

ARMY2020 – ORDER OF BATTLE (ORBAT)

1. This annex sets out the changes to be made to the Army ORBAT and Capability areas. The details of the Reserve component structure and basing plan will follow.

Household Cavalry and Royal Armoured Corps

2. Changes to the Household Cavalry and Royal Armoured Corps structure requires a reduction from eleven to nine regiments in the ORBAT. Amalgamations will take place in the 2014-16 timeframe. New titles are still to be determined. Amalgamations will be delivered as shown below:

The Queen's Royal Lancers will amalgamate with the 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) upon completion of scheduled operational commitments and not before Oct 14. 1st Royal Tank Regiment and 2nd Royal Tank Regiment will merge upon completion of scheduled operational commitments and not before Apr 14.

3. The following capabilities will be provided as part of the Army 2020 concept:

Three armoured regiments equipped with 56 Challenger 2 Main Battle Tanks.
Three armoured cavalry regiments equipped with Scout.
Three light cavalry regiments equipped with Jackal.
The light cavalry regiments will each be partnered with a Yeomanry regiment from the reserve to deliver an integrated structure for operations and training.
The fourth Yeomanry regiment will provide replacement crews for armoured regiments.
The Household Cavalry Mounted Regiment.

Royal Regiment of Artillery

4. The Regular Component of the Royal Regiment of Artillery will reduce from fourteen to twelve regular regiments. The removal of 40 Regiment RA from the ORBAT has already been announced. Restructuring close support regiments with both AS90 and MLRS batteries leads to the removal of the Regimental Headquarters and two batteries from 39 Regiment RA from the ORBAT by Oct 15. Details on the formal integration of the Reserve with affiliated regiments will follow.

5. The Royal Regiment of Artillery will provide the following capabilities:

Seven regular close support artillery regiments supported by a number of reserve artillery and MLRS regiments.
Two regular unmanned aerial systems regiments supported by a reserve capability.
One regular area air defence regiment.
One regular close air defence regiment supported by a reserve capability.
One regular surveillance and target acquisition regiment, supported by a reserve capability.
The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery.

Corps of Royal Engineers

6. The Regular component of the Corps of Royal Engineers will reduce from fifteen to eleven regular regiments. The removal from the ORBAT of 38 Engineer Regiment has already been announced. Military engineering support to the Reaction and Adaptable Forces will be provided by five close support regiments, two of these will have reduced regular capability and will be integrated with a reserve capability, details of which to follow. Specialist brigade close support has

been rationalised to the delivery of the Air Assault Task Force and the Lead Commando Group only; as a result, RHQ and HQ Squadron 24 Commando Engineer Regiment will be disbanded from the ORBAT not before Apr 13. Two force support regiments will meet the demands of the land and air environment theatre entry tasks, resulting in the previously announced removal of 25 Engineer Regiment from the ORBAT in addition to the removal of 28 Engineer Regiment from the ORBAT not before Oct 15. 67 Works Group will also be removed from the ORBAT not before Apr 15.

7. The following regular capabilities will be provided by the Corps of Royal Engineers:

- Five regular close support engineer regiments.
- Two force support engineer regiments.
- Two integrated explosive ordnance disposal regiments.
- One integrated geographic regiment.
- One air assault engineer regiment.
- One independent commando engineer squadron.
- Four regular works groups.

Royal Corps of Signals

8. The Regular component of the Royal Corps of Signals will reduce by one regular regiment. The removal of 7 Signals Regiment from the ORBAT has already been announced. Command support to the field force is delivered through the creation of five Multi-Role Signal Regiments; these are generated by merging the current brigade signal squadrons into the Op ENTIRETY campaign signal regiments. The command support regiments required in support of ARRC and the JRRF are re-structured to optimise their capability. Specialist command support units supporting 16 Air Assault Brigade and UKSF are retained, as are the specialist technical capabilities of ECM(FP), level 3 support and communications infrastructure installation. The Army's electronic warfare regiment is reduced by one squadron. Regular capability for UK Resilience will be delivered by a single high readiness regular squadron. The details of the Reserve component structure to follow.

9. The following Regular capabilities will be provided by the Royal Corps of Signals:

- Five multi-role signals regiments.
- Two ARRC/JRRF signals regiments.
- One ECM (Force Protection) regiment.
- One UKSF signals regiment.
- One information support signals regiment.
- One electronic warfare signals regiment.
- One air assault brigade signals squadron.

Infantry

10. The Regular infantry component will reduce from thirty-six to thirty-one Regular battalions by 2015. Regular light role battalions will be partnered with Reserves to deliver an integrated structure for training and operations. Changes to the Regular component Infantry are as follows:

- 5 SCOTS will be reduced to form a Public Duties Incremental Company on completion of current tasks and not before Aug 13.
- 2 RRF will be removed from the ORBAT and absorbed into the rest of the Regiment upon completion of scheduled operational commitments in the autumn of 2014.
- 2 YORKS will be removed from the ORBAT and absorbed into the rest of the Regiment on completion of their Cyprus tour and not before autumn 2013.
- 3 MERCIAN will be removed from the ORBAT and absorbed into the rest of the Regiment on completion of Op HERRICK 19 and not before Oct 14.

2 R WELSH will be removed from the ORBAT and absorbed into the rest of the Regiment not before autumn 2013.

1 R IRISH will join the Prince of Wales' Division.

11. Regular Infantry capability in the new structure will consist of:

Six armoured infantry battalions equipped with Warrior.

Three heavy protected mobility battalions equipped with the new utility vehicle.

Two air assault battalions.

Six light protected mobility battalions equipped with Foxhound.

Fourteen light role battalions.

Army Air Corps

12. The Army Air Corps will be reduced by one regular regiment. 1 and 9 Regt AAC will merge under one headquarters (1 Regt AAC) and re-locate to Yeovilton to form a large regiment equipped with the new Wildcat helicopter not before Oct 15. The attack helicopter structure remains largely unchanged. The details of the Reserve component structure to follow.

13. The Regular component of Army Air Corps capability will consist of:

Two regular aviation regiments equipped with Apache.

One large regular aviation regiment equipped with Wildcat.

One regular manned aerial surveillance regiment.

The Royal Logistic Corps

14. The structure of the Royal Logistic Corps will be reduced by six regular regiments. It has already been announced that 8 Regiment RLC, 19 (CSS) Battalion and 24 Regiment RLC will be removed from the ORBAT. Three close support logistic regiments and three theatre logistic regiments will support the reaction forces, resulting in 1 Logistic Support Regiment being removed from the ORBAT not before Apr 15, and 2 Logistic Support Regiment being removed from the ORBAT not before Oct 14. 23 Pioneer Regiment will also be removed from the ORBAT not before Oct 15. Force logistic regiments will be a fusion of supply and transportation from point of entry to foxhole for the entire force. In order to mount, deploy and sustain future operations, approximately 20% of the logistic output will be delivered by the reserves. The increased reliance on the Reserve will see a restructuring of RLC reserve units, which will be paired with regular regiments across a number of RLC capabilities; details of which to follow.

15. The Regular component of the Royal Logistic Corps will deliver the following capabilities:

Three close support logistic regiments.

Three theatre logistic regiments.

Two force logistic regiments.

An air assault support regiment.

One regular port and maritime regiment.

One regular postal, courier and movement regiment.

An explosive ordnance disposal regiment.

Army Medical Services

16. Current regular and reserve structures will remain largely unchanged, although recent operational experience will be incorporated in minor amendments to the establishment. The Army Medical Services will remain an integral part of the Defence Medical Services.

17. AMS capabilities will include:

- Three regular and ten reserve field hospitals.
- Six regular and three reserve medical regiments.
- Reserve medical evacuation and specialist staff capability.
- One military working dogs regiment.

Corps of Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

18. The regular component of the REME structure will reduce by one battalion to seven regular battalions. 101 Force Support Battalion will be removed from the Regular Army ORBAT not before autumn 2015 and will transfer to the Reserve. Details of the reserve component structure to follow and will be based on centralisation of 1st and 2nd line manpower under battalion structures providing a mixture of close and force support capability.

19. The Regular component of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers will provide the following capabilities:

- Three regular armoured close support battalions.
- Two regular close support battalions.
- One regular force support battalion.
- One regular air assault battalion.

Royal Military Police

20. As part of the drawdown from Germany the Royal Military Police will lose one regiment, 5 Regiment RMP, from the ORBAT. The three remaining regiments will be re-organised, retaining integration with the reserves, and involving minor basing changes to better police the UK footprint. It will also re-organise its structures to integrate all SIB capability under one headquarters, increase the size of the Military Provost Service and create a specialist Support Operations group.

21. Royal Military Police will provide the following capabilities:

- Three military police regiments.
- One special investigation branch regiment.
- One specialist operations regiment.
- One military provost staff unit.

Intelligence Corps

22. Intelligence Corps manpower is employed in support of the Army and wider Defence. The Intelligence Corps will retain three regular military intelligence battalions. The details of the Reserve component structure to follow.

23. The Regular component Intelligence Corps capability will comprise:

- Three regular military intelligence battalions.
- One land intelligence centre.

Appendix:

1. Army 2012 Regular Regimental Structure.