

# 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 [BAORORBAT@gmail.com](mailto:BAORORBAT@gmail.com). 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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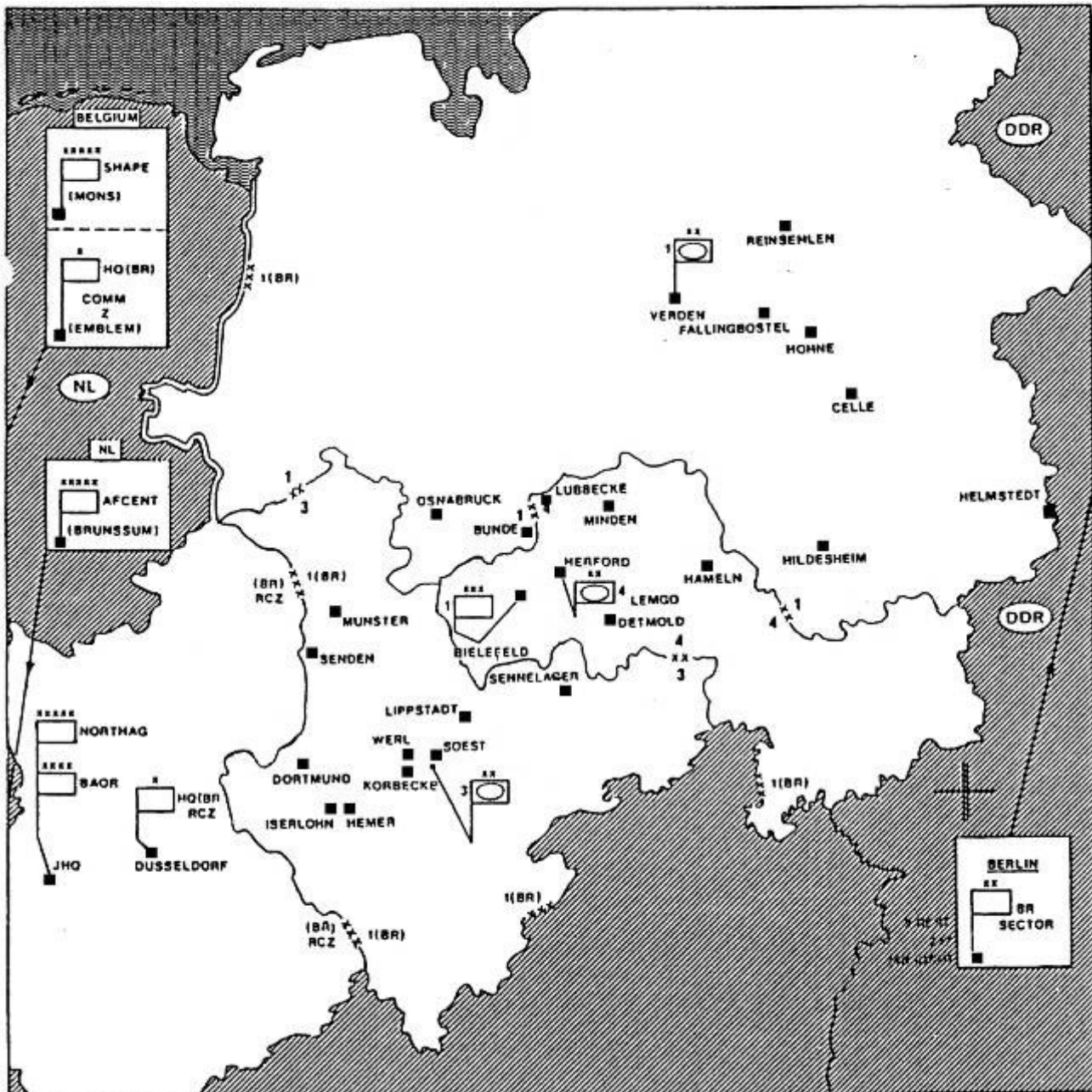
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# BAOR in July 1989 (including reinforcements on Transition To War)

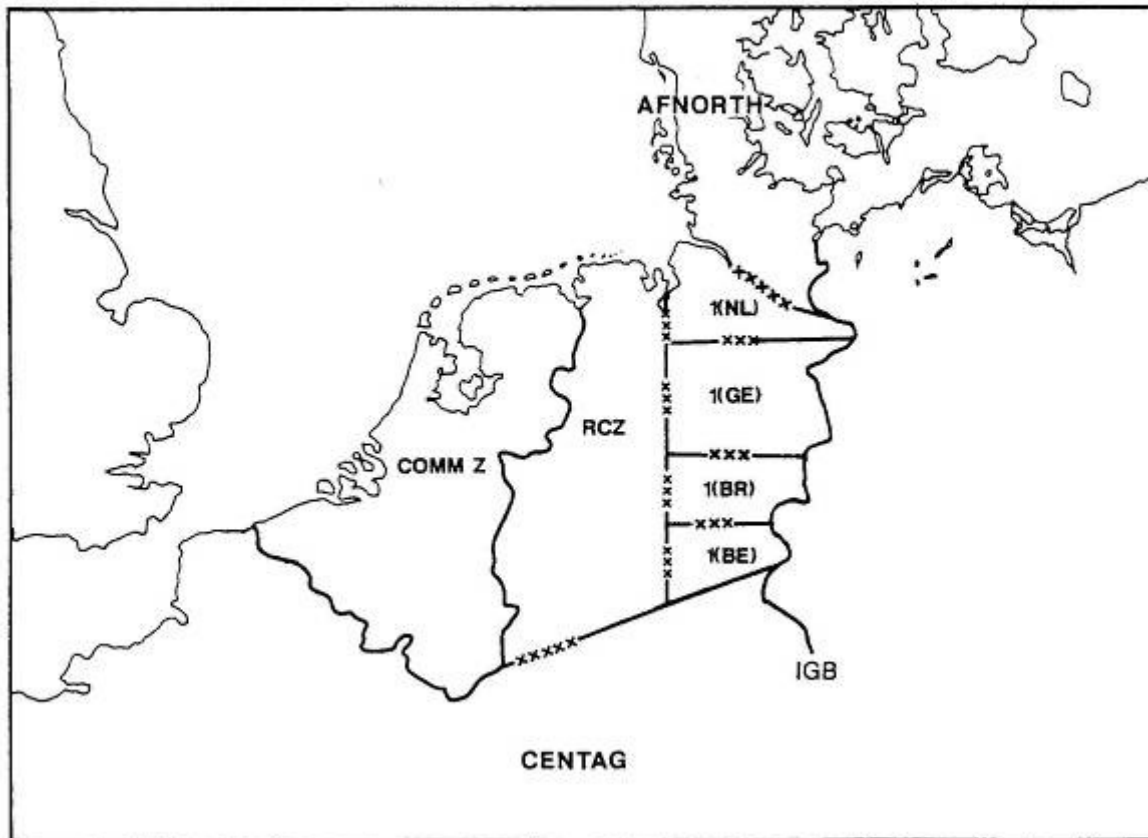
This document catalogues the Order of Battle of BAOR in July 1989. At that time it is easiest to envisage BAOR as consisting of five main elements:

- 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)

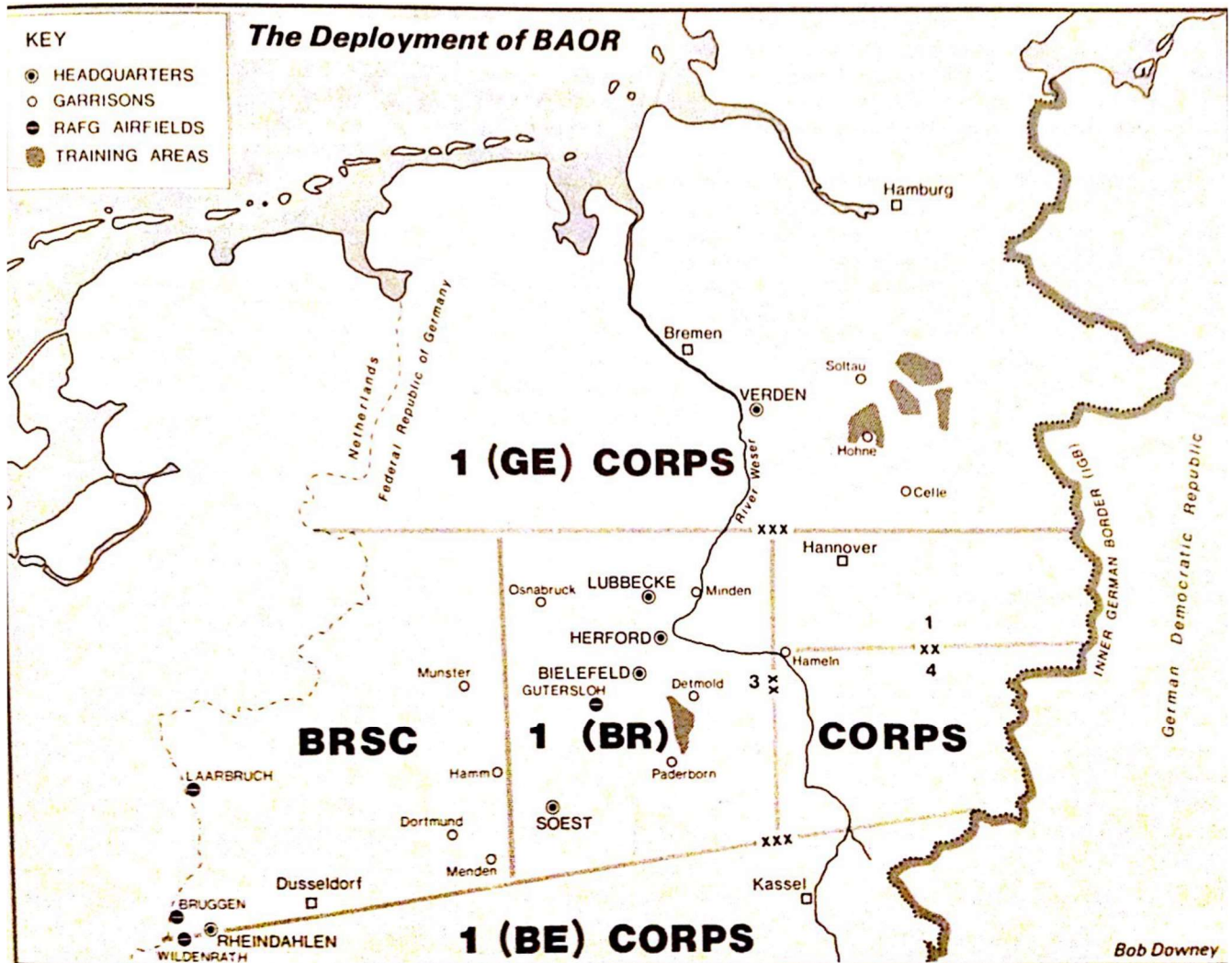


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NORTHAG itself was commanded by AFCENT. 1 (BR) Corps consisted of Corps Troops and four divisions. 1, 3 and 4 Armd Divisions (less 19 Inf Bde) were based in Germany. In time of war 1 (BR) Corps was reinforced by the UK based 2 Inf Div and 19 Inf Bde as well as scores of other units. Besides Regular reinforcements, 53, 800 Territorial Army and 67,500 Individual Reservists (51,200 for War Establishment Reinforcements (WER), for both Regular & TA units; 13,300 Battle Casualty Replacements (BCR); and 3,000 for General Service Units (GSU)) would bring BAORs total to well over 200,000.

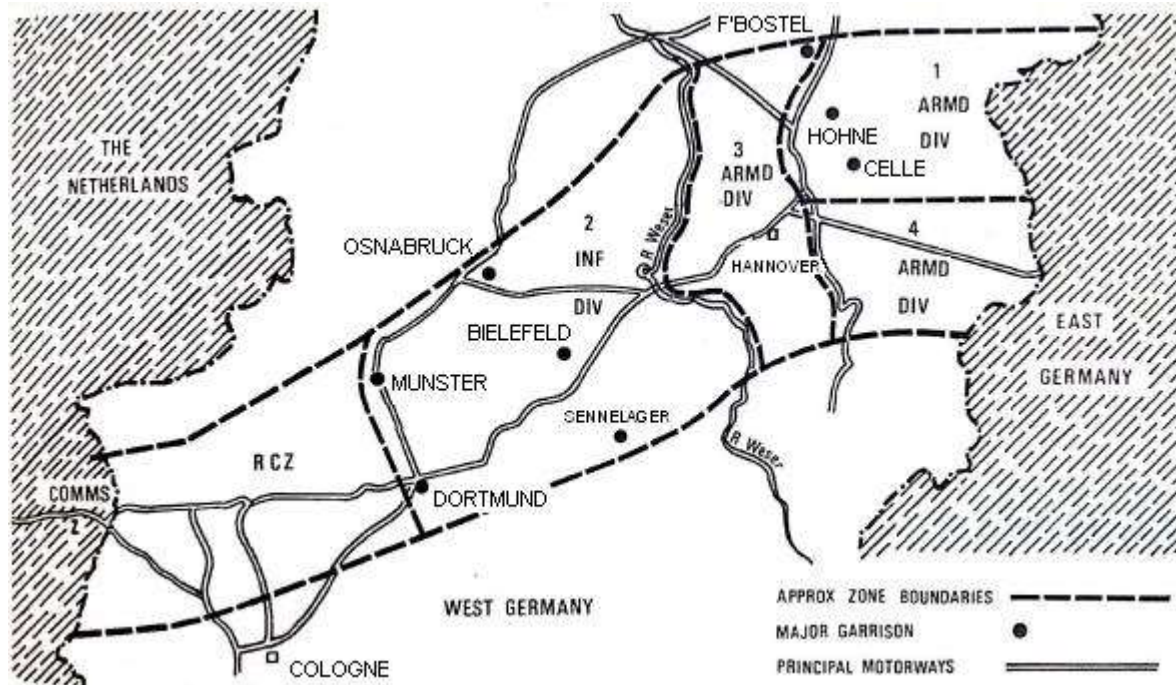
Whilst this document does not seek to describe the envisaged battle plans a brief understanding can help explain the nature of the British ORBAT. 1 (BR) Corps was faced by the Soviet 3<sup>rd</sup> Shock Army as the first echelon force with 20<sup>th</sup> Guards Army as the second echelon. The plan to defeat the Soviets involved four elements. Firstly a screening/covering 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 counterstroke 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.



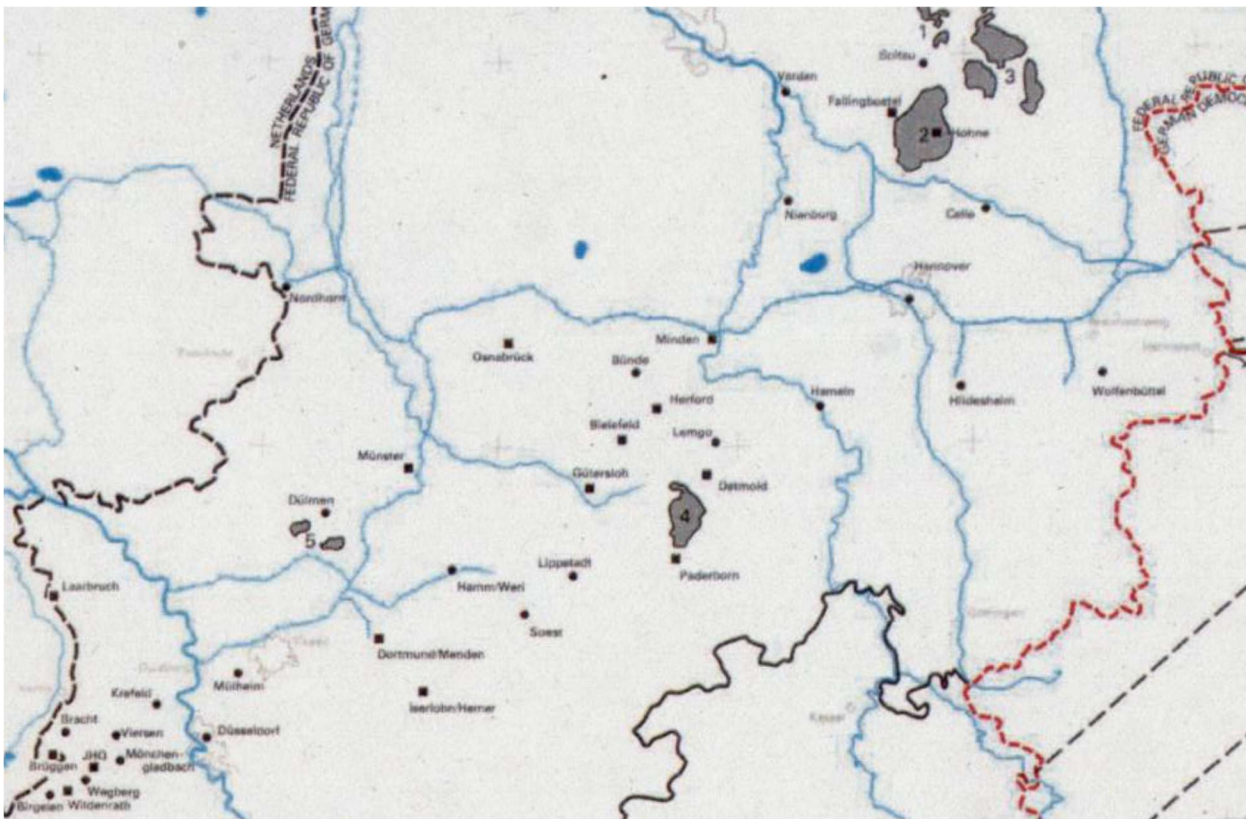
(From Thompson, Graham N. & Nevill, Teddy. *The Territorial Army*. Ian Allan Ltd, 1989)

- **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)

**Note:** As you can tell the publisher made a few mistakes placing towns & cities on the map.



**BRITISH FORCES GERMANY**

**Garrisons and Stations**

- Population: over 4000
- Population: 500 - 4000

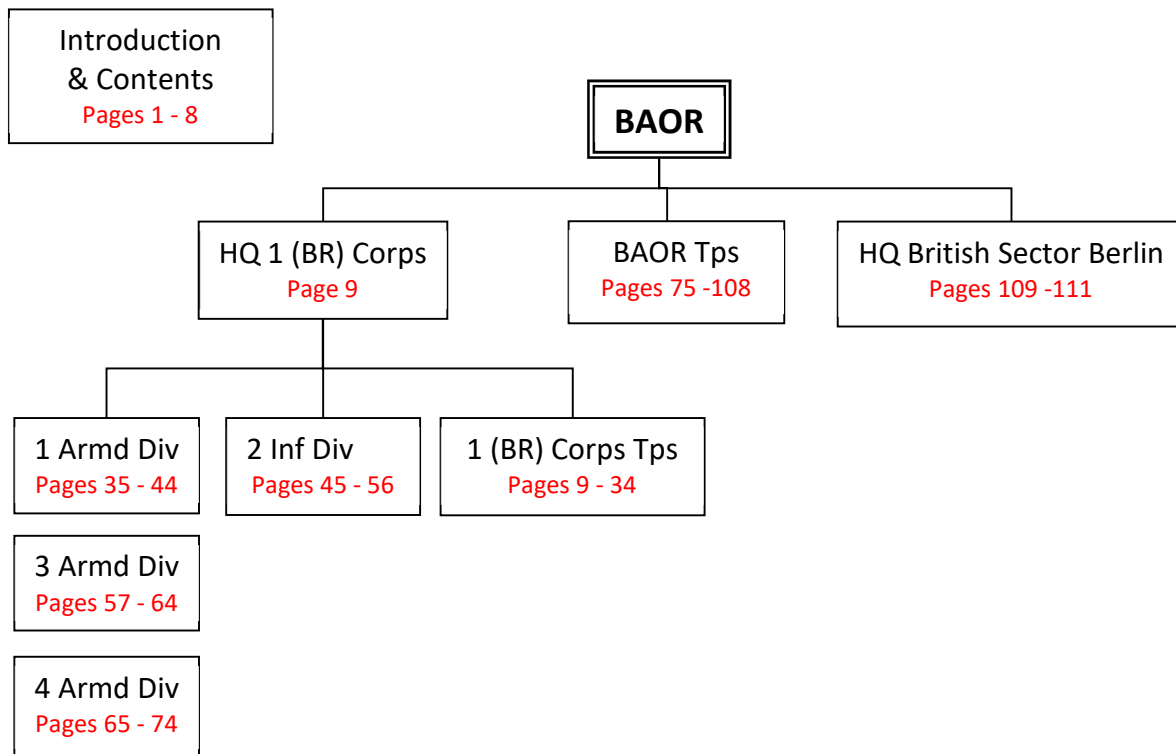
**Major Training Areas**

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

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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.*

### 14 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.*

## Screening Force (Corps Border Surveillance 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, 3x GAZELLE AH1 to each Regiment, the remainder provide recce and C2 Support to Corps HQ. 9 Offrs 105 ORs with 12x GAZELLE AH1. Source: 1988 SOHB*

## Armoured Delivery Regt RAC

Location:

- **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** Bovington
- **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.

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

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- **Bn HQ & HQ Coy** – TAC Slade Pk, Oxford; MILAN & Recce Pls @ Oxford; Mortar Pl @ Milton Keynes
- **A Coy** – TAC Yoven House, Old Horns Ln, Booker
- **D Coy** – TAC Oxford Rd, Aylesbury
- **E Coy** – TAC Yeomans Dr, 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: Each TA 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 PI (see **4 RGJ**), and others formed a separate Support Coy/Gp (see **5 Queens**).

Note on TA Inf Bns: BAOR assigned TA Inf Bns were established for a Recce PI (in 5x ¾ tonne LAND ROVERS FFR), a MILAN PI with 6x MILAN FPs, a Mortar PI with 6x 81mm MORTARS, and a SFMG PI with 12x GPMG (SF). Transport was based on BEDFORD series trucks.

## 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. On Operations the Brigadier will command the Corps Air Defence assets and the Colonel (Deputy Bde Cmdr) the depth fire and nuclear assets (from Gunner magazine No.177 August 1985)*



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

Location: Aintree Bks, Long Lane, Liverpool

*Note: Rear Link Det of 6 ORs for 8<sup>th</sup> Bn, The Queen's Fusiliers (Volunteers)*

### Royal Artillery Alanbrooke Band

Location: Royal Artillery Bks, Woolwich

*Note: In TTW functioned as drivers assigned to the Arty Spt Sqns RCT. "The RA band were a one off when it came to their war role - but they used to come on a 2 week attachment to 6 Arty Sp Sqn RCT (then part of Arty Div but co-located with 3 ADTR) to do their driver training..... supporting the M107 regiments in the early to mid-80s.....". Thanks to Bubbles\_Barker.*

### General Support Group North *(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
- 57 (Bhurtpore) Locating Bty
- 74 Heavy Bty (The Battle-Axe Company)
- 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). Each Bty had 2x FOO Parties, the third was initially found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys), by 1989 all three FOO Parties were regular.*

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

### 5 Heavy Regt RA

Location: West Riding Bks, Dortmund

Type: HY REGT (M107/Loc)

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

*Note: re-rolling 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). Each Bty had 2x FOO Parties, the third was initially found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys), by 1989 all three FOO Parties were regular.*

## 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 [www.olpherts.bravepages.com/page8.html](http://www.olpherts.bravepages.com/page8.html)*

- Wksp REME

*Note: Re-rolling to MLRS in June 1990, the M110A2 will last be fired in West Germany in Dec 1989. One battery supports each General Support Group, however with the introduction of MLRS, the HQ elements would deploy with the HQ of 3<sup>rd</sup> Armd Div. 19 Offrs 577 ORs with 12x M110A2 203mm SPGs (6 per Hvy Bty).*

*Source: [39missile.tripod.com/id35.html](http://39missile.tripod.com/id35.html)*

### **Note Regarding the introduction of MLRS and the role of 1st BR Corps Artillery in the 1990's:**

Maj Gen Quayle wrote an article in the February 1990 edition of the U.S. Army's Field Artillery Bulletin. In it he describes plans for the Corps Artillery in the 1990's. There would be 3x MLRS Regts (2x Hy Btys, each with 9x MLRS in three troops, & a Locating Bty with a Phoenix RPV, Meteorological, & Sound-Ranging Tps.) as "General Support" under a Colonel (Deputy Commander of 1<sup>st</sup> Artillery Bde) designated "Commander General Support". The two forward Division Artillery Groups (1<sup>st</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>) would also have "...each of our forward divisions will have more than 100 guns of 155mm calibre." So it seems that besides the five 155 mm Regts in BAOR, plus the two reinforcing Regts from the UK, there would have to be at least one additional Regt assigned. At this stage I have no further information in regards.

[http://sill-www.army.mil/firesbulletin/archives/1990/FEB\\_1990/FEB\\_1990\\_FULL\\_EDITION.pdf](http://sill-www.army.mil/firesbulletin/archives/1990/FEB_1990/FEB_1990_FULL_EDITION.pdf)

### **94 Locating Regt RA "Kent Gunners"**

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.

- **5 (Gibraltar 1779-83) Field Bty**

Note: 8 Offrs 148 ORs with 6x L118 LIGHT GUNS. Assigned to **AMF (L)**

- **22 (Gibraltar 1779-83) Locating Bty**

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

- **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**

- **156 (Inkerman) Locating Bty**

Note: 10 Offrs 224 ORs with Sound Ranging, Drone, and Meteorological Tps & RAOC Sect. Assigned to BAOR, to **39 Hy Regt**

- **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 EC1      Supports HQ 1<sup>st</sup> Arty Bde
- **I Sqn** - Somme Tp, Ypres Tp, Arras Tp      Supports 1 Armd Div
- **II Sqn** - El Alamein Tp, Cassino Tp, El Hamma Tp      Supports 4 Armd Div
- **III Sqn** - Aden Tp, Gaza Tp, Rhine Tp      Supports HQ 1 BR Corps
- **The Gun Troop**

Note: Surveillance & Target Acquisition Role. The Gun Tp, which had 6x 25pdrs, was assigned MHD role in London District. Each Sqn has 12 Special OP Prys

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

Location: Northumberland Bks, Menden

Type: MSL REGT

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

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

## 8<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Queen's Fusiliers (City of London)

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO ARTY SY)

- **Bn HQ & HQ (Gazala) Coy** – TAC St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction, London SW11
- **A (High Wood) Coy** - TAC Flodden Rd, Camberwell, London SE5
- **B (Albuhera) Coy** – TAC Deansbrook Rd, Edgeware, Middlesex & Hornsey
- **C (City of London Fusiliers) Coy** – 213 Balham High St, Balham, London SW17 w/PI @ TAC St Mary Cray, 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.*

## 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

*Notes: Supports 4 Armd Div*

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

Location: Carlton Bks, Leeds

*Notes: Supports 1 Armd Div*

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

Location: TAC Hucknall Lane, Bulwell, Nottingham

*Note : Support 2 Inf Div. In 1988 the CRA decided that there was no need for a third OP (from the TA) in each Fd Bty (the plans were for WARRIOR to be issued to the Fd Regts, it was felt that WARRIOR was too complicated for the TA). The Bty, without official sanction, approached the Parachute Regiment Group (see page 44) with the proposal to supply OP Parties to the Group. This offer was immediately taken up and an agreement reached where selected members of the Bty would be sponsored by the PRG through P Company and parachute training. Also in April 1990 the ancient 25pdrs were replaced by 6x ROF 105mm Light Guns. This arrangement apparently came to an end in July 1990 when "officialdom" realized what had been transpiring. All this information was gleaned from "Never Say Die: The Story of The South Notts Hussars 1947-2006" the book is based on taped interviews with members of the Regt/Bty and edited by Capt James Gunn.*

*Note: provided the third OP to each Fd Bty, however by 1989 a third regular FOO Party was provided to each regular Regt (see above). Thus leaving the TA Op Btys without a role.*

*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 18 WOs/SNCOs 60 JNCOs 69 ORs. Total 169 All Ranks.*

## Air Defence Group

### 12 Air Defence Regt RA

Location: Napier Bks, Dortmund

Type: AD REGT (RAPIER)

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

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

1 (BR) CORPS TROOPS

## **22 Air Defence Regt RA** “Welsh Gunners”

Location: Napier Bks, Dortmund

Type: AD REGT (RAPIER)

- **RHQ & HQ Tp**
- **53 (Louisburg) Air Defence Bty**
- **11 (Sphinx) 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**
- **32 (Minden) Air Defence Bty**
- **30 Air Defence Bty (Roger’s Company)**
- **14 (Cole’s Kop) 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 Tp**
- **V Air Defence Bty**
- **M Air Defence Bty**
- **H Air Defence Bty (Ramsay's Troop)**
- **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, signaller 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. As per the 1988/89 Staff College Precis the CO of each Rapier Regt would become the Divisional Air Defence Commmander, his job would be to work between the Rapier Regimental Command Post (RCP) and the Divisional Air Defence Cell (DADC)*

## Royal Artillery TA Reinforcements

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

Locations:

Type: TA AD REGT (JAVELIN)

- **RHQ & HQ Bty** – TAC Crawfordsburn Rd, Newtownards
- **206 (Coleraine) Bty** – TAC Artillery Rd, Coleraine
- **215 (North Down) Bty** – TAC Crawfordsburn Rd, Newtownards
- **LAD REME (V)** - TAC Crawfordsburn Rd, Newtownards w/ sect @ TAC Artillery Rd, Coleraine & TAC Sunnyside St, Belfast

*Note: Each Bty established for 16x JAVELIN MANPADS and 12x OPs. Provided Javelin Teams throughout RCZ.*

### 104 Air Defence Regt RA (V)

Locations:

Type: TA AD REGT (BLOWPIPE)

- **RHQ & HQ Bty** - Raglan Bks, Newport
- **210 (Staffordshire) Bty** – Wolseley House, Wolverhampton
- **211 (South Wales) Bty** – Raglan Bks, Newport (BHQ and D (Monmouthshire) Tp), Cardiff (E (Glamorgan Yeomanry) Tp), & Ebbw Vale (F (Brecknockshire and Monmouthshire) Tp)
- **214 (Worcestershire) Bty** – TAC Dancox House, Worcester dets @ Malvern & Redditch
- **217 (County of Gwent) Bty** – Tycoch Way, Cwmbran
- **LAD REME (V)** - Raglan Bks, Newport w/ sect @ Wolseley House, Wolverhampton

*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** – Artillery House, 301 Colington Rd, Edinburgh
- **207 (City of Glasgow) Bty** – Artillery House, 369 Crow Rd, Glasgow
- **212 (Highland) Bty** – Montrose Rd, Arbroath with F Tp at Glenrothes
- **218 (Lothian) Bty** - TAC Beveridge Sq, Livingston and Edinburgh
- **219 (City of Dundee) Bty** – TAC Dennison Rd, Dundee
- **LAD REME (V)** - Artillery House, 301 Colington Rd, Edinburgh w/ Sects @ each Battery location

*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"*

*CVHQ RA provided Watchkeepers for Arty Staff in HQs, Rapier Operators and trained augmentees for Meteorological sects.*



## Logistics 1st Artillery Brigade

### 8 Artillery Support Regt RCT

Location: Portsmouth Bks, Münster

- **RHQ & HQ Sqn** *Operates Forward Exchange Point*
- **5 Transport Sqn** *Supports 50 Missile Regt*
- **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:

- **RHQ & HQ Sqn** – Bothwell House, Elgin St, Dunfermline
- **231 Arty Sp Sqn (V)** – TAC Elgin St, Dunfermline
- **239 (Highland Yeomanry) Arty Sp Sqn (V)** – Yeomanry House, Castlebank Rd, Cupar, Kirkcaldy, & Leven
- **Wksp REME (V)** - Bothwell House, Elgin St, Dunfermline w/ sects @ Sqn locations

*Note: Regiment supported the Div Arty Gps of 1 & 4 Armd Divs 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: <http://british-army-units1945on.co.uk/>*

*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 Sqn. After Engineer Trials in 1988/89 it was planned for each Armd Div to have 2x Engr Regts, one Close Support and one General Support (from the three existing Div Engr Regts, the two Corps Engr Regts, & 32 Armd Engr Regt) with 3x Close Spt Sqns, 2x Field Sqns, & 1x Field Support Sqn 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.

Armd Div Engineers (1988 SOHB Amend 2, 1 April 1989)

- Close Support Regt RE – 3x CS Sqns each with 2x Armd & 1x Fd Tp
- General Support Regt RE – 2x Fd Sqns each with 3x Fd Tps & 1x Sp Tp
- Field Support Sqn RE – Resources, Bridging, & Plant Tps
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### **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. MSR maintenance.

### **590 EOD Sqn RE (V) (from 101 (London) Engr Regt (EOD) RE (V))**

Location: TAC Fort Clarence, St. Margaret's St, Rochester

### **Corps Lighting Tp RE**

Location: Maresfield 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: Mona House, Church St, Sutton-on-Hull

### **256 Mobile Civilian Plant Group**

Location: Chatham Bks, Hannover

Note: Included LAD REME

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

Location: Frenchmans Fort, Highfield Rd, South Shields

### **1 Postal & Courier Regt RE**

Location: Langenhagen Bks, Hannover

- RHQ
- **10 Postal & Courier Sqn** - Langenhagen Bks, Hannover Corps Troops
- **11 Postal & Courier Sqn** - Shiel Bks, Verden 1 Armd Div
- **12 Postal & Courier Sqn (V)** - CVHQ RE PCS Inglis Bks, Mill Hill 2 Inf Div
- **13 Postal & Courier Sqn** - St Sebastian Bks, Soest 3 Armd Div
- **14 Postal & Courier Sqn** - Wentworth Bks, Herford 4 Armd Div
- **15 Postal & Courier Sqn (V)** - CVHQ RE PCS Inglis Bks, Mill Hill Corps Troops

*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 and Official MOD Documents. For detailed information on the Close Support/General Support Engineer concepts see:*  
*One More River to Cross: The Story of British Military Bridging Col JH Joiner, Pen & Sword 2006*  
*BAOR Close Support Engineer Trial in the RE Journal by Col PJ Russell-Jones OBE (The Royal Engineers Journal Vol. 104 No.3 December 1990, pages 276-282)*

## 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 & 24x 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. According to the Logbooks of a contributor 669 Sqn was fully equipped with LYNX AH7 in June 1989.*

### 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*

*Note: Upon TTW, the AAC Centre provided reinforcements of 19x GAZELLE AH1 & 6x LYNX AH1. To be allotted by Comd Avn 1 (BR) Corps.*

*Sources: 1988 SOHB & "Today's 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** - Major Access Node (MAN), 1 (BR) Corps Rear HQ
- **2 Sqn** - Trunk Nodes x 3. As part of the area network in support of rear corps area (But could be deployed elsewhere in the network as required).
- **3 Sqn** - Major Access Node (MAN), 1 (BR) Corps Rear HQ
- **4 Sqn** - Secondary Access Switch/Message Centres (SAS/MC) x 6 including Radio Relay dets to support, providing flanking and special formation comms as before. 6x (Might have been x9) Radio Relay Relays (RRR) to provide range extension for any RRs in accordance with the deployment plan. Single Channel Radio Access (Central) (SCRA(C)) x6 as part of SCRA coverage in the whole Corps area, but mostly the rear area.

*Note: "Post-Ptarmigan from 1986, the RR capability in 4 Sqn, was centred on the SCRA Central (SCRA(C)) troop; Juliet Troop. It had approximately 10 SCRA (C) vehicles and these were collected from Tewkesbury in '86, tested in Blandford, driven to Marchwood, sailed into Antwerp on the RFA Sir Tristram and driven to Lippstadt. They were crewed by a RR Op Det Comd, a RR Op Crewman and sometimes a RR Tech. The other two troops (Kilo and Lima troops) in 4 Sqn were roled as SAS/MC and were crewed by D Tgs, RR Ops and RR Techs. ED/Cbt Powerman were often centralised on rover groups."*

- **LAD REME**

*Notes: Provides 1 BR Corps Rear HQ. All Sqn roles are from information provided by greenbaggyskin & walrusboy @ ARRSE*

### 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/ PI @ Stourport
- **B Coy** – The Shrubbery, Birmingham Rd, Kidderminster w/PI @ Droitwich
- **C Coy** – TAC Haslucks Green Rd, 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, 2009". 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 Pl)
- **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/PI @ 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"*

*The Comms Sy Bn was Special-to-role and had no support weapons but did have a Recce Pl.*

*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."*

*The following is information from a former TA Officer:*

*"The official role was COMCEN defence. COMCEN being RSigs Communications Centre. These were provided for formation HQs (i.e. brigade level and above) and depending on size would require a platoon, or a full rifle company to defend them. These would shift every 24/48 hours due to the massive electromagnetic signature. The purpose of our Bn was simply guarding and perimeter patrolling to allow the RSigs personnel to concentrate on their duties without having to stand stag.*

*Though this was our wartime role (at least from 1979-1982 while I was involved) it was only ever practiced on large exercises like Crusader 80 (no doubt, because it was fairly undemanding). In our normal yearly training, we practised the four phases of war as any other normal Inf bn - attack, defence, advance to contact and withdrawal - along with extensive patrolling, platoon attacks/advances to contact, FIBUA and FIFAW. Our battalion had four rifle companies and due to the nature of the wartime role we had no support coy (i.e. no mortars, ATGW, assault pioneer etc). GPMG (SF) kits were kept at company level and we used the 84mm and 66mm for defence and practiced with these on field firing ranges.*

*All told I reckon it would have taken our battalion around 3.5 months to fully work up to standard where we could have been comparable with a regular air portable inf battalion ( 2 months field training, plus 1 month with barracks-related training and a couple of weeks field firing). Some will disagree with this assessment but having I reckon 3.5 months, properly programmed, would easily have done it."*

## Special Air Service Group

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

Locations:

- **SHQ** – Baker Bks, Thorney Island, Hants
- **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**- Duke of York's HQ, King's Rd, Chelsea, London SW3
- **A Sqn** - Duke of York's HQ, King's Rd, Chelsea, London SW3
- **B Sqn** - Duke of York's HQ, King's Rd, Chelsea, London SW3
- **C Sqn** – TAC Beford Rd, 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 MSR's (including, from what I have read, the elimination of WP Traffic Control Personnel), aircrew escape, artillery direction, and airstrike control. The last two included tactical nuclear strike target identification.*

*The following information was posted at this site:*

<http://www.strategypage.com/militaryforums/567-1622.aspx#startofcomments>

*".....HAC did the TacNuc; 21 SAS did the "roadwatch" (ident of WP formations, especially headquarters and, critically nationality - the Poles were a key target); 23 SAS did the aircrew escape routes."*



## 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 with 36 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** Supports 1 Armd Div
- **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

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** Support 1 & 4 Armd Div
- **2x TA Tps** 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** Supports 3 Armd Div (from 27 Logistic Support Regt)
- **60 Transport Sqn** Operates forward railheads (from 2 Div Tpt Regt)
- **223 (South Wales) Transport Sqn (V)** – TAC The Grange, Blackpill, Swansea
- **224 (Pembokeshire Yeomanry) Transport Sqn (V)** – Picton Bks, 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)** - TAC The Grange, Blackpill, Swansea

## 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 PI RAMC (V) under command.*

- **220 Ambulance Sqn (V)** – TAC Caw Camp, Clooney Rd, 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 PI 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 Coach 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)** - TAC Sunnyside St, Belfast

*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*

## 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)** – Churchill Bks, Leeds
- **218 (East Riding) Transport Sqn (V)** – Middleton Bks, Hull
- **219 (West Riding) Transport Sqn (V)** – Scarborough Bks, Doncaster
- **Wksp REME (V)** - Londesborough Bks, Hull

*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** – TAC Sydenham St, Croydon
- **215 (Essex) Transport Sqn (V)** - TAC Brooke Rd, Grays w/B & C Tps @ TAC Eastwood Rd North, Leigh-on-Sea
- **240 (Hertford) Transport Sqn (V)** – TAC St. Albans Rd, Barnet (SHQ & A Tp); TAC Bedford Rd, Hitchin (B Tp), & TAC Uxbridge Rd, Slough (C Tp)
- **Wksp REME (V)** - TAC Brooke Rd, Grays

*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** – 31 Yorkhill Parade, Glasgow
- **222 Transport Sqd (V)** – TAC Whitemoss, East Kilbride
- **225 (Queen's Own Lowland Yeomanry) Transport Sqn (V)** – TAC 301 Colinton Rd, Edinburgh
- **251 (Ayrshire Yeomanry (Earl of Carrick's)) Transport Sqn (V)** - TAC Coreshill Mount Rd, Drehorn, Irvine
- **Wksp REME (V)** - 31 Yorkhill Parade, Glasgow

*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 vehicles 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*

*(4x dets 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, [www.movcon.org.uk/History/Documents/DID/D-MCHS%200387.htm](http://www.movcon.org.uk/History/Documents/DID/D-MCHS%200387.htm). The document on the webpage is from the 1984/85 training year so there might be discrepancies. Additionally 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: TAC Brest Rd, Derriford, Plymouth; Barnstaple, Truro, Exeter, & Taunton

*Note: 400 Beds*

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

Location: Norbury Hall, Barnsley Rd, Sheffield; Bradford, Leeds, & Nottingham

*Note: 400 Beds*

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

Location: TAC Ashmead Rd, Keynsham, Bristol; Portsmouth, Weymouth, Gloucester, & Oxford

*Note: 400 Beds*

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

Location: Dawberry Fields Rd, King's Heath, Birmingham; Coventry, & Shrewsbury; w/Det @ TAC 5 Vicar St, Dudley

*Note: 800 Beds. The Warwickshire Volunteer Band (5 RRF) supported this unit on TTW.*

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

Location: Llandaff North, Cardiff; Newport, & Swansea

*Note: 800 Beds*

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

Location: 581 Antrim Rd, Belfast; Carryduff, Dungannon, & Holywood

*Note: 800 Beds. Had 376 Ophthalmic Team attached.*

#### **207 (Manchester) General Hospital RAMC (V)**

Location: TAC King's Rd, King's Rd, Old Trafford, Manchester; Halton, Blackburn, & Macclesfield

*Note: 4 Garrison Area. 800 Beds*

#### **217 General Hospital RAMC (V)**

Location: 71 Brangaza St, 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. 1Offr 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. Also, unless stated, all RAMC Volunteer units location was HQ Army Medical Services TA, Keogh Bks, Aldershot.*

## **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 PIs (V)** from HQ RAOC TA Blackdown Bks (Deepcut) Camberley

- **52 Ordnance Coy (Ammo)** Depot Pombsen (troop accomandations @ Nieheim)
- **53 Ordnance Coy (Ammo)** Depot 90 Sennelager (troop accommodations @ Barker Bks)
- **54 Ordnance Coy (V) (Ammo)** HQ RAOC TA Blackdown Bks (Deepcut) Camberley
- **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
- **FSts (Ammo)** Hessich Oldendorf
- **FSts (Ammo)** Hagenohsen

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

- **64 Ordnance Coy (Supply)** Rochdale Bks, Bielefeld

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

### 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 TAC Northfield Way, 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 1984). 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 Yeomanry House, Boxley Rd, Maidstone; one pl Deal

*Note: Maintenance Support Corps Rear Area*

### **126 Reclamation Workshop REME (V)**

Location: TAC Westfield House, Radford Rd, Coventry

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

*Note: Supports the Corps & Divs at BLPs*

## **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 addition 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: TAC Carter's Green, West Bromwich; dets @ Cannock, 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, & Fallingbostal)(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: ? Bks, Tidworth

*Note: Defense & Labour tasks in Corps Rear Area*

### **518 Pioneer Coy RPC (from 23 Pioneer Gp RPC)**

Location : ? Bks, Bicester

*Note: Defense & Labour tasks in Corps Rear Area*

### **79 Pioneer Coy RPC (V)**

Location : CVHQ RPC Simpson Bks, Wootton

*Note: Defense & Labour tasks in Corps Rear Area*

*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.*

## **Chief G2 (Intelligence and Security) HQ 1 (BR) Corps**

Comd: Col Michael Ivan Laurie, late INT CORPS (28/11/1988 to 14/02/1991)

Note: *This was a senior Staff Officer's appointment within the Headquarters, filled by an Intelligence Corps Officer, and it was not part of HQ Int & Sy Gp (G). He did not have any troops under command, although 70 Int Sect worked with him in Ripon Bks, Bielefeld. Source: A member of ARRSE*

## **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**. HQ CRG has three main elements, Reinforcing Units Marshalling Area (RUMA) and Corps Transit Company (CTC) which handle the bulk of everyone passing through Sennelager. The third element is Corps Reinforcement Holding Unit (CRHU) which handles the BCRs (about 20% of the total) which will be trained before being sent forward to Divs.*

- **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)*

## **Rear Link Dets, 55 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS (V)**

Location: Aintree Bks, Long Lane, Liverpool

*Note: Rear Link Dets of 6x ORs for the three Para TA Bns of the PRG and 4<sup>th</sup> (Vol) Bn, The Royal Green Jackets*

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

Location: Caithness Bks, Verden

*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"

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. Each Bty had 2x FOO Parties, the third was initially found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys), by 1989 all three FOO Parties were regular. Regt strength 34 Offrs 623 ORs with 24x FV433 ABBOT SPHs (8x per Fd Bty). Source: 1988 SOHB*

#### **4 Field Regiment RA** "Durham Gunners"

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: Each Bty had 2x FOO Parties, the third was initially found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys), the vehicles for the third FOO Party were held in store on Regimental strength. By 1989 all three FOO Parties were regular. 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 (Seringatam) Field Bty**
- **137 (Java) Field Bty**
- **129 (Dragon) Field Bty**
- **Wksp REME**

*Note: Each Bty had 2x FOO Parties, the third was initially found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys), the vehicles for the third FOO Party were held in store on Regimental strength. By 1989 all three FOO Parties were regular. 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 Pl. 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: TAC London Rd, Maidstone; & Tunbridge Wells

### 266 Medical PI RAMC (V)

Location: HQ Army Medical Services TA, Keogh Bks, Aldershot

### 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

Locations:

- **Bn HQ & HQ Coy** Shiel Bks, Verden
- **11 Ord Coy (Fwd)** Bournemouth Bks, Soltau
- **12 Ord Coy (Fwd)** Quebec Bks, Osnabruck
- **13 Ord Coy (Rear)** Harden Bks, Obernkirchen
- **FSts (Ammo)** Hülse

*Note: Fwd Coys have Stores Pl, MT Pl, Admin Pl, & Stock Control Sect. Rear Coy has Admin Pl, 3x Supply Pls, & 3x C Supplies Pls. Support Pls operate in DSA, C Supplies Pls 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: These two Coys acted as NORTHAG Reserve demolition guards on the Leine with a total of 8 MILAN FPs.*

### **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.*



## 7 Armd Bde

(Div Reserve/Covering Force)



### 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

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## 12 Armd Bde

Note: FEBA, 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

Note: To be replaced by 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire which would convert to WARRIOR (ARMD INF BN) September 1992.

### 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. To be replaced by 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment which would convert to WARRIOR (ARMD INF BN) January 1993.

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

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- **Bn HQ & HQ Coy** (Def Pl) 52-56 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) TAC 405 Mile End Rd, Bow EC 3
- **G Coy** ( 18, 19, 20, & MILAN Pls) The Cedars, West Ham E 15

*Note: The Bn would be reinforced by at least 6x MILAN Pls (6x FPs each) from Regular Type B Bns assigned to MHD and/or TA Bns on LOC duties in BRSC.*

*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 on TA Inf Bns: BAOR assigned TA Inf Bns were established for a Recce Pl (in 5x ¾ tonne LAND ROVERS FFR), a MILAN Pl with 6x MILAN FPs, a Mortar Pl with 6x 81mm MORTARS, and a SFMG Pl with 12x GPMG (SF). Transport was based on BEDFORD series trucks.*

*Armoured Infantry and Mechanized Infantry, both wheeled and tracked, have a similar organization of Bn HQ & HQ Coy, 3x Rifle Coys, & a Fire Sp Coy. The Fire Sp Coy HQ is exactly the same as the Rifle Coys HQs and can operate as a fourth maneuver Coy on operations. In peacetime it is responsible for c-ordinating the training of the Recce, MILAN, & Mortar Pls, which on operations would be commanded directly by the Bn/BG HQ.*

## 22 Armd Bde

Note: FEBA 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 (1, 2, 3, 4 Tps)
- B Sqn (1, 2, 3, 4 Tps)
- C Sqn (1, 2, 3, 4 Tps)
- D Sqn (1, 2, 3, 4 Tps)
- 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 CHIEFTAIN Mk10/C (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

Note: Equipped with CHIEFTAIN Mk 11/C.

### 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 WARRIOR (ARMD INF BN) September 1990.

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

Location: Trenchard Bks, Celle (3/87- 2/96)

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 Warrior (ARMD INF BN) January 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.*

*1 RTR BG- HQ, B, & D Sqns; 2x Coys 2 R Anglian*

*2 R Anglian BG- HQ, 1x Coy, & Sp Coy ; A & C Sqn 1 RTR*

# 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. 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** – TAC Grace Rd, Walton, Liverpool
- **B Coy** - TAC Rifle St, Oldham
- **C Coy** – TAC Elmgrove Terrace, Gateshead
- **D Coy** – TAC Norton Rd, Stockton-on-Tees
- **16 (Lincoln) Coy** – The Drill Hall, Newport, Lincoln w/ det @ Leicester
- **Sp Coy** – TAC Grace Rd, Liverpool (Mortar Pl); TAC Elmgrove Terrace, Gateshead (MILAN Pl); Thornbury Bks, Pudsey (Recce Pl); TAC Norton Rd, Stockton-on-Tees (SFMG Pl); ? (Aslt Pnr Pl)

## 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** – TAC Wood Ln, White City
- **2 Coy** – The Barracks, Mitcham Rd, Croydon w/ dets @ Blackheath & St. Mary's Cray
- **3 Coy** – TAC 444 High Rd, Finchley
- **4 Coy** - Duke of York's HQ Chelsea
- **Sp Coy** – TAC Redan Rd, Aldershot ; TAC Eastwood Rd North, Leigh-on-Sea w/det @ Portsmouth (Mortar Pl); ? (MILAN Pl); The Barracks, Mitcham Rd, Croydon (Recce Pl); ? (SFMG Pl); ? (Aslt Pnr Pl)

## 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** – TAC 67/69 Portland St, Troon
- **B Coy** - Prince Charles Bks, Aberdeen w/ 6 Pl @ TAC 13 City Rd, St. Andrews
- **C Coy** – TAC 301 Colinton Rd, Edinburgh
- **D (Fire Sp) Coy** - Pearson Hall, Yorkhill St, Glasgow (Mortar, MILAN, Recce, SFMG, Aslt Pnr Pls)

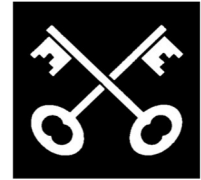
*Note: Various sources have 15 Para having four rifle coys (15 PARA: 1947-1993) Lt Col Chris Keeble established D & Fire Sp Coys in 1985. However the Pegasus Journal and all official documents show the above Bn ORBAT.*

*All three Bn.'s MILAN Pls were allocated 16x MILAN FPs.  
For General Defence Plan see Appendix D page 125*

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

Corps Rear Area

*Note: The Corps Rear Area was divided into three sectors- Sector Charlie (North), Sector Delta (South), and Sector Golf (West). HQ Sector Golf was co-located with HQ Corps Reinforcement Group. All units in the CRA normally came under tactical control of 2 Inf Div. Thanks to Gary who was kind enough to provide me with the 1 (BR) Corps Rear Area Aide Memoir.*



### **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*

### **Rear Link Dets, 55 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS (V)**

Location: Aintree Bks, Long Lane, Liverpool

*Note: Rear Link Dets of 6x ORs for the ten TA Bns*

### **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: TAC The Mall, Armagh

### **MILAN PI, 4<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Bn, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment**

Location: Derby Bks, Bolton

## Commander Royal Artillery 2 Inf Div

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

### 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, 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). Each Bty 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 – TAC Napier House Baring Rd, Grove Pk, London SE12
- 200 (Sussex Yeomanry) Field Bty – TAC 198 Dyke Rd, Brighton w/ (Surrey Yeomanry) Tp @ Reigate
- 201 (Hertfordshire & Bedfordshire Yeomanry) Field Bty – TAC Marsh Rd, Luton & Tp @ TAC Camp Rd, St Albans
- 202 (Suffolk & Norfolk Yeomanry) Field Bty – TAC Blenheim Camp, Bury St Edmunds, Det @TAC Yarmouth Rd, Ipswich, Det @ TAC Aylsham Rd, Norwich, & Det @ TAC Sporle Rd, Swaffham
- LAD REME (V) - TAC Napier House Baring Rd, Grove Pk, London SE12

*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, 8 Offrs and 128 ORs.*

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

Locations:

Type: TA FD REGT (LT GUN)

- RHQ & HQ (Tynemouth Volunteer Artillery) Bty – TAC Knightsbridge, Gosforth
- 203 (Elswick) Field Bty – TAC Cowpen Rd, Blyth
- 204 (Tyneside Scottish) Field Bty – TAC Rhode St, Walker, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- 205 (3rd Durham Volunteer Artillery) Field Bty – TAC Northfield Gardens, South Shields
- LAD REME (V) - TAC Knightsbridge, Gosforth

*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, 8 Offrs and 128 ORs.*

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

Locations:

Type: TA AD REGT (JAVELIN)

- RHQ & HQ (The King's) Bty – Deysbrook Bks, 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) - Ubbie Bks, Widnes

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



## Commander Engineers 2 Inf Div

### 15 Field Support Sqn RE (from 38 Engr Regt RE)

Location: Claro Bks, Ripon

### Det, 20 Postal & Courier Sqn RE (from 2 P&C Regt RE)

Location: Duke of Gloucester's Bks, South Cerney

## 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
  - ? Tp (V) - supports 15 Bde (from 224 (Pembokeshire Yeomanry) Tpt Sqn (V))
  - Wksp REME
- 216 (Tyne & Tees) Transport Sqn (V) – New Clifford's Fort, 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)- Queen's Bks, Perth; 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: Wenlock Bks, Hull; Grimsby

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

Location: The Drill Hall, Dykesland Rd, Sunderland

### 254 Field Ambulance RAMC (V)

Location: TAC 450 Cherry Hinton Rd, Cambridge

### 278 Medical PI RAMC (V)

Location: HQ Army Medical Services TA, Keogh Bks, Aldershot Keough Bks, Aldershot

*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)** – TAC Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough
- **23 Ord Coy (V)** – Harewood Bks, 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: Meggido Lines, Catterick Garrison

## Deputy Provost Marshal 2 Inf Div

### 150 Provost Coy RMP

Location: Beach Head Lines, Catterick Garrison

### 2 Div Cash Office RAPC

Location: ?

### Tactical Air Control Party

Notes: 620, 622, 623, & 625 TACPs assigned for Forward Air Control

# 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: ? Bks, 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** - Yeomanry House, 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)** - Fenham Bks, Newcastle-on-Tyne

*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** - TAC Fenkle St, Alnwick
- **W Coy** - TAC Ravensdowne, Berwick -on-Tweed w/PI @ TAC Fenkle St, Alnwick
- **X Coy** - TAC Sandyford Rd, Newcastle-on-Tyne w/PI @ Hexham
- **Y Coy** - St. George's TAC, Sandyford Rd, Newcastle-on-Tyne
- **Z Coy** - TAC Back Woodhorne Rd, Ashington w/det @ Tynemouth
- **Sp Coy** - TAC Sandyford Rd, Newcastle-on-Tyne

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

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- **Bn HQ & HQ Coy** - The Drill Hall, Gilesgate, Durham w/det @ Bishop Auckland.
- **A Coy** - The Drill Hall, Sunderland Rd, Horden w/det @ Hartlepool
- **B Coy** - TAC Victoria Rd West, Hebburn-on-Tyne & Consett (w/Recce PI @ Consett)
- **C Coy** - TAC Stephenson Rd, Washington w/PIs @ Chester-le-Street & Sunderland (w/Mortar PI @ Chester-le-Street)
- **D Coy** - Eden Armoury, St. Andrew's Rd, Bishop Auckland (w/MILAN PI @ Spennymoor)

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

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- **Bn HQ & HQ Coy** – TAC George St, Wakefield (Bugle PI was SFMG PI on TTW)
- **A Coy** - TAC George St, Wakefield (w/MILAN PI)
- **B Coy** - Minden House, Pontefract (w/Mortar PI)
- **C Coy** – TAC Intake Ln, Batley
- **D Coy** – TAC Wakefield Rd, Barnsley (w/ Recce PI)

## 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 @ TAC Ridgeway Rd, Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough
- **A (The Green Howards) Coy** – TAC Park Ln, Guisborough w/det @ West Rd, Loftus
- **B (The Green Howards) Coy** – TAC Stockton Rd, Middlesbrough
- **C (The Green Howards) Coy** – TAC Ridgeway Rd, 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 Pls @ Norwood Far Grove, Beverley
- **A (The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire) Coy** – TAC Colliergate, York w/det @ Armoury Rd, Selby
- **B (The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire) Coy** - Londesborough Bks, Hull (w/Aslt Pnr PI)
- **C (The Leeds Rifles) Coy** – TAC Maltkiln Rd, Casltford (w/SFMG PI) w/ PI @ Pasture Rd, Goole
- **D (The Green Howards) Coy** – TAC Coldyhill Ln, Scarborough w/dets @ Haggergate, Whitby & Swindon St, Bridlington

Note: "2 YORKS were the reserve for the Corps Rear Area providing one Heliborne Reserve Company and three lorried infantry Companies. The Bn were to be prepared to support the rest of the Corps where necessary." Thanks to ARRSE member "mushroom"

Note on TA Inf Bns: 2 Inf Div assigned TA Inf Bns were established for a Recce PI (in 5x ¾ tonne LAND ROVERS FFR), a MILAN PI with 6x MILAN FPs, a Mortar PI with 8x 81mm MORTARS, and a SFMG PI with 12x 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: ? Bks, 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 Pl, 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** - TAC Barrows Ln, Sheldon, Birmingham
- **C Coy** - The Armoury, Old St, Ashton-under-Lyne
- **D (Lancashire) Coy** - The Castle Armoury, Castle St, Bury

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

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- **Bn HQ & HQ & Heavy Weapons Coy** - TAC London Rd, Peterborough (Recce, Aslt Pnr, & Sec B, Mortar Pl) & TAC Elizabeth St, Corby (Signal Pl)
- **1 (Essex) Coy** - TAC Coggeshall Rd, Braintree (HQ & 3 Pl) & Vange Camp, Brickfield Rd, Vange, Basildon (1, 2, & SFMG Pl)
- **2 (Northamptonshire) Coy** - TAC High St, Wellingborough (HQ & 4 Pl), TAC Victoria Rd, Rushden (5 Pl), & TAC Elizabeth St, Corby (6 Pl)
- **3 (Essex) Coy** - TAC Victoria Rd South, Chelmsford (HQ, 7 Pl, & Sec A, Mortar Pl), Blenheim House, Eagles Way Warley, Brentwood (8 Pl), & TAC Circular Rd East, Colchester (9 Pl)
- **4 (Hertfordshire) Coy** - TAC St. Andrew St, Hertford (HQ, 10, 11 Pls) & TAC Adeyfield Rd, Hemel Hempstead (12 & MILAN Pls)

*Note: The Hertfordshire Regiment: An Illustrated History. J.D. Sainsbury.1988 and 5<sup>th</sup> (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment The Steelbacks 1967-1992: 25 Years of Service to NATO.*

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

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- **Bn HQ & HQ (Leicestershire) Coy** – TAC Ulverscroft Rd, Leicester
- **A Coy** – TAC Cottage Beck Rd, Scunthorpe & Grimsby
- **B (Lincolnshire) Coy** – Sobraon Bks, Lincoln, Gainsborough, & Boston
- **C (Leicestershire & Derbyshire Yeomanry (Prince Albert's Own)) Coy** – TAC Leicester Rd, Loughborough (HQ, 7 & MILAN Pls), Melton Mowbray (8 Pl), & Hinckley (9 Pl)
- **D (Northamptonshire) Coy** – TAC Clare St, Northampton

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

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- **Bn HQ & HQ Coy** – The Drill Hall, Coleman, Shrewsbury (w/ Recce Pl)
- **A Coy** – Copthorne Bks, Shrewsbury (w/ Aslt Pnr Pl)
- **B Coy** – TAC King St, Wellington (w/ MILAN Pl)
- **C Coy** – TAC Harold St, Hereford (w/Mortar Pl)
- **D Coy** – TAC Alton Rd, 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 Pl)
- **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: ? Bks, 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, & 11 Pls)
- **Sp Coy** (Recce, Mortar, SFMG, MILAN Pls)

*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 Pl from each Coy's excess personnel). However this extra coy, known simply as 'Rifle Coy', was used to reinforce units in Northern Ireland. In 1991 it officially was designated "D" Company. 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. Weeton Bn was also the Province Reinforcement Bn for Northern Ireland.*

## 9 Regiment AAC (reformed 1 April 1989, expected to be operational December 1991)

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.*

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## **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: ? Bks, Catterick

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

Location: Beach Head Lines, Catterick Garrison

*Note: The unit consisted of HQ & G4 element and 5 & 6 Pls from 150 Pro Coy RMP.*

*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*

*Prior to forming as a Airmobile Bde, 24<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde was the the Corps Reserve to be used in the FEBA if need be. BAOR believed it was an Armd Bde & Airmobile Bde short and wanted 1<sup>st</sup> Inf Bde withdrawn from the UKMF role in order to form two additional Bdes with its assets. Due to NATO political considerations this was not possible. 24<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde took over the Airmobile role thus leaving BAOR still short an Armd Bde and now an Inf Bde. This necessitated 15<sup>th</sup> Inf Bde taking on the Corps Reserve task.*

*See FCO 46/6518 Proposed changes to the role of the UK Mobile Force UKMF*



## 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: Imphal Bks, York with Signal Tp @ Fenham Bks, Newcastle-on-Tyne

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

Locations:

- **RHQ & HQ Sqn** – TAC 51-61 Yorkhill Parade, Glasgow
- **102 (Clyde) Field Sqn (V)**- TAC 76 High St, Paisley & Irvine
- **104 (City of Edinburgh) Field Sqn (V)** – TAC Lanark Rd, Edinburgh & Livingstone
- **124 (Lowland) Field Sqn (V)** – TAC Quarry St, Coatbridge & Cumbernauld
- **Wksp REME (V)** - TAC 51-61 Yorkhill Parade, Glasgow

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

Locations:

- **RHQ & HQ Sqn** – TAC Elmsgrove Terr, Gateshead
- **103 (1st Newcastle) Field Sqn (V)** – TAC Debdon Gardens, Newcastle-on-Tyne & Gateshead
- **106 (West Riding) Field Sqn (V)** – Somme Bks, Sheffield & Dewsbury
- **118 (Tees) Field Sqn (V)** – New Armoury, West Hartlepool, Middlesbrough, & Sunderland
- **Wksp REME (V)** - TAC Elmsgrove Terr, Gateshead

### 73 Engineer Regt RE (V)

Locations:

- **RHQ & HQ Sqn** – TAC Wigham Rd, Bilborough, Nottingham
- **129 (East Riding) Field Sqn (V)** – Mona House, Hull & Goole
- **217 (London) Field Sqn (V)** – TAC 65 Parkhurst Rd, Holloway & Wandsworth
- **575 (Sherwood Foresters) Field Sqn (V)** – TAC Bdythorpe Rd, Chesterfield, Derby, Buxton, & Mansfield
- **Wksp REME (V)** - TAC Wigham Rd, Bilborough, Nottingham

*Note: 350 (Nottinghamshire) Fd Sqn RE (V) – TAC Hartill Close, Chilwell, Nottingham formed April 1 1991 and joined Regt*

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

Location: Frenchmans Fort, Highfield Rd, South Shields

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

Location: TAC Rodd Rd, Dundee (HQ & Workshop), Glenrothes (Resources Tp), & Bridge of Don, Aberdeen (Plant Tp). w/  
Det @ RAF Leuchars, St. Andrews

### 873 Movement Light Sqn RE (V)

Location: Engineer House, Horn Ln, Acton

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

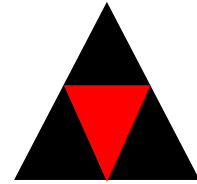
## **29 Engineer Bde Wksp REME (V)**

Location: HQ REME TA, Louisburg Bks, Bordon

*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 maintenance 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: Aintree Bks, Long Lane, 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** (1, 2, 3, 4, & Aslt Tps)
- **B (GW) Sqn** (1, 2, 3, & 4 Tps)
- **C Sqn** (1, 2, 3, 4, & Aslt Tps)
- **D Sqn** (1, 2, 3, 4, & Aslt Tps)
- **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: Each Bty had 2x FOO Parties, the third was initially found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys), the vehicles for the third FOO Party were held in store on Regimental strength. By 1989 all three FOO Parties were regular. 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. Each Bty 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 (M109)

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

Note: Each Bty had 2x FOO Parties, the third was initially found from the TA (see the TA OP Btys), the vehicles for the third FOO Party were held in store on Regimental strength. By 1989 all three FOO Parties were regular. Regt strength 35 Offrs 687 ORs with 24x M109A1/A2 SPHs (8x per Fd Bty).

### 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 Pl. 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: TAC Portsmouth Rd, 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 Regt 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** St Sebastian Bks, Soest
- **31 Ord Coy (Fwd)** Portsmouth Bks, Münster
- **32 Ord Coy (Fwd)** St George's Bks, Minden
- **33 Ord Coy (Rear)** Winterbourne Bks, Münster
- **FSts (Stores)** Münster

*Note: TTW 331 Supply Pl (V) from CVHQ Deepcut reinforced the sub depot. See Page 97*

- **FSts (Stores)** West Riding Bks, Dortmund

*Note: TTW 332 Supply Pl (V) from CVHQ Deepcut reinforced the sub depot. See Page 97*

*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 & 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.*

## 4 Armd Bde



### 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 Chieftain Mk10/C.

### 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 (1, 2, 3, & 4 Tps)
- B Sqn (1, 2, 3, & 4 Tps)
- C Sqn (1, 2, 3, & 4 Tps)
- D Sqn (1, 2, 3, & 4 Tps)
- 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 (consisting 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, & Sp 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".

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## 6 Armd Bde



### 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 WARRIOR (ARMD INF BN) January 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 WARRIOR (ARMD INF Bn) September 1989.*

## 33 Armd Bde



### 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 (1, 2, 3, & 4 Tps)
- B Sqn (1, 2, 3, & 4 Tps)
- C Sqn (1, 2, 3, & 4 Tps)
- LAD REME

Notes: During July The Blues and Royals Battle Group (HQ, A and B Sqns plus A Coy 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 WARRIOR (ARMD INF Bn) January 1992. For pre-BATUS training at Soltau The Queen's Own Highlanders Battle Group consisted of HQ, B, D, & Sp Coys along with C Sqn The Blues and Royals (redesignated as C (Cavalry) Sqn, and C Sqn 3<sup>rd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment (redesignated T (Tank) Sqn).

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

Location: Alanbrooke Bks, Paderborn (11/84-2/90)

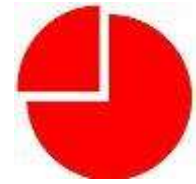
Type: MECH INF BN (TRACKED)

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

Note: To be replaced by 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn, The Light Infantry which would convert to WARRIOR (ARMD INF BN) September 1991.

## **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*

### **Rear Link Dets, 55 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS (V)**

Location: Aintree Bks, Long Lane, Liverpool

*Note: Rear Link Dets of 6x ORs for 5<sup>th</sup> (Vol) Bn, The Queens Regt and 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, 51<sup>st</sup> Highland Volunteers*

### **4 Armd Div HQ Defence & Employment PI 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**
- **28 Field Bty**
- **25 Field Bty**
- **13 (Martinique 1809) 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. Each Bty 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 & Surrey Gunners”

Location: Mansergh Bks, Gutersloh

Type: FD REGT (ABBOT)

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

*Note: HQ Bty contained a Mortar Loc Tp with 4x CYMBELINE MORTAR LOC RADAR and 4x Listening Posts mounted in FV432s. Each Bty 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*

## **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 supports 19 Inf Bde
- 11 Transport Sqn - supports 11 Armd Bde
- 19 Transport Sqn - supports 20 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 Pl. 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: Goojerat Bks, Colchester

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

Location: TAC Brentwood Rd, Leicester; Derby, & Bulwell

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

Location: Barnard Armoury, 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)





## 11 Armd Bde

(FEBA Bde, EINBECK BOWL area with 1 BE Corps to the South)

### 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<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Queen's Regiment would replace this Bn in January 1991 and convert to WARRIOR (ARMD INF BN) by September 1993.*

### 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 – (1, 2, 3 Pls)
- B Coy – (4, 5, 6 Pls)
- D Coy – (10, 11, 12 Pls)
- Sp Coy – (Mortar, MILAN, Recce)

*To be replaced by 1<sup>st</sup> Bn, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) which would convert to WARRIOR (ARMD INF BN) September 1994, the final Bn to do so.*

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

*Note: The Bn would be reinforced by at least 6x MILAN Pls (6x FPs each) from Regular Type B Bns assigned to MHD and/or TA Bns on LOC duties in BRSC.*

## **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

*Note on TA Inf Bns: BAOR assigned TA Inf Bns were established for a Recce PI (in 5x ¾ tonne LAND ROVERS FFR), a MILAN PI with 6x MILAN FPs, a Mortar PI with 6x 81mm MORTARS, and a SFMG PI with 12x GPMG (SF). Transport was based on BEDFORD series trucks.*





## 20 Armd Bde

(Div Reserve/Covering Force)

### 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 (1, 2, & 3 Tps)
- B (Black Horse) Sqn (1, 2, & 3 Tps)
- C Sqn (1, 2, & 3 Tps)
- D Sqn (1, 2, & 3 Tps)
- LAD REME

*Note: The Regt was organized into 3x Troop Sqns. Each Troop had 4x CHIEFTAINS. RHQ also fielded an additional CHIEFTAIN for the RSM, thus making it, unofficially a "Type 58" regiment. All CHIEFTAINS were Mk 11/C.*

### 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 (1, 2, 3, & 4 Tps)
- B Sqn (1, 2, 3, & 4 Tps)
- C Sqn (1, 2, 3, & 4 Tps)
- D Sqn (1, 2, 3, & 4 Tps)
- LAD REME

*Note: All CHIEFTAINS were Mk 11/C.*

### 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

*Note: Scheduled to convert to WARRIOR (ARMD INF BN) January 1991*

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

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- **Bn HQ & HQ (Albuhera) Coy** – Leros TAC, Canterbury
- **A (Anzio) Coy** – TAC Sandfield Terrace, Guildford w/ 3 PI @ TAC Hanwdrth Rd, Hounslow
- **B (Alamein) Coy** – TAC Westwood Rd, Broadstairs, Dover, & Folkestone
- **C (Cinque Ports) Coy** – TAC Cinque Ports Rd, Hastings, Eastbourne, & Seaford
- **D (Kohima) Coy** – TAC Avebury Ave, Tunbridge, Maidstone, & Sevenoaks
- **Sp Gp** - Recce PI @ Canterbury & Tonbridge; Mortar PI @ TAC Sandfield Terrace, Guildford; MILAN PI @ TAC Cinque Ports Rd, Hastings; Aslt Pnr PI @ TAC Westwood Rd, Broadstairs; & SFMG (Drums)PI @ Tonbridge

*Note: Coy titles weren't officially approved until January 1990. The Bn would be reinforced by at least 6x MILAN PIs (6x FPs each) from Regular Type B Bns assigned to MHD and/or TA Bns on LOC duties in BRSC. (See excerpt below)*

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

Location: Maindy Bks, Cardiff

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

Location: TAC Townsend Ave, Liverpool

*Excerpt from "Soldiers of The Queens: The Periodic Journal of The Queen's Regimental Association 2013":*

*"The then current plans called for the Battalion to be reinforced on deployment by six MILAN platoons from other (Home Defence) battalions, in the event, two of them (5/8 KINGS and 3RRW) were able to join the Battalion for this exercise. The MILAN Platoon commander, Captain Mark Whelan, was a very happy man indeed! It was thus a very strong Battalion which deployed to Germany on Friday 8th of September and was delighted to be hosted and administered by its comrades from the 2nd Battalion." Part of an Article on 5 Queen's in 1989 by Philip Pearce*

*"5 Queens had an anti tank role in either the Springe or Copenbrugge gaps. They were to provide the static Milan posns in the gap thereby freeing up the Regular Milan plns to remain mobile." Again thanks to ARRSE member "mushroom"*

*Note on TA Inf Bns: BAOR assigned TA Inf Bns were established for a Recce PI (in 5x ¾ tonne LAND ROVERS FFR), a MILAN PI with 6x MILAN FPs, a Mortar PI with 6x 81mm MORTARS, and a SFMG PI with 12x GPMG (SF). Transport was based on BEDFORD series trucks.*

## 19 Inf Bde

(FEBA Bde, Bockenem area. Northern part of Div area)



### 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

(from 8 Int Coy INT CORPS)

Location: Goojerat Bks, Colchester

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

Location: Bhurtpore Bks, Tidworth (11/88-12/90)

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
- D Sqn
- LAD 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. 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 1989.

### 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."

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

Location: Hyderabad 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: Roman 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**

*Note: C Coy was on an unaccompanied tour 7/89-11/89 @ RAF Mount Pleasant, Falkland Islands.*

*MECH INF BN (WHEELED) has 41 Offrs 658 ORS. In TTW 6 Offrs (watchkeepers & liasons) along with 11 ORs (5x RAMC NCOs) are added. 62x AT105 SAXONS, 8x FV721 FOX, 8x 81mm MORTARS, & 24x MILAN FPs (4x FPs were mounted on ¼ LRs in Mobile Sect. 19 Inf Bde had 19 additional SAXONS assigned to the Mortar & MILAN Pls (normal SAXON equipped Bn had 43)*

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

Location: Baker Bks, Thorney Island

#### **34 Field Sqn RE**

**(from 39 Engr Regt RE)**

Location: Waterbeach Bks, Waterbeach

#### **19 Inf Bde Pro Unit RMP**

**(from 156 Pro Coy RMP)**

Location: Calvary Bks, Colchester

#### **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**

**Wolfenbittel 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, Köln, 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:

- HQ & LAD REME Krefeld
- 212 Mobile Civilian Artisan Group Hohne
- 217 Mobile Civilian Artisan Group Arsbeck
  - 414 Combat Artisan Tp RE (V)  
Location: The Castle, Monmouth
- 221 Mobile Civilian Artisan Group Dortmund
  - 415 Combat Artisan Tp RE (V)  
Location: TAC Oldham Rd, Failsworth, Manchester
- 232 Mobile Civilian Engineer Group Krefeld
  - 413 Combat Artisan Tp RE (V)  
Location: Kitchener House, Lammascote Rd, Stafford

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

### 38 Engineer Regt RE

Location: Claro Bks, Ripon

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 10 Field Sqn RAF Gutersloh
- 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 Sqns 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.*

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

Location: Waterbeach

- RHQ & HQ Sqn
- 48 Field Sqn (Construction) - RAF Gutersloh
- 50 Field Sqn (Construction) - RAF Laarbruch Invicta Park Bks, Maidstone (from 36 Engr Regt)
- 52 Field Sqn (Construction) - RAF Bruggen Swinton Bks, Perham Down (from 22 Engr Regt)
- 53 Field Sqn (Construction) - RAF Wildenrath
- Wksp REME

*Note: One Field Sqn to each RAF Germany Airfield. Each Sqn 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: Gordon House, Sutton Rd, Walsall

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

Locations:

- **RHQ & HQ Sqn** – TAC Stone Place Rd, Horns Cross, Stone
- **58 EOD Sqn** - Cattenden (from **33 Engr Regt (EOD)**)
- **591 EOD Sqn (V)** – TAC Collingwood, Khyber Rd, Chatham

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

Locations: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley

*Note: TTW to RAF Bruggen & RAF Wildenrath*

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

Location: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley

*Note: TTW to RAF Laarbruch*

### **516 STRE (Bulk Petrol) (V)** (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 (Well Drilling) (V)**

Location: CVHQ RE Minley Manor (Blackwater) Camberley

### **521 STRE (Well Drilling)**

*Note: TTW these two units would merge.*

Sources:

- 1) *The History of the Central Volunteer Headquarters Royal Engineers. Col GF Edwards TD. Institution of Royal Engineers 2010.*
- 2) *The Royal Engineers. Terry Gander. Ian Allan, 1985*
- 3) *The History of The Corps of Royal Engineers Vol.XII. Brig. AA Wilson OBE. Institution of Royal Engineers 2012.*

### **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: Training Centre, London Rd, Ewell

*Note: Mapping services for AFCENT. Reinforces the technical elements of 14 Topo Sqn in all areas, allowing 24 hour working. Some elements also move into the Corps area to support the Mobile Map Supply System. Additionally reinforces SPC RE to form the Admin & command of that organization plus a Fd Survey Tp for the RCZ. SPC then re-roles as this Sqn.*



## 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: Kitchener House, Lammascote Rd, Stafford

### Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)

Location:

- **RHQ & HQ Sqn (M)** – The Castle, Monmouth
- **100 (Militia) Field Sqn (M)**- TAC Malpas Rd, Newport (SHQ & 1 Tp), Cardiff (2 Tp), & Bristol (3 Tp)
- **108 (Welsh) Field Sqn (V)** – Unit 39, Cwmdru Trading Estate, Carmarthen Rd, Swansea
- **225 (City of Birmingham) Field Sqn (V)** – TAC Wolverhampton Rd, Oldbury, Warley
- **Wksp REME (V)** – TAC Malpas Rd, Newport

### 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)** – North Telephone Exchange, LeChemin de Herupe, St John, Jersey
- **Wksp REME (V)** - HQ REME TA, Louisburg Bks, Bordon

*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 will not have the Regt in BAOR.*

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

Location: TAC Uttoxeter Rd, Meir, Stoke-on-Trent (SHQ & one Tp) & Cannock (two Tps)

### 143 Plant Sqn RE (V)

Location: Gordon House, Sutton Rd, Walsall (SHQ & 1 Tp), TAC Oldham Rd, Failsworth, Manchester (2 Tp), & TA Garages, Park Rd, Gorseinen, Swansea (3 Tp)

### 30 Engineer Bde Workshop REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA, Louisburg Bks, Bordon

*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 (Railway Construction) (V)**

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 (Works) (V) 1 & 7 MWG**

### **506 STRE (Works) (V) 5/6 MWG**

### **508 STRE (Works) (V) 4 MWG**

### **525 STRE (Works) (V) 2/3 MWG**

### **526 STRE (Works) (V) 9 MWG**

*Note: Came under command of 2 Inf Div, Engr Support to Corps Bulk Fuel.*

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 & 30 Postal & Courier Sqn - Caernavon Bks, Dusseldorf
- 32 Postal & Courier Sqn - ? Bks, 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 Regt RE

- 41 Postal & Courier Sqn Sqn (V) - CVHQ RE PCS Inglis Bks, Mill Hill *AFCENT (Netherlands)*
- 42 Postal & Courier Sqn Sqn (V) - CVHQ RE PCS Inglis Bks, Mill Hill *SHAPE (Belgium)*
- AFNORTH (Norway)
- AFSOUTH (Italy)
- IBERLANT (Portugal)
- AFCE (Ramstein)

*Note: NATO roled unit. The whole Regt numbered less then 30 personnel. Source: Rick from ARRSE.*

## 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
- **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** JHQ Rheindahlen
- **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: TAC Seaside Rd, Eastbourne & Sandgate

*Note: Comd Comms BAOR (British Forces Germany Theatre Reserve Sqn), provides HF Secure Radio Links.*

### 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: Deysbrook Bks, West Derby, Liverpool

*Note: Rear area support to NATO in Belgium and the Netherlands*

### **31 (Greater London) Signal Regiment R SIGNALS (V)**

Locations:

- **RHQ & HQ Sqn** – 190 Hammersmith Rd, Hammersmith, London W6
- **41 (Princess Louise's Kensington) Signal Sqn** – TAC Marlpit Ln, Coulsdon
- **47 (Middlesex Yeomanry) Signal Sqn** – TAC Elm Grove Rd, Harrow
- **83 (London) Signal Sqn** - TAC 351 Merton Rd, Southfields
- **LAD REME (V)** - TAC 351 Merton Rd, Southfields

*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** – The Grange, Edge Ln, 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** – Cateswell House, Rectory Rd, Sutton Coldfield
- **48 (City of Birmingham) Signal Sqn** – TAC Goldon Hillcock Rd, Sparkbrook, Birmingham
- **58 (Staffordshire) Signal Sqn** – TAC Cross Heath, Newcastle-under-Lyme
- **89 (Warwickshire) Signal Sqn** – TAC Rowland St, Rugby
- **95 (Shropshire Yeomanry) Signal Sqn** – Territorial House, Sundorne Rd, Shrewsbury
- **LAD REME (V)** - Cateswell House, Rectory Rd, Sutton Coldfield

*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** – TAC Brambles Farm, Trunk Rd, Middlesbrough
- **49 (West Riding) Signal Sqn** - Carlton Bks, Leeds w/Tp @ Hull
- **50 (Northumbrian) Signal Sqn** – Bradford Armoury, Darlington w/Tp @ Newcastle-upon-Tyne
- **90 (North Riding) Signal Sqn** – TAC Brambles Farm, Trunk Rd, Middlesbrough w/Tp @ Hartlepool
- **LAD REME (V)** - TAC Brambles Farm, Trunk Rd, Middlesbrough

*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** – TAC Gordon Fields, Gordon Rd, Ilford
- **44 (Cinque Ports) Signal Sqn** – TAC Watling St, Gillingham
- **45 (Essex) Signal Sqn** -TAC Circular Rd East, Colchester (750 (Comcen) & 819 (RR) Tps) w/ 751 (LMC), 752 (LMC) & 817 (RR) Tps @ TAC Clive Rd, Warley
- **54 (East Anglian) Signal Sqn** – TAC 450 Cherry Hinton Rd, Cambridge (706 & 707 (LMC) Tps) w/ 818 (RR) & 754 (LMC)Tps @ TAC 28 Bedford Rd, Kempston & 755 (LMC) Tp @ TAC 325 Aylsham Rd, Norwich
- **LAD REME (V)** - TAC Gordon Fields, Gordon Rd, Ilford

*Note: supports 1 (BR) Corps. Provides comms for logistic units in Forward Maintenance 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** – TAC Clanover Park, Belfast
- **66 (City of Belfast) Signal Sqn** – TAC Clanover Park, Belfast
- **85 (Ulster) Signal Sqn** – TAC Clanover Park, Belfast, Lurgan (E Tp), & Larne (F Tp)
- **LAD REME (V)** - TAC Clanover Park, Belfast

*Note: Supports 1 (BR) Corps*

### **81 Signal Sqn R SIGNALS (V)**

### **HQ Trg Gp R SIGNALS Catterick Garrison**

Location: TAC Brambles Farm, Trunk Rd, Middlesbrough

*Note: installs and maintains equipment @ RAF bases alongside 21 Signal Regt*

## Infantry Units that provided Rear Area Security in the Communications Zone and Rear Combat 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 and act as the HQ for the initial Force Reinforcement Holding Unit. 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. The following is MOD's response to a FOI on the subject:*

*"In this case I can advise that we do not recognise the term 'JTP362A Battalion'. However, I can confirm that 2nd Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets were based at Connaught Barracks, Dover from c. July 1988 to February 1991. During that period, they deployed to Northern Ireland as a roulement battalion and had a Lines of Communication role in BAOR during TTW, where they would have deployed on the resupply route, undertaking installation guard duties, handling reservists and despatching units into Germany (by air and land), and generally ensuring that the resupply system worked. If you require further assistance in clarifying their role you may wish to contact the RGJ Museum"*

*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** - Fusilier House, Ayr
- **C (King's Own Scottish Borderers) Coy** - Nunfield House, Dumfries
- **D (Cameronians) Coy** - Cameronian House, Hamilton
- **E (Highland Light Infantry) Coy** - Walcheren Bks, Glasgow

*Note: TTW to 1 Garrison Area, defense & security tasks. MILAN Pl to 4 Armd Div*

### 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
- **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)
- **Sp Gp** - Recce & Signals Pls @ Peninsula Bks, Warrington; MILAN & SFMG Pl @ TAC Townsend Ave, Liverpool; Mortar Pl @ TAC Ardwick Green, Manchester

*Note: TTW to 6 Garrison Area, defense & security tasks. MILAN Pl to 4 Armd Div*

### **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** – TAC Alexander Rd, Abertillery w/Pls @ Blackwood & Cwncarn (Mortar Pl)
- **B Coy** – Raglan Bks, Newport & Pontypool
- **C Coy** – TAC Broadway, Pontypridd w/Pl @ Pentre
- **D (City of Cardiff) Coy** – Maindy Bks, Cardiff (w/ MILAN Pl)

*Note: Defense & Security for Emblem KP (2x Coys) and CommZ Installations (2x Coys) . MILAN Pl to 4 Armd Div*

### **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** -TAC Charles St, Portadown
- **A (Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers) Coy** - St. Lucia Bks, Omagh & Enniskillen
- **B (Royal Ulster Rifles) Coy** – Abbotscroft House, Newtownabbey
- **C (Royal Irish Fusiliers) Coy** – Lowfield Camp, Ballymena & Limavady (Recce Pl)
- **D (London Irish Rifles) Coy** - Duke of York's HQ, Chelsea & Hillingdon

*Note: TTW to 1 Garrison Area, defense & security tasks. MILAN Pl to 2 Inf Div*

### **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 MILAN Pl @ TAC The Mall, Armagh
- **A Coy** – TAC Wallace Ave, Lisburn
- **B Coy** – TAC Movilla Rd, Newtownards
- **C Coy** – TAC King's Park Camp, Lurgan
- **D Coy** - TAC Hydebank, Belfast

*Note: TTW to 4 Garrison Area, defense & security tasks . MILAN Pl to 2 Inf Div*

### **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). MILAN Pl to 2 Inf Div.*

*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.*

BAOR TROOPS



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

Locations:

Type: TA INF BN (NATO MILAN)

- **Bn HQ & HQ Coy** - TAC Edgar Rd, Elgin (Recce Pl)
- **A (Queen's Own Highlanders & Lovat Scouts) Coy** – Rifle Hall, 36 Dempster St, Wick (HQ & 2 Pl), Thurso (1 Pl), Brora(3 Pl), Kirkwall (Lovat Scouts) (Aslt Pnr Pl)
- **B (Gordon Highlanders) Coy** – TAC Catto Dr, Peterhead (HQ & 21 Pl), Turriff (22 Pl), & Keith (23 Pl)
- **C (Queen's Own Highlanders) Coy** - TAC Gordonville Rd, Inverness ( HQ & 32 Pl), Stornoway (31 Pl), Ft. William (33 Pl), Dingwall (Mortar Pl)
- **D (Gordon Highlanders & Lovat Scouts) Coy** - Bridge of Don Bks, Aberdeen (HQ & 43 Pl), Invernurie (41 Pl), Lerwick (Lovat Scouts/42 Pl), Laurencekirk (MILAN Pl)

*Note: TTW to 5 Garrison Area, defense & security tasks. MILAN Pl to 4 Armd Div. 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 NO.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. Another proposal was to group the MILAN Pls in a single TA Bn/Bns like the "Middlesex Regt" in World War II. 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.*

## **General Service Unit BAOR**

*Note: These are formed from IRs On TTW. 26 Coys strong, each Coy was established for 5 Offrs & 111 ORs. Coys would have KP & guard roles in RCZ & CommZ.*

*17x GSUs - RCZ Defense & Security along with ad hoc labour tasks (relieve TA Inf)*

*9x GSUs – PW Guard/Escort role*

*6x REDRUM Pls - Defense & Security to enhance theatre units & release troops for functional tasks*

## 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** – TAC Mather Ave, 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)** – TAC 215 Upper Charlton Rd, Manchester
- **238 (Sefton) Transport Sqn (V)** – George Masters VC TAC Strand Rd, Bootle
- **Wksp REME (V)** - TAC Mather Ave, Liverpool

*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)** – Alnwickhill Camp, Edinburgh (from **153 (Highland) Transport Regt RCT (V)**)
- **261 Transport Sqn (V)** - HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham
- **263 Transport Sqn (V)** - HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham
- **Wksp REME (V)** – HQ REME TA, Louisburg Bks, Bordon

## 161 Ambulance Regt RCT (V)

Locations:

- **RHQ & HQ Sqn (V)** - HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham
- **291 Ambulance Coach Sqn (V)** - HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham
- **608 MCTG** - Ayrshire Bks, Mönchengladbach *services 6 Garrison Area*
- **626 MCTG** - Caernavon Bks, Dusseldorf *services 4 Garrison Area*
- **A Tp, 54 Engineer Support & Ambulance Sqn** - Tunis Bks, Lubbecke
- **D Tp, 54 Engineer Support & Ambulance Sqn** - Tunis Bks, Lubbecke
- **Wksp REME (V)** - HQ REME TA, Louisburg Bks, Bordon

*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)** - HQ RCT TA Prince William of Gloucester Bks, Grantham
- **Wksp REME (V)** - HQ REME TA, Louisburg Bks, Bordon

*Note: Each Sqn equipped with 16-tonne Foden CL. Role is to transport incoming cargoes from the CEP (Container Exchange Point) at Mönchengladbach 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 assets 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

6x helicopter teams

*Note: This a joint Army (RCT)/RAF unit (RAF Movement Controllers) (75%/25%) formed to support No.18 Sqn (CHINOOK) and 230 Sqn (PUMA). Consists of a small HQ (4x LR FFR, 1x 4 tonner, 4x Armstrong motorcycles, & 1x AEC Miltant borrowed form 10 Regt, RCT) commanded by a RCT captain, with a RAF WO, RCT Staff Sgt, 1x RAF Sgt, and 1x RCT Sgt (excl stores and signals personnel). Consisting of six teams (4-6 ORs each) of helicopter handlers/landing point commanders (1x JCB forklift, 1x BEDFORD 4-TONNE, 1x LR FFR with trailer). Thanks to*

## **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: 31 Yorkhill Parade, 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: Fenham Bks, Newcastle-on-Tyne; Cramlington, & Newton Aycliffe

*Note: RCZ (East), 4 Garrison Area. 800 Beds*

### **205 (Scottish) General Hospital RAMC (V)**

Location: 41 Yorkhill Parade, Glasgow; Edinburgh, Dunoon, & Inverness

*Note: RCZ (E), 4 Garrison Area. 800 Beds*

### **208 (Merseyside) General Hospital RAMC (V)**

Location: Chavasse House, Sarum Rd, Liverpool, Ellesmere Port, Chester

*Note: RCZ (E), 4 Garrison Area. 800 Beds*

### **304 General Hospital RAMC (V)**

Location: Keogh Bks, Aldershot

*Note: RCZ (West), 1 Garrison Area. 800 Beds*

### **224 Field Ambulance RAMC (V)**

Location: TAC Waterloo Rd, Stoke-on-Trent

*Note: LOC & RCZ (E) Field Ambulance*

### **225 (Highland) Field Ambulance RAMC (V)**

Location: TAC Dennison Rd, Dundee w/ Det @ ACS Hut, Brecon Rd, Forfar

*Note: RCZ (W) Field Ambulance*

### **252 (Highland) Field Ambulance RAMC (V)**

Location: Gordon Bks, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen w/Det @ TAC Broomfield Rd, Montrose

*Note: RCZ (E) Field Ambulance*

### **253 (Northern Ireland) Field Ambulance RAMC (V)**

Location: TAC Sunnyside St, Belfast; Londonderry

*Note: RCZ (W) Field Ambulance*

### **82 Field Medical Equipment Depot**

Location: Ludgershall

*Note: Medical Re-supply RCZ, 4 Garrison Area. Prior to TTW Defence Medical Equip Depot BAOR*

BAOR TROOPS

## **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 :

*Note : Battleshock Recovery/Medical centres/Parent Unit for Fd Psychiatric Teams*

## **Field Psychiatric Team RAMC**

- 70 & 71

*Note: deployed in 1 Garrison Area*

- 68 & 69

*Note: deployed in 6 Garrison Area*

## **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:Railway Casevac, 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*

## **Specialized Teams**

- 58 Max Facial SurgeryTeam RAMC

- 372 Max Facial SurgeryTeam RAMC

- 375 Neuro Surgical Team RAMC

*Note: all in 4 Garrison Area*

-59 Ophthalmic 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

*Note : CommZ Field Ambulance*

### **381 Field Medical Equipment Depot RAMC (V)**

Location: HQ Army Medical Services TA, Keogh Bks, Aldershot

*Note : Medical Re-supply CommZ*

### **91 Medical Reception Station (MRS Emblem)**

Location: Emblem Camp, Antwerp

*Note: 25 beds. CommZ*

### **392 Medical Reception Station RAMC (V)**

Location: HQ Army Medical Services TA, Keogh Bks, Aldershot

*Note: Supports AFCENT*

### **260 Medical PI RAMC (V)**

Location: HQ Army Medical Services TA, Keogh Bks, Aldershot

*Note: Supports 308 Evac Hospital*

*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 Pl RAOC (V)**

- **635 Veh Pl RAOC (V)**

Location: HQ RAOC TA Blackdown Bks (Deepcut) Camberley

- **Fwd Veh Depot Wksp REME**

Location: Preston Bks, Recklinghausen

*Further Note: "On TTW 435, 535, & 635 Vehicle Pls 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.*

*From TA ORBAT Review: "Move Theatre high priority stores & back-up road movement if rail not available".*

- **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

## 221 (BAOR) EOD Coy RAOC

Location: Herford

*Note: Dets @ Bracht, Walsrode & Wolferrn*

## 72 Ord Coy (Ammo) RAOC (V)

Location: Territorial House, Telford

*Note: TTW reinforces 3 BAD & 154 FAD. Two Ammo Pls, assists in the issue of stocks. Whole Coy will deploy to 154 FAD on completion of rebuild in 1992. Two Continental TA Ammo Pls will reinforce 3 BAD to replace the two Pls from this Coy.*

## 73 Ord Coy (Petrol) RAOC (V)

Location: TAC 312 London Rd, Romford

*Note: TTW reinforces 4 Petrol Depot. Set up & operation of up to 4x BFLs(Bulk Fuel Lines)in RCZ under direction of HQ.*



### **74 Ord Coy (Petrol) RAOC (V)**

Location: HQ RAOC TA Blackdown Bks (Deepcut) Camberley

*Note: Port Ord Coy responsible for receipt, sorting, , and onward transmission of JTP 382 & 384 stores and equipment through one or more Channel ports. "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*

### **Ordnance Services Viersen RAOC**

Location: Hilsea Bks, Viersen

*Note : Includes **Viersen Wksp REME***

### **Inventory Control Point BAOR RAOC**

Location: Hilsea Bks, Viersen

*Note: "I was in Printing and Stationery Group (P&S) RAOC, based in Viersen. We were tasked out of JHQ and were located in Viersen because, lets face it, who wants a large print works in a HQ. We were effectively administered by OSV and did duties there but, that was for convenience etc, etc.*

*There was also the Central Distribution Point (CDP) at OSV. This was a rail and vehicle link warehouse for the receipt and despatch of goods arriving and departing BAOR - most things that arrived in BAOR touched the CDP before onward movement.*

*Viersen also contained a carto supply unit manned by a sole German WO who was effectively the single member of a sub-unit of NORTHAG and had the tax free joy of living in our Sgt's Mess. Again this was a convenience location as no one could provide a football field sized location in JHQ to store pallets of map's.*

*Viersen was a peculiar place with around 90 Britmil male staff mainly members of the WO's and Sgt's Mess, less than 20 junior ranks and a shed load of WRAC bussed in every morning from their accomodation in Rheindahlen. Whilst OSV had the ICP and CDP along with the huge pre-WW2 Kaisers Kaffee warehouses storing all manner of strange objects some of the units hidden away in there had nothing to do with OSV other than using the admin and messing facilities."*

*Courtesy of Effendi (ARRSE)*

### **331 & 332 Supply Pls RAOC (V)**

Location :

Notes : Runs Supply Depot Dortmund & Munster respectively once **33 Ord Coy** deploys to mobilisation locations. Receives, stores, and issues rations and packed fuel as required or directed by HQ BR RCZ

## Communications Zone Ordnance Depot (Ordnance Depot Antwerp)

Location: Emblem Camp, Antwerp (Det @ Ayrshire Bks, Mönchengladbach)

- **701 Petrol PI RAOC (V)**

Location: HQ RAOC TA Blackdown Bks (Deepcut) Camberley

*Note: Petrol support along LOC*

## 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.*

- 131 (BAOR) Combat Supply PI RAOC (V)	Rintlein	<i>supports 13 Ord Coy</i>
- 421 (BAOR) Combat Supply PI RAOC (V)		<i>supports 42 Ord Coy</i>
- 431 (BAOR) Combat Supply PI RAOC (V)	Hannover	<i>supports 43 Ord Coy</i>
- 611 (BAOR) Ordnance PI RAOC (V)		<i>supports 61 Ord Coy</i>
- 612 (BAOR) Ordnance PI RAOC (V)	Gutersloh	<i>supports 61 Ord Coy</i>
- 736 (BAOR) Petrol PI RAOC (V)	Warendorf	<i>supports 73 Ord Coy/4 Petrol Depot</i>
- 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: ? Bks, 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

*Note: 207, 209, 211 Wksps provide maintenance & second line repair.*

#### 118 Recovery Coy REME (V)

Location: TAC Clare St, Northampton (HQ & 2x Pls) Corby(2x Pls), Leicester (PI)

- HQ PI
- 114 Recovery PI serves 5 Garrison Area
- 115 Recovery PI serves 5 Garrison Area
- 116 Recovery PI serves 1 Garrison Area
- 117 Recovery PI 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

*Note: Maintenance Support for 60 CommZ Wksp*

### 218 Port Wksp REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon

### 219 Port Wksp REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon

*Note: 218 & 219 provide maintenance support at ports.*

### 215 Recovery Coy REME (V)

Location: HQ REME TA Louisberg Bks, Bordon

- HQ PI
- 212 Recovery PI
- 213 Recovery PI
- 214 Recovery PI

*Note: Recovery services along LOC*

## **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           |
| •              |                                |

*Note: "Drugs Intelligence Team of the Special Investigation Branch of the RMP. My mate was effectively the Sgt Maj there, they were responsible for Miami Vice like operations in BAOR, BENELUX and even much further afield should long hair, Rolex wearing, types be needed. They had their own shed in Rheindahlen and due to the undercover nature of their work had not much to do with work a day units. They did train up the lads at 6 Support Platoon RMP (close protection) to assist with their work." Again courtesy of Effendi (ARRSE)*

#### 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. Has LOC and Provost duties.*

#### 102 Provost Coy RMP

Location:

#### 176 Provost Coy RMP

Location: Londonderry, N Ireland

#### 243 Provost Coy RMP (V)

Location: TAC 124 McDonalds Rd, Edinburgh; Glenrothes & Stranraer.

*Note: HQ & 4x Pro Pls*

#### 252 Provost Coy RMP (V)

Location: TAC Norton Rd, Stockton-on-Tees; Halifax Bks, Hull; & TAC Elmgrove Terrace, 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)**

Locations: TAC 132 Upper Tulse Hill, Brixton, London SW2; Blighmont TAC, Millbrook Rd, Southampton; Preston Bks, Brighton

*Note: Provost support in CommZ & along LOC. HQ & 7x Pro Pls*

## **254 Provost Coy RMP (V)**

Location: TAC Sunnyside St, 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

*Note: Defense & Labour tasks in RCZ*

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

### 2 Intelligence Coy INT CORPS

Location: JHQ Rheindahlen

### 3 Intelligence and Security Coy INT CORPS

Location: Stadium Bks, West Berlin

### 4 Security Coy INT CORPS

Location: Rhine Centre, Dusseldorf

- |                              |                           |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| • 41 Sy Sect                 | Emblem Camp, Antwerp      |
| • 42 Sy Sect                 | Dusseldorf                |
| • 43 Sy Sect                 | York Bks, Münster         |
| • 44 Sy Sect                 | West Riding Bks, Dortmund |
| • 45 Sy Sect                 | JHQ Rheindahlen           |
| • HQ BAOR Sy Det, 45 Sy Sect | JHQ Rheindahlen           |

### 5 Security Coy INT CORPS

Locations: Platherstrasse No. 5, Hannover

- |                                   |  |
|-----------------------------------|--|
| • 51 Sy Sect                      | Trenchard Bks (West), Celle            |
| • 52 Sy Sect                      | Woolwich Bks Annex, Osnabruck          |
| • 53 Sy Sect                      | Sennelager Training Center, Sennelager |
| • 54 Sy Sect                      | Rochdale Bks, Bielefeld                |
| • HQ 1 (BR) Corps Det, 54 Sy Sect | Ripon Bks, Bielefeld                   |

### 6 Intelligence Coy (Photo Intell) INT CORPS

Location: JHQ Rheindahlen

### 7 Intelligence Coy INT CORPS

Location: Ripon Bks, Bielefeld

- |               |                        |                            |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| • 70 Int Sect | supports 1st BR Corps  | Ripon Bks, Bielefeld       |
| • 71 Int Sect | supports 1st Armd Div  | Shiel Bks, Verden          |
| • 73 Int Sect | supports 3rd Armd Div  | St Sebastian Bks, Korbecke |
| • 74 Int Sect | supports 4th Armd Div  | Hammersmith Bks, Herford   |
| • 704 Int Det | supports 4th Armd Bde  | York Bks, Münster          |
| • 706 Int Det | supports 6th Armd Bde  | St Sebastian Bks, Korbecke |
| • 707 Int Det | supports 7th Armd Bde  | Bournemouth Bks, Soltau    |
| • 711 Int Det | supports 11th Armd Bde | Kinsley Bks, Minden        |
| • 712 Int Det | supports 12th Armd Bde | Quebec Bks, Osnabruck      |
| • 720 Int Det | supports 20th Armd Bde | Hobart Bks, Detmold        |
| • 722 Int Det | supports 22nd Armd Bde | Campbell Bks, Hohne        |
| • 733 Int Det | supports 33rd Armd Bde | St Sebastian Bks, Korbecke |

Note: 706 and 733 Int Dets were co-located with the Divisional Int Sect but deployed to their respective Brigade HQs. 706 Int Det later moved to Salamanca Bks, Soest to be with the HQ.

### **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

## **Intelligence and Security Group (Volunteers)**

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

Location: Ashford House, Handel St, London WC 1

*Note: POW handling/interrogation*

### **Joint Services Interrogation Organization (Volunteers)**

Location: Ashford House, Handel St, London WC 1

*Note : Army Element provided by 22 Int Coy (V)*

### **21 Intelligence Coy (Imagery Analysis) INT CORPS (V)**

Location : Ashford House, Handel St, London WC 1 w/Det @ TAC Mossfield Rd, King's Heath, Birmingham

*Note : attached to 2 ATAF but also provides photo imagery support to Corps & Arty Hy Regts. 59 strong*

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

Location: Ripon Bks, Bielefeld

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

Location: Ripon Bks, Bielefeld

### **24 Intelligence Coy INT CORPS (V)**

Location : Ashford House, Handel St, London WC 1

*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**)

### **20 Security Coy INT CORPS (V)**

Location: St.John's Wood Bks, London

*Note: Provided security/CI support to Corps & Div rear HQ along with rear area security & support in the RCZ. Supports 4 Sy Coy. 47 strong.*

## **23 Security Coy INT CORPS (V)**

Location: 6 Great King St, Edinburgh w/ Det @ Abbotscroft House, Doagh Rd, Newtown Abbey

Note: Provided rear area security and support in the CommZ along with responsibility for the Dutch and Belgian Ports, Supports **41 Sy Sect.** 47 strong

Note: There are 5x Port Sy Sects at Antwerp, Zeebrugge, Ostend, Ghent, and Rotterdam.

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

## **British Services Security Organisation (Germany).**

"All I am able to tell you is they lived in the JHQ compound, reported more or less direct to the CinC and their London head office." Courtesy of.....well ..... "I couldn't possibly comment" .....

## **Royal Army Pay Corps BAOR**

Notes: The RAPC consisted of personnel attached to HQ (i/c financial matters and auditing) and unit pay teams attached to individual units responsible for collecting pay, distribution and collating records for sending back to the UK, which was operating a computerised pay system through five regimental pay offices at the start of the 1980s to a single entity here in Winchester by the late 1980s. In the event of hostilities, the HQ staff would have assisted in providing financial assistance to HQ and other organisations ie paying for services, emergency transportation, evacuation of BAOR families etc. For the pay teams I have been unable to identify a specific role. My research has indicated that unit COs used RAPC personnel as they saw fit ie administration, casualty recording etc. If you look at Operation CORPORATE (Falklands Campaign) RAPC personnel were used for HQ defence, casualty recovery and ammunition parties; those Spanish speakers were used to interrogate Argentine PoW whilst those attached to the PARA units were formed into mixed sections to attack/ provide supporting fire during the assaults on Stanley. Source: Adjutant General Corps Museum

"Finance services in the Combat Zone"

The main tasks of the financial services are:

- a) Provision and use of currency, payment for supplies and services.
- b) Sums owed to the public.
- c) Advice to HQ staffs and units on financial matters

### **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, Antwerp

### **40 Area Cash Office RAPC**

Location: Emblem Camp, Antwerp

*Note: Communications Zone*

### **32 Command Cash Office RAPC**

Location: ?

*Note: BAOR*

### **222 Field Cash Office RAPC**

Location: ?

*Note: AFCENT*

## **Royal Army Education Corps**

*Notes: The RAEC was all officer from the mid 1960s, the Corps teaching basic skills and promotional courses in fixed Education Centres and through attached Unit Education Officers. In the event of a conflict, junior RAEC officers ie: those of Major and below were assigned to be Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defence officers monitoring for and informing command of any Soviet use of these weapons. Those of higher rank were designated Liaison Officers, working with local civilian authorities and Army HQs. The retired Brigadier I spoke to indicated that he was to liaise between the Regional Police HQ and Army HQ as required. Source: Adjutant General Corps Museum*

### **HQ Education Services RCZ RAEC**

Location: ?

*Note: Included the following units: 34 & 43 AEC. Unknown TTW role.*

## **The Army Legal Corps**

*Notes: The ALC had a small presence in Germany mainly working with the Army Prosecution Service. In the event of any conflict, junior officers (Captain/Major) were to be assigned to PoW collection points whilst those of senior rank supported / advised Army HQ on the legality of military actions taking place. Source: Adjutant General Corps Museum*

## **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**
- **1 Sqn** - responsible for Sector Comms
- **2 Sqn** – responsible for Bde Comms

*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** - ( 1, 2, 3 Pls)
- **B Coy** - (4, 5, 6 Pls)
- **C Coy** - (7, 8, 9 Pls)
- **D (Sp) Coy** - (Recce, Mortar, MILAN, & Aslt Pnr Pls)

*Note: 2 Pl was the 'Mechanized Pl' with 4x FV432 with a Rarden Turret plus 2x FV432 and a FV434 ARV.*

### **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*

### **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** – (Mortar, Anti-Tank (MILAN & WOMBAT), Aslt Pnr, & Recce Pls)
- **D Coy**

*Note: This Bn was in the process of relieving 1 BW 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 Brandenburg Gate. Also patrols the border with East Berlin.*
- **248 (GSU) Provost Coy**  
*Notes: German Security 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

## **Army Education Services Berlin RAEC (46 AEC)**

Location: Smuts Bks, West Berlin

# 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/PI 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

- 131 (BAOR) Cbt Supply PI RAOC (V)	Rinteln	13 Ord Coy/1 Ord Bn	
- Pro PI RMP (V)	Hohne	111 Pro Coy	
-2x wh Amb Sects RAMC (V)	Minden	4 Armd Fd Amb	Med Sp Covering Force
-LO Pool 2 Inf Div	Bielfeld	HQ 2 Inf Div Fwd	
- GS Arty Tp RA (V)	Dortmund	1 Arty Bde	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> gun manning
-213 Sqn Wksp RE ME (V)	Mönchengladbach	213 (BAOR) Tpt Sqn	Maint Sp
-Mov Con Det RCT (V)	Mönchengladbach	2 Gp RCT	
-736 (BAOR) Pet PI RAOC (V)	Warendorf	73 Ord Coy/4 Pet Depot	
-2x Pro PI RMP (V)	Mönchengladbach	101 Pro Coy	LOC
-DASU (Rear Areas) RAVC (V)	Mönchengladbach	BAOR DASU	
-Mov Con Tp RCT (V)	Emblem	HQ RCT (BR) Comm Z	
-Sig Tp R Signals (V)	Berlin	Berlin HQ & 229 Sig Sqn	

## Phase 1 Expansion Year 2

-431 (BAOR) Cbt Supply PI RAOC (V)	Hannover	43 Ord Coy/4 Ord Bn	Outloading
-612 (BAOR) Ord PI RAOC (V)	Gutersloh	61 Ord Coy/6 Ord Bn	
-Pro PI 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)	Hamel	28 Amphib Engr Regt	Sp Eqpt deployment
-Rec PI RE ME (V)	Bielfeld	1 Corps Tps Wksp	
-2x wh Amb Sects RAMC (V)	Osnabruck	2 Armd Fd Amb	Med Sp Covering Force
-611 (BAOR) Ord PI RAOC (V)	Gutersloh	61 Ord Coy/6 Ord Bn	Sup PI
-421 (BAOR) Ord PI RAOC (V)	Detmold	41 Ord Coy/4 Ord Bn	Fwd Ord Sp
-Tpt Tp RCT (V)	Emblem	HQ RCT (BR) Comm Z	Outloading
-LO Pool		HQ (BR) RCZ	



## 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 PI
4	4x RAMC Amb Sects RAMC (V)	Tpt Tp RCT (V)	-MT PI
5	3x Guard Coys	Sig Tp R Signals (V)	-GD PI
6	Sub Depot PI RAOC (V)	Specialist RCT Det RCT (V)	- Clerical PI
7	Bulk Stores PI RAOC (V)	Rec PI REME (V)	LOs
8	Veh PI 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)

Tanks	Number in Service	Balance	Notes
7 Challenger Regts	6	1	427 ordered (1)
7 Chieftain Regts	7	-	850 in service or WMR (2)
Centurion	-	-	50 in service w/ RA & RE; 570 in storage

(1) 264 Challenger 1 Mk 2 and 156 Challenger 1 Mk 3 (Plus 7 prototypes that were used for training only)

(2) 324 Chieftain Mk 11 (w/Stillbrew & TOGS)

### 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.

### Other Armd Vehicles

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	71x ordered (6 Btys) (1)
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 (2)
4 M109 Regts	4	-	111x 155mm SPHs, 96 in service (3)
3 FH70 Regts	3	-	72x 155mm THs, 54 in service
4 FV433 Abbot Regts	4	-	200x 105mm SPHs, 96 in service
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

- (1) MLRS was programmed for three regts with 18x MLRS each. 54 in service w/17 WMR, Repair Pool, & Training.
- (2) The option for 50 more would have enabled all eight field regts in BAOR to be so equipped, with 37 for WMR, Repair Pool, & Training.
- (3) All M109's were A2 (69) or A3 (40) versions. Original buy was 40x M109A1 and 69x M109A2. (The A3 was the designation of A1s rebuilt to A2 standard).

## Air Defence Artillery

6 Rapier FSB Btys	6	-	
3 Rapier FSB2 Btys	1	2	
2 Rapier FSC Btys	-	2	204 fire units planned
4 Tracked Rapier Btys	3	1	72 fire units
6 Blowpipe Btys	6	-	all TA
18 Javelin Btys	12	6	4 Reg Btys, 8 TA
3 Starstreak Btys	-	3	

## 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

## Notes on British Main Battle Tanks:

In 1990 the British Army had, in service, 1,072 MBTs (426 Challenger 1 & 646 Chieftains) including WMR, Repair Pool, & Training. This was divided up as follows: (as planned for January 1992)

Chieftain

1x Type 43 Regt (17/21 L)= 43 tanks

5x Type 57 Regts (4/7 DG, Innis DG, 15/19 H, 1 RTR, & 4 RTR)= 285 tanks

1x Armd Sqn, Berlin (Sqn from 14/20 H) = 18 tanks (all Mk 10/C)

1x Armd Sqn, UKMF (Sqn from 17/21 L) = 14 tanks

Total = 360 tanks (286 WMR, Repair Pool or Training. This includes 2x Sqns worth at BATUS).

Challenger

3x Type 43 Regts (LG, RH, 14/20 H) = 129 tanks

4x Type 57 Regts (Scots DG, QRIH, QOH, & 3 RTR) = 228 tanks

Total = 357 tanks (69 WMR, Repair Pool, or Training)

*Note: The Royal Hussars fourth sqn would be providing the Garrison Armd Recce in Cyprus*

The RAC expected to have every regiment back up to the Type 57 establishment in the 1990's (except for the in-Armd role Household Cavalry). Thus the original order for the replacement of Chieftain/Challenger (ie Challenger 2) was expected to be 800 tanks (727 in service plus 73 for non-operational roles). Concerning this optimistic forecaste, I have included part of an email from the Staff at the RAC Museum:

*"The only other information I have found dates back to 1987 and the concerns of DRAC that manpower problems were having an effect on 15 of the 19 RAC Regiments and that some were struggling to man all of their equipment in a Type 57 regt. There were also concerns regarding the introduction of Type 43 Regts and how these would be employed. In addition, DRAC had also been asked to consider whether troops should be re-organised into four tank troops rather than three tank troops. DRAC was still in favour of 3 tank troops."*

I suspect that by the time of complete roll-out of Challenger 2, the British tank fleet would consist of the following: (if the Chieftains and/or Challenger 1s weren't sold off to anyone)

Challenger 2 727 in service (13 armd regts) plus 73 Repair Pool & Training

Challenger 1 420 WMR

Chieftain Mk 11 324 WMR

Total fleet of 1,544 MBTs

There were plans for further Marks of of Chieftain (upgrades) and replacement of Cenurions in AVRE and RA OPV roles by Chieftain hulls.

## Chieftain

A total of 941 Chieftain gun tanks were produced for the British Army, **Mk 1** (all used for Training) thru **Mk 5**. Of these 941, 789 were upgraded (**Mk 6** thru **8**) and 17 were converted to "Willich Chieftains" AVRE. Of the total of 886 **Mk 5** thru **8** Chieftains, 775 were upgraded by the REME as **Mk 9** (Muzzle Reference System & Improved Fire Control System). The REME further installed CLANSMEN (notated as a Mk 9/C for example) in 527 hulls. The final Chieftain Marks were the **Mk 10**, up-armoured with STILLBREW (480 **Mk 9**) and **Mk 11**, which were **Mk 10s** with TOGS installed (324 hulls). Additional Mk's were planned

TOGS (Thermal Observation and Gunnery Sight) buy was 895 units. 420 went to the Challenger 1 fleet and 324 to the Chieftain fleet. (151 units for WMR & Repair pool)

*Note: All this information was gleaned from Rob Griffin's and Lt Col Dick Lord's excellent works on Chieftain and Challenger 1 & 2 (see bibliography), along with correspondence with the RAC (and some supposition on my part).*

## Appendix C: Abbreviations and Acronyms

### Formations

Div	Division
Bde	Brigade
Gp	Group
Regt	Regiment
Bn	Battalion
Coy	Company
Sqn	Squadron
Bty	Battery
Wksp	Workshop
Pl	Platoon
Tp	Troop
Flt	Flight
Sect	Section
Det	Detachment

### Ranks

FM	Field Marshal
Gen	General
Lt Gen	Lieutenant General
Maj Gen	Major General
Brig	Brigadier
Col	Colonel
Lt Col	Lieutenant Colonel
Maj	Major

### 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 BORDER	The King's Own Royal Border Regiment
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 HOWARDS	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

RGJ	The Royal Green Jackets
52 LOWLAND	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
R MON RE (M)	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)
AVRE	Armoured Vehicle Royal Engineers (RE)
BE	Kingdom of Belgium
BEM	British Empire Medal
BFG	British Forces Germany
BG	Battle Group
Bks	Barracks
BMH	British Military Hospital (RAMC)
BRSC	British Support Command
CET	Combat Engineer Tractor (RE)
Cmd	Command
Comcen	Communications Centre (R Signals)
Comms	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	Delivery
DP	Distribution Point (RCT)
DSA	Divisional Supply Area (RCT)
DROPS	Demountable Rack Offload and Pickup System (RCT)
ECR	Early Call-Out
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal (RE and RAOC)
EW	Electronic Warfare (R Signals)
Fd	Field (RA & RE)
FDC	Fire direction Centre (RA)
FFR	Fitted For Radio (usually in reference to a Land Rover)
FOO	Forward Observation Officer (RA)
FRG	Forward Repair Group (REME)
FRG	Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany)



FRHU	Force Reinforcement Holding Unit
FSB	Field Service B (Rapier)
FSC	Field Service C (Rapier)
FSC	Forward Surgical Complex (RAMC)
FSts	Field Stores (RAOC)
Fwd	Forward
GE	Federal Republic of Germany
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)
KCB	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)
MCT	MILAN Compact Turret
Mech	Mechanized
Md	Medium (RA)
MGB	Medium Girder Bridge (RE)
MIS	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
REDRUM	Redistribution of Regulars Upon Mobilisation
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)
TA	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
(V)	Volunteers
Veh	Vehicle
WMR	War Maintenance Reserve

## Appendix D: Royal Armoured Corps & Royal Regiment of Artillery Regional Affiliations

Though it is well known that the Infantry was based on County connections, in the early 1960's the RAC and then the RA began to affiliate their Regiments with Counties or regions. By 1989 they were affiliated to the following areas:

The Household Cavalry	U.K. wide
1 <sup>st</sup> The Queen's Dragoon Guards	Shropshire, Herefordshire, & Wales
The Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys)	Scotland
4 <sup>th</sup> /7 <sup>th</sup> Royal Dragoon Guards	North & West Yorkshire
5 <sup>th</sup> Royal Inniskilling Dragoon Guards	Cheshire, Cumbria, & Northern Ireland
The Queen's Own Hussars	Warwickshire, Worcestershire, & West Midlands
The Queen's Royal Irish Hussars	Surrey, Sussex, Greater London (Acton, Finchley & Strand), & Northern Ireland
9 <sup>th</sup> /12 <sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's)	Leicestershire, Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, & Greater London (Blackheath)
The Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own)	Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Gloucestershire, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Oxfordshire, & Wiltshire
13 <sup>th</sup> /18 <sup>th</sup> Royal Hussars (Queen Mary's Own)	South Yorkshire & North Humberside
14 <sup>th</sup> /20 <sup>th</sup> King's Hussars	Greater Manchester, Lancashire, & Isle of Man
15 <sup>th</sup> /19 <sup>th</sup> The King's Royal Hussars	Cleveland, Durham, Northumberland, and Tyne & Wear
16 <sup>th</sup> /5 <sup>th</sup> The Queen's Royal Lancers	Staffordshire & West Midlands (Wolverhampton)

17<sup>th</sup>/21<sup>st</sup> Lancers  
Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, & South  
Humberside

1<sup>st</sup> Royal Tank Regiment  
Merseyside, Greater Manchester  
(Manchester), West Yorkshire (Halifax,  
Leeds, & Wakefield)

2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment  
Cambridgeshire, Essex, Norfolk, Suffolk,  
Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Kent, &  
Greater London

3<sup>rd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment  
Avon, Cornwall, Devon, Dorset, &  
Somerset

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

### **The Royal Regiment of Artillery**

1<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment, RHA  
(Nottinghamshire Gunners)  
Nottinghamshire & South Yorkshire

3<sup>rd</sup> Field Regiment, RHA  
(Northumberland Gunners)  
Northumberland and northern half of Tyne  
& Wear

7<sup>th</sup> Parachute Light Regiment, RHA  
Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, &  
Northamptonshire

2<sup>nd</sup> Field Regiment, RA  
Greater Manchester

4<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, RA  
(Durham Gunners)  
Cleveland, Durham, northern North  
Yorkshire, and southern half of Tyne &  
Wear

5<sup>th</sup> Heavy Regiment, RA  
Avon, Gloucestershire, & northern  
Wiltshire

12<sup>th</sup> Air Defence Regiment, RA  
(Lancashire & Cumbrian Gunners)  
Cumbria & Lancashire

16<sup>th</sup> Air Defence Regiment, RA  
(Strathclyde Gunners)  
Strathclyde & Central

19 <sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, RA (Highland Gunners)	Fife, Grampian, Highlands, Tayside, & Western Isles
22 <sup>nd</sup> Air Defence Regiment, RA (Welsh Gunners)	Wales
26 <sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, RA (Surrey & Sussex Gunners)	Sussex, Surrey, & Greater London (south -west)
27 <sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, RA	Berkshire, Dorset, Hampshire, Isle of Wight & southern Wiltshire
29 <sup>th</sup> Commando Light Regiment, RA	Devon. Cornwall, & Somerset
32 <sup>nd</sup> Heavy Regiment, RA	Cheshire & Merseyside
39 <sup>th</sup> Heavy Regiment, RA (West Midlands Gunners)	Staffordshire, Shropshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire, Herefordshire, & West Midlands
40 <sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, RA (Lowland Gunners)	Lothians, Borders, Dumfries & Galloway
45 <sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, RA (West Yorkshire Gunners)	West Yorkshsire & southern North Yorkshire
47 <sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, RA	Derbyshire & Leicestershire
49 <sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, RA	Norfolk, Suffolk, Essex, & Hertfordshire
50 <sup>th</sup> Missile Regiment, RA	Lincolnshire & Humberside
94 <sup>th</sup> Locating Regiment, RA (Kent Gunners)	Kent

## Appendix E: BAOR Ground Defence Plan

In Progress

### The Parachute Regiment Group

Prior to the PRG trial starting in January 1989 there was extensive discussion within the Army regarding brigading the TA Para Bns together. From at least 1985 there was much communication in regards but money for a “new” operational Brigade was short. It wasn’t until modifications to the Ground Defence Plan were made that the need to defend Hildesheim by more than one TA Para Bn came to a crucial point necessitating the ad hoc nature of using The Parachute Regiment’s Regimental Colonel and Headquarters (which didn’t happen to have a TTW role) to form the unit for trials.

“The principal task of PRG is to deny HILDESHEIM to the enemy throughout the Corps battle.”

The importance of this was because HILDESHEIM sat on key terrain between the VORHOLZ and the WATER SANDWICH (bounded by the LEINE to the west, INNERSTE to the south, the HILDESHEIMZWEIGKANAL to the east, and finally the MITTELLANDKANAL to the north), forcing an enemy attack through the town or being forced into the WATER SANDWICH. The only other, equally unattractive, option would force the enemy across the INNERSTE into the INNERSTE VALLEY and HILDESHEIMER WALD.

The WATER SANDWICH area was of prime importance to 1 Armd Div’s plans because it would serve as a protected area for the refurbishment of 7 Armd Bde after the Covering Force battle. As the Screening Force (see page 9) fixes the axis of the attack, 7 Armd Bde would fight a mobile battle to delay the enemy to allow 1 Armd Div to deploy to its defensive positions. After 7 Armd Bde’s refurbishment (expected to take 30 hours), it’s main countermove/attack options were predicated on HILDESHEIM being secure. Furthermore HILDESHEIM was to act as a pivot for any countermoves/attacks onto HANNOVER PLAIN by 1 BR Corps or NORTHAG Reserve.

PRG was tailored specifically to FIBUA in HILDESHEIM and it was not foreseen nor did it have the capability to deploy elsewhere (except perhaps in another similar town or heavily forested area). Its raison d’etre was control of the town and deny it to the Soviets, keep the MSRs through the town open, provide 7 Armd Bde a secure refurbishment area and keep it secure until the Bde was once again battle ready, and finally to keep routes through the area open for any counterattacks and if need be establish a forward assembly area for it.

HQs **4 & 10 Para** would have TAORs in the south-west & south-east respectively. While HQ **15 Para's** TAOR would be to the north. The whole PRG would be divide as follows:

- 1) Two Coys each with four MILAN FPs, under command of 1 Armd Div as reserve demolition guards on The Leine
- 2) A Perimeter Force made up of three Recce Pls and twenty MILAN FPs from all three Bns
- 3) A Security Force of eleven Coys and twenty MILAN FPs drawn from all three Bns. Additionally the Depth Bn was tasked with providing a QRF.
- 4) All three Mortar Pls would be grouped together as an ad hoc Mortar Coy to provide fire support to the whole group. Additionally it was foreseen that 307 (SNHY) OP Bty (see page 14) would provide six FOO Parties to the PRG along with two BADLOs from 104 AD Regt (see page 15)
- 5) The A echelons of all three Bns would be combined for logistic support in the town while the B echelons would combine in the Divisional area.

It was also envisioned that the JTP362A Bn (**2 RGJ**, see page 86) once released from its LOCs duties would deploy to the north-west of the town.

The PRG Trial Paper also requested additional Transport and Supply, Medical (an Ambulance Support Group), a complete TA Engineer Sqn, and a Provost Pl (it was recommended that a Continental TA Pl be assigned). An earlier version of the paper had a Medium Amd Recce Sqn assigned also.

*Note: All the above was gleaned from DEFE 70/2243 Number 1 Task Force: Parachute Regiment Group trial. 1989 Feb 17 - 1990 Jun 02, Specifically HQ Parachute Regiment Trial-Final Report 4 Jan 1990. (which I have liberally paraphrased from)*





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