains a RAOC Stores Sect Further Note: During 1988/89 this Regt was assigned to 3 Armd Div trialling the Close Support Engineer concept. Each Sqn received 6x CHIEFTAIN AVRE (The "Willich" CHIEFTAINS) and 6x CHIEFTAIN AVLB. See 3 Armd Div Sect.

#### **25 Engineer Regt RE**

Location: Roberts Bks, Osnabruck Type: CORPS ENGR REGT (BAOR)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 12 Field Sqn
- 16 Field Sqn
- Wksp REME

Note: Each Field Sqn consists of Sqn HQ, 3x Field Tps, Support Tp, & REME Sect with a total of 14x FV436, 5x FV180 CETs, & 9x FV103 SPARTAN. REME Wksp contains a RAOC Stores Sect

#### 28 Amphibious Engineer Regt RE

Location: Bindon Bks, Hameln

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 23 Amphibious Sqn
- 64 Amphibious Sqn
- 71 Amphibious Support Sqn
- Wksp REME

Note: **23 & 64 Sqns** consist of SHQ & 2x Amphib Tps (each 30x M2D FERRIES). **71 Sqn** consists of SHQ, Training Tp, Support Tp, & Reserve Rig Tp with a total of 24x M2D FERRIES and 6x FV180 CETs. REME Wksp contains a RAOC Stores Sect

#### 32 Armoured Engineer Regt RE

Location: Dennis Bks, Munsterlager

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 26 Armoured Engineer Sqn
- 31 Armoured Engineer Sqn
- 77 Armoured Engineer Sqn
- Wksp REME

Notes: Each Sqn Consisted of SHQ, 4x Armd Engr Tps, Support Tp, & REME Sect. REME Wksp contains a RAOC Stores Sect. In 1989 the Sqns fielded the following equipment:

- 26 & 31 Sqns (each) 9x CHIEFTAIN AVLB (6x No.8 Bridges & 5x No.9 Bridges), 5x SCAMMELL CRUSADERS (for the No. 9 Bridges), 6x CENTURION AVRE 165 (with 165mm Demolition gun), and 3x CENTURION AVRE 105 (with 105mm tank gun).
- **77 Sqn** 9x CHIEFTAIN AVLB (4x No.8 Bridges & 6x No.9 Bridges), 5x SCAMMELL CRUSADERS (for the No. 9 Bridges), 6x CENTURION AVRE 165 (with 165mm Demolition gun), and 4x CHIEFTAIN AVRE (The "Willich" Chieftains) Source: "One More River to Cross: The Story of British Military Bridging. Col J H Joiner."

Further Notes: Initially each Armd Div would receive 1x Armd Engr Sgn. After Engineer Trials in 1988/89 it was planned for each Armd Div to have 2x Engr Regts (the three existing Div Engr Regts, the two Corps Engr Regts, & 32 Armd Engr Regt) with 5x Armd/Field Sqns & 1x Field Support Sqn divided between them. The Corps engineers would then consist of 28 Amphib Engr Regt, 43 Plant Sqn, 65 Corps Support Sqn, & 1x Corps Armd Engr Sqn.

#### 65 Corps Support Sqn, RE

Location: Gordon Bks, Hameln (Dets @ Crocker Bks, Sennelager & Tofrek Bks, Hildesheim) Note: Consists of SHQ, Resources Support Tp, Forward Delivery & Bridging Tp, M2 Tp (20x M2D FERRIES), Engineer Park, REME Workshop, & RAOC Stores Sec

#### 43 Plant Sqn RE

Location: Roberts Bks, Osnabruck Note: Consists of SHQ, Forward Tp, Rear Tp, & REME Sec. On TTW added a Combat Plt Tp from the Continental TA. 410 (BAOR) Combat Plant Tp RE (V) Location: Roberts Bks, Osnabruck Note: a Continental TA unit, one of five units formed from ex-service personnel who lived on the Continent (FRG & the BENELUX countries. 1 Offr & 37 ORs

#### 590 EOD Sqn RE (V)

(from 101 (London) Engr Regt (EOD) RE (V))

Location: Chatham

#### **Corps Lighting Tp RE**

Location: ? Bks, Herford Note: provides electrical power and lighting for Corps HQ

#### 211 Mobile Civilian Artisan Group

Location: Sennelager

416 Indep Combat Artisan Tp RE (V) Location: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley

#### 256 Mobile Civilian Plant Group

Location: Chatham Bks, Hannover Note: Included LAD REME

#### 409 Indep Combat Plant Tp RE (V)

Location: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley

#### 1 Postal & Courier Regt RE

Location: Langenhagen Bks, Hannover

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 10 Postal & Courier Sqn
- 11 Postal & Courier Sqn Shiel Bks, Verden
- 12 Postal & Courier Sqn (V) CVHQ RE PCS Inglis Bks, Mill Hill
- 13 Postal & Courier Sqn St Sebastian Bks, Soest
- 14 Postal & Courier Sqn- Wentworth Bks, Herford •
- 15 Postal & Courier Sqn (V)- CVHQ RE PCS Inglis Bks, Mill Hill

Sources : All RE listings are from The 1988 SOHB and additionally : The History of the Central Volunteer Headquarters Royal Engineers. Col G F Edwards TD. The Institution of Royal Engineers, 2010.

The Royal Engineers. T J Gander London : Ian Allen, 1985 The History of the Corps of Royal Engineers, Vol XI 1960-1980 & Vol XII 1980-2000. The information on all Continental TA unit is from Soldier Magazine June 1991

1 (BR) CORPS TROOPS

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- 1 Armd Div 2 Inf Div 3 Armd Div 4 Armd Div **Corps Troops**
- **Corps Troops**

# Commander Aviation BAOR and 1 (BR) Corps

Comd: Brig Simon William St John Lytle (1/1987 to 12/1990)

#### **1 Regiment AAC**

Location: Tofrek Bks, Hildesheim Type: REGT (BAOR) TYPE A

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
  - 651 Sqn
  - 652 Sqn
  - 661 Sqn
  - Wksp REME

Note:. 32 Offrs 357 ORs with 18x GAZELLE AH1 & 18x LYNX AH1

#### **3 Regiment AAC**

Location: Salamanca Bks, Soest Type: REGT (BAOR) TYPE B

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 653 Sqn
- 662 Sqn
- 663 Sqn
- Wksp REME

Note: 35 Offrs 365 ORs with 12x GAZELLE AH1 & 18x LYNX AH1. Designated the Comd 1 (BR) Corps AT Reserve.

#### **4 Regiment AAC**

Location: Hobart Bks, Detmold Type: REGT (BAOR) TYPE A

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 654 Sqn
- 659 Sqn
- 669 Sqn
- Wksp REME

Note: 32 Offrs 357 ORs with 18x GAZELLE AH1 & 18x LYNX AH1.

**664 Sqn AAC** Location: St. George's Bks, Minden Type: CORPS SQN *Note: Corps Sqn. 9 Offrs 105 ORs with 12x GAZELLE AH1.Includes LAD REME* 

#### 12 Flight AAC

Location: RAF Wildenrath Type: THEATRE FLT Note: HQ BAOR. 2 Offrs 20 ORs with 4x GAZELLE AH1. Shown here for completeness.

#### 7 Flight AAC

Location: RAF Gatow, Berlin Note: Under command of Berlin Bde. Shown here for completeness

Sources: 1988 SOHB & "Todays Army Air Corps. Paul Beaver. Wellingborough: Patrick Stephens Ltd, 1987".

# Commander Communications 1 (BR) Corps

Comd: Brig Thomas Ian Macdonald Waugh (21/09/1987 to 14/12/1989)

#### **7 Signal Regt R SIGNALS**

Location: Maresfield Bks, Herford Type: CORPS REGT

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 1 Sqn
- 2 Sqn
- 3 Sqn
- 4 Sqn
- 5 Sqn
- LAD REME

Notes: Provides 1 BR Corps Main, Forward and Step Up HQs.

#### 22 Signal Regt R SIGNALS

Location: Churchill Bks, Lippstadt Type: CORPS REGT

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 1 Sqn Commhead November power supplies, radio relay trunk systems, and local telephone cable facilities
- 2 Sqn HF Radio Relay sytems and non-BRUIN Commcen Sierra
- 3 Sqn maintains links with flank Corps (1 GE & 1 BE Corps)
- LAD REME

Notes: Provides 1 BR Corps Rear HQ.

#### 14 Signal Regt (Electronic Warfare) R SIGNALS

Location: Taunton Bks, Celle Type : CORPS REGT (EW)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 1 Sqn
- 2 Sqn
- 3 Sqn
- LAD REME

Note: Provides Electronic Warfare support to 1 BR Corps.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29<sup>th</sup> /45<sup>th</sup> Foot) Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO COMMS SY)

- HQ & HQ Coy Kohima House, Redditch
- A Coy TAC Silver St, Worcester w/ Pl @ Stourport
- **B Coy** Kidderminster w/Pl @ Droitwich
- C Coy Shirley, Birmingham
- **D Coy** TAC Triumph Rd, Nottingham

Note: Corps Communications Security. Source: "Firm and Forester: The History of The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot) 1970-2007. Tom Blyth. Chesterfield: Bannister Publishers, 2 009". By the time of Camp in 1989, the Bn had been alerted that it would re-role to MHD as of October 1990 and be replaced in the Corps Communications Security role by 3 CHESHIRE post October 1990

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO COMMS SY)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Crowne Gate Bks, Runcorn (EW Guard PI)
- A Coy The Armoury, Greek St, Stockport (1, 2, 3, 4 Pls)
- **B Coy** Ypres Bks, Macclesfield (5, 6, 7, 8 Pls)
- C Coy TAC Stanney Ln, Ellesmere Port (9, 10, 11, 12 Pls)
- D Coy TAC Myrtle St, Crewe w/Pl @ TAC Darwen St, Northwich (13, 14, 15, 16 Pls)

Note: In June 1990 took part in Ex Summer Sales, Pls provided defence of Ptarmigan Trunk Nodes. The EW (Electronic Warfare) Guard Pl provided defence for 14 Signal Regt forward Dets. Source: The Oak Tree: The Journal of The 22nd (Cheshire) Regiment 1988, 1989, 1990, 1991 and "Ever Glorious: The Story of the 22<sup>nd</sup> (Cheshire) Regiment 1689-2007 (3 Volumes). Maj Gen Keith Skempton, Brig Bernard Rigby, and Maj John Ellis. Chester: The Cheshire Military Museum, 2010"

Sources: All R SIGNALS information is from the 1988 SOHB and "The Royal Corps of Signals: Unit Histories of the Corps 1920-2001 and its Antecedents. Cliff Lord & Graham Watson. Solihull: Helion and Co Ltd, 2003."

# **Special Air Service Group**

#### 63 (SAS) Signal Sqn R SIGNALS (V)

Locations:

- SHQ Thorney Island, W Sussex
- **A Tp** Southampton, Hants
- **B Tp** Bournemouth, Dorset
- **C Tp** Portsmouth, Hants
- **D Tp** Chichester, W Sussex

Source: The Royal Corps of Signals: Unit Histories of the Corps 1920-2001 and its Antecedents. Cliff Lord and Graham Watson. Helion and Co. Ltd, Solihull 2003.

#### 21 Special Air Service Regiment (Artists) (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn- Chelsea, London
- A Sqn Chelsea, London
- **B Sqn** Chelsea, London
- C Sqn Hitchin, Herts
- **D Sqn** Portsmouth, Hants
- E Sqn Newport, Gwent

#### 23 Special Air Service Regiment (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn- Birmingham, W Midlands
- A Sqn Port Glasgow, Inverclyde
- **B Sqn** Leeds, W. Yorks
- C Sqn Rotherham, S Yorks
- **D Sqn** Invergowrie, Angus
- **G Sqn** Manchester, Gtr Man

Note: The TA SAS Regts operated as SBOP (Stay Behind Observation Posts) and LRRPs. Missions included recce of Warsaw Pact MSRs (including, from what I have read, the elimination of WP Traffic Control Personnel), artillery direction, and airstrike control. The last two included tactical nuclear strike target identification.

# Commander Transport 1 (BR) Corps

Comd: Brig John Donald MacDonald (13/07/1988 to 29/04/1991)

#### 7 Tank Transporter Regt RCT

Location: Antwerp Bks, Sennelager

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- Training Wing
- 3 Tank Transporter Sqn Antwerp Bks, Sennelager

Note: Consists of 2x Tps with 36 x SCAMMELL COMMANDERS

• 16 Tank Transporter Sqn - St Barbara Bks, Fallingbostel

Note: Consists of 2x Tps with36 x SCAMMELL COMMANDERS and 1x Tp with 26x SCAMMELL CRUSADERS. Formerly 312 Tank Transporter Unit MSO.

• 617 Transporter Sqn - Cromwell Bks, Hamm

Note: Consists of 1x Tp of 18x SCAMMELL COMMANDERS, 1x Tp with 26x SCAMMELL CRUSADERS, and 1xTp with 38x MERCEDES-BENZ 26-44. 617 Sqn. consists of 'Warsaw', 'Krakow', & 'Poznan' Troops; formerly a Mixed Service Unit (MSO) of Poles and other Eastern Europeans displaced at the end of World War II

Wksp REME

#### **10 Corps Transport Regt RCT**

Location: Catterick Bks, Bielefeld

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 17 Transport Sqn
  - C Tp, 9 Fuel Sqn

Note: C Tp is the Regts railhead Tp and will hold the BAOR stock of Rail Transfer Equipment and is able to operate 8x railheads. Prior to DROPS, C Tp had 19x BEDFORD TM 14-TONNES, 18x BEDFORD TM 8-TONNES, and 6x AEC MILITANT MKIII 10-TONNE GS.

#### • 36 Transport Sqn

Supports 4 Armd Div

Supports 1 Armd Div

Note: 17 & 36 Sqns each operate 54x BEDFORD TM 14-TONNE GS. As of 1986 they were still equipped with AEC MILITANT MKIII 10-TONNE GS.

- 9 Fuel Sqn
  - A & B Tps
  - 2x TA Tps

Support 1 & 4 Armd Div Supports 3 Armd Div & Joint Helicopter Support Unit

Note: TA Tps from 262 Fuel Sqn (V), 160 Transport Regt. (V). The Fuel Tps each operate 18x FODEN TTF 16-TONNE

• Wksp REME

#### 157 (Wales & Midlands) Transport Regt RCT (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Maindy Bks, Cardiff
- 7 Transport Sqn
- 60 Transport Sqn

Supports 3 Armd Div (from 27 Logistic Support Regt) Operates forward railheads (from 2 Div Tpt Regt)

- 223 (South Wales) Transport Sqn (V) Swansea
- 224 (Pembokeshire Yeomanry) Transport Sqn (V) Carmarthen & Haverfordwest

Note: Organic Sqns (223 & 224) come under command of CRE 1 BR Corps . One sqn is equipped with 99 x BEDFORD TM 8-TONNE TIPPERS. The other Sqn is equipped with 22 x BEDFORD TM 8-TONNE TIPPERS, 20 x BEDFORD TM 8-TONNE, and 20 x AEC MILITANT MK III 10-TONNE. Source: 1988 SOHB.

- B Tp, 54 Engineer Support & Ambulance Sqn, RCT- Tunis Bks, Lubbecke
- C Tp, 54 Engineer Support & Ambulance Sqn, RCT- Tunis Bks, Lubbecke
- E Tp, 54 Engineer Support & Ambulance Sqn, RCT- Tunis Bks, Lubbecke

Note: Each Tp is equipped with 15x BEDFORD TM 8-TONNE TIPPERS and 8x BEDFORD GS 4-TONNE.

Note: RHQ forms the basis of the second Corps Transport Regt. 60 Sqn holds the UK stock of Rail Transfer Equipment and it's RTE Tp is able to operate 8x railheads.

• Wksp REME (V)

#### 152 (Ulster) Ambulance Regt RCT (V)

Locations:

• RHQ & HQ Sqn – TAC Sunnyside St, Belfast

• **211 Ambulance Sqn (V)** – TAC Sunnyside St, Belfast (SHQ, A, B, C Tps & Wksp) w/ D Tp at Ballymena Note: runs 3x Ambulance Support Groups (ASG) Evac from RAMC units of 1 Armd Div to Field Hospitals Forward Surgical Complex (FSC). **320 Medical Pl RAMC (V)** under command.

• **220** Ambulance Sqn (V) –TAC Caw Camp, Londonderry (SHQ, E, F, G, & Wksp) w/ H Tp at Enniskillen Note: runs 3x Ambulance Support Groups (ASG) Evac from RAMC units of 4 Armd Div to Field Hospitals Forward Surgical Complex (FSC). **323** Medical PI RAMC (V) under command.

• **264 Ambulance Sqn (V)** - HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham (from 161 Ambulance Regt (V)) Note: runs 3x Ambulance Support Groups (ASG) Evac from RAMC units of 1 Armd Div to Field Hospitals Forward Surgical Complex (FSC). **324 Medical Pl RAMC (V)** under command.

• **260** Ambulance Sqn (V) - HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham (from 161 Ambulance Regt (V)) Note: runs 3x Ambulance Support Groups (ASG) Evac from RAMC units of 4 Armd Div to Field Hospitals Forward Surgical Complex (FSC). **325** Medical PI RAMC (V) under command.

• **290** Ambulance Sqn (V) - HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham (from 161 Ambulance Regt (V)) Note: handles Evac from Field Hospital FSC to Railheads Rear Surgical Complex (RSC). **310** Medical PI RAMC (V) under command.

#### Wksp REME (V)

*Note: This was a 3<sup>rd</sup> Line Regt* 

#### 24 Transport & Movements Regt RCT

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Chatham Bks, Hanover
- 69 Movement Control Sqn Chatham Bks, Hanover
- 603 Mobile Civilian Tpt Gp Campbell Bks, Hohne
- 627 Mobile Civilian Tpt Gp Westminster Bks, Minden
- 629 Mobile Civilian Tpt Gp Woolwich Bks, Osnabruck
- 632 Mobile Civilian Tpt Gp Kerr Camp, Bad Oeynhausen

Note: Covered the 1 Armd Div Area

#### 25 Transport & Movements Regt RCT

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Mossbank Bks, Bielefeld
- 70 Movement Control Sqn Mossbank Bks, Bielefeld
- 605 Mobile Civilian Tpt Gp Lincoln Bks, Münster
- 607 Mobile Civilian Tpt Gp Crocker Bks, Sennelager
- 623 Motor Tpt Unit, MSO Harrogate Bks, Bielefeld
- 636 Mobile Civilian Tpt Gp Vittoria Bks, Werl

Note: Covered 3 & 4 Armd Div Areas

#### 162 Movement Control Regt RCT (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn (V)- HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham
- 280 Movement Control Sqn (V)

Note: Traffic regulating @ Corps Supply Area (CSA)

- 281 Movement Control Sqn (V)
- Note: Movement Control @ Corps & CSA railheads

#### • 282 Movement Control Sqn (V)

Note : Movement Control @ Divisional railheads and Divisional Supply Areas

#### 14 Corps Support Sqn RCT

Location: Ripon Bks, Bielefeld

Note: A Tp is responsible for movement of General Officers, in TTW it takes over a fleet of LAND ROVERS FFR. B Tp provides operation vehicles, BEDFORD MK & MJ 4-TONNES. TTW divides itself into Main, Step-up, and Rear Sects.

# 1<sup>st</sup> (BR) Corps 3<sup>rd</sup> Line Logistics

#### 150 (Northumbrian) Transport Regt RCT (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Londesborough Bks, Hull
- 217 (Yorkshire) Transport Sqn (V) Leeds
- 218 (East Riding) Transport Sqn (V) Hull
- 219 (West Riding) Transport Sqn (V) Doncaster
- Wksp REME (V)

Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Line transport for 4 Armd Div, Corps Supply Area to Divisional Supply Area

#### 151 (Greater London) Transport Regt RCT (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Croydon
- 215 (Essex) Transport Sqn (V) Grays & Leigh-on-Sea
- 240 (Hertford) Transport Sqn (V) Barnet, Hitchin, & Slough
- Wksp REME (V)

Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Line transport for 3 Armd Div, Corps Supply Area to Divisional Supply Area

#### 154 (Lowland) Transport Regt RCT (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Glasgow
- 222 Transport Sqd (V) East Kilbride
- 225 (Queen's Own Lowland Yeomanry) Transport Sqn (V) Edinburgh
- 251 (Ayrshire Yeomanry (Earl of Carrick's)) Transport Sqn (V) Irvine
- Wksp REME (V)

Note: 3<sup>rd</sup> Line transport for 1 Armd Div, Corps Supply Area to Divisional Supply Area Note: The unit assignments are as of 1985. There would have been a shift when 33 Armd Bde went from 4 Armd Div to 3 Armd Div. I however do not know at this time if regts switched or an individual sqn.

General Note: With the introduction of DROPS vehicles, HQ 1 (BR) Corps felt the vehicle were such high value targets that they asked that a LMG dets of reservists (1x LCpl & 2x Ptes) be added to DROPS Regts to protect them in both hides and during operations. HQ 1 BR Corps called for the following:

69 x dets: 15x dets each (total of 45) for 1 and 3 Armd Div Tpt Regts and 8 Regt 10x dets for 4 Armd Div Tpt Regt 10x dets for 10 Corps Tpt Regt (4xdets are unallocated)

Notes on RCT listings: The bulk of information regarding all RCT entries in this document come from two major sources. The book "British Army Transport and Logistics. Robert Swan & Geoff Fletcher. Ian Allan Ltd. London, 1991." Along with the following webpage at the Movement Control Association's website, <u>www.movcon.org.uk/History/Documents/DID/D-MCHS%200387.htm</u>. The documenton the webpage is from the 1984/85 training year so there might be discrepencies. Additonally various issues of "The Waggoner: Journal of The Royal Corps of Transport from 1988, 1989, 1990, & 1991" were consulted.

# **Commander Medical 1 (BR) Corps**

Comd: Brig David Horst Coombe (02/11/1987 to 02/12/1990)

# **Forward Surgical Complex**

#### 21 Field Hospital RAMC

Location: Rinteln Note: Prior to TTW is BMH Rinteln. 227 Beds

#### **32 Field Hospital RAMC**

Location: Hannover Note: Prior to TTW is BMH Hannover. 145 Beds

#### **33 Field Hospital RAMC**

Location: Aldershot Note: Prior to TTW is Cambridge BMH Aldershot.

#### 211 (Wessex) Field Hospital RAMC (V)

Location: Barnstaple, Truro, Plymouth, Exeter, Taunton *Note: 400 Beds* 

#### 212 (Yorkshire) Field Hospital RAMC (V)

Location: Sheffield, Bradford, Leeds, Nottingham *Note: 400 Beds* 

#### 219 (Wessex) Field Hospital RAMC (V)

Location: Keynsham, Portsmouth, Weymouth, Gloucester, Oxford Note: 400 Beds

#### 202 (Midlands) General Hospital RAMC (V)

Location: Birmingham, Coventry, Shrewsbury Note: 800 Beds. The Warwickshire Volunteer Band (5 RRF) supported this unit on TTW.

#### 203 (Welsh) General Hospital RAMC (V)

Location: Cardiff, Newport, Swansea Note: 800 Beds

#### 204 (North Irish) General Hospital RAMC (V)

Location: Belfast, Carryduff, Dungannon, Holywood Note: 800 Beds

#### 217 General Hospital RAMC (V)

Location: Walworth, Blackheath, Brighton Note: 800 Beds

#### 83 Field Medical Equipment Depot RAMC

Location: Note: Prior to TTW Defence Medical Equip Depot BAOR. 2 Offrs 44 ORs

#### **Medical Reception Station Hohne**

Location: Hohne Note: 25 beds

#### **Medical Reception Station Osnabruck**

Location: Osnabruck Note: 9 beds

#### **Medical Reception Station Sennelager**

Location: Sennelager Note: 20 beds

#### Medical Pls RAMC (V)

- 264(V), 265(V), 267(V), 268(V), 269(V), 270(V), 272(V), 273(V), 275(V), 277(V), 279(V), 281(V), & 283(V) Note: 34 ORs

#### Field Surgical Teams RAMC (V)

-351(V), 352(V), 353(V), 354(V), 355(V), 356(V), 358(V), 359(V), 360(V), 361(V), 362(V), & 363(V) Note: Independent, no QARANC personel, attached to Fd Ambs as required. 4 Offrs 5 ORs

#### **Field Psychiatric Teams RAMC**

-62, 65, 66, & 67 Notes: deployed to Div Fd Ambs & CRA as required. 1 Offr 6 ORs

#### **11 Field Hygiene Sect RAMC**

Location: Normandy Bks, Sennelager Note: Prior to TTW School of Health BAOR. 10ffr 8 ORs

Note: In TTW the following Regular Army Bands support the RAMC in 1 BR Corps as stretcher bearers, triage personnel, etc - 2x RAC Regt Bands

- 1x Inf Regt Band (Large)(multi Bn Regt)

- REME Staff Band

Note: All RAMC information is thanks to John and PM along with official MOD documents.

# **Royal Army Dental Corps 1 BR Corps**

#### **Mobile Dental Teams RADC**

- 230 & 231 Location: Hammersmith Bks, Herford (1 Dental Gp) & Shiel Bks, Verden (2 Dental Gp) Note: Formed in TTW from No. 1, 2 & 12 Dental Gps

# Commander Supply 1 (BR) Corps

Comd: Brig David Francis Harris (16/11/1987 to 14/01/1990)

#### **5 Ordnance Bn RAOC**

Locations:

Type: CORPS CBT SUP BN

- HQ & HQ Coy Barker Bks, Paderborn • 51 Ordnance Coy (Petrol) Barker Bks, Paderborn Note: TTW reinforced by 511 to 516 Petrol Pls (V) from HQ RAOC TA Blackdown Bks (Deepcut) Camberley Depot Pombsen (troop accomandations @ Nieheim) • 52 Ordnance Coy (Ammo) 53 Ordnance Coy (Ammo) Depot 90 Sennelager (troop accommodations @ Barker Bks)
  - 54 Ordnance Coy (V) (Ammo)
  - 55 Ordnance Coy (V) (Ammo)

Heston Note: TTW 54 & 55 Ord Coys reinforced 52 & 53 Ord Coys. "In time of War the Static Ammunition Depots would have been outloaded to pre-planned CSA's (Combat Support Areas) and the 2 coys would establish a 24 hour shift system, in reality the companies were mixed together to establish a skills mix. Unit PUE's were held within 5 Ord Bn." Source: Mike from RAOC online forum.

FSts (Ammo)

- Hildesheim
- Hessich Oldendorf

HQ RAOC TA Blackdown Bks (Deepcut) Camberley

 FSts (Ammo) • FSts (Ammo)

Hagenohsen

Note: 1 (BR) Corps Combat Supplies Bn. 5 Ord Bn was techinically responsible for all FSts (Field Storage Sites) which were under control of the Ord Coy's Combat Supply Pl for outloading.

#### **6 Ordnance Bn RAOC**

Locations:

Type: CORPS TPS BN

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Richmond Bks, Bielefeld
- 61 Ordnance Coy Mansergh Bks, Gutersloh
- 62 Ordnance Coy (Stores) Richmond Bks, Bielefeld

Note: TTW reinforced by 621 Bulk Stores PI (V) & 622 Vehicle PI (V) from HQ RAOC TA Blackdown Bks (Deepcut) Camberley • 63 Ordnance Coy (Vehicle) Redcar Bks, Bielefeld

- Note: TTW reinforced by 631 Bulk Stores PI (V) & 632 Vehicle PI (V) from HQ RAOC TA Blackdown Bks (Deepcut) Camberley
  - Rochdale Bks, Bielefeld • 64 Ordnance Coy (Supply)

Note: 1 (BR) Corps Troops Bn. Includes 215 Bulk Stores Pl

#### 2 Aircraft Support Unit RAOC

Location: Hobart Bks, Detmold Note: Supports all the AAC Regts, Sqns, & Flts. Also supports 71 Aircraft Wksp REME

Note: All REME units invariably contained a RAOC Stores Sect as an integral part of the unit. All information on the RAOC is thanks to members of the RAOC Association online forum and especially Mike\_2817.

# Commander Maintenance 1 (BR) Corps

Comd: Brig John Edward Le Quesne (12/12/1988 to 09/12/1990)

#### **Commander Maintenance Corps Troops**

Comd: Lt Col Michael John Capper (24/04/1988 to 05/08/1990)

#### 1 (BR) Corps Troops Workshop REME

Location: Mossbank Bks, Bielefeld

#### 124 (Tyne Electrical Engineers) Recovery Coy REME (V)

Locations: HQ & two pls Newton Aycliffe, two pls Debdon Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne

Note: Supports 1 (BR) Corps Troops Workshop, REME. The Operational Role of 124 Recovery Company was to implement the REME Recovery Plan for the 1 (BR) Corps Rear Area under command Commander REME Corps Troops (this was trialed on Exercise Lionheart in 1982). In Layman's terms this was to provide an AA Relay style Roadside Rescue Service along the Main Supply Routes and Vulnerable Points (including the Weser Crossing Points) in the area west of the Forward Divisions rear boundaries to the Rear Combat Zone. The unit was under peacetime administrative command of 15 Infantry Brigade and there were thoughts that an element of the unit should rerole to provide the REME 2nd Line Workshop support to the Brigade on operations as mentioned elsewhere in this document. Source: Member of the BAOR Locations forum.

#### **20 Electronics Workshop REME**

Location: Kingsley Bks, Minden

#### 133 (Kent) Corps Troops Workshop REME (V)

Location: HQ & two pls Boxley Rd Maidstone, one pl Deal

#### 126 Reclamation Workshop REME (V)

Location: Coventry

- HQ PI
- 227 Reclamation PI (V) HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon
- 228 Reclamation Pl (V)
- 229 Reclamation Pl (V)

#### **Commander Maintenance Aviation (and Commander 71 AC Wksp)**

Comd: Lt Col Nicholas David Ross (18/01/1988 to 10/06/1990)

#### 71 Aircraft Workshop REME

Location: Hobart Bks, Detmold Note: Serviced all AAC aircraft

Source: Craftsmen of The Army: The Story of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Volume II 1969-1992. Brig JM Kneen BA & Brig DJ Sutton OBE. Leo Cooper 1996

# Provost Marshal 1 (BR) Corps

PM: Col Ian Cameron (19/11/1987 to 21/01/1990)

#### **4 Regiment RMP**

Note: Forms in TTW to control RMP units supporting 1 BR Corps. Also takes **246 Provost Coy** at Helmstedt under command on TTW. This is a post 1990 additon to the ORBAT.

#### 110 Provost Coy RMP

Location: Normandy Bks, Sennelager Detachment at Bielefeld Note: Provides manpower for **19 Sp Pl (SOXMIS Escort)** 

#### 115 Provost Coy RMP

Location: Roberts Bks, Osnabruck Detachments at Minden, Lubbecke & Bunde

#### 116 Provost Coy RMP (V)

Locations: Cannock, West Bromwich, Coventry, Old Trafford, & Cardiff

Note: All Pro Coys in BAOR (less 101 Pro Coy) were nominally Corps Troops. However the Coys which sp the Divs were under administrative command of the Divs in peacetime. In addition in peace **110 Pro Coy** was under admin command of 3 Armd Div and **115 Pro Coy** was under admin command of 1 Armd Div in whose areas they were based. All Royal Military Police information is thanks to John.

# Commander Labour Resource 1 (BR) Corps

Comd: Lt Col Garry Ross Cooper (26/09/1988 to 23/09/1990) Location : Ripon Bks, Bielefeld (2 Offrs 2 NCOs)

#### 8 Pioneer Labour Support Unit RPC

Location: Haig Bks, Hohne (Dets @ Verden, Hohne, Celle, & Fallingbostel)(3 Offrs)

#### 9 Pioneer Labour Support Unit RPC

Location: Rhodesia Bks, Minden (Dets @ Herford, & Hameln) (2 Offrs)

#### **10 Pioneer Labour Support Unit RPC**

Location: Harrogate Bks, Bielfeld (Dets @ Detmold & Osnabruck) (2 Offrs)

#### **12** Pioneer Labour Support Unit RPC

Location: Horrocks Bks, Sennelager (Det @ Lippstadt) (2 Offrs, 1 NCO)

# 187 (Tancred) Pioneer Coy RPC (from 23 Pioneer Gp RPC)

Location: Tidworth

(from 23 Pioneer Gp RPC)

518 Pioneer Coy RPC

Location : Bicester

#### 79 Pioneer Coy RPC (V)

Location : CVHQ RPC Simpson Bks, Wootton

Note: Information is from correspondence with the RPC Association with special thanks to Lt Col (Retd) J Starling. I have only listed the Army personnel as each unit employed "thousands" of civilians. For instance, 12 PLSU in 1987 had over 1,000 German and 1,000 British dependants employed.

## Commander Intelligence and Security 1 (BR) Corps

Comd: Lt Col Robert Herman Pepper (10/03/1989 to 07/05/1992)

#### **5 Security Coy INT CORPS**

Locations: Platherstrasse, Hannover

- 51 Sy Sect Trenchard Bks, Celle
- 52 Sy Sect Hannover
- 53 Sy Sect
- 54 Sy Sect
- 55 Sy Sect

#### 7 Intelligence Coy INT CORPS

Location: Bielefeld

- 70 Int Sect supports 1st BR Corps Ripon Bks, Bielefeld
   71 Int Sect supports 1st Armd Div Shiel Bks, Verden
- 71 Int Sect
   73 Int Sect
- 73 Int Sect
   74 Int Sect
- 704 Int Sect
- 706 Int Sect
- 707 Int Sect
- 711 Int Sect
- 711 Int Sect
   712 Int Sect
- 712 Int Sect
   720 Int Sect
- 720 Int Sect
   722 Int Sect
- 722 Int Sect
   722 Int Sect
- 733 Int Sect

#### supports 3rd Armd Div supports 4th Armd Div supports 4th Armd Bde supports 6th Armd Bde supports 7th Armd Bde

St Sebastian Bks, Soest

York Bks, Münster

Salamanca Bks, Soest

Bournemouth Bks, Soltau

Hammersmith Bks, Herford

Minden & Bielefeld

Lippe & Sennelager

Osnabruck

supports 11th Armd Bde Kinsley Bks, Minden supports 12th Armd Bde Quebec Bks, Osnabruck

supports 20th Armd Bde Hobart Bks, Detmold

supports 22nd Armd Bde Campbell Bks, Hohne

supports 33rd Armd Bde Alanbrooke Bks, Paderborn

#### 22 Intelligence Coy INT CORPS (V)

Location: London Note: POW handling/interrogation

#### Joint Services Intelligence Office (Corps) INT CORPS (V)

Location: Ripon Bks, Bielefeld

#### Joint Services Intelligence Office (BSF) INT CORPS (V)

Location: Ripon Bks, Bielefeld

Note: All Intelligence Corps information is thanks to "Threat" magazine and "Forearmed: History of the Intelligence Corps. Anthony Clayton."

#### **Corps Reinforcement Group**

Comd: Brig William Richard Mundell OBE (27/04/1988 to 07/01/1991) Note: On TTW Brigadier Infantry BAOR becomes Commander of the Corps Reinforcement Group Location: Sennelager.

Note: Forms in TTW from Sennelager Trg Ctr BAOR

- RAC Wing
- RA Wing
- RE Wing
- Comms & "Small Corps" Wing
- Inf Wing
- **Tpt Wing** (holds HGV drivers of all cap badges)
- Sup Wing (holds clerks of all cap badges)
- REME Wing
- Admin & Trg Wing

#### **BAOR Rehabilitation Facility RAMC**

Location: Iserlohn Note: TTW to Corps Reinforcement Group

#### **Combat Engineer Training Centre RE**

Location: Gordon Bks, Hameln Note: co-located with 35 Engr Regt for administration. Responsible for Royal Engineer Combat Engineer B3 to B2 and B1 conversion courses also training infantry assault pioneer sections. Source: Steve from BAOR locations forum

#### **Kiel Training Centre RE**

#### 1 BR Corps Transit Camp

Location: ?

#### Forward Combat Zone POW Camp

Note: There were 2x camps formed on TTW

#### BAOR Defence Animal Support Unit RAVC (V)

Location: Normandy Bks, Sennelager Note: a Continental TA unit. 1 Offr 50 ORs

#### **1** Corps Cash Office RAPC

Location: ?

#### 2 Corps Cash Office RAPC

Location: ?

# **1st Armoured Division**

FEBA (Northern Portion of Corps Front)

#### 1 Armd Div HQ & Signal Regt R SIGNALS

GOC: Maj Gen Richard Hall Swinburn (20/07/1987 to 03/08/1989) Location: Caithness Bks, Verden

#### • RHQ & HQ Sqn

Note: SHQ, MT Tp, Admin Tp, & LAD REME

#### • 1 Sqn

Note: SHQ, SCRA Tp, & 4x Trunk Node Tps

#### • 2 Sqn

Note: SHQ, Radio Tp, & Access Node Tp (Main/Step Up)

• 3 Sqn

Note: SHQ, Line Tp, Access Node Tp (Main/Step Up), & Access Node Tp (Rear)

#### Det, 55 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS (V)

Location: Deysbrook Bks, Liverpool

#### 1st Armd Div HQ Defence & Employment PI RPC

Location: Minden Note: 1 Offr 44 ORs, provided the manpower (7 ORs) for each Bde HQ's D & E Sect. Source: 1988 SOHB & RPC Association.

#### 71 Int Sect INT CORPS

Location: Caithness Bks, Verden

# **Commander Royal Artillery 1 Armd Div**

CRA: Brig Edmund Fortescue Gerard Burton (06/04/1988 to 02/11/1989) Note: 6 Offrs 14 ORs

#### 1 Field Regiment RHA

"Nottinghamshire Gunners"

"Durham Gunners"

Location: Haig Bks (North), Hohne Type: FD REGT (ABBOT)

- RHQ & HQ Bty
- A Field Bty (The Chestnut Troop)
- B Field Bty
- E Field Bty
- LAD REME

Note: HQ Bty contained a Mortar Loc Tp with 4x CYMBELINE MORTAR LOC RADAR and 4x Listening Posts mounted in FV432s. Regt had 2x FOO Parties, the third was found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys). Regt strength 34 Offrs 623 ORs with 24x FV433 ABBOT SPHs (8x per Fd Bty). Source: 1988 SOHB

#### 4 Field Regiment RA

Location: Roberts Bks (North), Osnabruck Type: FD REGT (M109)

- RHQ & HQ Bty
- 29 (Corunna) Field Bty
- 88 (Arracan) Field Bty
- 97 Field Bty (Lawson's Company)
- Wksp REME

Note: Regt had 2x FOO Parties, the third was found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys). The vehicles for the third FOO Party were held in store on Regimental strength. Regt strength 35 Offrs 687 ORs with 24x M109A1/A2 SPHs (8x per Fd Bty).



#### 40 Field Regiment RA "Lowland Gunners"

Location: Haig Bks (South), Hohne Type: FD REGT (M109)

- RHQ & HQ Bty
- 38 (Seringapatam) Field Bty
- 129 (Dragon) Field Bty
- 137 (Java) Field Bty
- Wksp REME

Note: Regt had 2x FOO Parties, the third was found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys). The vehicles for the third FOO Party were held in store on Regimental strength. Regt strength 35 Offrs 687 ORs with 24x M109A1/A2 SPHs (8x per Fd Bty).

#### 10 (Assaye) Air Defence Bty RA

Location: Haig Bks (South), Hohne

Note: In peacetime under command of 40 Field Regt. The Bty was divided into 3x Tps of 12x JAVELIN each. Each JAVELIN team was transported in a FV103 SPARTAN for a total of 36. Bty strength 5 Offrs 131 ORs

# **Commander Royal Engineers 1 Armd Div**

CRE: Col Anthony James Reed-Screen OBE (14/10/1988 to 26/09/1991)

#### 21 Engineer Regt RE

Location: Assaye Bks, Nienburg Type: DIV ENGR REGT

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 1 Field Sqn
- 4 Field Sqn
- 7 Field Sqn
- 45 Field Support Sqn
- Wksp REME

Note: Each Field Sqn consists of Sqn HQ, 3x Field Tps, Support Tp, & REME Sect with a total of 14x FV436, 5x FV180 CETs, & 9x FV103 SPARTAN. REME Wksp contains a RAOC Stores Sect. The Fd Sp Sqn consists of Sqn HQ, Resources Tp, Plant Tp, Bridging Tp (2x MGB & 1x HGOB), & REME Det.

# **Commander Aviation 1 Armd Div**

#### **1 Regiment AAC**

Location: Tofrek Bks, Hildesheim Type: REGT (BAOR) TYPE A

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 651 Sqn
- 652 Sqn
- 661 Sqn
- LAD REME

Note: 32 Offrs 357 ORs with 18x GAZELLE AH1 & 18x LYNX AH1

# **Commander Transport 1 Armd Div**

#### **1** Armoured Division Transport Regt RCT

• RHQ & 74 HQ & Sp Sqn Birdwood Bks, Bunde

Note: provides Distribution Point for Div Tps near Div HQ

- 2 Sqn supports 7 Armd Bde
- 4 Sqn supports 12 Armd Bde
- **33 Sqn** supports 22 Armd Bde

Note: each Sqn consists of SHQ, a Fuel Tp (12x FODEN TTF), DP Tp (provides distribution point for combat supplies), ACP Tp (ammunition control point), and a RAOC Combat Supply PI. The DP & ACP Tps together have a total of 25x FV620 STALWARTS, 45x BEDFORD TM 8-TONNE trucks, 18x BEDFORD MK UBRE.

• Wksp REME

# **Commander Medical 1 Armd Div**

#### **1** Armoured Field Ambulance RAMC

Location: Glyn Hughes Bks, Hohne

#### 2 Armoured Field Ambulance RAMC

Location: Roberts Bks, Osnabruck

#### 220 (1st Home Counties) Field Ambulance RAMC (V)

Location: Maidstone, Tunbridge Wells

#### 266 Medical PI RAMC (V)

Location:

#### **61 Field Psychiatric Team RAMC**

Location:

Note: In TTW the following Regular Army Bands support the RAMC in 1 Armd Div as stretcher bearers, triage personnel, etc - 6x RAC Regt Bands

- 3x Inf Regt Bands (Small) (single Bn Regts)

## **Commander Supply 1 Armd Div**

#### **1 Ordnance Bn RAOC**

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- 11 Ord Coy (Fwd)
- 12 Ord Coy (Fwd)
- 13 Ord Coy (Rear)
- FSts (Ammo)

Shiel Bks, Verden Bournemouth Bks, Soltau Quebec Bks, Osnabruck Harden Bks, Obernkirchen Hülsede

Note: Fwd Coys have Stores PI, MT PI, Admin PI, & Stock Control Sect. Rear Coy has Admin PI, 3x Supply PIs, & 3x C Supplies PIs. Support PIs operate in DSA, C Supplies PIs are attached to Sqns of Div Tpt Regt. Source: 1988 SOHB & RAOC forum.

## **Commander Maintenance 1 Armd Div**

#### 7 Armd Wksp REME

Location: St Barbara Bks, Fallingbostel Type: ARMD WKSP (LARGE) Note: Supported 7 & 22 Armd Bdes

#### 12 Armd Wksp REME

Location: Mercer Bks, Osnabruck Type: ARMD WKSP (SMALL) Note: Supported 12 Armd Bde

Note: Large Workshop has HQ Coy, RAOC Stores Pl, & 2x Coys and is commanded by a Lt Col. TTW forms 2x Forward Repair Groups (FRG) & 2x Main Repair Groups (MRG). Each FRG is numbered after the Bde it supports. Small Workshop has HQ Pl, RAOC Stores Pl, Production Pl, Support Pl, & Fwd Pl and is commanded by a Major. TTW forms 1x FRG & 1x MRG. Source: 1988 SOHB & Craftsmen of The Army: The Story of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Volume II 1969-1992. Brig J M Kneen BA & Brig D J Sutton OBE. Leo Cooper 1996.

## **Deputy Provost Marshal 1 Armd Div**

#### 111 Provost Coy RMP

Location: Hohne Garrison Detachments at Fallingbostel, Verden, Reinsehlen and Celle

### **Miscellaneous Units**

#### **Gurkha Demonstration Coy Sandhurst**

Location: RMA Sandhurst

#### **Gurkha Demonstration Coy Brecon**

Location: Brecon Note: From School of Infantry's NCO Tac Wing

Note: I do not know the role for these units, any help would be appreciated

#### 1 Div Cash Office RAPC

Location: ?

#### HQ Education Services 1 Armd Div RAEC

Location: ? Note: Included the following units: 33, 35, 39, 42, 47, 50 AEC. Unknown TTW role.

(Div Reserve)

#### HQ 7 Armd Bde & 207 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS

Comd: Brig Patrick Anthony John Cordingley (12/12/1988 to 15/04/1991) Location: Bournemouth Bks, Soltau Note: SHQ, Admin Tp, & 2x Access Node Tps

#### 7 Armd Bde Def & Emp Sect RPC

Note: under command of Signal Sqns Admin Tp

#### 707 Int Sect INT CORPS

Location: Bournemouth Bks, Soltau

#### The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers & Greys)

Location: Lumsden Bks, Fallingbostel (11/88-7/92) Type: ARMD REGT TYPE 57 (CHALLENGER)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- A Sqn
- B Sqn
- C Sqn
- D Sqn
- LAD REME

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

Location: Wessex Bks, Fallingbostel (5/85-3/90) Type: ARMD REGT TYPE 57 (CHALLENGER)

- RHQ & Nero (HQ) Sqn
- Ajax Sqn
- Badger Sqn
- Cyclops Sqn
- Huntsman Sqn
- LAD REME

## 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Staffordshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's)

Location: St. Barbara Bks, Fallingbostel (1/86-11/91) Type: ARMD INF BN (converted 9/88)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy (1,2, 3 Pls)
- **B Coy** (4, 5, 6 Pls)
- C (Prince of Wales's) Coy (7, 8, 9 Pls)
- Sp Coy (Recce, Mortar, MILAN Pls)
- LAD REME

Notes: TYPE 57 ARMD REGT has 43 Offrs 510 ORs with 57x FV4030 CHALLENGER 1 or FV4201 CHIEFTAIN and 8x FV101 SCORPION. TYPE 43 ARMD REGT was similar but minus 1x Sabre sqn.

ARMD INF BN has 39 Offrs 736 ORS. In TTW 10 Offrs (watchkeepers & liasons) along with 11 ORs (5x RAMC NCOs) are added. 45x FV510 WARRIOR, 38x FV432/434, 8x FV107 SCIMITAR, 4x FV103 SPARTAN w/MCT, 8x 81mm MORTARS, & 24x MILAN FPs.

Source: 1985 & 1988 SOHB

1 ARMD DIV 38



Note: Held southern part of Divisional front (4 Armd Div to the South)

### HQ 12 Armd Bde & 212 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS

Comd: Brig Jonathan Michael Francis Cooper Hall (08/12/1988 to 30/11/1990) Location: Quebec Bks, Osnabruck Note: SHQ, Admin Tp, & 2x Access Node Tps

### 12 Armd Bde Def & Emp Sect RPC

Note: under command of Signal Sqns Admin Tp

#### 712 Int Sect INT CORPS

Location: Quebec Bks, Osnabruck

### 4<sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

Location: Imphal Bks, Osnabruck (11/84-7/93) Type: ARMD REGT TYPE 57 (CHIEFTAIN)

- RHQ & G (HQ) Sqn
- A Sqn
- B Sqn
- C Sqn
- D Sqn
- LAD REME

Notes: Served on UN duty in Cyprus 6/89-12/89 reinforced by 97 (Lawson's Company) Bty, RA. RHQ at St.David's Camp, Nicosia, Western Sqn at Box Factory, Eastern Sqn at Camp Elizabeth. HQ and one Sqn at Alexander Barracks, Dhekelia and one Sqn at Ayios Nikolaos with 9 Signal Regt.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Royal Irish Rangers (27<sup>th</sup> (Inniskilling), 83<sup>rd</sup> & 87<sup>th</sup> )

Location: Belfast Bks, Osnabruck (1/85-7/90) Type: MECH INF BN (TRACKED)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- Sp Coy
- LAD REME

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Royal Green Jackets

Location: Mercer Bks, Osnabruck (4/87-7/91) Type: MECH INF BN (TRACKED)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy (1 & 2 Pls)
- **B Coy** (6 & 7 Pls)
- C Coy (9 & 11 Pls)
- Sp Coy (Recce, Mortar, MILAN Pls)
- LAD REME

Note: Due to manpower issues, one Pl in each Rifle Coy had to be disbanded.



## 4<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Royal Green Jackets

Locations:

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy (Def Pl) 56 Davies St W 1
- **B Coy** (5, 6, 7, & Recce Pls) Fulham House, Fulham High St, Putney SW 6
- C Coy (9, 10, 11 & Mortar Pls) 56-61 Clifton St EC 2
- F Coy (22, 23, 24 Pls) 405 Mile End Rd, Bow EC 3
- G Coy (18, 19, 20, & MILAN Pls) The Cedars, West Ham E 15

MECH INF BN (TRACKED) has 36 Offrs 724 ORS. In TTW 10 Offrs (watchkeepers & liasons) along with 11 ORs (5x RAMC NCOs) are added. 79x FV432, 8x FV107 SCIMITAR, 4x FV103 SPARTAN w/MCT, 8x 81mm MORTARS, & 24x MILAN FPs.

Note: Bde held the northern part of the Divisional front (1 GE Corps to the North)

### HQ 22 Armd Bde & 201 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS

Comd: Brig Hew William Royston Pike (05/12/1987 to 07/12/1989) Location: Campbell Bks, Hohne Note: SHQ, Admin Tp, & 2x Access Node Tps

## 22 Armd Bde Def & Emp Sect RPC

Note: under command of Signal Sqns Admin Tp

#### 722 Int Sect INT CORPS

Location: Campbell Bks, Hohne

#### The Queen's Own Hussars

Location: Caen Bks, Hohne (5/85-8/93) Type: ARMD REGT TYPE 57 (CHIEFTAIN)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- A Sqn
- B Sqn
- C Sqn
- D Sqn
- LAD REME

Note: Converting to CHALLENGER 1, the seventh and last regiment to do so. A & D Sqns were equipped with CHIEFTAIN, C Sqn had CHIEFTAINS with Stillbrew, and B Sqn had CHALLENGERS.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

Location: Tofrek (West) Bks, Hildesheim (10/84-9/93) Type: ARMD REGT TYPE 57 (CHIEFTAIN)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- A Sqn
- B Sqn
- C Sqn
- D Sqn
- LAD REME

## 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Scots Guards

Location: Campbell Bks, Hohne (2/88- 6/93) Type: MECH INF BN (TRACKED)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- Right Flank (A) Coy (1, 2, 3 Pls)
- Sp (B) Coy (Recce, MILAN, Mortar Pls)
- C Coy (7, 8, 9 Pls)
- Left Flank (D) Coy (10, 11, 12 Pls)
- LAD REME

Note: Between 7/6/89-8/10/89 the Bn was on an Operation BANNER tour as the Linaskea Roulement Bn. Scheduled to convert to ARMD INF BN Sept 1990.



## 2<sup>nd</sup> (Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, & Northamptonshire) Bn, The Royal Anglian Regiment

Location: Trenchard Bks, Celle (3/87- ?) Type: MECH INF BN (TRACKED)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- D (Sp) Coy
- LAD REME

Note: Between 29/1/89-9/6/89 the Bn was on an Operation BANNER tour as the Belfast Roulement Bn Scheduled to convert to ARMD INF BN Jan 1990.

MECH INF BN (TRACKED) has 36 Offrs 724 ORS. In TTW 10 Offrs (watchkeepers & liasons) along with 11 ORs (5x RAMC NCOs) are added. 79x FV432, 8x FV107 SCIMITAR, 4x FV103 SPARTAN w/MCT, 8x 81mm MORTARS, & 24x MILAN FPs.

## Parachute Regiment Group

(Defends Hildesheim) Comd: Col James Alastair MacGregor MC (?/1988 to ?/1991)

#### **Gp HQ & Signals Tp R SIGNALS**

Note: Established on a trial basis January 1989. TTW formed from RHQ The Parachute Regiment with the Regimental Colonel becoming Commander PRG. From what I have read this grouping was so successful that plans were made to further strengthen it for Ex Lionheart 92.

#### 4<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Parachute Regiment

Locations:

Type: TA PARA BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Thornbury Bks, Pudsey
- A Coy Grace Rd, Liverpool
- **B Coy** TAC Rifle St, Oldham
- C Coy Gateshead
- **D Coy** Stockton-on-Tees
- 16 (Lincoln) Coy Lincoln w/ det @ Leicester
- **Sp Coy** Grace Rd, Liverpool (Mortar PI); Gateshead (MILAN PI); Thornbury Bks, Pudsey (Recce PI); Stockton-on-Tees (SFMG PI); ? (Aslt Pnr PI)

#### 10<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Parachute Regiment

Locations:

Type: TA PARA BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy- Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, London
- **1 Coy** White City
- 2 Coy Croydon w/ dets @ Blackheath & St. Mary's Cray
- 3 Coy Finchley
- 4 Coy Chelsea
- **Sp Coy** Aldershot ; Leigh-on-Sea w/det @ Portsmouth (Mortar PI); ? (MILAN PI); Croydon (Recce PI); ? (SFMG PI); ? (Aslt Pnr PI)

#### 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish Volunteer) Bn, The Parachute Regiment

Locations:

Type: TA PARA BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Pearson Hall, Yorkhill St, Glasgow
- A Coy Glasgow
- **B Coy** Edinburgh
- C Coy Aberdeen w/det @ St. Andrews
- Sp (D) Coy Troon (Mortar, MILAN, Recce, SFMG, Aslt Pnr Pls)

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Div

Corps Rear Area

### HQ 2 Infantry Div & 2 Signal Regt R SIGNALS

GOC: Maj Gen David Murray Naylor (13/11/1987 to 29/10/1989) Location: Imphal Bks, York

- Forward HQ & 656 Signal Tp Tunis Bks, Lippstadt
- HQ Sqn
- 1 Sqn

Note: contains Sqn HQ Tp, 2x Trunk Node Tps, and in peacetime 2x Bde Sig Tps (V) (15 and 49 Inf Bdes)

• 2 Sqn

Note: contains Sqn HQ, Radio Tp, Access Node Tp (Main), and Access Node Tp (Step-up & Rear) along with 656 Sig Tp

#### Det, 55 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS (V)

Location: Deysbrook Bks, Liverpool

#### 2 Inf Div HQ Defence & Employment PI RPC

Location: Imphal Bks, York Note: 1 Offr 44 ORs, provided the manpower (7 ORs) for each Bde HQ's D & E Sect. Source: 1988 SOHB & RPC Association.

#### 85 Int Sect INT CORPS (from 8 Int Coy INT CORPS)

Location: Imphal Bks, York

## **Divisional Troops**

#### 655 Sqn AAC (from Northern Ireland Regt AAC)

LAD REME

Location: Ballykelly

# MILAN PI, 4<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Royal Irish Rangers (27<sup>th</sup> (Inniskilling), 83<sup>rd</sup>, & 87<sup>th</sup>) (North Irish Militia)

Location:

MILAN PI, 5<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Royal Irish Rangers (27<sup>th</sup> (Inniskilling), 83<sup>rd</sup>, & 87<sup>th</sup>)

Location:

## **Commander Royal Artillery 2 Inf Div**

Comd: Brig John Imray Johnston (21/11/1988 to 08/01/1991)

**27 Field Regt RA** "Hampshire Guners" Location: Alanbrooke Bks, Topcliffe Type: FD REGT (FH70)

- HQ Bty
- 6 Field Bty
- 23 (Gibraltar 1779-83) Field Bty
- 49 (Inkerman) Field Bty
- Wksp REME

Note: From 24<sup>th</sup> Airmobile Bde, Tactical Groups stayed with Bde, the rest of the Regt was assigned to a Gen Sp Gp. 33 Offrs 583 ORs with 18x FH70 155mm Howitzers (6 per Fd Bty). Regt had 2x FOO Parties, the third was found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys).





## 100 (Yeomanry) Field Regt RA (V)

Locations:

Type: TA FD REGT (LT GUN)

- RHQ & HQ (Home Counties) Bty Grove Pk, London
- 200 (Sussex Yeomanry) Field Bty Brighton w/ (Surrey Yeomanry) Tp @ Reigate
- 201 (Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire Yeomanry) Field Bty Luton & St Albans
- 202 (Suffolk & Norfolk Yeomanry) Field Bty Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich, Norwich, & Swaffham
- LAD REME (V) Bexleyheath

Note: From 49 Inf Bde. Each Bty equipped with 8x ROF L118 105mm LIGHT GUNS (as of 1/10/85) with 4x OP teams, 10 Offrs and 156 ORs. Each Bty was formerly established for 6x guns, 3x OP teams, 8Offrs and 128 ORs.

#### 101 (Northumbrian) Field Regt RA (V)

Locations:

Type: TA FD REGT (LT GUN)

- RHQ & HQ (Tynemouth Volunteer Artillery) Bty Gosforth
- 203 (Elswick) Field Bty Blyth
- 204 (Tyneside Scottish) Field Bty Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 205 (3rd Durham Volunteer Artillery) Field Bty South Shields
- LAD REME (V)

Note: From 15 Inf Bde. Each Bty equipped with 8x ROF L118 105mm LIGHT GUNS (as of 1/10/85) with 4x OP teams, 10 Offrs and 156 ORs. Each Bty was formerly established for 6x guns, 3x OP teams, 8Offrs and 128 ORs.

#### 103 (Lancashire Artillery Volunteers) Air Defence Regt RA (V)

Locations:

Type: TA AD REGT (JAVELIN)

- RHQ & HQ (The King's) Bty Liverpool
- 208 (3rd West Lancashire) Bty TAC Aigburth Rd, Liverpool
- 209 (The Manchester Artillery) Bty TAC Belle Vue St, Manchester
- 213 (South Lancashire Artillery) Bty Jubilee Bks, St Helens
- 216 (The Bolton Artillery) Bty TAC Nelson St, Bolton
- LAD REME (V)- Ubique Bks, Widnes

Note: Each Bty established for 16x JAVELIN MANPADS and 12x OPs.

## **Commander Engineers 2 Inf Div**

**15 Field Support Sqn RE** Location: Claro Bks, Ripon (from 38 Engr Regt RE)

## **Commander Transport 2 Inf Div**

#### 2 Transport Regt RCT

Location: Gaza Bks, Catterick

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 15 Transport Sqn - A & B Tp -

- support 24 & 49 Bdes
- supports 15 Bde (from 224 (Pembokeshire Yeomanry) Tpt Sqn (V))
- ? Tp (V) -- Wksp REME

• 216 (Tyne & Tees) Transport Sqn (V) - Tynemouth (from 150 (Northumbrian) Transport Regt RCT (V))

- Note: Runs Ammo & Fuel Control Points, brings supplies from Divisional Supply Area to 15 Sqn.
  - 212 Ambulance Sqn (V)- Dundee, Aberdeen, & Dunblane (from 153 (Highland) Transport Regt RCT(V))
     Wksp REME (V)

Note: to reorganize, 15 Sqn to have 2x DROPS Tps (each 18x DROPS), 1x Bde Sp Tp, & 1x Combat Sp Tp. 216 & a second TA Sqn (possibly 230) will have 1x DROPS Tp (with 12x DROPS), 1x Bde Sp Tp, & 1x Combat Sp Tp. 212 Sqn to re-role to a 4<sup>th</sup> Line Tpt Sqn.

## **Commander Medical 2 Inf Div**

#### 250 Field Ambulance RAMC (V)

Location: Hull, Grimsby

#### 251 (Sunderland) Field Ambulance RAMC (V)

Location: Sunderland

#### 254 Field Ambulance RAMC (V)

Location: Cambridge

#### 278 Medical PI RAMC (V)

Location:

Note: In TTW the following Regular Army Bands support the RAMC in 2 Inf Div as stretcher bearers, triage personnel, etc - 5x Inf Regt Bands (Small) (single Bn Regts)

## **Commander Supply 2 Inf Div**

#### 2 Ordnance Bn RAOC

Location: Gaza Bks, Catterick

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- 21 Ord Coy Gaza Bks, Catterick
- 22 Ord Coy (V) Middlesborough
- 23 Ord Coy (V) Leeds

Note: "22 & 23 Ord Companies were 'duel roled' and supported 2 Inf Div in the UK and 'Out of Area' support (i.e. A Falklands scenario where 9 Ord in fact took the lead) However 6 Ord Bn held the BAOR PUE (Pre-packed Unit Equipment Scales) for the 2 Companies in the event of a European War." Thanks to Mike at the RAOC Forum

• 24 Ord Coy - Gaza Bks, Catterick

Note: 24 Ord Coy support 24 Airmobile Bde

## **Commander Maintenance 2 Inf Div**

### 15 Field Wksp REME

Location: Catterick

## Deputy Provost Marshal 2 Inf Div

#### **150 Provost Coy RMP** Location: Catterick

#### **2 Div Cash Office RAPC** Location: ?

## 15 (North East) Infantry Brigade



Note: The Brigade was nominated as 2 Inf Div's Reserve Bde. It would be tasked "anywhere in the CRA and may be tasked fwd in sp of FEBA Divs." According to the BAOR Submission to the TA ORBAT Review, HQ 2 Inf Div asked to have a Field Ambulance RAMC(V), an Ambulance Support Gp (ASG), a Tpt Sqn RCT (V) (equipped with 72x BEDFORD 8-TONNE), and a REME PI (-) assigned to the Bde. This was to be tested during Ex Lionheart 92

#### 15 Inf Bde HQ & Signal Tp R SIGNALS (V)

Comd: Brig Timothy David Vaughan Bevan (30/03/1987 to 14/01/1990) Location: Topcliffe

#### 15 Inf Bde Def & Emp Sect RPC (V)

Note: under command of Signal Sqns Admin Tp

#### The Queen's Own Yeomanry

Locations:

Type: YEOMANRY RECCE REGT (BAOR)

- RHQ & HQ (Northumberland Hussars) Sqn Fenham Bks, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- A (Ayrshire Yeomanry (Earl of Carrick's Own)) Sqn Ayr
- Y (Queen's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry) Sqn -Yeomanry Bks, York w/det @ Halifax Bks, Beverley
- C (Cheshire Yeomanry (Earl of Chester's)) Sqn Fox Bks, The Dale, Chester
- D (Northumberland Hussars) Sqn Fox Bks, Cramlington
- LAD REME (V)

Note: Equipped with 80x FV721 FOX & 20x FV103 SPARTAN

## 6<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ &HQ Coy Newcastle-on-Tyne
- W Coy Berwick -on-Tweed w/Pl @ TAC Fenkle St, Alnwick
- X Coy Sandyford, Newcastle-on-Tyne w/Pl @ Hexham
- Y Coy Longbenton, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- Z Coy -Ashington w/det @ Tynemouth

## 7<sup>th</sup> (Durham) Bn, The Light Infantry (Volunteers)

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Durham w/det @ Bishop Auckland.
- A Coy Horden w/det @ Hartlepool
- **B Coy** Hebburn-on-Tyne & Consett (w/Recce PI @ Consett)
- C Coy Washington w/Pls @ Chester-le-Street & Sunderland (w/Mortar Pl @ Chester-le-Street)
- D Coy Bishop Auckland (w/MILAN Pl @ Spennymoor)

## 8<sup>th</sup> (Yorkshire) Bn, The Light Infantry (Volunteers)

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Wakefield (Bugle PI was SFMG PI on TTW)
- A Coy Wakefield (w/MILAN PI)
- **B Coy** Minden House, Pontefract (w/Mortar PI)
- C Coy Batley
- **D Coy** Barnsley (w/ Recce Pl)

## **1**<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Yorkshire Volunteers (Cleveland)

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Lumley Bks, York w/det @ Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough
- A (The Green Howards) Coy Park Ln, Guisborough w/det @ West Rd, Loftus
- B (The Green Howards) Coy Stocton Rd, Middlesbrough
- C (The Green Howards) Coy Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough
- D (The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire) Coy Hildebrand Bks, Harrogate w/dets @ Commercial St, Harrogate & Thirsk Rd, Northallerton

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, The Yorkshire Volunteers (Yorkshire & Humberside)

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Worsley Bks, York (w/MILAN PI) Mortar & Recce PIs @ Norwood Far Grove, Beverley
- A (The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire) Coy Colliergate, York w/det @ Armoury Rd, Selby
- B (The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire) Coy Londesborough Bks, Hull (w/Aslt Pnr Pl)
- C (The Leeds Rifles) Coy Maltkiln Rd, Caslteford (w/SFMG PI) w/ PI @ Pasture Rd, Goole
- D (The Green Howards) Coy Coldyhill Ln, Scarborough w/dets @ Haggersgate, Whitby & Swindon St, Bridlington

Note on TA Inf Bns: BAOR assigned TA Inf Bns were established for a Recce PI (in LAND ROVERS), a MILAN PI with 12x MILAN FPs, a Mortar PI with 8x 81mm MORTARS, and a SFMG PI with 9x GPMG (SF). Transport was based on BEDFORD series trucks.

## 49 (Eastern) Infantry Brigade

### 49 Inf Bde HQ & Signal Tp R SIGNALS (V)

Comd: Brig Simon David Anson Firth (21/04/1987 to 05/04/1990) Location: Chilwell

### 49 Inf Bde Def & Emp Sect RPC (V)

Note: under command of Signal Sqns Admin Tp

### **The Royal Yeomanry**

Locations:

Type: YEOMANRY RECCE REGT (BAOR)

- RHQ & HQ (Westminster Dragoons) Sqn 1 Elverton St, London
- A (Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry (Prince of Wales's Own)) Sqn TAC Bythesea Rd, Trowbridge & TAC Church PI, Swindon
- B (Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry) Sqn TAC Cavendish Dr, Carlton, Nottingham
- C (Kent & Sharpshooters Yeomanry) Sqn TAC Mitcham Rd, Croydon
- D (North Irish Horse) Sqn Dunmore Park Camp, Antrim Rd, Belfast
- LAD REME (V) TAC Mitcham Rd ,Croydon

*Note: Equipped with 80x FV721 FOX & 20x FV103 SPARTAN* 

### 5<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy TAC Greens Rd, Keresley, Coventry
- **A Coy** TAC Stoney Ln, Sparkbrook, Birmingham (w/ Mortar Pl)
- B (Warwickshire) Coy Coventry & Sheldon
- C Coy Ashton-under-Lyne
- D (Lancashire) Coy Castle Armoury, Bury

## 5<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Royal Anglian Regiment

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Peterborough
- 1 (Essex) Coy Basildon & Braintree
- 2 (Northamptonshire) Coy Wellingborough, Rushden, & Corby
- 3 (Essex) Coy Brentwood, Chelmsford, & Colchester
- 4 (Hertfordshire) Coy Hertford (HQ, 10, 11 Pls) & Hemel Hempstead (12 & MILAN Pls)

Note: The Hertfordshire Regiment: An Illustrated History. J.D. Sainsbury.1988

## 7<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer )Bn, The Royal Anglian Regiment

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ (Leicestershire) Coy Leicester
- A Coy Scunthorpe & Grimsby
- B (Lincolnshire) Coy Lincoln, Gainesborough, & Boston
- C (Leicestershire & Derbyshire Yeomanry (Prince Albert's Own)) Coy Loughborough (HQ, 7 & MILAN Pls), Melton Mowbray (8 Pl), & Hinckley (9 Pl)
- D (Northamptonshire) Coy Northampton



## 5<sup>th</sup> (Shropshire and Herefordshire) Bn, The Light Infantry (Volunteers)

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Shrewsbury (w/ Recce Pl)
- A Coy Shrewsbury (w/ Aslt Pnr Pl)
- **B Coy** Wellington (w/ MILAN PI)
- **C Coy** Hereford (w/Mortar PI)
- **D Coy** Ross-on-Wye

## 3<sup>rd</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's)

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy -TAC Fallings Pk, Wolverhampton (w/Mortar, Aslt Pnr, & Drums (SFMG) Pls)
- A Coy Caen House, Mariner Dr, Tamworth (w/Recce Pl @ TAC Anson St, Rugeley)
- **B Coy** TAC Bucknall New Rd, Stoke-on-Trent
- **C Coy** TAC Horninglow St, Burton-on-Trent (w/MILAN PI)
- **D Coy** Geoffrey Grey House, Bath St, Walsall

Source: The Stafford Knot: The Journal of The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's) No.63, 1991

## 24 Airmobile Brigade



### HQ 24 Airmob Bde & 210 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS

Comd: Brig Alasdair Ian Gordon Kennedy (29/11/1988 to 02/12/1990) Location: Catterick

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)

Location: Somme Bks, Catterick Type: AIRMOB INF BN

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A (King Olav V) Coy (1,2, & 3 Pls)
- **B Coy** (5,6, & 7 Pls)
- **C Coy** (9,10, & 11Pls)
- **D (Sp) Coy** (Recce, Mortar, SFMG, MILAN PIs)

Note: Configured as an Airmobile Infantry Battalion with 42x MILAN ATGW systems, 9x 81mm L16A1/A2 MORTARS, & 9x GPMG SF. During this time period this battalion was so well recruited (the best in the Army in 1990) that it was able to form a fourth rifle company (forming an extra PI from each Coy's excess personnel). However this extra coy, known simply as 'Rifle Coy', was used to reinforce units in Northern Ireland. Source: Green Howards Museum

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire

Location: Bourlon Bks, Catterick Type: AIRMOB INF BN

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- Sp Coy

Note: Configured as an Airmobile Infantry Battalion with 42x MILAN ATGW systems, 9x 81mm L16A1/A2 mortars, & 9x GPMG SF.

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, The Light Infantry

Location: Weeton Camp, Blackpool Type: MECH INF BN (WHEELED)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- Sp Coy

Note: Configured as a Mechanized Infantry (Wheeled) Battalion (formerly a known as a Type A Bn) with Saxon. To be replaced by an Airmobile Infantry Battalion at next Arms Plot.

#### 9 Regiment AAC (reformed June 1988)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Alanbrooke Bks, Topcliffe
- 657 Sqn
- 670 Sqn Reformed ? 1989
- 671 Sqn Forming ?
- 3 Flt
- Wksp REME (includes 3 Flt's REME Sect)

Note: The Regt was still forming and not complete in July 1989.

#### Tp, 21 (Gibraltar 1779-83) Air Defence Bty RA

Location: Baker Bks, Thorney Island

#### 51 Field Sqn RE (from 38 Engr Regt RE)

Location: Claro Bks, Ripon

#### 24 (Airmobile) Field Ambulance RAMC

Location: Catterick

#### 24 Airmob Bde Pro Unit RMP (from 150 Pro Coy RMP)

Location: ?

Note: The Brigades role was evolving at this stage from a CRA blocking force to a NORTHAG wide airmobile Anti-Tank blocking force. There were plans at this time to combine the Brigade, in TTW, with the FRG Luftlande Bde and the Belgian Para-Commando Regt to form a NORTHAG Airmobile Div.

Note: MECH INF BN (WHEELED) has 35 Offrs 656 ORS. In TTW 6 Offrs (watchkeepers & liasons) along with 5 ORS (RAMC NCOS) are added. 43x AT105 SAXON, 8x FV721 FOX, 16x LAND ROVER 1-TONNE (for MILAN & MORTARS), 4x LAND ROVER 3/4 -TONNE (mobile MILAN Sect), 8x 81mm MORTARS, 24x MILAN FPs, 9x GPMG SF. Source: 1988 SOHB

## 29 Engineer Brigade (Volunteers)

Corps Rear Area

#### 29 Engr Bde HQ & Signal Tp R SIGNALS

Comd: Brig Barry Joseph Sanderson OBE (11/07/1988 to 11/07/1991) Location: Fenham Bks, Newcastle-on-Tyne

#### 71 (Scottish) Engineer Regt RE (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Glasgow
- 102 (Clyde) Field Sqn (V)- Paisley & Irvine
- 104 (City of Edinburgh) Field Sqn (V) Edinburgh & Livingstone
- 124 (Lowland) Field Sqd (V) Coatbridge & Cumbernauld
- Wksp REME (V)

#### 72 (Tyne Electrical Engineers) Engineer Regt RE (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Gateshead
- 103 (1st Newcastle) Field Sqn (V) Gateshead & Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 106 (West Riding) Field Sqn (V) Sheffield & Dewsbury
- 118 (Tees) Field Sqn (V) Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, & Sunderland
- Wksp REME (V)

#### 73 Engineer Regt RE (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Bilborough, Nottingham
- 129 (East Riding) Field Sqn (V) Hull & Goole
- 217 (London) Field Sqn (V) Holloway & Wandsworth
- 575 (Sherwood Foresters) Field Sqn (V) Chesterfield, Derby, Buxton, & Mansfield
- Wksp REME (V)

Note: 350 (Nottinghamshire) Fd Sqn RE (V) formed April 1 1991 and joined Regt

#### 105 (Tyne Electrical Engineers) Plant Sqn RE (V)

Location: South Shields

#### 117 (Highland) Field Support Sqn RE (V)

Location: Dundee (HQ & Workshop), Glenrothes (Resources Tp), & Bridge of Don, Aberdeen (Plant Tp)

#### 873 Movement Light Sqn RE (V)

Location: Acton Note: Searchlights for night operations such as bridging, construction, etc.



#### 29 Engineer Bde Wksp REME (V)

Location: ?

Note: 29 Engineer Bde would come under command of 2 Inf Div. According to "The History of The Corps of Royal Engineers Vol.XII" it would take under command an all-arms force defending the Weser Valley, effectively becoming the third manoeuvre brigade for 2 Inf Div. The Regts were to provide route maintinence and other engineering in the Corps Rear Area along with the preparation of defensive positions on the west bank of the Weser River. Another priority role was the preparation for destroying all the Weser Bridges in the event of 1 and 4 Armd Divs falling back from the east side of the Weser.

## **3rd Armoured Division**

2<sup>nd</sup> Echelon Division behind 1 and 4 Armd Divs

### 3 Armd Div HQ & Signal Regt R SIGNALS

GOC: Maj Gen Michael John Wilkes (07/06/1988 to 07/06/1990) Location: St Sebastian Bks, Soest

- Div HQ
- RHQ & HQ Sqn

Note: SHQ, MT Tp, Admin Tp, & LAD, REME

• 1 Sqn

Note: SHQ, SCRA Tp, & 4x Trunk Node Tps

• 2 Sqn

Note: SHQ, Radio Tp, & Access Node Tp (Main/Step Up)

• 3 Sqn

Note: SHQ, Line Tp, Access Node Tp (Main/Step Up), & Access Node Tp (Rear) Source: 1988 SOHB

#### Det, 55 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS (V)

Location: Deysbrook Bks, Liverpool

#### 3 Armd Div HQ Defence & Employment PI RPC

Note: under command HQ Sqn

#### 73 Int Sect INT CORPS

Location: St Sebastian Bks, Soest

## 9<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's)

Location: Carver Bks, Wimbish (1/87-7/91) Type: ARMD RECCE REGT (UK TRACKED)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- A Sqn
- B Sqn
- C Sqn
- D Sqn
- LAD REME

Notes: B Sqn was the Guided Weapons Sqn equipped with STRIKERS. The other three sqns were equipped with SCIMITARS/SCORPIONS (no GW Troop). 43 Offrs 473 ORs with 24x FV101 SCORPION, 24x FV107 SCIMITAR, 16x FV102 STRIKER, 19x FV103 SPARTAN



## **Commander Royal Artillery 3 Armd Div**

CRA: Brig Michael Graham Rex Anderson (18/12/1987 to 01/04/1990) Note: 6 Offrs 14 ORs

#### 2 Field Regt RA "Manchester Gunners"

Location: Waterloo Bks, Münster Type: FD REGT (M109)

- RHQ & HQ Bty
- L (Nery) Field Bty
- N Field Bty (The Eagle Troop)
- O Field Bty (The Rocket Troop)
- Wksp REME

Note: Regt had 2x FOO Parties, the third was found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys). The vehicles for the third FOO Party were held in store on Regimental strength. Regt strength 35 Offrs 687 ORs with 24x M109A1/A2 SPHs (8x per Fd Bty).

#### 3 Field Regt RHA "Hertfordshire & Essex Gunners"

Location: Barker Bks, Paderborn Type: FD REGT (ABBOT)

- RHQ & HQ Bty
- C Field Bty
- D Field Bty
- J (Sidi Rezegh) Field Bty
- LAD REME

Note: HQ Bty contained a Mortar Loc Tp with 4x CYMBELINE MORTAR LOC RADAR and 4x Listening Posts mounted in FV432s. Regt had 2x FOO Parties, the third was found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys). Regt strength 34 Offrs 623 ORs with 24x FV433 ABBOT SPHs (8x per Fd Bty). Source: 1988 SOHB

#### 49 Field Regt RA "East Anglian Gunners"

Location: Churchill Bks, Lippstadt Type: FD REGT (ABBOT)

- RHQ & HQ Bty
- 55 (The Residency) Field Bty
- 127 (Dragon) Field Bty
- 143 Field Bty (Tomb's Troop)
- Wksp REME

Note: HQ Bty contained a Mortar Loc Tp with 4x CYMBELINE MORTAR LOC RADAR and 4x Listening Posts mounted in FV432s. Regt had 2x FOO Parties, the third was found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys). Regt strength 34 Offrs 623 ORs with 24x FV433 ABBOT SPHs (8x per Fd Bty). Source: 1988 SOHB

#### 46 (Talavera) Air Defence Bty RA

Location: Waterloo Bks, Münster

Note: In peacetime under command of 2 Field Regt. The Bty was divided into 3x Tps of 12x JAVELIN each. Each JAVELIN team was transported in a FV103 SPARTAN for a total of 36. Bty strength 5 Offrs 131 ORs. This particular Bty numbered their three Tps the following: 6 Tp (supported 33Armd Bde), 18 Tp (supported 4 Armd Bde), and 62 Tp (supported 6 Armd Bde).

## **Commander Royal Engineers 3 Armd Div**

CRE: Col Robert Ian Reive OBE (10/02/1987 to 30/11/1989)

#### 23 Engineer Regt RE

Location: Quebec Bks, Osnabruck Type: CORPS ENGR REGT

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 39 Field Sqn
- 73 Field Sqn
- Wksp REME

Note: Each Field Sqn consists of Sqn HQ, 3x Field Tps, Support Tp, & REME Sect with a total of 14x FV436, 5x FV180 CETs, & 9x FV103 SPARTAN. REME Wksp contains a RAOC Stores Sect

Further Note: During 1988/89 this Regt was assigned to 3 Armd Div trialing the Close Support Engineer concept. Each Sqn received 6x CHIEFTAIN AVRE (The "Willich" CHIEFTAINS) and 6x CHIEFTAIN AVLB.

#### 26 Engineer Regt RE

Location: Corunna Bks, Iserlohn Type: DIV ENGR REGT

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 5 Field Sqn
- 25 Field Sqn
- 30 Field Sqn
- 2 Field Sp Sqn
- Wksp REME

Note: Each Field Sqn consists of Sqn HQ, 3x Field Tps, Support Tp, & REME Sect with a total of 14x FV436, 5x FV180 CETs, & 9x FV103 SPARTAN. REME Wksp contains a RAOC Stores Sect. The Fd Sp Sqn consists of Sqn HQ, Resources Tp, Plant Tp, Bridging Tp (2x MGB & 1x HGOB), & REME Det.

## **Commander Aviation 3 Armd Div**

#### **3 Regiment AAC**

Location: Salamanca Bks, Soest Type : REGT (BAOR) TYPE B

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 653 Sqn
- 662 Sqn
- 663 Sqn
- Wksp REME

Note: 35 Offrs 365 ORs with 12x GAZELLE AH1 & 18x LYNX AH1. Was the Comd 1 (BR) Corps AT Reserve.

## **Commander Transport 3 Armd Div**

#### **3** Armoured Division Transport Regt RCT

Location: Glamorgan Bks, Duisburg

• RHQ & 75 HQ & Sp Sqn

Note: provides Distribution Point for Div Tps near Div HQ

- 6 Transport Sqn supports 33 Armd Bde
- 21 Transport Sqn supports 4 Armd Bde
- 35 Transport Sqn supports 6 Armd Bde

Note: each Sqn consists of SHQ, a Fuel Tp (12x FODEN TTF), DP Tp (provides distribution point for combat supplies), ACP Tp (ammunition control point), and a RAOC Combat Supply PI. The DP & ACP Tps together have a total of 25x FV620 STALWARTS, 45x BEDFORD TM 8-TONNE trucks, 18x BEDFORD MK URBE.

• Wksp REME

### **Commander Medical 3 Armd Div**

#### **3** Armoured Field Ambulance RAMC

Location: Talbot Bks, Sennelager

#### **5** Armoured Field Ambulance RAMC

Location: Oxford Bks, Münster

#### 221 Field Ambulance RAMC (V)

Location: Kingston-upon-Thames, Clapham

#### 63 Field Psychiatric Team RAMC

Location:

Note: In TTW the following Regular Army Bands support the RAMC in 3 Armd Div as stretcher bearers, triage personnel, etc - 3x RAC Reat Bands

- 2x Inf Regt Bands (Small)(single Bn Regts)

- 1x Inf Regt Band(Large)(multi Bn Regt)

## **Commander Supply 3 Armd Div**

#### **3 Ordnance Bn RAOC**

Locations:

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy •
- 31 Ord Coy (Fwd)
- 32 Ord Coy (Fwd)
- 33 Ord Coy (Rear)
- FSts (Stores)

St Sebastian Bks, Soest Portsmouth Bks, Münster

- St George's Bks, Minden
- Winterbourne Bks, Münster
- Münster Note: TTW **331 Supply Pl (V)** from CVHQ Deepcut reinforced the sub depot
  - FSts (Stores)

West Riding Bks, Dortmund

Note: TTW 332 Supply PI (V) from CVHQ Deepcut reinforced the sub depot

Note: Fwd Coys have Stores PI, MT PI, Admin PI, & Stock Control Sect. Rear Coy has Admin PI, 3x Supply PIs, & 3x C Supplies Pl. Support Pls operate in DSA, C Supplies Pls are attached to Sans of Div Tpt Reat. Source: 1988 SOHB & Mike from RAOC forum

## **Commander Maintenance 3 Armd Div**

#### **5 Armoured Wksp REME**

Type: ARMD WKSP (SMALL) Location: Salamanca Bks, Soest

#### 6 Armoured Wksp REME

Type: ARMD WKSP (SMALL) Location: Buller Bks, Münster

### **11 Armoured Wksp REME**

Type: ARMD WKSP (SMALL) Location: Salamanca Bks, Soest

Note: All three are Small Workshops. Large Workshop has HQ Coy, RAOC Stores Pl, & 2x Coys and was commanded by a Lt Col. TTW forms 2x Forward Repair Groups (FRG) & 2x Main Repair Groups (MRG). Each FRG is numbered after the Bde it supports. Small Workshop has HQ Pl, RAOC Stores Pl, Production Pl, Support Pl, & Fwd Pl and was commanded by a Major. TTW forms 1x FRG & 1x MRG. Each Workshop on TTW has an Reclamation Pl (V) added from the TA. Source: 1988 SOHB & "Craftsmen of The Army: The Story of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Volume II 1969-1992. Brig J M Kneen BA & Brig D J Sutton OBE. Leo Cooper, 1996." Further Note: all three Workshops in this Div were Small, commanded by a Major.

## **Deputy Provost Marshal 3 Armd Div**

#### 113 Provost Coy RMP

Location: Vittoria Bks, Werl Detachments at Munster, Dortmund, Senden, Lippstadt, Soest, Korbecke, Iserlohn, Hemer

#### 3 Div Cash Office RAPC

Location: ?

#### HQ Education Services 3 Armd Div RAEC

Location: ? Note: Included the following units: 40, 41, 48, 56, 57 AEC. Unknown TTW role.

### HQ 4 Armd Bde & 204 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS

Comd: Brig Roderick Alexander Cordy-Simpson (11/04/1988 to 23/04/1990) Location: York Bks, Münster Note: SHQ, Admin Tp, & 2x Access Node Tps

#### 4 Armd Bde Def & Emp Sect RPC

Note: under command of Signal Sqns Admin Tp

#### 704 Int Sect INT CORPS

Location: York Bks, Münster

## 14<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> King's Hussars

Location: York Bks, Münster (3/88-12/92) Type: ARMD REGT TYPE 57 (CHALLENGER) (see note)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- A Sqn
- B Sqn
- C Sqn
- D Sqn
- LAD REME

Note: C Sqn was detached to Smuts Bks, West Berlin 9/88-?/91 as armoured support to the Berlin Bde with 18x Chieftains.

### 17<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Lancers

Location: Swinton Bks, Münster (?/87-12/90) Type: ARMD REGT TYPE 57 (CHALLENGER) (see note)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- A Sqn
- B Sqn
- C Sqn
- D Sqn
- LAD REME

Note: B Sqn was in Cyprus ?- 12/90 as the Garrison Armd Recce Sqn.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Grenadier Guards

Location: Oxford Bks, Münster (1/86-11/91) Type: ARMD INF BN

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- Queen's Coy
- 2 Coy
- 3 Coy
- Sp Coy
- LAD REME

Note: the first Infantry Bn to convert to WARRIOR in January 1988. In June/July The Grenadier Guards Battle Gp (consisiting of HQ, Queen's, and No.2 Coy plus A Sqn, 14/20 H; D Sqn, 17/21 L; and N Bty, 2 Fd Regt) was on a Exercise Medicine Man rotation in BATUS. During Exercise Iron Hammer in November 1989 the Bde split into the following BGs: -Gren Gds BG- HQ & Queen's Coy, 1x Sqn 14/20 H, 1x Sqn 17/21 L

-14/20 H BG- HQ & 2x Sqns, No.2 Coy 1 Gren Gds

-17/21 L BG- HQ & 2x Sqns, No.3 Coy 1 Gren Gds

Source: "Once A Grenadier... The Grenadier Guards 1945-1995. Oliver Lindsay. London: Leo Cooper, 1996".



#### HQ 6 Armd Bde & 206 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS

Comd: Brig Robert William Montgomery McAfee (07/12/1988 to 27/11/1990) Location: Salamanca Bks, Soest Note: SHQ, Admin Tp, & 2x Access Node Tps

#### 6 Armd Bde Def & Emp Sect RPC

Note: under command of Signal Sqns Admin Tp

#### 706 Int Sect INT CORPS

Location: Salamanca Bks, Soest

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

Location: Peninsula Bks, Hemer (2/88-6/92) Type: ARMD REGT TYPE 57 (CHALLENGER)

- RHQ & F (HQ) Sqn
- A Sqn
- B Sqn
- C Sqn
- D Sqn
- LAD REME

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)

Location: Albuhera Bks, Werl (12/88-8/91)

Type: ARMD INF BN

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- Sp Coy
- LAD REME

Note: converted to Armd Inf Bn (Warrior) Jan 1989.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers

Location: Barrosa Bks, Hemer (3/88- 10/93) Type: MECH INF BN (TRACKED)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- **A Coy** (1(Drums), 2, & 3 Pls)
- **B Coy** (4, 5, & 6 Pls)
- C Coy (7, 8, & 9 Pls)
- Sp Coy (Recce, Mortar, MILAN Pls)
- LAD REME

Note: Preparing to convert to ARMD INF BN Sept 1989.



#### HQ 33 Armd Bde & 202 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS

Comd: Brig Desmond Julian Walker Browne (06/12/1989 to 4/1992) Location: Alanbrooke Bks, Paderborn Note: SHQ, Admin Tp, & 2x Access Node Tps

#### 33 Armd Bde Def & Emp Sect RPC

Note: under command of Signal Sqns Admin Tp

#### 733 Int Sect INT CORPS

Location: Alanbrooke Bks, Paderborn

#### The Blues and Royals (Royal Horse Guards/1<sup>st</sup> Dragoons)

Location: Athlone Bks, Sennelager (1/84- 1/90) Type: ARMD REGT TYPE 43 (CHALLENGER)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- A Sqn
- B Sqn
- C Sqn

Notes: During July The Blues and Royals Battle Group (HQ, A and B Sqns plus a company from 1st Bn, The Queen's Own Highlanders) were in Suffield, Canada (BATUS) doing an Exercise Medicine Man rotation.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforths and Cameron)

Location: Buller Bks, Münster (12/88-10/93)

- Type: MECH INF BN (TRACKED)
  - Bn HQ & HQ Coy
  - A (Grenadier) Coy -(1, 2, 3 Pls)
  - **B Coy** (5, 6, 7 Pls)
  - **D Coy** (13, 14, 15 Pls)
  - Sp Coy (Mortar, MILAN, Recce Pls)
  - LAD REME

Note: Scheduled to convert to ARMD INF BN Jan 1992

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment

Location: Alanbrooke Bks, Paderborn (11/84-2/90) Type: MECH INF BN (TRACKED)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Cov
- Sp Coy
- LAD REME



## **4th Armoured Division**

FEBA (Southern Portion of Corps Front)

#### 4 Armd Div HQ & Signal Regt R SIGNALS

GOC: Maj Gen The Honourable William Edward Rous (28/11/1987 to 17/12/1989) Location: Hammersmith Bks, Herford

- Div HQ
- RHQ & HQ Sqn

Note: SHQ, MT Tp, Admin Tp, & LAD, REME

• 1 Sqn

Note: SHQ, SCRA Tp, & 4x Trunk Node Tps

• 2 Sqn

Note: SHQ, Radio Tp, & Access Node Tp (Main/Step Up)

• 3 Sqn

Note: SHQ, Line Tp, Access Node Tp (Main/Step Up), & Access Node Tp (Rear). Source: 1988 SOHB

#### Det, 55 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS (V)

Location: Deysbrook Bks, Liverpool

#### 4 Armd Div HQ Defence & Employment Pl RPC

Note: under command HQ Sqn

#### 74 Int Sect INT CORPS

Location: Hammersmith Bks, Herford

## **Commander Royal Artillery 4 Armd Div**

CRA: Brig Michael Alan Willcocks (01/02/1989 to 06/12/1990) Note: 6 Offrs 14 ORs

#### **19 Field Regt RA** "Highland Gunners"

Location: Ubique Bks, Dortmund Type: FD REGT (ABBOT)

- RHQ & HQ Bty
- 13 (Martinique 1809) Field Bty
- 25 Field Bty
- 28 Field Bty
- LAD REME

Note: HQ Bty contained a Mortar Loc Tp with 4x CYMBELINE MORTAR LOC RADAR and 4x Listening Posts mounted in FV432s. Regt had 2x FOO Parties, the third was found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys). Regt strength 34 Offrs 623 ORs with 24x FV433 ABBOT SPHs (8x per Fd Bty). Source: 1988 SOHB

#### 26 Field Regt RA "Sussex Gunners"

Location: Mansergh Bks, Gutersloh Type: FD REGT (M109)

- RHQ & HQ Bty
- 16 Field Bty (Sandham's Company)
- 17 (Corunna) Field Bty
- 159 (Colenso) Field Bty
- Wksp REME

Note: Regt had 2x FOO Parties, the third was found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys). The vehicles for the third FOO Party were held in store on Regimental strength. Regt strength 35 Offrs 687 ORs with 24x M109A1/A2 SPHs(8x per Fd Bty).



#### 45 Field Regt RA "West Yorkshire Gunners"

Location: Kirkee Bks, Colchester Type: FD REGT (FH70)

- RHQ & HQ Bty
- 52 (Niagra) Field Bty
- 94 Field Bty
- 170 (Imjin) Field Bty
- LAD REME

Note: from 19<sup>th</sup> Infantry Bde, Tactical Groups only. See 1 Artillery Bde entry.

#### 43 Air Defence Bty (Lloyd's Company) RA

Location: Mansergh Bks, Gutersloh

Note: In peacetime under command of 26 Field Regt. The Bty was divided into 3x Tps of 12x JAVELIN each. Each JAVELIN team was transported in a FV103 SPARTAN for a total of 36. Bty strength 5 Offrs 131 ORs

## **Commander Royal Engineers 4 Armd Div**

CRE: Col Christopher Charles Galloway (03/05/1988 to 28/07/1991)

#### **35 Engineer Regt RE**

Location: Gordon Bks, Hameln Type: DIV ENGR REGT

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 29 Field Sqn
- 37 Field Sqn
- 42 Field Sqn
- 44 Field Support Sqn
- Wksp REME

Note: Each Field Sqn consists of Sqn HQ, 3x Field Tps, Support Tp, & REME Sect with a total of 14x FV436, 5x FV180 CETs, & 9x FV103 SPARTAN. REME Wksp contains a RAOC Stores Sect. The Fd Sp Sqn consists of Sqn HQ, Resources Tp, Plant Tp, Bridging Tp (2x MGB & 1x HGOB), & REME Det.

## **Commander Aviation 4 Armd Div**

#### **4 Regiment AAC**

Location: Hobart Bks, Detmold Type: REGT (BAOR) TYPE A

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 654 Sqn
- 659 Sqn
- 669 Sqn
- Wksp REME

Note: 32 Offrs 357 ORs with 18x GAZELLE AH1 & 18x LYNX AH1.

## **Commander Transport 4 Armd Div**

#### 4 Armoured Division Transport Regt RCT

Location: Elizabeth Bks, Minden

- RHQ & 76 HQ & Sp Sqn
- Note: provides Distribution Point for Div Tps near Div HQ
- 1 Transport Sqn Goojerat Bks, Colchester
- 11 Transport Sqn -
- 19 Transport Sqn -

supports 11 Armd Bde supports 20 Armd Bde

supports 19 Inf Bde

Note: each Sqn consists of SHQ, a Fuel Tp (12x FODEN TTF), DP Tp (provides distribution point for combat supplies), ACP Tp (ammunition control point), and a RAOC Combat Supply PI. The DP & ACP Tps together have a total of 25x FV620 STALWARTs, 45x BEDFORD TM 8-TONNE trucks, 18x BEDFORD MK UBRE.

Wksp REME

## **Commander Medical 4 Armd Div**

#### 4 Armoured Field Ambulance RAMC

Location: Kingsley Bks, Minden

#### **19 Field Ambulance RAMC**

Location: Colchester

#### 222 (East Midlands) Field Ambulance RAMC (V)

Location: Leicester, Derby, Bulwell

#### 223 (Durham) Field Ambulance RAMC (V)

Location: Newton Aycliffe, Barnard Castle, Stockton-on-Tees

#### 64 Field Psychiatric Team RAMC

Location:

Note: In TTW the following Regular Army Bands support the RAMC in 4 Armd Div as stretcher bearers, triage personnel, etc - 5x RAC Regt Bands

- 5x Inf Regt Bands (Small)(single Bn Regts)

- 1x Inf Regt Band (Large)(multi Bn Regt)

## **Commander Supply 4 Armd Div**

#### 4 Ordnance Bn RAOC

Locations:

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- 41 Ord Coy (Fwd)
- 42 Ord Coy (Fwd)
- 43 Ord Coy (Rear)
- FSts (Stores)
- FSts (Ammo)

Wentworth Bks, Herford Elles Bks, Detmold Colchester Stoechen Depot, Hanover Tappen Harderode

Note: Fwd Coys have Stores Pl, MT Pl, Admin Pl, & Stock Control Sect. Rear Coy has Admin Pl, 3x Supply Pls, & 3x C Supplies Pl. Support Pls operate in DSA, C Supplies Pls are attached to Sqns of Div Tpt Regt. Source: 1988 SOHB

## **Commander Maintenance 4 Armd Div**

#### 4 Armoured Wksp (Large) REME

Location: Hobart Bks, Detmold Type: ARMD WKSP (LARGE) Note: Supported 11<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Armd Bdes

#### 8 Field Wksp REME

Location: Colchester

Note: The Armd Wksp is a Large Workshop. Large Workshop has HQ Coy, RAOC Stores PI, & 2x Coys and is commanded by a Lt Col. TTW forms 2x Forward Repair Groups (FRG) & 2x Main Repair Groups (MRG). Each FRG is numbered after the Bde it supports. Small Workshop has HQ PI, RAOC Stores PI, Production PI, Support PI, & Fwd PI and is commanded by a Major. TTW forms 1x FRG & 1x MRG.

Source: 1988 SOHB & Craftsmen of The Army: The Story of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers Volume II 1969-1992. Brig J M Kneen BA & Brig D J Sutton OBE. Leo Cooper 1996.

## **Deputy Provost Marshal 4 Armd Div**

#### 114 Provost Coy RMP

Location: Hobart Bks, Detmold Detachments: Herford, Hameln, Lemgo

#### 4 Div Cash Office RAPC

Location: ?

#### **HQ Education Services 4 Armd Div**

Location: ? Note: Included the following units: 36, 44, 45, 49, 51 AEC. Unknown TTW role.

### HQ 11 Armd Bde & 211 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS

Comd: Brig Iain Charles Mackay-Dick (01/04/1989 to 07/04/1991) Location: Kingsley Bks, Minden Note: SHQ, Admin Tp, & 2x Access Node Tps

#### 11 Armd Bde Def & Emp Sect RPC

Note: under command of Signal Sqns Admin Tp

#### 711 Int Sect INT CORPS

Location: Kingsley Bks, Minden

## 5<sup>th</sup> Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards

Location: Barker Barracks, Paderborn (11/86-7/92) Type: ARMD REGT TYPE 57 (CHIEFTAIN)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- A Sqn
- B Sqn
- C Sqn
- D Sqn
- LAD REME

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, The Queen's Regiment

Location: Clifton Bks, Minden (3/86-1/91) Type: MECH INF BN (TRACKED)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy
- C (Invicta) Coy
- Sp Coy

Note: Due to manpower issues **B Coy** was disbanded. 1 Queens would replace this Bn in Jan 1991 and convert to Armd Inf Bn (Warrior) by September 1992.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)

Location: Elizabeth Bks, Minden (1/89-6/93) Type: MECH INF BN (TRACKED)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- Sp Coy



## 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 51<sup>st</sup> Highland Volunteers

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Queen's Bks, Perth
- A (Black Watch) Coy Dundee (HQ, 1, 2, 3 Pls and Mortar Pl)
- K (Black Watch) Coy Kirkcaldy (HQ, 7, 8, 9, Aslt Pnr Pls and Pipes & Drums (SFMG) Pl)
- G (London Scottish) Coy 95 Horseferry Rd SW1 (HQ, 4, 5, & Recce Pls), Eltham & St. Mary's Cray (6 Pl)
- V (Liverpool Scottish) Coy Forbes House, Score Ln, Liverpool (HQ, 13, 14, 15, & MILAN PI)

## MILAN PI, 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 52<sup>nd</sup> Lowland Volunteers

Location: Walcheren Bks, Glasgow

## MILAN PI, 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 51<sup>st</sup> Highland Volunteers

Location: Laurencekirk

### HQ 20 Armd Bde & 200 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS

Comd: Brig Michael John Dawson Walker (07/12/1987 to 04/12/1989) Location: Hobart Bks, Detmold Note: SHQ, Admin Tp, & 2x Access Node Tps

### 20 Armd Bde Def & Emp Sect RPC

Note: under command of Signal Sqns Admin Tp

#### 720 Int Sect INT CORPS

Location: Hobart Bks, Detmold

## 4<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> Royal Dragoon Guards

Location: Hobart Bks, Detmold (4/83-7/92) Type: ARMD REGT TYPE 57 (CHIEFTAIN)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- A Sqn
- B Sqn
- C Sqn
- D Sqn
- LAD REME

## 15<sup>th</sup>/19<sup>th</sup> The King's Royal Hussars

Location: Lothian Bks, Detmold (11/86-7/91) Type: ARMD REGT TYPE 57 (CHIEFTAIN)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- A Sqn
- B Sqn
- C Sqn
- D Sqn
- LAD REME

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, The Royal Irish Rangers (27<sup>th</sup> (Inniskilling), 83<sup>rd</sup>, & 87<sup>th</sup>)

Location: Stornoway Bks, Lemgo (8/88-7/93) Type: MECH INF BN (TRACKED)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- Sp Coy
- LAD REME



## 5<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Queen's Regiment

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Howe Bks, Canterbury
- A Coy Guildford & Hounslow
- **B Coy** Broadstairs, Dover, & Folkestone
- C (Cinque Ports) Coy Hastings, Eastbourne, & Seaford
- **D Coy** Tunbridge, Maidstone, & Sevenoaks
- Sp Gp Recce Pl @ Canterbury & Tonbridge; Mortar Pl @ Guildford; MILAN Pl @ Hastings; Aslt Pnr Pl @ Broadstairs; & SFMG Pl @ Tonbridge

## MILAN PI, 3<sup>rd</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Royal Regiment of Wales (24<sup>th</sup>/41<sup>st</sup> Foot)

Location: Pentre

## MILAN PI, 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The King's Regiment

Location: Peninsula Bks, Warrington

## 19 Inf Bde

#### HQ 19 Inf Bde & 209 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS

Comd: Brig Charles Dair Farrar-Hockley (05/12/1989 to 05/12/1991) Location: Goojerat Bks, Colchester Note: SHQ, Admin Tp, & 2x Access Node Tps

#### 19 Inf Bde Def & Emp Sect, RPC

Note: under command of Signal Sqns Admin Tp

#### 82 Int Sect INT CORPS

Location: Goojerat Bks, Colchester

#### The Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own)

Location: Bhurtpore Bks, Tidworth Type: ARMD REGT TYPE 57 (CHIEFTAIN)

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- C Sqn assigned to UKMF
- A Sqn
- **B Sqn** RAC Demo Sqn @ School of Inf

Harman Lines, Warminster

(from 8 Int Coy INT CORPS)

D SqnLAD REME

Note: C Sqn was the senior Sqn and was assigned to UKMF, thus in TTW the Regt would function as a TYPE 43 REGT in Germany. According to the wire diagram of 1st BR Corps in the 1988 SOHB amendment 3 (1990) (the only page I have !!!), an Armd Regt would be assigned to 19th Inf Bde. According to recently acquired documents it has been confirmed that the Tidworth Regt had this role. I do not have a date when the Tidworth Regt was given the BAOR reinforcement role however it was in this role at least by 1990.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment

Location: Meeanee Bks, Colchester (2/87-8/92) Type: MECH INF BN (WHEELED)

- Bn HQ & Arroyo (HQ) Coy
- Arnhem (A) Coy
- Burma (B) Coy
- Chindit (C) Coy
- Somme (D) Coy (MILAN, Mortar, Recce, & Drums (SFMG) Pls)
- LAD REME

Note: On Operation Fondant tour 4/89-9/89. Coys @ Londonderry (Arnhem), Omagh (Arroyo & Burma), Armagh (Somme) & Bessbrook (Chindit) Source: "Lions and Dragons : An Illustrated History of The King's Own Royal Border Regiment 1959-2006. Stuart Eastwood. 2006."

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#### 1<sup>st</sup> (Norfolk, Suffolk, & Cambridgeshire) Bn, The Royal Anglian Regiment

Location: Roman Bks, Colchester (2/89-7/96) Type: MECH INF BN (WHEELED)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- Sp Coy
- LAD REME



### 3<sup>rd</sup> (Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, & Essex) Bn, The Royal Anglian Regiment

Location: Hyderabad Bks, Colchester (2/89-5/91) Type: MECH INF BN (WHEELED)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- Sp Coy
- LAD REME

### Tp, 21 (Gibraltar 1779-83) Air Defence Bty RA

Location: Baker Bks, Thorney Island

34 Field Sqn RE	(from 39 Engr Regt RE)
Location: Bks, Waterbeach	

#### 19 Inf Bde Pro Unit RMP

Location: ?

(from 156 Pro Coy RMP)

#### 19 Cash Office RAPC

Location: ?

# **BAOR Troops**

**HQ BAOR** Comd in Chief: Gen Brian Leslie Garham Kenny GCB CBE (30/10/1987 to 26/11/1989) Location: JHQ Rheindahlen Note: TTW becomes Commander NORTHAG with part of BAOR becoming part of NORTHAG While the rump of BAOR becomes British Support Command (BRSC) under BAOR Chief of Staff, Maj Gen The Honourable Thomas P J Boyd-Carpenter. Garrisons with a "\*" after them indicate a population of over 4,000 personnel.

### **Garrisons & Stations**

**RCZ / CommZ Area Rheindahlen Garrison \* Dusseldorf Station Mönchengladbach Station Mulheim Station** 

**Dulmen Station Viersen Station** Wegberg Station **Birgelen Station Bracht Station Emblem Station Krefeld Station Soest Station** 

### 1 Armd Div Area

**Hohne Garrison\* Verden Garrison Osnabuck Garrison\* Fallingbostel Station\* Hannover Station Hildesheim Station Celle Station Bunde Station Nienburg/Liebenau Station Soltau Station** Wolfenbuttel Station

### **3 Armd Div Area**

Sennelager/Paderborn Garrison\* **Dortmund Garrison\* Münster Garrison\*** Iserlohn/Hemer Garrison\* **Lippstadt Station** Werl Station



4 Armd Div Area Bielefeld Garrison\* Minden Garrison\* Herford Garrison\* Detmold Garrison\* Hameln Garrison Lubbecke Station Lemgo Station

### **Operational Headquarters**

#### **HQ British Rear Support Command**

GOC: Maj Gen The Honourable Thomas Patrick J Boyd-Carpenter (15/2/1988 to 10/09/1989) Location: JHQ Rheindahlen

#### HQ British Rear Combat Zone

Comd: Brig Robert Michael Bullock (Also Comd Tpt & Move BAOR) (07/03/1988 to 14/01/1990) Location: Caernavon Bks, Dusseldorf

#### **HQ British Communications Zone**

Comd: Col (Local Brig) The Honourable N C L Vivian Location: Emblem Camp, Antwerp

1 Garrison Area – Dusseldorf (Wuppertal, Koln, Bonn), Krefeld (Willich and St Tonis), and Rheindahlen

- 3 Garrison Area Mulheim (Duisburg)
- 4 Garrison Area Dortmund (Menden) and Soest (Hamm/Werl, Iserlohn/Hemer, Werl)
- 5 Garrison Area Dulmen/Wulfen (Recklinghausen & Haltern) and Münster (Wahrendorf)
- 6 Garrison Area Mönchengladbach (Viersen) and Bracht

### **Commander Engineers BAOR**

CRE: Brig William Ian Cotter Dobbie (27/09/1988 to 04/04/1992)

#### 40 Army Engineer Support Gp RE

Location: Kitchener Bks (RE Depot), Willich

- HQ Sqn
- 21 Army Base Workshop
- 303 Army Engineer Park
- 305 Army Engineer Park Newcastle Bks, Hamm
- 306 Army Engineer Park
- Engineer Spares Park
- **Engineer Plant Park**

#### **Mobile Civilian Engineering Group**

Locations:

- Krefeld HQ & LAD REME
- 212 Mobile Civilian Artisan Group Hohne
- 217 Mobile Civilian Artisan Group Arsbeck
- 414 Combat Artisan Tp RE (V) Location: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley
- 221 Mobile Civilian Artisan Group Dortmund
  - 415 Combat Artisan Tp RE (V) Location: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley
- Krefeld • 232 Mobile Civilian Engineer Group
  - 413 Combat Artisan Tp RE (V) Location: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley

Note: Carries out routine repair, maintenance, and construction tasks in BAOR.

#### 38 Engineer Regt RE

Location: Claro Bks, Ripon

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 10 Field San
- 11 Field Sqn
- 32 Field Sqn
- 60 Field Support Sqn Waterbeach (from 39 Engr Regt) •
- Wksp REME

Note: Supports the RAF Harrier Force in the field and operates in Corps Rear Area. Field Sans consist of SHQ, 3x Field Tps, & Support Tp. 60 Sqn consists of SHQ, Plant Tp, Resource Tp, & Bridging Sect.REME Wksp contains RAOC Stores Sec.

**RAF Gutersloh** 

#### 39 Engineer Regt (Airfield Damage Repair) RE

Location: Waterbeach

- RHQ & HQ San
- 48 Field Sqn (Construction) -
- 50 Field Sqn (Construction) -
- 52 Field Sqn (Construction) -
- **RAF** Gutersloh RAF Laarbruch
- RAF Bruggen
- 53 Field Sqn (Construction )-

RAF Wildenrath

Invicta Park Bks, Maidstone (from 36 Engr Regt) Swinton Bks, Perham Down (from 22 Engr Regt)

Wksp REME

Note: One Field San to each RAF Germany Airfield. Each San Has a HQ, 3x Field Tps, 1x Support Tp, & a Wksp REME. Each Sqn also has on strength 4x FV603 Saracens

#### 411 Indep Combat Plant Tp RE (V)

Location: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley

#### 101 (London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) RE (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Catford, London
- 58 EOD Sqn Cattenden (from 33 Engr Regt (EOD))
- 591 EOD Sqn (V) Rochester

#### 501 STRE (V)(Bulk Petrol)

Locations: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley Note: TTW to RAF Bruggen & RAF Wildenrath

#### 503 STRE (V)(Bulk Petrol)

Location: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley Note: TTW to RAF Laarbruch

516 STRE (Bulk Petrol) (from 64 CRE (Works))

Location: RAF Gutersloh

Note: The Bulk Petrol STREs assigned to each RAF Germany airfield worked in conjunction with the ADR Sqn assigned. The STRE role would be the construction, operation, repair, and maintenance of bulk petrol and electrical & mechanical facilities. The Bulk Petroleum STREs (V) were made up of ESSO (501) and BP workers (503). 503 had the added task of constructing and repairing Emergency Offtake Point (EOP) installations on the Central European Pipeline System (CEPS) within BR RCZ. Each 3 Offrs 19 ORs (501 & 503). 516 had 2 Offrs 12 ORs

#### 520 STRE (V)(Well Drilling)

Location: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley

#### 521 STRE (Well Drilling)

Note: TTW these two units would merge.

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#### 14 Indep Topographic Sqn RE

Location: Roy Bks, Ratingen Note: Includes NORTHAG Depot & Depot 302

#### **Survey Production Center RE**

Location: Ayrshire Bks South, Moenchengladbach

#### 135 Indep Topographic Sqn RE (V)

Location: Note: Mapping services for AFCENT

### **30 Engineer Brigade (Volunteers)**

#### 30 Engr Bde HQ & Signal Tp R SIGNALS

Comd: Brig Garth Alfred Hewish (13/08/1987 to 24/09/1990) Location: Stafford

#### Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)

Location:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn (M) Monmouth
- 100 (Militia) Field Sqn (M)- Newport (SHQ & 1 Tp), Cardiff (2 Tp), & Bristol (3 Tp)
- 108 (Welsh) Field Sqn (V) Swansea
- 225 (City of Birmingham) Field Sqn (V) Oldbury
- Wksp REME (V)

#### 75 Engineer Regt RE (V)

Location:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn (V) TAC Oldham Rd, Failsworth, Manchester
- **107 (Lancashire & Cheshire) Field Sqn (V)** TAC Harrowly Rd, Birkenhead (SHQ 1, & 3 Tps), Altcar Rifle Range, Hightown, Huyton (Spt Tp), & Jubilee Bks, St. Helens (2 Tp)
- **202 Field Sqn (V)** TAC Manchester Rd, Clifton, Manchester (SHQ & 1 Tp), Kimberley Bks, Preston (2 Tp), Burnley (3 Tp), & TAC Oldham Rd, Failsworth, Manchester
- 120 Field Sqn (V) CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley
- Wksp REME (V) TAC Rifle St, Oldham

#### 111 Engineer Regt RE (V)

Location: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley

- RHQ & HQ Sqn (V)
- 130 Field Sqn (V)
- The Jersey Field Sqn (The Royal Militia of the Island of Jersey) St Helier
- Wksp REME (V)

Note: Officially still assigned to UKMF, however in the late 1980's pulled from UKMF role and assigned to BAOR. This was never changed officially thus many ORBATS wil not have the Regt in BAOR.

#### 125 (Staffordshire) Field Support Sqn RE (V)

Location: Stoke-on-Trent (SHQ & one Tp) & Cannock (two Tps)

#### 143 Plant Sqn RE (V)

Location: Walsall (SHQ & 1 Tp), Manchester (2 Tp), & Swansea (3 Tp)

#### 30 Engineer Bde Workshop REME (V)

Location: ?

Note: Bde's role was to keep the MSR open and clear of obstacles

### **Engineer Works Organization**

CRE: Col John Butler Bennett (15/11/1989 to ?)

#### **Military Works Force**

Location: Chilwell Station, Nottingham

Note: TTW moves to FRG and takes over MES (Works (PSA (Property Service Agency)) BAOR. It then becomes Engineer Works Organization with the Commander MWF becoming Commander and Commander RESAT becoming his deputy.Includes RE (PSA Germany) Pool (V)

#### Royal Engineer Specialist Advisory Team (V)

Location: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley Note: 16 Offrs Note: renamed Royal Engineer Specialist Advisory Team (RESAT) on March 1, 1988 formerly Engineer Specialist Pool. Source: The History of the Central Volunteer Headquarters Royal Engineers. Col. GF Edwards TD. The Institution of Royal Engineers. 2010.

#### 507 STRE (V) (Railway Construction)

Location: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley

Note: TTW merges with **Permanent Way Troop (PWT) (North)** at Dortmund and **PWT (South)** at Krefeld to become Military Works Group (MWG) 8. Role was to maintain and repair Permanent Way within or connected to British installations in RCZ. 3 Offrs 25 ORs

*Source:The History of the Central Volunteer Headquarters Royal Engineers. Col. GF Edwards TD. The Institution of Royal Engineers 2010.* 

#### 504 STRE (V)(Works) 1 & 7 MWG

506 STRE (V)(Works) 5/6 MWG

508 STRE (V)(Works) 4 MWG

525 STRE (V)(Works) 2/3 MWG

#### 526 STRE (V)(Works) 9 MWG

All located at CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley

Note: Military Works Groups (MWG) were responsible for completing Works for War in specified British installations and maintaining, operating, and repairing essential services in the installations or other facilities occupied by British Forces. Each 4 Offrs 24 ORs

Source: The History of the Central Volunteer Headquarters Royal Engineers. Col GF Edwards TD. The Institution of Royal Engineers 2010.

#### 62 CRE (Works)

- 523 STRE (Works)
- **522 STRE (Works)** Location: Kitchener Bks, Willich

#### 64 CRE (Works)

- 519 STRE (Works)
- 527 STRE (Works)

### **Commander Postal & Courier Service RE HQ BAOR**

Comd: Col Peter Wescott (14/03/1989 to 04/11/1993)

#### **3 Postal & Courier Depot RE**

- HQ Sqn Caernavon Bks, Dusseldorf
- 30 Postal & Courier Sqn
- 31 Postal & Courier Sqn
- 32 Postal & Courier Sqn- Mönchengladbach
- 33 Postal & Courier Sqn
- 34 Postal & Courier Sqn (V) CVHQ RE PCS Inglis Bks, Mill Hill
- 35 Postal & Courier Sqn (V) CVHQ RE PCS Inglis Bks, Mill Hill
- 36 Postal & Courier Sqn (V) CVHQ RE PCS Inglis Bks, Mill Hill

Note: Services BAOR formations (CommZ and RCZ)

#### 4 (NATO) Postal & Courier Unit RE

- HQ Sqn
- 41 Postal & Courier Sqn Sqn (V) CVHQ RE PCS Inglis Bks, Mill Hill
- 42 Postal & Courier Sqn Sqn (V) CVHQ RE PCS Inglis Bks, Mill Hill
- AFNORTH (Norway)
- AFSOUTH (Italy)
- IBERLANT (Portugal)

#### • AFCE (Ramstein)

Note: NATO roled unit

AFCENT (Netherlands) SHAPE (Belgium)

### **Commander Communications BAOR**

GOC: Maj Gen Peter Ronald Davies (31/10/1987 to 28/05/1990)

### **4 Signal Group**

Comd: Col Roger David Kyffin Thompson (09/02/1986-03/11/1989) Location: JHQ Rheindahlen Note: Supervises all static communications used by British Forces in Germany

#### 13 Signal Regt (Radio) R SIGNALS

Location: Mercury Bks, Birgelen

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 1 Sqn
- 2 Sqn
- 3 Sqn

RAF Gatow, West Berlin

JHQ Rheindahlen

• LAD REME Note: Signals Intelligence Unit

#### 16 Signal Regt (BAOR) R SIGNALS

Location: Bradbury Bks, Krefeld

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 1 Sqn Static Comms JHQ Rheindahlen
- **2 Sqn** Field Sqn-CCK
- **3 Sqn** Field Sqn-CCJ
- 4 Sqn Static Comms
- LAD REME

#### 21 Signal Regt (Air Support) R SIGNALS

Location: RAF Wildenrath

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 1 Sqn
- **2 Sqn** supports the Harrier Force in the field
- 3 Sqn
- 4 Sqn
- LAD REME

Note: Supports RAF Germany/2 ATAF

#### 56 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS (V)

Location: Sandgate & Eastbourne Note: Comd Comms BAOR HFG Theatre Reserve Sqn

#### 608 Signal Tp (Cipher Equipment) R SIGNALS

Location: Viersen Note: Royal Signals Inspection team

#### Signal Works Service Tp R SIGNALS

Note: formed from ex-Wehrmacht personnel in 1945 to provide facilities at firing ranges and during exercises

### NATO Communications (HQ NORTHAG Signal Support Gp)

#### 28 Signal Regiment (NORTHAG) R SIGNALS

- RHQ & HQ Sqn St. Tonis
- 1 Sqn St. Tonis
- **2 Sqn** JHQ Rheindahlen
- LAD REME

Note: 2 Sqn runs HQ NORTHAG/2 ATAF Comcen

#### 227 Signal Sqn (AFCENT) R SIGNALS

Location: Maastricht Note: Comms for British element of HQ 2 ATAF. Part of AFCENT Support Gp.

#### 228 Signal Sqn (SHAPE) R SIGNALS

Location: Mons Note: SHQ, Comcen, Crypto, & Radio/Line Tps

#### 641 Signal Tp R SIGNALS

Note: HQ 2 ATAF

### **11 Signal Bde (Volunteers)**

Comd: Brig Conrad Thomas Garton (16/01/1989 to 09/12/1991) Location: Liverpool Note: Rear area support to NATO in Belgium and the Netherlands

#### 31 (Greater London) Signal Regiment R SIGNALS (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Hammersmith
- 41 (Princess Louise's Kensington) Signal Sqn Coulsdon
- 47 (Middlesex Yeomanry) Signal Sqn Harrow
- 83 (London) Signal Sqn Southfield
- LAD REME (V)

Note: Reserve trunk Comms for SHAPE. EUROMUX

#### 33 (Lancashire & Cheshire) Signal Regiment R SIGNALS (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Alamein TAC Liverpool Rd, Huyton
- 42 (East Lancashire) Signal Sqn TAC Norman Rd, Rusholme, Manchester
- 59 (West Lancashire) Signal Sqn Deysbrook Bks, Liverpool
- 80 (Cheshire Yeomanry) Signal Sqn Gilwern House, Abbots Park, Chester
- LAD REME (V) Alamein TAC Liverpool Rd, Huyton

Note: Rear area Comms for AFCENT. EUROMUX

#### 35 (South Midlands) Signal Regiment R SIGNALS (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Sutton Coldfield
- 48 (City of Birmingham) Signal Sqn Sparkbrrok, Birmingham
- 58 (Staffordshire) Signal Sqn Necastle-under-Lyne
- 89 (Warwickshire) Signal Sqn Rugby
- 95 (Shropshire Yeomanry) Signal Sqn Shrewsbury
- LAD REME (V)

Note: Rear area Comms for NORTHAG. EUROMUX

### **British Support Command Communications**

### 12 Signal Bde (Volunteers)

Comd: Brig Stanley Gerald McKenzie Gordon (16/04/1988 to 21/10/1990) Location: Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea, London Note: Provides Comms for logistic units in RCZ/CommZ

#### 34 (Northern) Signal Regt R SIGNALS (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Middlesbrough
- 49 (West Riding) Signal Sqn Carlton Bks, Leeds w/Tp @ Hull
- 50 (Northumbrian) Signal Sqn Darlington w/Tp @ Newcastle
- 90 (North Riding) Signal Sqn Middlesbrough w/Tp @ Hartlepool
- LAD REME (V)

Note: Provides communications between the Channel Ports and the rear boundary of 1 (BR) Corps.

#### 36 (Eastern) Signal Regt R SIGNALS (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Wanstead
- 44 (Cinque Ports) Signal Sqn Gillingham
- 45 (Essex) Signal Sqn -Brentwood
- 54 (East Anglian) Signal Sqn Cambridge w/ two Tps @ Kempston & a Tp @ Norwich
- LAD REME (V)

Note: supports 1 (BR) Corps. Provides comms for logistic units in Forward Maintinence Area (FMA) and linked Rear HQ 1 (BR) Corps to logistic comms in RCZ. Each Sqn provided 3x Control Centre Tps and 1x Radio Relay Tp.

#### 40 (Ulster) Signal Regt R SIGNALS (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Clanover Park, Belfast
- 66 (City of Belfast) Signal Sqn Clanover Park, Belfast
- 85 (Ulster) Signal Sqn Clanover Park, Belfast, Lurgan (E Tp), & Larne (F Tp)
- LAD REME (V)

Note: Supports 1 (BR) Corps

#### 81 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS (V)

Location: HQ Trg Gp R SIGNALS Catterick Garrison Note: installs and maintains equipment @ RAF bases alongside 21 Signal Regt

# Infantry Units that provided Rear Area Security in the Communications Zone and RearCombat Zone

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, The Royal Green Jackets

Location: Connaught Bks, Dover (7/88-2/91) Type: MECH INF BN (WHEELED)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy (1, 2, 3 Pls)
- B (Sp) Coy (Recce, Mortar, MILAN, & Bugle (SFMG) Pls)
- C Coy (9, 10, 11 Pls)
- **D Coy** (14, 15, 16 Pls)
- LAD REME

Note: Bns role was to provide Lines of Communications security along the MSR from Olen in Belgium to the CRA. During Exercise Plain Sailing in September 1989, the Bn deployed A & C Coys in Belgium while HQ, B & D Coys were in the CRA and RCZ along the Dutch border.

Source: The Royal Green Jackets Chronicle 1989

### 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 52<sup>nd</sup> Lowland Volunteers

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ (Glasgow Highlanders) Coy Walcheren Bks, Glasgow (Mortar and MILAN Pls)
- A (Royal Highland Fusiliers) Coy Assaye House, Glasgow
- B (Royal Scots Fusiliers) Coy Ayr
- C (King's Own Scottish Borderers) Coy Dumfries
- D (Cameronians) Coy Hamilton
- E (Highland Light Infantry) Coy Walcheren Bks, Glasgow

Note: TTW to 1 Garrison Area

#### 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The King's Regiment

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Peninsula Bks, Warrington (w/ Mortar & MILAN Pls)
- A Coy TAC Townsend Ave, Liverpool (1, 2, & 3 Pls)
- **B Coy** TAC Townsend Ave, Liverpool (4, 5, & 6 Pls)
- C Coy TAC Ardwick Green, Manchester (7, 8, & 9 Pls)
- **D** Coy Peninsula Bks, Warrington (10, 11, & 12 Pls)

Note: TTW to 6 Garrison Area

### 3<sup>rd</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Royal Regiment of Wales (24<sup>th</sup>/41<sup>st</sup> Foot)

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Maindy Bks, Cardiff
- A Coy Abertillery w/Pls @ Blackwood & Cwncarn (Mortar Pl)
- **B Coy** Newport & Pontypool
- C Coy Pontypridd w/Pl @ Pentre (MILAN Pl)
- D (City of Cardiff) Coy Cardiff

Note: Security for HQ RCZ

#### 4<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Royal Irish Rangers (27<sup>th</sup> (Inniskilling), 83<sup>rd</sup>, & 87<sup>th</sup>) (North Irish Militia) Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy Portadown
- A (Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers) Coy St. Lucia Bks, Omagh & Enniskillen
- **B (Royal Ulster Rifles) Coy** Newtownabbey, Belfast
- C (Royal Irish Fusiliers) Coy Ballymena & Limavady (Recce PI)
- D (London Irish Rifles) Coy Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea & Hillingdon

Note: TTW to 1 Garrison Area

### 5<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Royal Irish Rangers (27<sup>th</sup> (Inniskilling), 83<sup>rd</sup>, & 87<sup>th</sup>)

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ, HQ & Support Coy Banbridge with Recce Pl @ Armagh
- A Coy Lisburn
- **B Coy** Newtownards
- C Coy Lurgan

• **D Coy** - TAC Hydebank, Belfast

Note: TTW to 4 Garrison Area

### 4<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ &HQ Coy Kimberley Bks, Preston
- A Coy TAC Kingsway, Burnley
- **B Coy** TAC Yorkshire St, Blackpool
- C Coy Derby Bks, Bolton
- D Coy Somme Bks, Blackburn w/ det @ TAC Bury Rd, Haslingden
- Sp Coy Kimberley Bks, Preston (HQ, Mortar, & Recce Pls) & Derby Bks, Bolton (MILAN Pl)

Note: Security for HQ BRSC as per documents obtained from MOD (as of 1991).

However during Ex Plain Sailing in 1989;

"B Coy's Role was protection and security for the RCZ HQ. We were accommodated on the 2 or 3 floors in the old Luftwaffe Sgts Mess in the barracks next to Dusseldorf airport. It could have been Caernarvon Barracks. I remember that our A Coy was responsible in the next barracks for a POW facility, with MPs over from MCTC Colchester. B Coy flew from Manchester Airport to Dusseldorf direct, and were chosen for this task because we were Champion Company, and the remainder of the Bn went to Holcombe Moor camp near Bolton, before coming to Germany and was reinforced by reservists. When they came by road, it Land Rovers and 4 ton Bedfords. During the second week of Annual Camp we were in Sennelager and spent our time on range work, Coy Exercises and visits to the Inner German border. The journey back to the UK was a nightmare sea journey on the "Petrel", from Rotterdam to Harwich in force 10 gales. Any vehicles on the top deck were damaged during this journey." Info from Major (Retd) John Woodhouse

According to The Lancashire Lad: The Journal of The Queen's Lancashire Regiment May 1988 Vol.VIII No.1 the Bn had exercised in the Bridge Demolition Guard role.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn, 51<sup>st</sup> Highland Volunteers

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy TAC Cooper Pk, Elgin (Recce Pl)
- A (Queen's Own Highlanders & Lovat Scouts) Coy Thurso (1 Pl), Wick (2 Pl), Brora(3 Pl), Kirkwall (Lovat Scouts) (Aslt Pnr Pl)
- B (Gordon Highlanders) Coy Peterhead (HQ & PI), Keith (PI), & Turriff (PI)
- C (Queen's Own Highlanders) Coy Stornoway (31 Pl), Inverness (HQ & 32 Pl), Ft. William (33 Pl), Dingwall (Mortar Pl)
- D (Gordon Highlanders & Lovat Scouts) Coy Invernurie (41 Pl), Lerwick (Lovat Scouts/42 Pl), Bridge of Don Bks, Aberdeen (HQ & 43 Pl), Laurencekirk (MILAN Pl)

Note: TTW to 5 Garrison Area. Pipes & Drums in HQ Coy were roled as the SFMG Pl

Sources: The Tiger & Sphinx: Regimental Journal of The Gordon Highlanders 1988. The Queen's Own Highlander Summer 1990 Vol.30 N0.78, Winter 1990 Vol.30 No.79, and Summer 1991 Vol.31 No.80. The Life of A Regiment Vol.VII 1969-1994. LTC Derek Napier. Mainstream Publishing. Edinburgh 2010.

General Note: The above TA Inf Bns had their MILAN (AT) Pl assigned to Bns/Bdes in the FEBA/CRA. HQ BAOR had originally put forward a proposal for these Pls to be taken from their Bns and permanently made part of the units they supported, ie 3 RRW would disband their Pl and 5 Queens would expand theirs. However my sources tell me that HQ BAOR withdrew its own proposal on the realization that it would take too long to implement (2-3 years) and that it would preclude having the flexibility to use the Bns affected in the FEBA/CRA if need be.

### **German Support Unit BAOR**

Note: This German recruited guard unit was 26 Coys strong, each Coy was established for 5 Offrs & 111 ORs

### **Commander Transport & Movements BAOR**

Comd: Brig Robert Michael Bullock (07/03/1988 to 14/01/1990) Note: Also Commander British Rear Combat Zone

### HQ 2 Transport Group RCT

Comd: Col Charles Michael Lake (30/04/1989 to 10/06/1992) Location: Caernavon Bks, Dusseldorf *Note: Provides Tpt in RCZ* 

### 156 (Merseyside and Greater Manchester) Transport Regt RCT (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn Liverpool
- 234 (Wirral) Transport Sqn (V) Chetwynd, Wexford Rd, Birkenhead
- 235 (Liverpool) Transport Sqn (V) TAC Mather Ave, Liverpool
- 236 (Greater Manchester) Transport Sqn (V) Salford
- 238 (Sefton) Transport Sqn (V) GM VC TAC Strand Rd, Bootle
- Wksp REME (V)

Note: Each Sqn equipped with 16-TONNE FODEN CL.

#### 160 Transport Regt RCT (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham
- 213 (BAOR) Transport Sqn (V) Ayrshire Bks, Mönchengladbach
- 230 Transport Sqn (V) Edinburgh (from 153 (Highland) Transport Regt RCT (V))
- 261 Transport Sqn (V)
- 263 Transport Sqn (V)
- Wksp REME (V)

#### 161 Ambulance Regt RCT (V)

Locations:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn (V) HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham
- 291 Ambulance Sqn (V)
- 608 MCTG Ayrshire Bks, Mönchengladbach

services 6 Garrison Area services 4 Garrison Area

- 626 MCTG Caernavon Bks, Dusseldorf
- A Tp, 54 Engineer Support & Ambulance Sqn Tunis Bks, Lubbecke
- D Tp, 54 Engineer Support & Ambulance Sqn Tunis Bks, Lubbecke
- Wksp REME (V)

Note: The two Mobile Civilian Transport Groups (MCTG) would assume an Ambulance Role in TTW. In peace time they were part of the BAOR Freight Service.

#### 163 Transport and Movement Regiment RCT (V)

Location:

- RHQ & HQ Sqn (V)- HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham
- 38 Transport Sqn Wrexham Bks, Mulheim
- 270 Transport Sqn (V) HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham
- 283 Movement Control Sqn (V)
- Wksp REME (V)

Note: Each Sqn equipped with 16-tonne Foden CL. Role is to transport incoming cargoes from the CEP (Container Exchange Point) at Monchengladbach or other CEPs/railheads in the RCZ and transport them to the CSA.

#### 79 Railway Sqn RCT

Location: Ayrshire Bks (South), Mönchengladbach Note: Peacetime strength 37 military 33 civilian personnel with 17 x locomotives and 265 x rolling stock. Has a Wksp REME attached.

#### 275 Railway Sqn RCT (V)

Location: HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham Note: recruited from British Railways personnel

#### **Railway Liason & Advisory Staff RCT**

Note: Controls all the Army's rail assests in Germany. TTW controls assets in Netherlands and Belgium also.

#### 71 Movement Control Sqn, RCT

Location: Ayrshire Bks (North), Mönchengladbach Note: MC in 2 Transport Gps area including air movements through Dusseldorf airport.

#### 500 Mobile Movements Tp RCT

Location: Ayrshire Bks (North), Mönchengladbach Note: Oversees the movement of BAOR troops out of area

#### 2x Tps, 262 Fuel Sqn RCT (V) (from 160 Transport Regt RCT (V))

Location: HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham

#### Joint Helicopter Support Unit (Germany)

Location: RAF Gutersloh HQ 4x helicopter teams Note: This a joint Army/RAF unit (75%/25%) formed to support No.18 Sqn's CHINOOKS. Consists of a small HQ (2xLR FFR, 1x 4 tonner, 2x Armstrong motorcycles) commanded by a RCT captain. Consisting of four teams (6 ORs each) of helicopter handlers (1x JCB forklift, 1x BEDFORD 4-TONNE, 1x LR FFR)

#### 604 Mobile Civilian Transport Group

Location: West Riding Bks, Dortmund

#### 414 Tank Transporter Unit RCT

Location: Ward Bks, Bulford Note: Includes Wksp REME

#### BRSC Liason & Movements Staff RCT (V)

Location: HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham

### **HQ RCT Communications Zone**

#### 602 Transport Unit RCT

Location: Emblem Camp, Antwerp Note: Equipped with 16-tonne Foden CL. Consists of HQ, A, B & C Tps

### **NATO Headquarters Units**

#### 68 Transport Sqn RCT

Location: JHQ Rheindahlen Note: Provides transport support to HQ BAOR/HQ NORTHAG

#### 221 Transport Sqn RCT (V)

Location: Glasgow Note: Provides transport support to HQ AFCENT

### **Commander Medical BAOR**

Comd: Maj Gen Duncan Love Macphie QHS (27/11/1987 to 31/12/1990)

### **Commander Medical RCZ**

Comd: Brig James Egan (31/10/1988 to 08/11/1990)

### **Rear Surgical Complex**

#### **30** General Hospital RAMC

Location: Woolwich Note: Prior to TTW is Queen Elizabeth MH Woolwich. 4 Garrison Area. 800 Beds

#### **31 General Hospital RAMC**

Location: Iserlohn Note: Prior to TTW BMH Iserlohn. 6 Garrison Area

#### 201 (Northern) General Hospital RAMC (V)

Location: Newcastle-on-Tyne, Cramlington, Newton Aycliffe Note: 4 Garrison Area. 800 Beds

#### 205 (Scottish) General Hospital RAMC (V)

Location: Glasgow, Edinburgh, Dunoon, Inverness Note: 4 Garrison Area. 800 Beds

#### 207 (Manchester) General Hospital RAMC (V)

Location: Old Trafford, Halton, Blackburn Note: 4 Garrison Area. 800 Beds

#### 208 (Merseyside) General Hospital RAMC (V)

Location: Liverpool, Ellesmere Port *Note: 4 Garrison Area. 800 Beds* 

#### 304 General Hospital RAMC (V)

Location: Note: 1 Garrison Area. 800 Beds

#### 224 Field Ambulance RAMC (V)

Location: Stoke-on-Trent

#### 225 (Highland) Field Ambulance RAMC (V)

Location: Forfar

#### 252 (Highland) Field Ambulance RAMC (V)

Location: Aberdeen, Montrose

#### 253 (Northern Ireland) Field Ambulance RAMC (V)

Location: Belfast, Londonderry

#### 82 Field Medical Equipment Depot

Location: ? Note: 4 Garrison Area. Prior to TTW Defence Medical Equip Depot BAOR

#### **BMH Münster**

Location: Münster Note: Downgraded to MRS in 1991. Before this it was a General Hospital with an unknown TTW designation. Any help would be appreciated.

#### 90 Medical Reception Station

Location: ? Note: 1 Garrison Area. 50 beds.

#### 382 Field Medical Coy RAMC

Location :

#### Ambulance Train Sqns RAMC (V)

- 330(V), 331(V), 332(V), 333(V), 334(V), 336(V), 337(V), 338(V), & 339(V) Sqns Location : HQ Army Medical Services TA Keogh Bks, Aldershot
- 335 (BAOR) Ambulance Train Sqn RAMC (V)
Location: Mochengladbach
Note : A Continental TA unit
Further note: All Sqns deployed in TTW to the RCZ/4 Garrison Area

#### Medical Pls RAMC (V)

- 261(V), 263(V), & 274(V)

#### Burns Teams RAMC & RAMC (V)

- 56, 365(V), 366(V), 367(V), & 368(V) Note: all deployed in 4 Garrison Area - 57 Note: deployed in 6 Garrison Area

#### Field Surgical Teams RAMC (V)

- 357(V) & 364(V) Note: deployed in 4 Garrison Area

#### **Field Psychiatric Team RAMC**

- 70 & 71
Note: deployed in 1 Garrison Area
- 68 & 69
Note: deployed in 6 Garrison Area

#### **Specialized Teams**

- 58 Max Facial SurgeryTeam RAMC

- 372 Max Facial SurgeryTeam RAMC
- 375 Neuro Surgical Team RAMC
- 376 Opthalmic Team RAMC
- Note: all in 4 Garrison Area
- -59 Opthalmic Team RAMC
- 374 Neuro Surgical Team RAMC

Note: all in 6 Garrison Area

### CommZ

#### **34 Evacuation Hospital RAMC**

Location: Catterick Note: Prior to TTW is Duchess of Kent's MH Catterick. 400 Beds

#### 308 Evacuation Hospital RAMC (V)

Location: HQ Army Medical Services TA Keogh Bks, Aldershot Note: 400 Beds

#### 307 Field Ambulance RAMC (V)

Location: HQ Army Medical Services TA Keogh Bks, Aldershot

#### 381 Field Medical Equipment Depot RAMC (V)

Location: HQ Army Medical Services TA Keogh Bks, Aldershot

#### 91 Medical Reception Station (MRS Emblem)

Location: Emblem Camp, Antwerp Note: 25 beds. CommZ

#### **392 Medical Reception Station**

Location: ? Note: Supports AFCENT

#### 260 Medical PI RAMC (V)

Location: ?

Note: In TTW the following Regular Army Bands support the RAMC in BRSC as stretcher bearers, triage personnel, etc - 4x Inf Regt Bands (Small) (single Bn Regts)

- 1x Inf Regt Band (Large) (multi Bn Regts)
- RAOC Staff Band

- WRAC Staff Band

### **Royal Army Dental Corps BAOR**

#### **Field Dental Lab RADC**

Location: ?

#### **Mobile Dental Teams RADC**

- 232, 233, & 234
Location:
Note: All in RCZ/4 Garrison Area. Formed in TTW from No.2 & 12 Dental Gps
- 235 & 236
Location: West Ridng Bks, Dortmund
Note: Both in BRSC area. Formed in TTW from No.12 Dental Gp

### **Commander Supply BAOR**

Comd: Brig Michael Charles Owen (28/04/1989 to )

### **15 Ordnance Gp RAOC**

Comd: Col Hugh Gort Heap (01/12/1988 to 28/11/1991) Location: Tower Bks, Dulmen

#### • Fwd Stores Depot RAOC

Location: Tower Bks, Dulmen

#### • Fwd Vehicle Depot RAOC

Location: Preston Bks, Recklinghausen

- 171 (BAOR) Vehicle Pl RAOC (V)

Note: A Continental TA unit. 1 Offr 43 ORs

- 435 Veh Pl RAOC (V)

- 535 Veh PI RAOC (V)

- 635 Veh Pl RAOC (V)

Location: CVHQ Deepcut

-Fwd Veh Depot Wksp REME

Location: Preston Bks, Recklinghausen

Further Note: "On TTW 435, 535, & 635 Vehicle PIs RAOC (V) first task was to draw vehicles from UK Reserves and drive in convoy to create a vehicle replacement field depot. Many TA Units would also draw additional vehicles to make up establishments." Source: Mike from the RAOC forum

#### • 4 Petrol Depot RAOC

Location: Portsmouth Bks, Warendorf

#### • 154 Fwd Ammo Depot RAOC

Location: Muna Bks, Wulfen

#### **3 Base Ammo Depot RAOC**

Location: Marlborough Bks, Bracht

#### **Ordnance Services Viersen RAOC**

Location: Hilsea Bks, Viersen Note : Includes Viersen Wksp REME

#### **Inventory Control Point BAOR RAOC**

Location: Hilsea Bks, Viersen

#### 221 (BAOR) EOD Coy RAOC

Location: Herford Note: Dets @ Bracht, Walsrode & Wolfern

#### 72 Ord Coy (Ammo) RAOC (V)

Location: Telford Note: TTW reinforces **3 BAD** & **154 FAD** 

### 73 Ord Coy (Petrol) RAOC (V)

Location: Romford Note: TTW reinforces **4 Petrol Depot** 

### 74 Ord Coy (Petrol) RAOC (V)

Location: HQ RAOC TA Blackdown Bks (Deepcut) Camberley

Note: "74 Ord Coy's task was to re-fuel the convoys for onward movement, and I believe three other replenishment points were to be established (as were in Ex Crusader 80 & Lionheart 84)". Source: Mike from the RAOC forum

#### **Communications Zone Ordnance Depot (Ordnance Depot Antwerp)**

Location: Emblem Camp, Antwerp (Det @ Ayrshire Bks, Mönchengladbach)

#### • 701 Petrol Pl RAOC (V)

Location: HQ RAOC TA Blackdown Bks (Deepcut) Camberley

#### **3 Static Laundry RAOC**

Location:

#### 6 Static Laundry RAOC

Location:

#### Note on 71 Ord Coy RAOC (V)

Classed as 71 Ord Coy (V) managed by CVHQ [Company HQ not deployed]
All are Laundry Platoons assigned to the following RAMC(V) Hospitals:

- 711 21, 32 & 33 Fd Hosp
- 712 203 & 217 Gen Hosp
- 713 211, 212 & 219 Fd Hosp
- 714 202, 204 & 207 Gen Hosp
- 715 31, 205 & 208 Gen Hosp
- 716 30 & 201 Gen Hosp
- 717 304 Gen Hosp
- 718 34 Evac Hosp
- 719 308 Evac Hosp
- 801 2 Fd Hosp & 257 Gen Hosp (UKMF Reserve)

#### **Continental TA Units**

Note: It was planned that the following TA units be formed in the 1990's as part of the expansion of the Continental TA scheme.

<ul> <li>- 131 (BAOR) Combat Supply PI RAOC (V)</li> </ul>	Rintlein	supports 13 Ord Coy
- 421 (BAOR) Combat Supply PI RAOC (V)		supports 42 Ord Coy
- 431 (BAOR) Combat Supply Pl RAOC ( V)	Hannover	supports 43 Ord Coy
- 611 (BAOR) Ordnance Pl RAOC (V)		supports 61 Ord Coy
- 612 (BAOR) Ordnance PI RAOC (V)	Gutersloh	supports 61 Ord Coy
- 736 (BAOR) Petrol Pl RAOC (V)	Warendorf	supports 73 Ord Coy/4 Petrol Depot
- 891 (BAOR) Ordnance PI RAOC (V)	?	

Again this list is thanks to Mike at the RAOC forum who has been invaluable in helping me with the RAOC.

### **Commander Maintenance BAOR**

Comd: Brig Michael Thomas Austin Lord (12/02/1987 to 16/11/1989)

### **Rear Combat Zone**

#### 23 Base Wksp REME

Location: Schoentalstr, Wetter

#### 37(Rhine) Wksp REME

Location: Rotunda Bks, Mönchengladbach

#### 62 RCZ Wksp REME

Location: Mönchengladbach

#### 64 RCZ Wksp REME

Location: Kitchener Bks (RE Depot), Willich

#### 207 Support Wksp REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon

### 209 Support Wksp REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon

#### 211 RCZ Wksp REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon

#### 118 Recovery Coy REME (V)

Location: Northampton (HQ & 2x Pls) Corby(2x Pls), Leicester (Pl)

- HQ PI
- **114 Recovery Pl** serves 5 Garrison Area
- 115 Recovery Pl serves 5 Garrison Area
- **116 Recovery Pl** serves 1 Garrison Area
- 117 Recovery Pl serves 4 Garrison Area

Note: second line recovery support and clearance of MSRs. Consists of HQ, 1x GS, & 4x Light Recovery Pls

#### 224 Reclamation PI REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon

### Theatre Units in 1 (BR) Corps Area

**57 Station Wksp REME** Location: Barker Bks, Paderborn

**58 Station Wksp REME** Location: Westminster Bks, Minden

**61 Station Wksp REME** Location: Redesdale Bks, Dortmund

63 Station Wksp REME Location: Lagenhagen Bks, Hannover

### **Communications Zone**

### 60 CommZ Wksp REME

Location: Olen Camp, Antwerp

#### 201 Support Wksp REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon

#### 218 Port Wksp REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon

#### 219 Port Wksp REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon

#### 215 Recovery Coy REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon

- HQ PI
- 212 Recovery Pl
- 213 Recovery Pl
- 214 Recovery Pl

### **NATO Headquarters Units**

#### 280 NATO HQ Wksp REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon Note: Supports SHAPE

### 281 NATO HQ Wksp REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon Note: Supports AFCENT

#### 282 NATO HQ Wksp REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon Note: Supports NORTHAG

### **Provost Marshal BAOR**

PM: Col Michael Gordon Ramsey (03/02/1989 to 11/03/1991)

# Special Investigations Branch (Germany)

Assistant Provost Marshal & CO SIB RMP (BAOR)

Comd: Lt Col Ian Wallace Fulton (30/05/1988 to 02/12/1990) Location: JHQ Rheindahlen

Western Region Dusseldorf

- 87 Sect SIB Dusseldorf / Rheindahlen
- 74 Sect SIB Werl / Dortmund/Munster
- 93 Sect SIB Berlin
- Eastern Region
   **70 Sect SIB** Celle / Fallingbostel
- 72 Sect SIB Osnabruck / Minden / Bielefeld
- **76 Sect SIB** Detmold / Sennelager

#### 101 Provost Coy RMP

Location: Caernavon Bks, Dusseldorf (Dets @ Rheindahlen & Emblem)

#### **6 Support PI RMP**

Note: Close Protection

#### **19 Support PI RMP**

Note: Escorts SOXMIS

#### 3 Regiment RMP

Note: Forms in TTW to control RMP units in RCZ

#### 102 Provost Coy RMP

Location:

## 176 Provost Coy RMP

Location: Londonderry, N Ireland

#### 243 Provost Coy RMP (V)

Location: Edinburgh, Glenrothes & Stranraer. Note: *HQ & 4x Pro Pls* 

#### 252 Provost Coy RMP (V)

Location: Stockton-on-Tees, Hull, & Gateshead. Note: *HQ & 6x Pro Pls*  **1 Regiment RMP** Note: Forms in TTW to control RMP units in CommZ

#### 175 Provost Coy RMP

Location: Lisburn, N Ireland Note: Provost support in CommZ

#### 253 Provost Coy RMP (V)

Location: London Note: Provost support in CommZ. HQ & 7x Pro Pls

#### 254 Provost Coy RMP (V)

Location: Belfast Note: Provost support to HQ AFCENT. HQ & 1x Pro Pl

### HQ NORTHAG Provost Coy RMP

Location: ?

#### **No. 1 Detention Centre BRSC**

Location: Colchester Note: Forms in TTW from **Military Corrective Training Centre Colchester** 

### **Commander RAVC BAOR**

Comd: Col Scott Colin Moffat (16/10/1985 to 23/08/1989)

#### **BAOR Defence Animal Support Unit RAVC**

Location: Normandy Bks, Sennelager

#### **RCZ Defence Animal Support Unit RAVC (V)**

Location: RAVC Centre Melton Mowbray, Leicester

### **Commander Labour Resource BAOR and Commander Labour Resource RCZ**

Comd: Col Charles Brockbank Telfer (27/03/1988 to 19/09/1991)

#### **1** Pioneer Labour Support Unit RPC

Location: JHQ Rheindahlen Note: Supports 1 Garrison Area (Monchengladbach, Krefeld, Dusseldorf, & Rheindahlen)

#### **3** Pioneer Labour Support Unit RPC

Location: Ayrshire Bks, Mönchengladbach Note: Supports 3 Garrison Area (Mulheim)

#### **4 Pioneer Labour Support Unit RPC**

Location: Redesdale Bks, Dortmund (Dets @ Iserlohn, Menden, & Soest) Note: Supports 4 Garrison Area (Dortmund/Menden, Hamm/Werl, Iserlohn/Hemer, Soest, & Wetter)

#### **5** Pioneer Labour Support Unit RPC

Location: Recklinhausen, Wulfen Note: Supports 5 Garrison Area (Warendorf, Recklinghausen, Dulmen, Wulfen & Munster)

#### 6 Pioneer Labour Support Unit RPC

Location: Studplatz 21, Münster Note: Supports 6 Garrison Area (Willich, Viersen, & Bracht)

**68 Pioneer Coy RPC (V)** Location: CVHQ RPC Simpson Bks, Wootton

#### 2 Pioneer Civilian Labour Unit RPC (V)

Location: CVHQ RPC Simpson Bks, Wootton

#### **Rheindahlen Security Force RPC**

Location: JHQ Rheindahlen Note: 6 Offrs, 210 ORs

### HQ Intelligence and Security Group (Germany)

Comd: Col Michael Ivan Laurie (28/11/1988 to 14/02/1991)

#### 2 Intelligence Coy INT CORPS

Location: JHQ Rheindahlen

#### 6 Intelligence Coy (Photo Intell) INT CORPS

Location: JHQ Rheindahlen

#### 21 Intelligence Coy (Imagery Analysis) INT CORPS (V)

Location : London Note : attached to 2 ATAF.59 strong

#### 24 Intelligence Coy INT CORPS (V)

# Location : London

Note: HQ BAOR. 61 strong

- 241 Int Sect (V) Int staff for 22 Int Coy (V)
- 242 Int Sect (V) reinforcements for Corps/Div/Bdes and RCZ/CommZ (7 Int Coy)
- 243 Int Sect (V) Special Forces support
- 244 Int Sect (V) reinforcement for 2 Inf Div/(8 Int Coy)

#### **4 Security Coy INT CORPS**

Location: Dusseldorf

- 41 Sy Sect Emblem Camp, Antwerp
- 42 Sy Sect Dusseldorf
- 43 Sy Sect
- 44 Sy Sect

Dortmund

Münster

• 45 Sy Sect JHQ Rheindahlen

#### 20 Security Coy INT CORPS (V)

Location: St.John's Wood Bks, London Note: Dutch and Belgian Ports. Supports **4 Sy Coy**. 47 strong.

#### 23 Security Coy INT CORPS (V)

Location: Edinburgh and Belfast Note: Dutch and Belgian Ports, specifically Ostend and Zeebruge. Supports **41 Sy Sect**. 47 strong

*Note: There are 5x Port Sy Sects at Antwerp, Zeebruge, Ostend, Ghent, and Rotterdam.* 

#### **151 Int Sect INT CORPS**

Location: JHQ Rheindahlen

#### **152 Sy Sect INT CORPS**

Location: JHQ Rheindahlen

#### **Recce Intelligence Centre (Gutersloh) INT CORPS**

Location: RAF Gutersloh

#### **Recce Intelligence Centre (Laarbruch) INT CORPS**

Location: RAF Laarbruch

#### **British Services Security Organization (Germany)**

Location; JHQ Rheindahlen Note: Included Int Corps and MI5 personnel

#### **British Services Intelligence Unit (Germany)**

Location; JHQ Rheindahlen Note: Included Int Corps and MI6 personnel

The two organizations above formed part of the Joint Intelligence Committee (Germany) along with Brigadier Int & Sy (Germany) and Chief Intelligence Officer RAF Germany

### **Royal Army Pay Corps BAOR**

**1 Garrison Cash Office RAPC** Location: ?

**3 Garrison Cash Office RAPC** Location: ?

### 4 Garrison Cash Office RAPC

Location: ?

**5 Garrison Cash Office RAPC** Location: ?

6 Garrison Cash Office RAPC Location: ?

**1 RCZ Cash Office RAPC** Location: ?

2 RCZ Cash Office RAPC Location: ?

Emblem Cash Office RAPC Location: Emblem Camp

**40 Area Cash Office RAPC** Location: ? *Note: Communications Zone* 

32 Command Cash Office RAPC

Location: ? Note: BAOR

#### 222 Field Cash Office RAPC

Location: ? Note: AFCENT

# **Royal Army Education Corps**

### HQ Education Services RCZ RAEC

Location: ? Note: Included the following units: 34 & 43 AEC. Unknown TTW role.

# **British Sector Berlin**

GOC: Maj Gen Robert John Swan Corbett (17/01/1989 to 02/10/1990)

# **Berlin Infantry Bde**

Comd: Brig Richard Arthur Oliver (06/12/1988 to 05/12/1990)

### 29 (Berlin) Signal Regt R SIGNALS

Location: Stadium Bks, West Berlin

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 229 Signal Sqn

Notes: responsible for HQ British Sector and all communications west of Berlin plus Berlin Bde

#### 3 Sqn, 13 Signal Regt (Radio) R SIGNALS

Location: RAF Gatow, West Berlin

### C Sqn, 14<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> King's Hussars

Location: Smuts Bks, West Berlin (9/88-?/91)

Note: consisted of SHQ (2x CHIEFTAIN MK10/C, 2x LAND ROVER FFR, 1x FV432 Ambulance) and 4xTps of 4x CHIEFTAIN MK10/C each, for a total of 18. The LAD REME was equipped with 1xFV4204 CHIEFTAIN ARRV Mk7, 1xFV434 ARV, 1xFV432, & 2x LAND ROVER FFR

### 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The King's Regiment

Location: Wavell Bks, West Berlin (2/88-1/90) Type: INF BN Type A (BERLIN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- D (Sp) Coy

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Light Infantry

Location: Brooke Bks, West Berlin (2/89-6/91) Type: INF BN TYPE A (BERLIN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C Coy
- D (Sp) Coy

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)

Location: Montgomery Bks, West Berlin (3/87-7/89) Type: INF BN TYPE A (BERLIN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A (Grenadier) Coy (1, 2, 3 Pls & the Pipes & Drums (SFMG))
- **B Coy** (5, 6, 7 Pls)
- C (Sp) Coy (MILAN, Mortar, Recce, & Aslt Pnr Pls)
- **D Coy** (13, 14, 15 Pls)

Note: This Bn was in the process of handing over to 1 RWF and Arms Plotting to Abercorn Bks, Ballykinler



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#### 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Royal Welch Fusiliers

Location: Montgomery Bks, West Berlin (7/89-) Type: INF BN TYPE A (BERLIN)

- Bn HQ & HQ Coy
- A Coy
- B Coy
- C (Sp) Coy
- D Coy

Note: This Bn was in the process of relieving 1BW from Abercorn Bks, Ballykinler

Note on Inf Bns: All three Bns assigned to the Berlin Bde had a unique organization for their Sp Coys. The Recce Pls each had 8x FV721 FOX CVR (W). The AT Pl was equipped with 6x WOMBAT and 6x MILAN all in LAND ROVERS FFR. The Mortar Pl had 8x 81mm MORTARS also transported in LAND ROVERS FFR. Finally each Bn had 4x FV432 with a Rarden Turret plus 2x FV432 and a FV434 ARV.

#### 7 Flt AAC

Location: RAF Gatow, West Berlin

#### **3** Intelligence and Security Coy Int Corps

Location: Stadium Bks, West Berlin

#### **Berlin AD Tp RA**

Location: Note: Originally 6 Tp of 46 (Talavera) AD Bty RA

#### 38 (Berlin) Field Sqn RE

Location: Smuts Bks, West Berlin
408 (Berlin) Fd Tp RE (V)
Note: a Continental TA unit

#### **Berlin Postal and Courier Tp RE**

Location: Stadium Bks, West Berlin

#### 62 Transport & Movements Sqn RCT

Location: Alexander Bks, West Berlin

#### **Ordnance Services Berlin RAOC**

Location: Alexander Bks, West Berlin

#### 14 (Berlin) Field Workshop REME

Location: Alexander Bks, West Berlin

#### 14 Independent Pioneer Civilian Labour Unit RPC

Location: Badenallee

#### **BMH Berlin RAMC**

Location: Charlottenburg Note: On TTW forms a Fd Ambulance

#### 2 Regiment RMP

Location: Stadium Bks, West Berlin

#### • 246 Provost Coy

Helmstedt

Note: Controls Checkpoint Alpha, the beginning of the road corridor through East Germany to West Berlin. To maintain Allied rights of access the unit conducts daily sweeps of the autobahn and escort VIPs along the 103 mile route. Consists of 1 Offrs, 25 ORs, 16 CIV.

#### • 247 Provost Coy

Stadium Bks, West Berlin

Note: Controls Checkpoints Bravo and Charlie in West Berlin itself along with various other posts such as at Tiergarten and the Brandenburgh Gate. Also patrols the border with East Berlin.

#### • 248 (GSU) Provost Coy

Notes: German Support Unit, consists of 250 locally enlisted Germans and 30 dogs (mostly German Sheperds). Duties are to relieve British troops on guard and security duties. Source: Soldier Magazine August 1987

#### BRIXMIS

Chief of British Mission to Soviet Forces in Europe: Brig Ian L Freer (12/06/1989 to 31/03/1991) Location: Stadium Bks, West Berlin

#### **British Services Security Organization (Berlin)**

Location: Stadium Bks, West Berlin Note: Included Int Corps and MI5 personnel

#### **British Services Intelligence Unit (Berlin)**

Location: Stadium Bks, West Berlin Note: Included Int Corps and MI6 personnel

The two organizations above formed part of the Joint Intelligence Committee (Germany)

#### Army Education Services Berlin RAEC (46 AEC)

Location: ?

# **Appendix A: The Continental TA**

In 1984 BAOR began a pilot scheme to recruit ex-service personnel that had settled on the continent (mostly in The Low Countries and West Germany). Six (6) Sqn/Tp/Pl size units were formed (listed by parent formation in the document). By 1989 the success of the scheme was apparent and BAOR prepared to expand the "Continental TA" to 2,000 personnel. Starting in 1990, the expansion was to be in two phases. I have listed them for interest here.

#### Phase 1 Expansion Year 1

<ul> <li>- 131 (BAOR) Cbt Supply PI RAOC (V)</li> <li>- Pro PI RMP (V)</li> <li>-2x wh Amb Sects RAMC (V)</li> <li>-LO Pool 2 Inf Div</li> <li>- GS Arty Tp RA (V)</li> <li>-213 Sqn Wksps REME (V)</li> <li>-Mov Con Det RCT (V)</li> <li>-736 (BAOR) Pet PI RAOC (V)</li> <li>-2x Pro PI RMP (V)</li> <li>-DASU (Rear Areas) RAVC (V)</li> <li>-Mov Con Tp RCT (V)</li> <li>-Sig Tp R Signals (V)</li> </ul>	Rinteln Hohne Minden Bielfeld Dortmund Mönchengladbach Warendorf Mönchengladbach Mönchengladbach Emblem Berlin	13 Ord Coy/1 Ord Bn 111 Pro Coy 4 Armd Fd Amb HQ 2 Inf Div Fwd 1 Arty Bde 213 (BAOR) Tpt Sqn 2 Gp RCT 73 Ord Coy/4 Pet Depot 101 Pro Coy BAOR DASU HQ RCT (BR)Comm Z Berlin HQ & 229 Sig Sqn	Med Sp Covering Force 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> gun manning Maint Sp LOC
-431 (BAOR) Cbt Supply Pl RAOC (V)	Hannover	43 Ord Coy/4 Ord Bn	Outloading
-612 (BAOR) Ord Pl RAOC (V)	Gutersloh	61 Ord Coy/6 Ord Bn	
-Pro Pl RMP (V)	Detmold	114 Pro Coy	
-2x wh Amb Sects RAMC (V)	Hohne	1 Armd Fd Amb	Med Sp Covering Force
- Railway Repair Sect RE (V)	Willich	40 Army Sp Gp	
-412 (BAOR) Plt Maint Tp RE (V)	Willich	40 Army Sp Gp	
-931 (BAOR)Ord PI RAOC(V)	Viersen	Ord Services Viersen	Outloading
-LO Pool Allied Formations	Emblem	HQ (BR) Comm Z	
Phase 1 Expansion Year 3			
-Res Rig Tp RE (V) -Rec PI REME (V) -2x wh Amb Sects RAMC (V) -611 (BAOR) Ord PI RAOC (V) -421 (BAOR) Ord PI RAOC (V) -Tpt Tp RCT (V) -LO Pool	Hameln Bielfeld Osnabruck Gutersloh Detmold Emblem	28 Amphib Engr Regt 1 Corps Tps Wksp 2 Armd Fd Amb 61 Ord Coy/6 Ord Bn 41 Ord Coy/4 Ord Bn HQ RCT (BR) Comm Z HQ (BR) RCZ	Sp Eqpt deployment Med Sp Covering Force Sup Pl Fwd Ord Sp Outloading

### Phase 2 Expansion (Tentatively Identified)

Priority	1 BR Corps	BR RCZ	BR Comm Z
1	WMR Armd Tp RAC (V)	C Sups PI RAOC (V)	REME Sp REME (V)
2	Armd Recce Tp RAC (V)	Sup PI RAOC (V)	Ord Sp Coy RAOC (V)
3	2x RE Plt Tps RE (V)	2x Sup Pls RAOC (V)	-Refuel Pl
4	4x RAMC Amb Sects RAMC (V)	Tpt Tp RCT (V)	-MT Pl
5	3x Guard Coys	Sig Tp R Signals (V)	-GD Pl
6	Sub Depot PI RAOC (V)	Specialist RCT Det RCT (V)	- Clerical Pl
7	Bulk Stores PI RAOC (V)	Rec PI REME (V)	LOs
8	Veh Pl RAOC (V)	LOs Pool Allied Formations	
9	3x Pro Pls RMP (V)		
10	8x Arty Tps RA (V)		
11	RE Plt Tp RE (V)		
12	Armd Sqn RAC (V)		
13	Tpt Tp RCT (V) (att to 623 MSO)		
14	Sup Coy RAOC (V)		

# Appendix B: Major Army Equipment 1989-90

(Based on the Statement on The Defence Estimates 1989 and 1990)

<b>Tanks</b> 7 Challenger Regts 7 Chieftain Regts	Number in Service 6 7	Balance 1 -	<b>Notes</b> 420 ordered (1) 850 in service or WMR
Centurion	-	-	50 in service w/ RA & RE; 570 in storage
(1) 253 Challenger	1Mk2 and 156 Challenger 1Mk	3	
APCs			
13 Warrior Bns	3	10	1048 ordered (1)
10 Saxon Bns	10	-	527; a further 420 were cancelled to fund an additional Challenger Regt
FV432	10	-	2338 of all variants
FV432 RARDEN Turret	-	-	13 converted; 12 in Berlin Bde
Saracen FV603	-	-	250
Spartan FV103	-	-	691 (included vehicles assigned to the RAF Regt)
Humber "Pig"	-	-	313

(1)The 1048 were broken down thus: 595 Section Vehicles, 146 Command variants, 105 AT Sec vehicles, 110 MCRV for the REME, 67 MRV(R) for the REME, 95 OPV for the RA, and 35 Bty Command Vehicles for the RA. The original buy was for 1900 vehicles, this was reduced in the early 1980's.

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Scorpion FV101	-	-	313 (included vehicles assigned to the RAF Regt)
Scimitar FV107	-	-	334 (included vehicles assigned to the RAF Regt)
Fox FV	-	-	350
Saladin FV601	-	-	12, assigned to the Cyprus Armd Recce
			Sqn
Ferret	-	-	1000 all variants
Spartan MCT	-	-	72 with MILAN Compact Turret
Swingfire FV438	-	-	48, only in Chieftain Regts. Leaving service
Logistic Vehicles			
1,045 14 Tonne load carriers	827	218	
3,020 8 Tonne load carriers	3,006	14	
5,312 4 Tonne load carriers	-	5,312	
1,534 DROPS vehicles	-	1,534	
343 6x6 Recovery vehicles	343	-	

# **Field Artillery**

3 MLRS Regts	-	3	63x ordered (7 Btys)
1 Lance Regt	1	-	14x Lance, 12 in service
1 M110 Regt	1	-	16x 203mm SPHs, 12 in service
2 M107 Regts	2	-	37x 175mm SPGs, 24 in service
6 AS90 Regts	-	6	179x (w/ an option for 50 more) 155mm
-			SPHs, ordered 6/1990
4 M109 Regts	4	-	111x 155mm SPHs, 96 in service
3 FH70 Regts	3	-	72x 155mm THs, 54 in service
4 FV433 Abbot Regts	4	-	200x 105mm SPHs, 96 in service
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ROF 5.5in	-	-	11x 5.5in THs, in store
L118 Light Gun	-	-	212x 105mm TGs, 112 in service
M56 Pack Howitzers	-	-	52x 105mm THs, used for training
Air Defence Artillery			
6 Rapier FSB Btys	6	-	
3 Rapier FSB2 Btys	1	2	
2 Rapier FSC Btys	-	2	
4 Tracked Rapier Btys	3	1	
6 Blowpipe Btys	6	-	all TA
18 Javelin Btys	12	6	4 Reg Btys, 8 TA
3 Starstreak Btys	-	3	-0 -1-1 -
		-	
Helicopters			
Scout AH 1	-	-	60
Gazelle AH 2	-	-	159
Lynx AH 1/7	-	-	118
Lynx AH 9	-	-	16 ordered plus 8 being converted from
,			AH 7

# Appendix C: Abbreviations and Acronyms

Formations		Ranks	
Formations Div Bde Gp Regt Bn Coy Sqn Bty Wksp Pl Tp Flt	Division Brigade Group Regiment Battalion Company Squadron Battery Workshop Platoon Troop Flight	Ranks FM Gen Lt Gen Maj Gen Brig Col Lt Col Maj	Field Marshal General Lieutenant General Major General Brigadier Colonel Lieutenat Colonel Major
Sect	Section		
Det	Detachment		

# **Regiment and Corps Abbreviations (In order of Precedence)**

LG	The Life Guards
RHG/D	The Blues and Royals (The Royal Horse Guards and 1 <sup>st</sup> Dragoons)
HCMR	The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment
RHA	Royal Horse Artillery
RAC	Royal Armoured Corps
QDG	1 <sup>st</sup> The Queens Dragoon Guards
SCOTS DG	The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys)
4/7 DG	4 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Royal Dragoon Guards
5 INNIS DG	5 <sup>th</sup> Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards
QOH	The Queen's Own Hussars
QRIH	The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars
9/12 L	9 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's)
RH	The Royal Hussars ((Prince of Wales's Own)
13/18 H	13 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own)
14/20 H	14 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> King's Hussars
15/19 H	15 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> The King's Royal Hussars
16/5 L	16 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> The Queen's Royal Lancers
17/21 L	17 <sup>th</sup> /21 <sup>st</sup> Lancers
1 RTR	1 <sup>st</sup> Royal Tank Regiment
2 RTR	2 <sup>nd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment
3 RTR	3 <sup>rd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment
4 RTR	4 <sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

RY	Royal Yeomanry		
R Wx Y	Royal Wessex Yeomanry		
QOMY	Queen's Own Mercian Yeomanry		
QOY	Queen's Own Yeomanry		
DLOY	Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry		
RA	·		
	Royal Regiment of Artillery		
RE	Corps of Royal Engineers		
R SIGNALS	Royal Corps of Signals		
GREN GDS	The Grenadiers Guards		
COLDM GDS	The Coldstream Guards		
SG	The Scots Guards		
IG	The Irish Guards		
WG	The Welsh Guards		
RS	The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)		
QUEENS	The Queen's Regiment		
KING'S OWN	6 , 6		
RRF	The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers		
KINGS	The King's Regiment		
R ANGLIAN	The Royal Anglian Regiment		
D and D	The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment		
LI	The Light Infantry		
PWO	The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire		
GREEN HOWA	ARDS The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)		
RHF	The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Mararet's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment)		
CHESHIRE	The Cheshire Regiment		
RWF	The Royal Welch Fusiliers		
RRW	The Royal Regiment of Wales (24 <sup>th</sup> /41 <sup>st</sup> Foot)		
KOSB	The King's Own Scottish Borderers		
R IRISH	The Royal Irish Rangers (27 <sup>th</sup> (Inniskilling, 83 <sup>rd</sup> , and 87 <sup>th</sup> )		
GLOSTERS	The Gloucestershire Regiment		
WFR	The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29 <sup>th</sup> /45 <sup>th</sup> Foot)		
QLR	The Queen's Lancashire Regiment		
DWR	The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)		
R HAMPS	The Royal Hampshire Regiment		
STAFFORDS	The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's)		
BW	The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)		
DERR	The Duke of Edinburgh's Royal Regiment (Berkshire and Wiltshire)		
QO HLDRS	The Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Cameron)		
GORDONS	The Gordon Highlanders		
A and SH	The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)		
PARA	The Parachute Regiment		
2 GR	2 <sup>nd</sup> King Edward VII's Own Gurkha Rifles (The Sirmoor Rifles)		
6 GR	6 <sup>th</sup> Queen Elizabeth's Own Gurkha Rifles		
7 GR	7 <sup>th</sup> Duke of Edinburgh's Own Gurkha Rifles		
10 GR	10 <sup>th</sup> Princess Mary's Own Gurkha Rifles		

	The Royal Green Jackets 52 <sup>nd</sup> Lowland Volunteers
51 HIGHLAND	51 <sup>st</sup> Highland Volunteers
YORKS	The Yorkshire Volunteers
WESSEX	The Wessex Regiment
22 SAS	22 <sup>nd</sup> Special Air Service Regiment
21 SAS	21 <sup>st</sup> Special Air Service Regiment (V)
23 SAS	23 <sup>rd</sup> Special Air Service Regiment (Artists) (V)
AAC	Army Air Corps
RAChD	Royal Army Chaplains Department
RCT	Royal Corps of Transport
RAMC	Royal Army Medical Corps
RAOC	Royal Army Ordnance Corps
REME	Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers
RMP	Corps of Royal Military Police
RAPC	Royal Army Pay Corps
RAVC	Royal Army Veterinary Corps
SASC	Small Arms School Corps
MPSC	Military Provost Staff Corps
RAEC	Royal Army Education Corps
RADC	Royal Army Dental Corps
RPC	Royal Pioneer Corps
INT CORPS	Intelligence Corps
APTC	Army Physical Training Corps
ACC	Army Catering Corps
ALC	Army Legal Corps
GSC	General Service Corps
QARANC	Queen Alexandra's Royal Army Nursing Corps
WRAC	Women's Royal Army Corps
	Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)
HAC	The Honourable Artillery Company
UDR	The Ulster Defence Regiment

# Other abbreviations found in this work (Corps usage in parenthesis)

ACP	Ammunition Control Point (RCT)
AD	Air Defence (RA)
Admin	Administration
ADR	Airfield Damage Repair (RE)
AFCENT	Allied Forces Central Europe
AITAT	Armoured Infantry Training and Advisory Team
AMF (L)	Allied Mobile Force (Land)
Ammo	Ammunition (RAOC)
Armd	Armoured
ASG	Ambulance Support Group (RCT)
Aslt Pnr	Assault Pioneer
ATAF	Allied Tactical Air Force
ATGW	Anti-Tank Guided Weapon (MILAN)
AVLB	Armoured Vehicle Launched Bridge (RE)
AVE	Armoured Vehicle Royal Engineers (RE)
BE	Kingdom of Belgium
BEM	British Empire Medal
BG	Battle Group
Blas	Barracks
BMH	British Military Hospital (RAMC)
BRSC	British Support Command
CET	Combat Engineer Tractor (RE)
Cmd	Command
Comcen	
Comms	Communications Centre (R Signals) Communications
CommZ	Communications Zone (ie Belgium and The Netherlands)
CRE	Commander Royal Engineers
Crypto	Cryptographic
CVHQ	Central Volunteer Headquarters
Def & Emp	Defence and Employment (RPC)
Del & Linp Del	Delivery
DP	Distribution Point (RCT)
DSA	Divisional Supply Area (RCT)
DROPS	Demountable Rack Offload and Pickup System (RCT)
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal (RE and RAOC)
EW	Electronic Warfare (R Signals)
Fd	Field (RA & RE)
FDC	Fire direction Centre (RA)
FOO	Forward Observation Observer (RA)
FRG	Forward Repair Group (REME)
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany)
FSB	Field Service B (Rapier)
FSC	Field Service C (Rapier)
FSC	Forward Surgical Complex (RAMC)
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FSts	Field Stores (RAOC)
Fwd	Forward
GE	Federal Republic of Germany
HFG	High Frequency (R Signals)
HGOB	Heavy Girder Over Bridge
	,
HGV	Heavy Goods Vehicle
HQ	Headquarters
Hy	Heavy (RA)
Ind	Independent
Inf	Infantry
Int	Intelligence
JHQ	Joint Headquarters (Army & RAF)
КСВ	Knight Commander of the Order of Bath
Lab	Labratory
LAD	Light Aid Detachment (REME)
Loc	Locating (RA)
LO	Liason Officer
MANPADS	Manportable Air Defence System (RA)
МСТ	MILAN Compact Turret
Mech	Mechanized
Md	Medium (RA)
MGB	Medium Girder Bridge (RE)
MI5	The Security Service
MI6	The Secret Intelligence Service
MRG	Main Repair Group (REME)
MRS	Medical Reception Station (RAMC)
Msl	Missile (RA)
MSO	Mixed Service Unit (RCT)
MSR	Main Supply Route
MT	Motor Transport
MWG	Military Works Group (RE)
NE	Kingdom of The Netherlands
NITAT	Northern Ireland Trainin and Advisory Team
OBE	Order of the British Empire
Offrs	Officers
OP	Observation Post (RA)
Ord	Ordnance (RAOC)
ORs	Other Ranks
PCS	Postal and Courier Service (RE)
PSA	Property Service Agency (RE)
RCZ	Rear Combat Zone
Rec	Recovery (REME)
Recce	Reconnaissance
Res	Reserve
RHQ	Regimental Headquarters

ROF	Royal Ordnance Factory
SCRA	Single Channel Radio Access (R Signals)
SFMG	Sustained Fire Machine Gun
SHAPE	Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe
SHQ	Squadron Headquarters
SIB	Special Investigative Branch (RMP)
SOHB	Staff Officers Handbook
Sp	Support
SPG	Self-Propelled Gun
SPH	Self-Propelled Howitzer
STRE	Specialist Team Royal Engineers
Sup	Supply (RAOC)
Sy	Security (INT Corps)
ТА	Territorial Army
TAC	Territorial Army Centre
TD	Territorial Decoration
Tpt	Transport
Trg	Training
TTF	Tanker Truck Fuel
TTW	Transition To War
UKMF	United Kingdom Mobile Force
(∨)	Volunteers
Veh	Vehicle
WMR	War Maintenance Reserve

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