

## The Territorial Army 1967 - 2000

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# 1 Introduction

This book is dedicated to the lineages of the Territorial units of the British Army since the reorganisations of the reserve forces in 1967. As such this book will not contain information on the regular establishment - apart from some necessary information. Furthermore, issues related to equipment are being kept to minimum, and dealt with in an abstract context only.

The information presented here originates from a great many sources, and in fact only the putting together of all information is my contribution. The reference lists the most important publications used for compilation. Furthermore, information supplied by several regiments I wrote for some details proved also most useful, as well as the contributions from visitors of this site. Last but not least I am much indebted to dr. G.E. Watson for his kind supply of notes and knowledge on the support and service corps, of which the results are found here.

This book aims at anyone with an interest in the history of the Territorial Army in particular, and the British Army in general. That brings us to one of the aims, which is to provide a chronology of the Territorial Army, and this may be welcome given the various changes of the last decade. However, it is made without the intention to proclaim that all changes were unnecessary and without holding to fast on the past. Though its memories are certainly worth being kept alive.

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## 2 Overview of changes 1967 - 2000

In short an outline is given of the changes occurring between 1967 and 2000. It is intended to provide a global description. More detailed information is found as the respective Corps.

### 2.1 Creation of the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve

In the late 1960s it became clear that the Territorial Army needed a review, since it was seriously under-manned and ill-equipped. This led to the disbandment of the existing Territorial Army and Army Emergency Reserve and the creation of the Territorial and Army Volunteer Reserve on 1 April 1967. Provisions were made for recognised succession of old units by new. This is seen in the useage of subtitles bearing predecessor's title and perpetuation of specific regimental customs by new formed sub-units.

This Reserve body was divided into four categories. First there was the TAVR I consisting of units ready for any kind of emergency. Next came the TAVR II which consisted of those units assigned to reinforce the Regular Army with administrative units in case of emergency. These units were styled *Volunteers*, first use of this title since 1908.

Subsequently, there was the TAVR III intended for a more local task: maintain law and order in case of a nuclear attack. The TAVR III perpetuated titles of T.A. units which were lost otherwise in this process, and resembled the structure of old Territorial Army. There existed only Yeomanry, Artillery and Infantry units within the TAVR III, though other arms of service assisted in formation, often to preserve some identity. These TAVR III units were formed on a local basis, and there were quite a lot of them compared to the TAVR II. The TAVR III units were called *Territorials*.

Finally there was the TAVR IV which consisted of bands and University OTC.

Another reorganisation occurred when the TAVR III was disbanded with effect from January 1, 1969. In order to avoid complete disappearance of the Territorials and the titles they were bearing, all units reduced to an eight men cadre by March 31 of the same year. These cadres were to maintain the titles and traditions of the units lost in this proces. Each cadre was administered by a TAVR II unit.

It's worth noting that quite a few new sub-units were formed within TAVR II units from disbanded TAVR III elements.

However, a later Government's policy in 1971 saw formation of new units for which the cadres were used a nucleus. It also meant revival of titles.

### 2.2 Again the Territorial Army

Following the Shapland Report of 1978, the title *Territorial Army and Volunteer Reserve* was replaced by the title *Territorial Army* on 7 August 1979. This title was more familiar to the public, and thus was intended as aid to recruiting.

Two Defence White Papers were published beginning of the 1980s - 1982 and 1984. The main points can be summed up as follows:

- Expansion from 70.000 to 86.000 by the early 90s;
- Reinforcement of the BAOR from the UK by a new Infantry division, to consist primarily of TA units;
- Reorganisation of the UK Command Structure, including brigade headquarters for TA training;
- Increased permanent staff, particularly for NATO-roled units;
- Same equipment, as far as possible, for the TA as for the regulars;
- Introduction of the *Home Service Force* for guarding 'key-points'.

The net result by 1990 was an increase of the infantry strength by six battalions, and formation of a new Air Defence Regiment within the Royal Artillery. Home Service Force elements were added to units in every Corps.



First at platoon strength, but later they grew to company-size. Another interesting detail is the introduction of battle honours as company subtitle. As in most cases it concerns honour awarded to regular units (like Tangier, Albuhera and Quebec to name a few), it might indicate that the Territorial Army is some kind of refuge for disbanded regiments in general, regular and territorial alike.

### **2.3 The end of the Cold War, 'Options for Change' and after**

However, the Cold War came to an end in the early 1990s, implying serious reorganisations and reductions in both the Regular Army as the Territorial Army, during what was called *Options for Change*. Though less affected as the regulars, this still meant a reduction in from 86.000 to 63.500. Furthermore the Home Service Force was abolished.

Several units disbanded, but identities were retained through merger and amalgamation into units that remained. By 1996 the restructuring was complete.

Units could now be either in support of the new formed ARRC or intended for home defence, now called National Defence. In this new role individuals of the Territorial Army took part in humanitarian operations part of their parent regiment.

In the summer of 1998 a new review of the Territorial Army was announced, called the *Strategic Defence Review*. It was intended to make the reserve forces more suited for tasks to be encountered in the 21st century. Since there is no immediate threat to Britain itself, the role of the TA needed to be redefined. So, the emphasis was shifted from combat to combat support role and the TA was to assist the regular forces in greater extent and for a wider range of tasks, peace keeping operations for example. Furthermore the TA would be trained along the same lines as the regulars. In total the TA would be axed by a further 22.000 to a strength of 41.000.

### 3 TA Command Structure 1967 - 2000

On 1 April 1967 the existing - numbered - Division/Districts became named Districts, and the TA Brigades disappeared. Within a few years all Commands had been redesignated or disappeared and there remained districts only - except for HQ The Army in Scotland and HQ Northern Ireland. These were subordinate to HQ UKLF (ex Southern Command).

The brigade level of command, eliminated in the 1967 reforms, caused little or no direction in doctrine and training from above. This was resolved in 1982 - as part of the general enhancement of the TA - when the brigade level of command was brought back in the chain of command. Most brigades were purely administrative headquarters for training, only the *15 Brigade* and *49 Brigade* that had an operational reinforcing role in *2nd Infantry Division* as part of *1st (British) Corps*.

Options for Changes saw the merger of several Districts, which later were superseded by divisions, each responsible for a specific part of the country. Moreover, the UKLF was replaced by the Land Command.

The Strategic Defence Review saw some re-shuffling of brigades. London remained separate until April 2000 when it became part of *4th Division*.

#### 3.1 Overview of commands, districts and brigades

##### Eastern Command

Headquarters at Colchester.

April 1968 designated *Strategic Command*;

April 1972 disbanded.

**London District** at London.

Independent until 1 April 2000, then subordinate to *4th Division*.

##### **56 (London) Brigade**

Formed ca.1985 at London. Disbanded 1993.

**South-East District** at Aldershot, ex *44 (Home Counties) Division/District*

April 1992 designated *Southern District* with HQ at Aldershot, upon amalgamation with *South-West District*.

March 1995 designated *4th Division*, HQ at Aldershot.

**2 (South-Eastern) Brigade** at Dover. Formed 1982.

Part of *4th Division* since 1995.

**145 (Home Counties) Brigade** at Aldershot. Formed 1995.

Part of *4th Division* since formation.

**Eastern District** at Colchester, ex *54 (East Anglian) Division/District*

April 1971 absorbed *East Midlands District*.

April 1992 absorbed into *2nd Division*.

**54 (East Anglian) Brigade** at Bury St Edmunds. Formed 1982.

Absorbed into *49 Brigade* in 1993.

##### Southern Command

Headquarters at Wilton.

April 1972 designated *HQ United Kingdom Land Forces*

1 April 1995 redesignated *HQ Land Command*

**South-West District** at Bulford, ex 43 (*Wessex*) *Division/District*  
April 1992 merged with *South-East District* as *Southern District*.

**43 (Wessex) Brigade** at Exeter. Formed 1982.  
In 1993 Brigade served in *3rd (UK) Division* for administrative purposes.  
In April 1999 brigade merged with Salisbury Plain District at Bulford, and became part of *5th Division*.

## Northern Command

Headquarters at York.  
Abolished November 1972.

**East Midlands District** at Nottingham, ex 49 (*West Riding and North Midland*) *Division/District*  
April 1971 absorbed into *Eastern District*.

**49 (Eastern) Brigade** at Chilwell. Formed 1 January 1982.  
Fully operational brigade until 1992. Absorbed *54 Brigade* during *Options for Change*.  
Brigade was part of *2nd Division* 1982 - April 1999. Since then part of *4th Division*.

**Yorkshire District** at Catterick.  
January 1973 designated *North-East District* upon merger with *Northumbrian District* with HQ at York.  
April 1982 designated *2nd Infantry Division & North-East District*, HQ at York upon merger with *2nd Division*.  
April 1992 designated *2nd Division & Eastern District*, at York upon absorption of *Eastern District*.  
March 1995 designated *2nd Division*, HQ at York.  
(see also *2nd Division* below.)

**15 (North Eastern) Brigade** at Topcliffe. Formed 1 January 1982 Formed 1 January 1982 with HQ Topcliffe.  
Fully operational brigade as part of *2nd Division* until 1992.  
In 1992 HQ moved to York; Brigade remained in *2nd Division*.

**Northumbrian District** at York, ex 50 (*Northumbrian*) *Division/District*  
January 1973 merged into *North-East District*.

## Western Command

Headquarters at Chester.  
Abolished July 1972.

**North-West District** at Chester, later Preston, ex 42 (*Lancashire*) *Division/District*  
April 1995 merged into *5th Division*.

**42 (North West) Brigade** at Preston. Formed 1982.  
Part of *5th Division* 1995 - April 1999. Then to *2nd Division*.

**West Midlands District** at Shrewsbury, ex 48 (*South Midland*) *Division/District*  
April 1992 designated *Wales and West District* at Shrewsbury, upon merger with *Wales District*.  
March 1995 designated *5th Division* upon merger with *North-West District*.

**143 (West Midlands) Brigade** at Shrewsbury. Formed 1982.  
Since 1995 part of *5th Division*.

**Wales District** at Brecon, ex *53 (Welsh) Division/District*

April 1992 amalgamated into *Wales and West District* upon merger with *West Midlands District*.

**160 (Wales) Brigade** at Brecon. Formed 1982.

Since 1995 part of *5th Division*.

## Scottish Command

Headquarters at Edinburgh.

April 1972 designated *HQ The Army in Scotland*. Responsible for national territory of Scotland.

April 2000 designated *2nd Division* upon amalgamation with *2nd Division* at York.

No subordinate HQ's 1967 - 1982.

**51 (Highland) Brigade** at Perth. Formed 1982.

Became part of *2nd Division* April 2000.

**52 (Lowland) Brigade** at Edinburgh. Formed 1982.

Became part of *2nd Division* April 2000.

## Northern Ireland

Headquarters at Lisburn.

No subordinate HQ's until 1982.

**107 (Ulster) Brigade** at Lisburn. Formed 1982.

Transferred to *5th Division* April 2000 and became completely separate from security forces that remained under *HQ Northern Ireland*.

## 3.2 Divisions

### 2nd Infantry Division

Formed April 1982 as reinforcement Infantry division of BAOR from the United Kingdom and to consist predominantly of TA units. (*15 Brigade* and *49 Brigade*).

Designated *Division* by April 1992 and by April 1995 division superseded the Eastern District. Division became purely administrative/regenerative and responsible for the whole of Eastern England, except for Essex. In April 1999 the East Midlands (*49 Brigade*) were lost to *4th Division*, but the North-West (*42 Brigade*) gained from *5th Division*. On 1 April 2000 the Division merged with Scotland and HQ moved to Edinburgh.

### 3rd (UK) Division

HQ formed at Bulford ca.1992/1993 by transfer HQ *3rd (UK) Armoured Division* from Germany for both operational and administrative tasks. Division formed part of the ARRC and was only ready division in the UK. It commanded the mainly territorial *43 Brigade* for administrative purposes from 1993 on.

In April 1999 Division became fully deployable and *43 Brigade* transferred to *5th Division*.

### 4th Division

Formed March 1995 by designation of *Southern District* with HQ at Aldershot. The Division has military responsibility for South East England, including Bedfordshire, Essex and Hertfordshire.

Division became responsible for East Midlands by April 1999 when *49 Brigade* transferred.

## 5th Division

Formed March 1995 by merger of *Wales & West District* and *North-West District*; HQ at Shrewsbury. This Division has responsibility for military units in Wales, the West Midlands and the North West of England. In 1999 the North-West (*42 Brigade*) was lost to *2nd Division* and *43 Brigade* was gained from *3rd (UK) Division*. On 1 April 2000 *107 Brigade* transferred to Division making *5th Division* responsible for territorial units in Ulster.

### 3.3 Tables

London District	56 (London) Brigade
South-East District	2 (South-Eastern) Brigade
Eastern District	49 (Eastern) Brigade 54 (East Anglian) Brigade
South-West District	43 (Wessex) Brigade
West Midlands District	143 (West Midlands) Brigade
Wales District	160 (Wales) Brigade
North-West District	42 (North-West) District
North-East District	15 (North-Eastern) Brigade
The Army in Scotland	51 (Highland) Brigade 52 (Lowland) Brigade
Northern Ireland	107 (Ulster) Brigade

Table 1: Command structure 1985

2nd Division	15, 42, 51, 52 Brigades
4th Division	2, 49, 145 Brigades and London District
5th Division	43, 107, 143, 160 Brigades

Table 2: Command Structure 2000

<b>15 Brigade</b> (Topcliffe)	<b>49 Brigade</b> (Chilwell)
Queen's Own Yeomanry	Royal Yeomanry
101 Field Regiment RA (V)	100 Field Regiment RA (V)
269 OP Battery RA (V)	307 OP Battery RA (V)
6 Bn RRF	5 Bn RRF
1 Bn Yorks	5 Bn R Anglian
2 Bn Yorks	7 Bn R Anglian
7 Bn LI	1 Bn Mercian
4 Bn Para	5 Bn LI
under command	under command
150 Transport Regiment RCT (V)	73 Engineer Regiment RE (V)
223 Field Ambulance	15 Sqn RCT (regular)
251 Field Ambulance	216 Sqn RCT (V)
201 General Hospital	22 Ordnance Company
124 Recovery Company	250 Field Ambulance
252 Provost Company	

Table 3: Composition of operational 15 Brigade and 49 Brigade, 1982

## Yeomanry



### Introduction

During the reorganisation of the reserve forces in 1967 all existing Yeomanry regiments were disbanded. Five regiments reduced to squadron strength and reformed as the single Yeomanry regiment of the TAVR II - the *Volunteers* - intended to reinforce the BAOR as an armoured reconnaissance regiment. The remainder were reformed into 15 regiments styled *Territorials* as part of the TAVR III. These units had a home defence role. Quite a number of non-Yeomanry units supported forming these TAVR III units, in order to preserve identity lost otherwise in the reforms. When the TAVR III was disbanded in 1969, the Territorials were reduced to cadre. One new cadre was formed by transfer from a disbanded Infantry Territorial unit. New units were formed at the same time in other Corps, most notably The Royal Corps of Signals, thus preserving Yeomanry titles.

The reductions of 1967 proved to drastic, so that in 1971 four new Yeomanry regiments were formed out of the existing cadres. One regiment supports the BAOR as the second reconnaissance regiment, while the three other regiments operated as a Home Defence Infantry Battalion. One cadre completely reformed as infantry, while four others remained untouched. By 1975 these cadres were disbanded. In 1983 the three regiments in a Home Defence role rejoined the Royal Armoured Corps as home defence reconnaissance regiments.

Options for Change meant some reorganisation of the Yeomanry. Two regiments merged, and a completely new one was formed. Few years later a new new regiment was formed, when a infantry battalion converted. Also an Armoured Replacement Regiment started to form.

However, the latest additions proved to be shortlived, as they were disbanded when the Strategic Defence Review took effect in 1999. The structure of the regiments also changed, as the HQ Squadrons were converted to sabre squadrons, envisaging the new role of the Territorial Army. It should be noted that besides the Yeomanry titles and traditions preserved in the Yeomanry itself, quite a few survive in other Corps.

The number of sabre squadrons - not counting HQ squadrons, even though they are successor to a disbanded regiment - for a number of years is given in Table 4 below.

year:	1967*	1971	1990	1993	1997	2000
sabre squadrons:	4	7	18	18	21	17

Table 4: Sabre Squadrons, 1967 – 2000

\*: excluding squadrons part of the TAVR III.

### Organisation of Yeomanry regiments

Between 1967 and the aftermath of *Options for Change* two different type of regiment were distinguished: those in a BAOR role and those in a Home Defence role.

The first type consisted of four sabre squadrons equipped with armoured vehicles - wheeled and tracked - and a well established HQ squadron consisted of the necessary support elements. The Home Defence regiments consisted of four reconnaissance squadrons, but didn't have a true HQ squadron. Furthermore, they were only equipped with light trucks and possessed no armoured vehicles whatsoever.

After *Option for Change* one BAOR re-rolled as the Nuclear, Biological and Chemical Defence Regiment while the second regiment obtained a new role in support of the ARRC. The other regiments, and the new-formed, remained lightly equipped National Defence Reconnaissance Regiments. The *Strategic Defence Review* saw intensified training of equipment used by the regulars of three regiments, while one regiment remained in an armoured reconnaissance role; only two squadrons will be retained for the NBC-role.





## The Royal Yeomanry Regiment (Volunteers)

Formed 1 April 1967 with Regimental Headquarters at Chelsea, London as TAVR II unit being successor to *The Berkshire and Westminister Dragoons RAC (TA)*, *The Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry (Prince of Wales's Own) RAC (TA)*, *The Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry RAC (TA)*, *The Kent and County of London Yeomanry RAC (TA)* and *The North Irish Horse RAC (TA)*. All squadrons wear the badge of their predecessor.

### SQUADRONS:

**HQ (Berkshire & Westminister Dragoons) Squadron** at Chelsea, London.

**A (Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry) Squadron** (armoured cars) at Swindon and Trowbridge.

**B (Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry) Squadron** (armoured cars) at Carlton, Nottingham.

**C (Kent & County of London Yeomanry) Squadron** (airportable) at Croydon.

**D (North Irish Horse) Squadron** (airportable) at Belfast.

**1 April 1969** Regiment reorganised with four armoured cars squadrons.

## The Royal Yeomanry

Redesignated 9 May 1971.

**8 October 1973:** 'C' Squadron subtitled '(Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry)';

'HQ' Squadron subtitled '(Berkshire and Westminister Dragoons)'.

**1984:** 'HQ' Squadron rebadged as *Westminister Dragoons* and subtitled '(Westminister Dragoons)'.

**1 April 1992:** Regiment reorganised.

'B' Squadron at Nottingham transferred as 'B' Squadron *The Queen's Own Yeomanry* [page 21].

'D' Squadron at Belfast became an independent squadron [page 23].

'B' (*Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry*) Squadron formed at Leicester by redesignation of 'B' Company 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion *The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment*.

'D' (*Berkshire Yeomanry*) Squadron formed at Slough from personnel *The Wessex Regiment*; squadron not successor to disbanded units.

**1 July 1999:** Regiment reorganised because of the *Strategic Defence Review*.

### SQUADRONS:

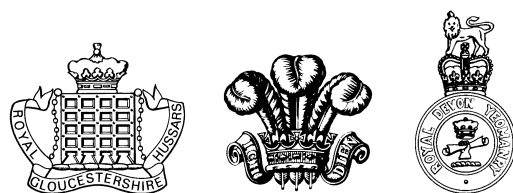
**A (Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry) Squadron** at Swindon and Trowbridge.

**B (Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry) Squadron** at Leicester.

**C ((Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry)) Squadron** at Croydon.

**S (Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry) Squadron** formed at Nottingham by transfer 'B' Squadron *The Queen's Own Yeomanry*.

**W (Berkshire and Westminister Dragoons) Squadron** formed by merger of 'D' Squadron and 'HQ' Squadron as new sabre squadron. Squadron at Slough retained until 1 June 2000.



## The Wessex Yeomanry

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Cirencester from cadres of *The Royal Gloucestershire Hussars*, *The Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry (Prince of Wales's Own)* and *The Royal Devon Yeomanry/1st Rifle Volunteers* as Home Defence Infantry Battalion. The Squadrons kept the badge of their predecessor.

### SQUADRONS:

**A (Royal Gloucestershire Hussars) Squadron** at Gloucester.

**B (Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry) Squadron** at Old Sarum, Salisbury.

**C (Royal Gloucestershire Hussars) Squadron** at Stroud.

**D (Royal Devon Yeomanry/1st Rifle Volunteers) Squadron** at Barnstaple.

**16 April 1974** 'D' Squadron subtitled '(Royal Devon Yeomanry)'.

## The Royal Wessex Yeomanry

Redesignated 8 June 1979.

**1 April 1983** Regiment re-roled as Home Defence Reconnaissance Regiment as part of the Royal Armoured Corps.

'E' (HSF) (Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry) Squadron formed at Old Sarum, Salisbury.

**1992:** 'C' Squadron at Stroud disbanded.

'HQ' (Royal Gloucestershire Hussars) Squadron formed at Cirencester and Stroud.

'E' (HSF) Squadron disbanded.

**1 July 1999:** Regiment reorganised.

### SQUADRONS:

**A (Dorset Yeomanry) Armoured Replacement Squadron** formed at Bovington by redesignation of *The Dorset Yeomanry* [page 26].

**B (Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry) Squadron** at Old Sarum, Salisbury.

**C (Royal Gloucestershire Hussars) Squadron** at Cirencester by merger 'A' Squadron and 'HQ' Squadron.

**D (Royal Devon Yeomanry) Squadron** at Barnstaple with 4 Troop formed at Paignton from elements 4th (V) Battalion *The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment*.

## **The Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry**

Formed 1 November 1992 with Headquarters at Telford by amalgamation of *The Queen's Own Mercian Yeomanry* [page 20] and *The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry* [page 22].



### **SQUADRONS:**

**HQ (Shropshire Yeomanry) Squadron** at Telford and Shrewsbury.

**A (Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry) Squadron** at Stourbridge and Coventry.

**B (Staffordshire Yeomanry) Squadron** at Dudley.

**D (Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry) Squadron** at Wigan.

**1 July 1999:** Regiment reorganised.

### **SQUADRONS:**

**HQ Squadron** at Telford.

**A (Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry) Squadron** at Dudley by merger of 'A' Squadron and 'B' Squadron.

**B (Shropshire Yeomanry) Squadron** at Telford with Troop at Shrewsbury by redesignation of 'HQ' Squadron.

**C (Cheshire Yeomanry) Squadron** at Chester by redesignation of 'C' Squadron *The Queen's Own Yeomanry* [page 21].

**D (Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry) Squadron** at Wigan.

## **Mercian Yeomanry**

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Telford from cadres of *The Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry*, *The Staffordshire Yeomanry (Queen's Own Royal Regiment)*, *The Shropshire Yeomanry* and *The Warwickshire Regiment RA* as a Home Defence Infantry Battalion.



### **SQUADRONS:**

**A (Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry) Squadron** at Coventry and Stourbridge with *X Troop* at Birmingham from *The Warwickshire Regiment RA*;

**B (Staffordshire Yeomanry) Squadron** at Tipton and Stafford and Lichfield;

**C (Shropshire Yeomanry) Squadron** at Shrewsbury, Oswestry and Wellington;

**21 October 1971:** Title confirmed as **The Mercian Yeomanry**, retroactive to 1 April 1971.

## **The Queen's Own Mercian Yeomanry**

Redesignated 25 May 1973.

**1982** Regiment roled as a light Reconnaissance Regiment in the Royal Armoured Corps.

**9 February 1988:** 'D' (HSF) Squadron formed at Telford by rebadging of company from RAOC.

### **1 November 1992:**

Regiment disbanded as result of *Options for Change*.

Regiment amalgamated with *The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry* to form *The Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry* [page 19].

Squadrons redesignated as 'A' (Queen's Own Warwickshire and Wocestershire Yeomanry) Squadron, 'B' (Staffordshire Yeomanry) Squadron and 'HQ' (Shropshire Yeomanry) Squadron respectively;

'D' (HSF) Squadron disbanded.

## 2nd Armoured Car Regiment

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Fenham Barracks, Newcastle upon Tyne, from cadres of *The Queen's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry*, *The Ayrshire (Earl of Carrick's Own) Yeomanry*, *The Cheshire Yeomanry (Earl of Chester's)* and *The Northumberland Hussars* as a BAOR Armoured Reconnaissance Regiment.



### SQUADRONS:

**HQ Squadron** at Fenham Barracks, Newcastle upon Tyne;  
**A Squadron** at York;  
**B Squadron** at Ayr;  
**C Squadron** at Chester.

## The Queen's Own Yeomanry

Designation approved 30 April 1971.

**November 1972:** Squadron redesignated as follows:

'NH' (*Northumberland Hussars*) Squadron;  
'A' (*Ayrshire Yeomanry*) Squadron;  
'C' (*Cheshire Yeomanry*) Squadron and  
'Y' (*Queen's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry*) Squadron.

**1986:** 'D' (*Northumberland Hussars*) Squadron formed at Cramlington from elements 'NH' Squadron which redesignated 'HQ' (*Northumberland Hussars*) Squadron.

**1 April 1992:** New 'B' (*Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry*) Squadron at Nottingham by transfer 'B' Squadron *The Royal Yeomanry* [page 17].

**1 November 1992:** 'A' Squadron at Ayr transferred as 'A' (*Ayrshire Yeomanry*) Squadron *The Scottish Yeomanry* [page 24].

**1 July 1999:** Regiment reorganised because of the *Strategic Defence Review*.

'B' Squadron at Nottingham transferred as 'S' (*Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry*) Squadron *The Royal Yeomanry* [page 17].

'C' Squadron at Chester transferred as 'C' (*Cheshire Yeomanry*) Squadron *The Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry* [page 19].

'D' Squadron at Cramlington disbanded. Personnel possibly to Squadron HQ and two Troops of 100 Squadron 168 Pioneer Regiment.

### SQUADRONS:

**A (Ayrshire (Earl of Carrick's Own) Yeomanry) Squadron** formed at Ayr by redesignation 'A' Squadron *The Scottish Yeomanry*.

**B (North Irish Horse) Squadron** formed at Belfast by redesignation *The North Irish Horse*; Squadron is under OPCOM of *The Royal Irish Rangers*.

**C (Fife and Forfar Yeomanry/Scottish Horse) Squadron** formed at Cupar by redesignation 'C' Squadron *The Scottish Yeomanry*.

**D (Northumberland Hussars) Squadron** at Fenham Barracks, Newcastle by redesignation of 'HQ' Squadron.

## **Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry (Royal Tank Regiment)**

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Chorley by expansion of similar designated cadre as a Home Defence Infantry Battalion.



### **SQUADRONS:**

**HQ Squadron** at Chorley;

**A Squadron** at Wigan;

**B Squadron** at Clifton, Manchester;

**D Squadron** at Preston and Blackpool.

## **The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry**

Redesignated 29 February 1972.

**1 April 1983:** Regiment re-roled as a Reconnaissance unit of the Royal Armoured Corps.

'C' (HSF) Squadron formed at Chorley.

### **1 November 1992:**

Regiment disbanded as result of *Options for Change*.

Unit amalgamated with *The Queen's Own Mercian Yeomanry* to form *The Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry* and formed 'D' (*Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry*) Squadron [page 19].

'C' (HSF) Squadron disbanded.

## **The North Irish Horse**

Formed 1 April 1992 at Belfast as Independent Reconnaissance Squadron by redesignation of 'D' Squadron The Royal Yeomanry.



**1 July 1999:** Squadron transferred as 'B' (North Irish Horse) Squadron The Queen's Own Yeomanry [page 21] but under OPCOM of *The Royal Irish Rangers* [page 187].

## **The Scottish Yeomanry**

Formed 1 November 1992 with Headquarters at Colinton Road, Edinburgh with squadrons from *The Queen's Own Yeomanry* [page 21] and elements 153 (*Highland*) *Regiment Royal Corps of Transport (Volunteers)* [page 205] and 154 (*Lowland*) *Regiment Royal Corps of Transport (Volunteers)* [page 206].



### **SQUADRONS:**

**HQ (Lothians and Border Horse) Squadron** at Colinton Road, Edinburgh. Formed by conversion of 225 (*Queen's Own Lowland Yeomanry*) *Squadron* 154 (*Lowland*) *Regiment RCT (V)*.

**A (Ayrshire (Earl of Carrick's Own) Yeomanry) Squadron** at Ayr. Formed by transfer 'A' Squadron *The Queen's Own Yeomanry*.

**B (Lanarkshire and Queen's Own Royal Glasgow Yeomanry) Squadron** at East Kilbride. Formed by conversion of 222 Squadron 154 (*Lowland*) *Regiment RCT (V)*.

**C (Fife and Forfar/Scottish Horse) Squadron** at Cupar. Formed by conversion of 239 (*Highland Yeomanry*) *Squadron* 153 (*Highland*) *Regiment RCT (V)*.

### **1 July 1999:**

Regiment disbanded with two squadron transferring to *The Queen's Own Yeomanry* respectively [page 21]: 'A' Squadron and 'C' Squadron redesignated as 'A' (*Ayrshire (Earl of Carrick's Own) Yeomanry*) *Squadron*; 'C' Squadron as 'C' (*Fife and Forfar Yeomanry/Scottish Horse*) *Squadron*; remainder disbanded.



## **The King's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry (Light Infantry)**

Formed 3 August 1996 with Headquarters at Wakefield by redesignation of *8th Battalion The (Yorkshire) Light Infantry (Volunteers)* [page 105].



### **SQUADRONS:**

**HQ Squadron** at Wakefield by redesignation of '*HQ*' *Company*.

**A Squadron** at Doncaster by redesignation of '*C*' *Company*.

**B Squadron** at Pontefract by redesignation of '*B*' *Company*.

**C Squadron** at Batley with detachment at Dewsbury by redesignation of '*A*' *Company*.

### **1 July 1999:**

Regiment disbanded.

*'HQ' Squadron* and *'C' Squadron* reorganised as *Minden Company (Light Infantry) The East and West Riding Regiment* [page 185];

remainder disbanded.

## **The Dorset Yeomanry**

Formed 1 April 1997 at Bovington as Armoured Replacement Regiment.



### **1 July 1999:**

Regiment disbanded as result of the *Strategic Defence Review* and redesignated as 'A' (Dorset Yeomanry) Squadron The Royal Wessex Yeomanry [page 18].

## **TAVR III units Yeomanry 1967 – 1969, and cadres 1969 – 1975**

### **The Ayrshire (Earl of Carrick's Own) Yeomanry (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit with *RHQ* and 'A' Squadron at Ayr and 'B' Squadron at Dalry from *The Ayrshire Yeomanry (Earl of Carrick's Own) RAC (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Ayrshire (Earl of Carrick's Own) Yeomanry* at Ayr under *154 Regiment RCT (V)*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'B' Squadron *The Queen's Own Yeomanry* [page 21].

### **The Cheshire Yeomanry (Earl of Chester's Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit with *RHQ*, 'B' and 'C' Squadrons at Birkenhead, HQ element at Chester, and 'A' Squadron at Northwich from *The Cheshire Yeomanry (Earl of Chester's) RAC (TA)*, *113 Field Squadron RE (TA)* and part *4th Battalion The Cheshire Regiment (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Cheshire Yeomanry (Earl of Chester's)* at Gilwern, Chester under *33 Signal Regiment (V)*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'C' Squadron *The Queen's Own Yeomnary* [page 21].

Title 'Cheshire Yeomanry' is also perpetuated by *80 Signal Squadron (V)* [page 59].

### **The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry (Royal Tank Regiment) (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit with *RHQ* and 'B' Squadron at Clifton from *The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry RAC (TA)* and 'A' Squadron at Oldham and 'C' Squadron at Bootle from 'A' and 'B' Squadrons *40th/41st Royal Tank Regiment RAC (TA)* and *RHQ*, 'HQ' Squadron and 'C' Squadron *40th/41st Royal Tank Regiment RAC (TA)* respectively.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry (Royal Tank Regiments)* at Clifton, under *75 Engineer Regiment RE (V)*; less 'C' Squadron which roled as *238 Squadron 156 Regiment RCT (V)* [page 208]; title was adopted for a while by *202 Field Squadron 75 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 50].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as *The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry (Royal Tank Regiment)* as infantry in an Infantry Home Defence Role [page 22].

### **The Fife and Forfar Yeomanry/Scottish Horse (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit with *RHQ* and 'C' Squadron at Cupar and 'C' Squadron at Dunblane from *The Fife and Forfar Yeomanry/Scottish Horse RAC (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Highland Yeomanry* at Cupar, under *153 Regiment RCT (V)*. Also formed *239 (Highland Yeomanry) Squadron 153 Regiment RCT (V)* [page 205].

**1 April 1975:** Disbanded. Successor *239 Squadron 153 Regiment RCT (V)*.

### **Inns of Court and City Yeomanry**

Formed 1 April 1969 as cadre from *The London Yeomanry and Territorials* [page 194] (less 'C' Company) at *Lincolns Inn, London*, under *71 Signal Regiment (V)*; Also formed *68 (Inns of Court and City Yeomanry) Signal Squadron 71 Signal Regiment (V)* [page 67] upon reduction to cadre.

**1 April 1975:** Disbanded.

### **The Leicestershire and Derbyshire (Prince Albert's Own) Yeomanry (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit with *RHQ* and 'D' Squadron at Leicester, 'B' Squadron at Derby, 'C' Squadron at Melton Mowbray and 'A' Squadron at Ilkeston formed from *The Leicestershire and Derbyshire (Prince Albert's Own) Yeomanry RAC (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Leicestershire and Derbyshire (Prince Albert's Own) Yeomanry* at Leicester,

under 222 *Field Ambulance RAMC (V)*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as *The Leicestershire and Derbyshire (Prince Albert's Own) Yeomanry Squadron 7th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment* [page 95].

### **North Irish Horse (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit with *RHQ* and 'A' Squadron in Belfast and 'B' Squadron at Londonderry from part *The North Irish Horse RAC (TA)* and elements *5th Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The North Irish Horse* at Belfast, under *Royal Yeomanry Regiment (V)*; except 'B' Squadron which reformed as *69 (North Irish Horse) Signal Squadron 32 Signal Regiment (V)* [page 58].

**1 April 1975:** Cadre disbanded.

### **The Northumberland Hussars (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit with *RHQ* and 'A' Squadron at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, 'B' Squadron at South Shields and 'C' Squadron at Blyth from *The Northumberland Hussars RAC (TA)* and elements *4th/5th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (TA)*, *6th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (TA)* and *324 (Northumbria Artillery) Hy AD Regiment RA (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Northumberland Hussars* at Newcastle-upon-Tyne, under *101 Medium Regiment RA (V)*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as *HQ Squadron The Queen's Own Yeomanry* [page 21].

### **The Queen's Own Lowland Yeomanry (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit with *RHQ* and 'A' Squadron at Edinburgh and 'C' Squadron at Glasgow from *The Queen's Own Lowland Yeomanry RAC (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Queen's Own Lowland Yeomanry* at Edinburgh, under *154 Regiment RCT (V)*. Also formed *225 (QOLY) Squadron 154 Regiment RCT (V)* [page 206].

**1 April 1975:** Cadre disbanded. Successor *225 Fuel Tanker Squadron 154 Regiment RCT (V)*.

### **The Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit with *RHQ* at Shirley, 'B' Squadron at Stratford-upon-Avon and 'C' Squadron at Stourbridge from *The Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry RAC (TA)* ('C' Squadron included elements of battey *267 (Worcestershire) Field Regiment RA (TA)*), and 'A' (*Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers*) Squadron at Coventry from *7th Battalion The Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry* at Stratford-upon-Avon, under *37 Signal Regiment (V)*; Also formed *67 (Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron 37 Signal Regiment (V)* [page 63].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'A' (*Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry*) Squadron *Mercian Yeomanry* [page 20].

### **The Queen's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit with *RHQ* and 'A' Squadron at York, 'B' Squadron at Doncaster and 'C' Squadron at Hull, all formed from *The Queen's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry RAC(TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Queen's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry* at York, under *250 Field Ambulance RAMC (V)*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'A' Squadron *The Queen's Own Yeomanry* [page 21].

### **The Royal Gloucestershire Hussars (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit with *RHQ* at Bristol (less two specialist troops from *The North Somerset and Bristol Yeomanry RAC (TA)*), *43 Division/District Provost Coy RMP (TA)* and *71 Coy WRAC (TA)*) and 'B'

(*Royal Gloucestershire Hussars*) Squadron at Cirencester from *The Royal Gloucestershire Hussars RAC* (TA) and *HQ RA 43 (Wessex) Division/District* (TA); 'A' (*Gloucestershire Volunteer Artillery*) Squadron at Bristol from *883 (GVA) Locating Battery RA* (TA); 'C' (*5 Glosters*) Squadron at Cheltenham from *5th Battalion The Gloucestershire Regiment* (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Royal Gloucestershire Hussars* at Cheltenham, under *37 Signal Regiment* (V).

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as *RHQ, 'A' (RGH) Squadron* and '*C' (RGH) Squadron The Wessex Yeomanry* [page 18]; 'A' Squadron reformed as *266 (GVA) Battery RA* (V) [page 39].

### **The Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry (Prince of Wales's Own)**

Formed 1 April 1969 as cadre by transfer '*B' Company (Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry)* from *The Royal Wiltshire Territorials*; cadre under administration *The Royal Yeomanry Regiment* (V).

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as '*B' (Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry) Squadron The Wessex Yeomanry* [page 18].

### **The Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit with *RHQ* and '*C' Squadron* at Newark and '*A' Squadron* at Retford from parts *The Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry RAC* (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry* at Nottingham, under *The Royal Yeomanry Regiment* (V).

**1 April 1971:** Reformed a '*A' (Sherwood Rangers) Squadron 3rd (V) Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment* [page 125].

### **The Shropshire Yeomanry (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit with *RHQ* and '*C' Squadron* at Shrewsbury and '*B' Squadron* at Oswestry from *The Shropshire Yeomanry RAC* (TA); 'A' (*Shropshire RHA*) Squadron at Shrewsbury from *HQ RA (Shropshire RHA) 48 Division* (TA) and elements *4th Battalion The King's Shropshire Light Infantry* (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Shropshire Yeomanry* at Shrewsbury, under *35 Signal Regiment* (V). Also formed *95 (Shropshire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron 35 Signal Regiment* (V) [page 61].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as *RHQ* and '*C' (Shropshire Yeomanry) Squadron Mercian Yeomanry* [page 20].

### **The Staffordshire Yeomanry (Queen's Own Royal Regiment) (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit with *RHQ* and '*A' Squadron* at Wolverhampton and '*C' Squadron* at Burton-on-Trent from *The Staffordshire Yeomanry (Queen's Own Royal Regiment) RAC* (TA) and *HQ RA 48 (West Midlands) Division/District* (TA); 'B' (*887 Locating Battery*) Squadron at Stafford from *887 Locating Battery RA* (TA) and parts *125 Engineer Regiment RE* (TA), *444 Lt AD Regiment RA* (TA) and *5th/6th Battalion The North Staffordshire Regiment* (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Staffordshire Yeomanry (Queen's Own Royal Regiment)* at Stafford, under *HQ 30 Engineer Brigade* (V).

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as '*B' (Staffordshire Yeomanry) Squadron Mercian Yeomanry* [page 20].

## Royal Regiment of Artillery



### Introduction

In 1967 all existing territorial regiments of artillery were disbanded. They were succeeded by new-formed units in both TAVR II and TAVR III.

Under the TAVR II five new regiments and three independent batteries were formed by amalgamation and styled as *Volunteers*. The main role of these units was to provide reinforcements to the BAOR.

Next, under the TAVR III 17 regiments were formed and designated *Territorials*. These regiments had a purely home defence role.

In 1969 these regiments were reduced to cadre strength when the TAVR III was disbanded. Some personnel transferred to other units, forming additional detachments. For example, the Air Defence Regiments (TAVR II) each created a new battery this way. By 1975 all cadres had either been disbanded, or converted as part of new-formed infantry battalions.

1986 saw some modest expansion of the territorial artillery when a new Air Defence Regiment was created, alongside four new batteries. Few years later however, under the Options for Change reforms, two regiments merged and Air Defence Regiments reduced to three batteries.

The most recent reforms, the Strategic Defence Review, meant creation of a new regiment part of the War Emergency Reserve, while another re-roled for the same duties.

Table 5 shows the evolution described above in terms of batteries:

year:	1967*	1975	1990	1995	2000
number of batteries:	13	19	24	18	19

Table 5: Volunteer Batteries Royal Artillery, 1967 – 2000

\*: not counting the TAVR III batteries.

### Organisation of the Artillery

Until the *Strategic Defence Review*, all regiments, whether roled as Field or Air Defence Regiment, consisted of a HQ battery and several firing batteries. Furthermore, there were a number of independent batteries with an OP role. All regiments and batteries were committed to the BAOR.

After the changes mentioned, two regiments became part of the War Emergency Reserve. These regiments didn't have a role as regiment, and therefore didn't have a HQ battery, by each battery provided reinforcement to a regular artillery regiment.

## The Honourable Artillery Company

Formed 1 April 1967 from 1 Field Regiment Honourable Artillery Company/Royal Horse Artillery (TA).

Regimental Headquarters at Armoury House, Finsbury, London formed from HQ Honourable Artillery Company and Officers' Training Wing. All sub units located, except were shown, at Armoury House, Finsbury, London.



**Honourable Artillery Company Battery (Royal Horse Artillery)** (known as 'A' Battery) formed from 'A' and 'B' Battery 1 Field Regiment HAC/RHA (TA).

Also included the **Honourable Artillery Company Infantry Company (V)** (known as Grenadier Company) formed from HAC Infantry Battalion (TA).

'C' Battery 1 Field Regiment HAC/RHA combined with remainder HAC Infantry Battalion to form TAVR III units in The Greater London Regiment RA (T).

**1 January 1969:** TAVR III units ('C' Battery and HAC Infantry Company) re-integrated into HAC.

**October 1973:** Regiment enlarged and reorganised into OP role; regiment comprised 1 - 3 Squadrons, plus ceremonial Gun Troop at Tower of London.

*First Squadron:* Somme Troop, Ypres Troop, Arras Troop;

*II Squadron:* El Alamein Troop, Cassino Troop, El Hamma Troop;

*III Squadron:* Aden Troop, Gaza Troop, Rhine Troop.

**1 January 1983:** 'HQ' Squadron formed.

**1 February 1985:** 'A' Company HSF and 'B' Company HSF formed.

**1 January 1987:** First Squadron renamed I Squadron;

'A' Company HSF renamed 1 Company HSF;

'B' Company HSF renamed 2 Company HSF.

**1 August 1992:** HSF Companies amalgamated to form Infantry Company HSF.

**7 April 1994:** Infantry Company HSF disbanded.

**1 June 1994:**

*Signal Squadron* formed from Somme, Cassino and Aden Troops, from I, II and III Squadrons respectively.

**1 November 1994:** STA and Liaison Regiment Role formally confirmed.

**1 January 1998:** *Signal Squadron* increased to 4 Troops by formation of South Africa Troop.

**1 July 1999:** Regiment remained untouched by the *Strategic Defence Review*.

## **100 (Eastern) Medium Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Regimental Headquarters at Grove Park, London.

### **BATTERIES:**

**HQ (Home Counties) Battery** at Grove Park, London from *'R' (Surrey) Battery 265 Light Air Defence Regiment RA (TA)* and *HQ RA 44 (Home Counties) Division/District*.

**200 (Sussex Yeomanry) Medium Battery** at Brighton and Reigate from *257 (Sussex Yeomanry) Field Regiment RA (TA)*.

**201 (Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Yeomanry) Medium Battery** at Luton and St Albans from *286 (Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Yeomanry) Field Regiment RA (TA)*.

**202 (Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Medium Battery** at Bury St Edmunds, Ipswich, Norwich and Swaffham from *308 (Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Field Regiment RA (TA)*.

**31 January 1970** subtitle *'(Eastern)'* omitted.

## **100 (Yeomanry) Field Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Redesignated September 1976.

*'Medium'* designation in batteries replaced by *'Field'*.

**1 April 1993:** *200 Battery* converted as *127 (Sussex Yeomanry) Field Squadron 78 (Fortress) Engineer Regiment Royal Engineers (Volunteers)*. [page 53].

*307 (South Nottinghamshire Hussars Yeomanry, Royal Horse Artillery) Battery* at Bulwell, Nottingham re-roled as field battery in the Regiment.

## **100 (Yeomanry) Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 1993. *'Field'* designation in batteries omitted.

**1 July 1999** Regiment reorganised as *War Emergency Reserve Field Regiment*:

Regimental Headquarters to St Albans by roling detachment *201 Battery*;

*266 (Gloucestershire Volunteer Artillery) Battery* at Bristol placed under Regiment.

*RHQ* became *RHQ 106 Regiment Royal Artillery*, *HQ Battery* re-roled as *265 (Home Counties) Battery 106 Regiment RA (V)* [page 38].

*202 Battery* transferred to *106 Regiment RA (V)*.



### **101 (Northumbrian) Medium Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Regimental Headquarters at Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

**BATTERIES:**

**HQ Battery** at Gosforth from 272 (*Northumbrian*) *Field Regiment RA (TA)*.

**203 Medium Battery** at Blyth from *Q Battery 324 Heavy Air Defence Regiment RA (TA)* and *P (Elswick) Battery 272 Field Regiment RA (TA)*.

**204 Medium Battery** at Gosforth from 439 (*Tyne*) *Light Air Defence Regiment RA (TA)*.

**205 Medium Battery** at South Shields from 274 (*Northumbrian*) *Field Regiment RA (TA)* and 463 (*Durham Light Infantry*) *Light Air Defence Regiment RA (TA)*.

**1 April 1974** batteries subtitled as follows:

*203 (Elswick), 204 (Tyneside Scottish), 205 (3rd Durham Volunteer Artillery) and HQ (Tynemouth Volunteer).*

### **101 (Northumbrian) Field Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Redesignated September 1976. Batteries designated as '*Field*'.

Later *RHQ* and *HQ Battery* to Gateshead and *204 Battery* to Kingston Park, Newcastle upon Tyne.

### **101 (Northumbrian) Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 1993. '*Field*' designation in batteries omitted.

## **102 (Ulster and Scottish) Light Air Defence Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Regimental Headquarters at Newtownards.

### **BATTERIES:**

**HQ Battery** at Newtownards from 245 (*Ulster*) *Light Air Defence Regiment RA (TA)*.

**206 (Ulster) Lt Air Defence Battery** at Coleraine from 245 (*Ulster*) *Light Air Defence Regiment RA (TA)*.

**207 (Scottish) Lt Air Defence Battery** with HQ and D Troop at Glasgow from 445 (*Lowland*) *Light Air Defence Regiment* and E and F Troops at Edinburgh from 278 (*Lowland*) *Field Regiment RA (The City of Edinburgh) (TA)*.

**1 July 1969** 212 (*Highland*) *Lt Air Defence Battery* formed at Arbroath from *The Highland Regiment RA (T)*.

## **102 (Ulster and Scottish) Air Defence Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Redesignated September 1976. 'Lt' also omitted from battery designations.

**1 April 1986** Scottish based batteries withdrawn to form 105 (*Scottish*) *Air Defence Regiment RA (V)* [page 37]. 'Scottish' omitted from title.

New 215 (*North Down*) *Battery* formed at Newtownards.

## **102 (Ulster) Air Defence Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

**HQ and 215 (North Down) Battery** at Newtownards;

**206 (Coleraine) Battery** at Coleraine.

**1 April 1993** Regiment disbanded as result of *Options for Change* and merged into 105 *Air Defence Regiment RA (V)* [page 37].

### **103 (Lancashire Artillery Volunteers) Light Air Defence Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Regimental Headquarters at Liverpool.

#### **BATTERIES:**

**HQ Battery** at Liverpool from 470 (3rd West Lancashire) Light Air Defence Regiment RA (TA).

**208 (3rd West Lancashire) Lt Air Defence Battery** from 470 (3rd West Lancashire) Light Air Defence Regiment RA (TA) with HQ and A (Liverpool Irish) Troop in Liverpool, B Troop at Prestayn and C (South Lancashire Artillery) at St Helens.

**209 (The Manchester Artillery) Lt Air Defence Battery** with HQ and D and E Troops at Manchester from 252 Field Regiment RA (The Manchester Artillery) (TA) and F Troop (The Bolton Artillery) at Bolton from part 253 Field Regiment RA (The Bolton Artillery) (TA).

**1 July 1969** 213 (South Lancashire Artillery) Lt Air Defence Battery formed at St Helens with Troop at Widnes from The South Lancashire Territorials (Prince of Wales's Volunteers) RA and elements 208 Battery.

208 Battery now at Aigburth Road, Liverpool; absorbed personnel The West Lancashire Regiment RA (T). B Troop to 'A' Company Welsh Volunteers [page 170].

**1 July 1974** HQ Battery subtitled '(King's)'.

### **103 (Lancashire Artillery Volunteers) Air Defence Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Redesignated September 1976. 'Lt' also omitted from battery designations.

**1986** 216 (The Bolton Artillery) Battery formed at Bolton from elements 209 Battery. 'A' (Home Service Force) Battery formed at Liverpool, St Helens and Widnes.

**1992** 213 Battery merged with HQ Battery to form 213 (South Lancashire Artillery) Headquarters Battery at St Helens. LAD REME at Widnes. 'A' (HSF) Battery disbanded.

### **103 (Lancashire Artillery Volunteers) Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 1993. 'Air Defence' designation in batteries omitted.

#### **BATTERIES:**

**213 (South Lancashire Artillery) Headquarters Battery** at St Helens.

**208 (3rd West Lancashire) Battery** at Liverpool.

**209 (The Manchester Artillery) Battery** at Manchester.

**216 (The Bolton Artillery) Battery** at Bolton.

LAD REME at Widnes.

### **104 Light Air Defence Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Raglan Barracks, Newport.

**BATTERIES:**

**HQ Battery** at Raglan Barracks, Newport from 638 (*Brecknockshire and Monmouthshire*) *Light Air Defence Regiment RA (TA)*.

**210 (Staffordshire) Lt Air Defence Battery** at Wolverhampton from 444 (*Staffordshire*) *Light Air Defence Regiment RA (TA)*.

**211 (South Wales) Lt Air Defence Battery** with HQ and D (*Monmouthshire*) Troop at Newport and E (*Glamorgan Yeomanry*) Troop at Cardiff from 282 (*Glamorgan and Monmouthshire*) *Field Regiment RA (TA)* and F (*Brecknockshire and Monmouthshire*) Troop at Ebbw Vale from 638 *Light Air Defence Regiment RA (TA)*. Later detachment at Abertillery formed from *The Monmouthshire (Territorial) Battalion The South Wales Borderers*.

**1 July 1969** 214 (*Worcestershire*) *Lt Air Defence Battery* at Malvern from *The Worcestershire Territorial Regiment RA*.

### **104 Air Defence Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Redesignated September 1976. 'Lt' also omitted from battery designations.

**1986:** 214 Battery formed detachments at Worcester and Redditch. 217 (*County of Gwent*) *Air Defence Battery* formed at Cwmbran.

**May 1992** 217 Battery merged into 211 Battery establishing HQ at Newport, C (*Glamorgan Yeomanry*) Troop at Cardiff and D Troop at Abertillery.

214 Battery consolidated at Worcester.

### **104 Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 1993. 'Air Defence' designation in batteries omitted.

**BATTERIES:**

**HQ Battery** at Raglan Barracks, Newport.

**210 (Staffordshire) Battery** at Wolverhampton.

**211 (South Wales) Battery** at Newport with Troops at Cardiff and Abertillery.

**214 (Worcestershire) Battery** at Worcester.

## **105 (Scottish) Air Defence Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1986 from elements *102 (Ulster and Scottish) Air Defence Regiment RA (V)* [page 34] and new formed units with Regimental Headquarters at Edinburgh.

### **BATTERIES:**

**HQ (City of Edinburgh) Battery** at Colinton Road, Edinburgh from elements *207 Battery*.

**207 (City of Glasgow) Air Defence Battery** at Glasgow by transfer from *102 Regiment RA*.

**212 (Highland) Air Defence Battery** at Arbroath with F Troop at Glenrothes by transfer from *102 Regiment RA*.

**218 (Lothian) Air Defence Battery** new formed at Livingston and Edinburgh.

**1 April 1987** *219 (City of Dundee) Air Defence Battery* formed at Dundee.

**1 April 1993** Regiment reorganised and absorbed *102 (Ulster) Air Defence Regiment RA (V)*:

*206 (Ulster) Battery* formed at Newtownards (HQ and A Troop) with B Troop at Coleraine by disbandment *102 Regiment RA*.

*218 Battery* and *219 Battery* disbanded. *207 Battery* formed D Troop at Edinburgh.

## **105 Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Redesignated upon reorganisation.

**1 July 1999:** D Troop moved to Motherwell, F Troop moved to Kirkcaldy.

## **106 (Yeomanry) Regiment Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 July 1999 with Regimental Headquarters at Grove Park, London as Air Defence War Emergency Reserve Regiment. Batteries provide reinforcements to regular Army regiments.

**202 (Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Battery** at Blenheim Camp, Bury St Edmunds by transfer from *100 Regiment RA (V)*. Battery is equipped with HVM and supports *12 Regiment RA*.

**265 (Home Counties) Battery** at Grove Park, London by conversion of *HQ Battery 100 Regiment RA*. Battery is equipped with Rapier and supports *16 Regiment RA*.

**269 (West Riding) Battery** at Carlton Barracks, Leeds. Battery supports *22 Regiment RA* and is equipped with Rapier.

**457 (Hampshire Yeomanry) Battery** at Southampton. Formed by conversion of *227 Squadron RE (V)* [page 53]. Unit took the pre 1967 operational title of the *Hampshire Yeomanry: 457 (Wessex) Regiment (Hampshire Carabiniers Yeomanry) RA (TA)*. Battery is equipped with HVM and supports *47 Regiment RA*.

The Headquarters component is in support of *7 Air Defence Brigade Headquarters*.

## Independent batteries

### **266 (Gloucester Volunteer Artillery) Observation Post Battery Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1971 at Bristol as an independent OP Battery by conversion of '*A Squadron Royal Gloucestershire Hussars (T)*'.

1 April 1992 battery roled and redesignated *266 (GVA) Parachute Battery RHA (V)*; Battery became part of regular *7 Parachute Regiment RHA*.

1 July 1999 battery became field battery in *100 Regiment RA (V)* [page 32].

### **269 (West Riding) Observation Post Battery Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1975 at Leeds from cadre *The West Riding Regiment RA (T)* as an independent OP Battery.

1993 battery took on Air Mobile role as part of *19 Regiment RA*.

1 July 1999 roled as an air defence battery in *106 Regiment RA (V)* [page 38].

### **289 Parachute Battery Royal Horse Artillery (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at East Ham, London as an independent parachute battery from *269 Parachute Regiment RA (TA)*.

1 April 1977 redesignated as *289 (Commando) Battery* and formed part of *29 Commando Regiment RA*.

30 June 1999 battery disbanded with elements to *266 Battery*.

### **307 (South Nottinghamshire Hussars Yeomanry, Royal Horse Artillery) Observation Post Battery Royal Artillery (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 January 1970 at Bulwell as an independent OP battery from *The South Nottinghamshire Hussars Yeomanry (RHA) RA (T)*.

1 April 1975 battery reduced from 24 to 12 OP parties.

1993 roled as field battery and attached to *100 Regiment RA (V)* [page 32].

## TAVR III units Royal Regiment of Artillery 1967 – 1969, and cadres 1969 – 1975

### The Buckinghamshire Regiment Royal Artillery (Territorials)

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ at Aylesbury and 'P' Battery (*Royal Bucks Yeomanry*) at Aylesbury formed from 299 (*Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars and Berkshire*) Field Regiment RA (TA); 'Q' Battery (*The Buckinghamshire Rifles*) at Bletchley formed from part *The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry* (TA); 121 Workshop REME (TA) and 1 Stores Company RAOC (TA) also assisted in formation.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Buckinghamshire Regiment* at Aylesbury and transferred to infantry under 4th (V) Battalion *The Royal Green Jackets* [page 190]. Part 'P' Battery absorbed into 'A' Company and new-formed 'D' Company 4th (V) Battalion *The Royal Green Jackets* [page 140]; some of 'Q' Battery joined 151 Regimenty RCT (V).

### The County of Durham Regiment Royal Artillery (Territorials)

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ at Sunderland, 'Q' (5 *Durham Light Infantry*) Battery at West Hartlepool and 'R' (7 *Durham Light Infantry*) Battery at Sunderland formed from 463 (*Durham Light Infantry*) Lt AD Regiment RA (TA); 'P' (1st *Durham*) Battery at Hebburn from 'P' Battery 274 Field Regiment RA (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The County of Durham Regiment* RA at Sunderland, under 72 Engineer Regiment RE (V). Less: 'P' Battery reduced to troop of 205 Battery 101 Medium Regiment RA (V) [page 33]; part 'R' Battery formed troop at Sunderland of 118 Field Squadron 72 Engineer Regiment RE (V) [page 47].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'A' (*Durham Royal Artillery*) Battery Northumbrian Volunteers [page 155].

### The Essex Yeomanry (Royal Horse Artillery) Royal Artillery (Territorials)

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ at Colchester and 'P' Battery (*Essex Yeomanry*) formed from HQ RA 54 (*East Anglian*) Division/District and 304 (*Essex Yeomanry RHA*) Field Regiment RA (TA); 'Q' Battery (*Essex Yeomanry*) at Southen-on-Sea and 'R' Battery (*Essex Yeomanry*) at Harlow from 304 (*Essex Yeomanry RHA*) Field Regiment RA (TA). 4th/5th Battalion *The Essex Regiment* (TA) and 313 Field Squadron RE (TA) also assisted in formation.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Essex Yeomanry* (RHA), under 71 Signal Regiment RSgs (V); also formed 4 Regional (*Essex Yeomanry*) Signal Squadron R Sigs (V) at Chelmsford, later 70 (*Essex Yeomanry*) Signal Squadron 71 Signal Regiment (V) [page 67].

**1 April 1975:** cadre disbanded.

### The Flintshire and Denbighshire Yeomanry Royal Artillery (Territorials)

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ at Prestayn, 'P' (*Flntshire*) Battery at Hollywell and 'Q' (*Denbighshire and Caernarvonshire*) Battery at Colwyn Bay formed from 372 (*Flintshire and Denbighshire Yeomanry*) Field Regiment RA (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Flintshire and Denbighshire Yeomanry* RA at Prestayn, under 119 Recovery Company REME (V); some RHQ personnel absorbed into platoon at Prestayn of 'A' Company *Welsh Volunteers* and 119 Recovery Company REME (V); part 'Q' Battery formed platoon 'A' Company *Welsh Volunteers* at Colwyn Bay [page 170].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed and transferred to infantry as 'B' (*Flintshire and Denbighshire Yeomanry*) Company 3rd (V) Battalion *The Royal Welch Fusiliers* [page 115].

### The Greater London Regiment Royal Artillery (Territorials)

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ and 'R' Battery (*The Tower Hamlets*) in London formed from 300 (*Tower Hamlets*) Lt AD Regiment RA (TA); 'C' Battery *Honourable Artillery Company* (RHA) formed from 1 Field Regiment HAC/RHA (TA); *The Honourable Artillery Company Infantry Company* formed from HAC



*Infantry Battalion (TA); 'S' Battery (City of London) formed in London from 254 (City of London) Field Regiment RA (TA).*

**1 January 1969:** 'C' Battery and HAC Infantry Company absorbed back into the Honourable Artillery Company [page 31]. Some of 'R' Battery absorbed into 39 Signal Regiment (V), a troop of 215 Squadron 151 Regiment RCT (V) and 217 General Hospital RAMC (V); 'S' Battery became detachment of HQ Battery 100 Medium Regiment RA (V) [page 32]. Remainder reduced to cadre The Greater London Regiment RA.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'B' (Greater London Royal Artillery) Battery 6th (V) Battalion The Queen's Regiment [page 80].

### **The Highland Regiment Royal Artillery (Territorials)**

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ and HQ Battery at Dundee, 'Q' (Arbroath/Montrose) Battery at Arbroath and 'R' (City of Dundee) Battery at Dundee formed from 4000 Highland (Aberdeen/Angus) Field Regiment RA (TA); Orkney and Zetland (Lovat Scouts) Battery at Kirkwall and Lerwick from 540 Lt AD Regiment RA (The Lovat Scouts) (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The Highland Regiment RA at Arbroath, under 102 Lt AD Regiment RA (V). Also formed No.1 (Lovat Scouts) Company 51st Highland Volunteers [page 172].

**1 July 1969:** Also formed 212 (Highland) Battery 102 Lt AD Regiment RA (V) [page 34].

**1 April 1975:** Disbanded.

### **The Humber Regiment Royal Artillery (Territorials)**

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ at Hull, 'P' (East Riding) Battery at Hull, 'Q' Battery at Grimsby (with elements 594 Ambulance Squadron RCT (TA) and 'R' (5 Lincolns) Battery at Scunthorpe formed from 440 (Humber Lt AD Regiment RA (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The Humber Regiment RA at Hull, under 250 Field Ambulance RAMC (V). Part 'P' Battery to 129 Field Squadron 72 Engineer Regiment RE (V); part 'Q' Battery formed new platoon of 16 Independent Parachute Company at Grimsby.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'A' (The Humber Artillery) Battery 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers [page 162].

### **The London and Kent Regiment Royal Artillery (Territorials)**

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ at Bromley, 'P' (Kent) Battery at Bexley Heath and 'Q' (London) Battery at Grove Park, London formed from 265 Lt AD Regiment RA (TA); 'R' (Kent and County of London Yeomanry) Battery at Bromley from part Kent and County of London Yeomanry RAC (TA). Also assisting in formation were: HQ RA 44 (Home Counties) Division/District; part of 4th/5th Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment (TA); part of 44 Division District RE; part of 4th Battalion The Buffs (TA); part of 133 Infantry Workshop REME (TA) and part of 4 Stores Company RAOC (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The London and Kent Regiment RA at Bromley, under 71 Signal Regiment (V). Also formed 265 Signal Squadron 71 Signal Regiment (V) [page 67].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'C' (London and Kent Royal Artillery) Battery 6th (V) Battalion The Queen's Regiment [page 80].

### **The Lowland Regiment Royal Artillery (Territorials)**

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ in Glasgow, 'P' (Clyde and Renfrewshire, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Battery at Port Glasgow and 'R' (Paisley, Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Battery at Paisley formed from 227 (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Field Regiment RA (TA); HQ (City of Glasgow) Battery and 'S' (Ayrshire) Battery at Troon formed from 279 (City of Glasgow and Ayrshire) Field Regiment RA (TA); 'Q' (City of Edinburgh) Battery in Edinburgh formed from 278 (lowland) Field Regiment RA (The City of Edinburgh Artillery) (TA); 'T' (Glasgow) Battery at Glasgow formed from 445 (Lowland) Lt AD Regiment RA (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The Lowland Regiment RA at Glasgow, under 102 Lt AD Regiment RA (V). Some of HQ Battery joined 207 Battery 102 Lt AD Regiment (V) [page 34]; some of 'R' Battery joined 102 Field

*Squadron 71 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 46]; part 'S' Battery formed troop at Troon 222 *Squadron 154 Regiment RCT (V)* and part 'T' Battery formed troop at Port Glasgow of 221 *Squadron 154 Regiment RCT (V)* [page 206].

**1 April 1975:** Cadre disbanded.

### **The Sheffield Artillery Volunteers Royal Artillery (Territorials)**

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ at Sheffield, 'P' Battery and 'Q' Battery at Sheffield and 'R' Battery at Doncaster formed from 271 (*The Sheffield Artillery Volunteers*) Lt AD Regiment RA (TA). All batteries were subtitled '(*Sheffield Artillery Volunteers*)'.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Sheffield Artillery Volunteers* RA at Sheffield, under 38 *Signal Regiment (V)*; part formed troop at Dewsbury of 106 *Field Squadron 75 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 50].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'B' (*The Sheffield Artillery Volunteers*) Battery 3rd Battalion *The Yorkshire Volunteers* [page 164].

### **The South Lancashire Territorials (Prince of Wales's Volunteers) Royal Artillery**

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ at St.Helens, 'P' Battery (*South Lancashire Artillery*) at St.Helens and 'Q' Battery (*South Lancashire Artillery*) at Widnes formed from 436 (*South Lancashire Artillery*) Lt AD Regiment RA (TA); 'R' Battery (*South Lancashire Regiment*) at Warrington formed from 4th Battalion *The South Lancashire Regiment (TA)*. 113 *Port Workshop REME (TA)* also assisted formation.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The South Lancashire Territorials (PWV)* RA at St.Helens, under 103 Lt AD Regiment RA (V). Also formed 213 (*South Lancashire Artillery*) Battery 103 Lt AD Regiment RA (V) [page 35]; some personnel absorbed into HQ and 'HQ' *Company Lancastrian Volunteers* [page 153].

**1 April 1975:** Disbanded.

### **The South Nottinghamshire Hussars Yeomanry (Royal Horse Artillery) Royal Artillery (Territorials)**

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ and 425, 426 and 520 Batteries at Nottingham, formed from 307 (RHA) (*South Nottinghamshire Hussars Yeomanry*) Field Regiment RA (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The South Nottinghamshire Hussars Yeomanry (RHA)* RA at Bulwell, Nottingham, under 101 *Medium Regiment RA (V)*.

**1 January 1970:** Also formed 307 (*South Nottinghamshire Hussars*) (RHA) OP Battery RA (V) [page 39].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'B' (*South Nottinghamshire Hussars*) Battery 3rd (V) Battalion *The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment* [page 125].

### **The Surrey Yeomanry (Queen Mary's Regiment) Royal Artillery (Territorials)**

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ at Sutton, 'P' (*Surrey Yeomanry Queen Mary's*) Battery at Sutton and 'Q' (*Surrey Yeomanry Queen Mary's*) Battery at Clapham formed from 263 (*Surrey Yeomanry, Queen Mary's*) Field Regiment RA (TA); other units assisting formation: 2 *Squadron 41 Signal Regiment RSigs (TA)*, 324 *Field Squadron RE (TA)*, 150 *Infantry Workshop REME (TA)* and 'C' *Squadron Inns of Court and City Yeomanry RAC (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Surrey Yeomanry (Queen Mary's Regiment)* RA at Sutton, under 100 *Medium Regiment RA (V)*; some personnel transferred to 'C' *Squadron Royal Yeomanry Regiment (V)* at Croydon, 151 *Regiment RCT (V)* at Croydon, 'C' *Company 5th (V) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers* at Balham and HQ 31 *Signal Regiment (V)* at Hammersmith Road, London.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'D' (*Surrey Yeomanry, Queen Mary's*) Battery 6th (V) Battalion *The Queen's Regiment* [page 80].

### **The Warwickshire Regiment Royal Artillery (Territorials)**

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ at Birmingham, 'P (68 South Midland) Battery at Birmingham formed from 268 (Warwickshire) Field Regiment RA (TA); 'Q' (Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers) Battery at ??? from 7th Battalion The Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers (TA) and 'R' (Warwickshire Transport) Battery at ??? from 48 Division Regiment RCT (TA); 48 Division Provost Company RMP (TA) also assisted in formation.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The Warsickshire Regiment RA in Birmingham, under 35 Signal Regiment (V); some went to 48 Signal Squadron 35 Signal Regiment (V) [page 61].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'X' Troop 'A' (Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry) Squadron Mercian Yeomanry [page 20].

### **The West Lancashire Regiment Royal Artillery (Territorials)**

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ at Liverpool and 'Q' Battery (4th West Lancashire) formed from 359 (4th West Lancashire) Medium Regiment RA (TA); 'P' Battery (1st West Lancashire) (with 'A' Troop (The Lancashire Hussars) and 'B' Troop (The Liverpool Rifles)) from 287 (1st West Lancashire) Field Regiment RA (TA); 'R' Battery (The King's) (with 'G' Troop (The Liverpool Scottish)) formed from 5th Battalion The King's Regiment (TA) and 1st Battalion The Liverpool Scottish (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The West Lancasire Regiment RA in Liverpool, under 103 Lt AD Regiment RA (V); part 'P' Battery joined 208 Battery 103 Lt AD Regiment RA (V) [page 35], part 'Q' Battery joined 59 Signal Squadron 33 Signal Regiment (V) [page 59].

**1973:** Cadre absorbed into 208 Battery 103 Lt AD Regiment RA (V) [page 35].

### **The West Riding Regiment Royal Artillery (Territorials)**

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ, 'P' Battery and 'Q' Battery at Leeds, 'R' Battery at Bradford formed from 249 (The West Riding Artillery) Field Regiment RA (TA); all batteries subtitled '(The West Riding Artillery)'.

**1 April 1969:** Became cadre The West Riding Regiment RA at Bradford, under 272 Field Squadron RE (V). Some of 'Q' Battery absorbed into 'E' Company Yorkshire Volunteers [page 160]; also formed 272 (West Riding Artillery) Field Support Squadron 73 Engineer Regiment RE (V) [page 48].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'A' (The West Riding Artillery) Battery 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers [page 164].

### **The Worcestershire Territorial Regiment Royal Artillery**

Formed 2 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. RHQ and 'P (Worcester) Battery at Worcester amd 'Q' (Malvern) Battery at Malvern formed from 267 (Worcestershire) Field Regiment RA (TA); HQ 159 Infantry Brigade (TA) and 7th Battalion The Worcestershire Regiment (TA) (less 'B' Company) also assisted in formation.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The Worcestershire Regiment RA at Worcester, under Mercian Volunteers; part 'P' Battery formed platoon at Worcester of 'B' Company Mercian Volunteers [page 167], 'Q' Battery formed 214 (Worcestershire) Battery 104 Lt AD Regiment RA (V) [page 36].

**20 April 1970:** Cadre transferred to infantry as The Worcestershire Regiment [page 200].

## Corps of Royal Engineers



### Introduction

The reorganisations of 1967 introduced the present arrangement of regimental and squadron titles. All existing regiments were either disbanded or reduced to squadron. The latter were allocated to new formed regiments. The new regiments, six in total, were numbered 71 onwards, except for the *Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)*. The squadron numbers reflected some number in use within the Royal Engineers prior to 1967. The late 1980's witnessed formation of an Explosive Ordnance Disposal regiment, and during Options for Change three more regiments were formed. One regiment disbanded. However, during the Strategic Defence Review few years later, five regiments saw disbandment. By 2000 the Corps consists of five regiments and two squadrons.

## Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (Militia)

Formed 1 April 1967 from existing Regiment, *43 Wessex Division/District RE (TA)*, *48 South Midland Division/District RE (TA)* and *53 Welsh Division/District RE (TA)*.



### SQUADRONS:

**HQ Squadron** at Monmouth.

**100 Field Squadron (Militia)** at Newport with 2 Troop at Cardiff from *53 Welsh Division RE (TA)* and 3 Troop at Bristol from *43 Wessex Division RE (TA)*.

**108 (Welsh) Field Squadron (Militia)** at Swansea with detachment at Gorseinon from *53 Welsh Division RE (TA)*.

**225 (City of Birmingham) Field Squadron (Militia)** at Oldbury, Warley from *48 South Midland Division RE (TA)*.

**1 April 1992:** Previously independent *143 Plant Squadron* at Walsall with two troops at Cannock brought under command and rebadged from Volunteers to Militia.

**1 April 1993:** *HQ Squadron* redesignated as *101 HQ Squadron (Militia)*. (This is the pre 1967 squadron number.)

**1 July 1999:** *143 Plant Squadron* transferred to *75 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 50].

## **71 (Scottish) Engineer Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 from 52 Lowland Division RE (TA), 80 (Scottish) Port Regiment RCT (TA), 102 Field Regiment RE (TA) and 432 Corps Engineer Regiment RE (TA).

### **SQUADRONS:**

**HQ Squadron** at Glasgow.

**102 (Clyde) Field Squadron** at Paisley.

**104 (City of Edinburgh) Field Squadron** at Edinburgh.

**124 (Lowland) Field Squadron** at Coatbridge.

**1 April 1993:** 117 (Highland) Field Support Squadron at Dundee brought under command; HQ Squadron redesignated 80 HQ Squadron.

**1 July 1999:** Regiment disbanded as result of the Strategic Defence Review and reformed upon amalgamation with 72 Engineer Regiment RE (V) [page47] and 76 Engineer Regiment RE (V) [page51] as an air support regiment.

## **71 Engineer Regiment Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

### **SQUADRONS:**

**117 HQ Squadron** at RAF Leuchars from 277 Squadron 76 Engineer Regiment (V).

**72 (Tyne Electrical Engineers) Field Squadron (Air Support)** at Newcastle upon Tyne with detachment at Sunderland from 72 Engineer Regiment (V).

**102 Field Squadron (Air Support)** at Paisley from 71 Engineer Regiment (V).

## **72 (Tyne Electrical Engineers) Engineer Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at Gateshead from *50 Northumbrian Division RE (TA)*, *105 Corps Engineer Regiment RA (TA)*, *118 Corps Engineer Regiment RE (TA)* and *129 Engineer Regiment RE (TA)*.

### **SQUADRONS:**

**HQ Squadron** at Gateshead.

**103 (1st Newcastle) Field Squadron** at Heaton, Newcastle upon Tyne.

**105 (Durham) Plant Squadron** at South Shields.

**118 (Tees) Field Squadron** at Middlesbrough and Sunderland.

**129 (East Riding) Field Squadron** at Hull.

**2 November 1973:** *105 Squadron* subtitled '*(Tyne Electrical Engineers)*'.

**1975:** *105 Squadron* became independent.

**May 1977:** *129 Field Squadron* transferred to *73 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 48].

*106 (West Riding) Field Squadron* at Sheffield by transfer from *75 Engineer Regiment RE (V)*.

**1992:** *106 Field Squadron* transferred to *73 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 48].

Independent *105 (Tyne Electrical Engineers) Plant Squadron* at South Shields returned to Regiment.

**1993:** *HQ Squadron* redesignated *233 HQ Squadron*.

**1 July 1999:** Regiment disbanded as result of the *Strategic Defence Review* and reduced to *72 (Tyne Electrical Engineers) Field Squadron RE (V)* located at Newcastle upon Tyne and Sunderland; squadron became part of *71 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 46].

## 73 Engineer Regiment Royal Engineers (Volunteers)

Formed 1 January 1969 at Bilborough, Nottingham as a reinforcement combat engineer unit in support of 1st (British) Corps in BAOR. Regiment formed from various TAVR III units.

### SQUADRONS:

**HQ Squadron** at Bilborough, Nottingham. Formed from *The Robin Hood (T) Battalion The Sherwood Foresters*.  
**217 (London) Field Squadron** at Holloway and Wandsworth. Reformed from 'B' Company *The London Yeomanry and Territorials*.

**272 (West Riding Artillery) Field Support Squadron** at Bradford. Reformed from *The West Riding Regiment RA (T)*.

**575 (The Sherwood Foresters) Field Squadron** at Chesterfield and Derby. Formed from elements *The Derbyshire (T) Battalion The Sherwood Foresters*.

**1975:** 873 Movement Light Squadron at Acton, London.

**May 1977:** 272 Field Squadron transferred to 74 Engineer Regiment RE (V) [page 49];

129 (East Riding) Field Squadron at Hull and Goole by transfer from 72 Engineer Regiment RE (V).

**1991 - 1993:** Regiment reorganised as result of *Options for Change* into an air support regiment.

**1 April 1991:** 129 Squadron disbanded, personnel to 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers [page 162];  
HQ Squadron redesignated 129 HQ Squadron.

**April 1992:** 106 (West Riding) Field Squadron (Air Support) at Sheffield by transfer from 72 Engineer Regiment RE (V);

272 (West Riding Artillery) Field Park Squadron at Bradford by return from 74 Engineer Regiment RE (V);

**217 Field Squadron** disbanded.

**1993:** 873 Movement Light Squadron transferred as 220 (Searchlight) Field Squadron (EOD) 101 Engineer Regiment (EOD) RE (V) [page 54].

350 (Nottinghamshire) Field Squadron (Air Support) reformed at Chilwell, Nottingham and Mansfield from elements disbanded 'D' Company 3rd (V) Battalion *The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment* [page 125].

**The Jersey Field Squadron (Royal Militia of the Island of Jersey** in St Helier, Jersey joined Regiment.

**1 July 1999:** 272 Field Squadron reduced to 2 Troop 106 Field Squadron.



## **74 (Antrim Artillery) Engineer Regiment Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 in Northern Ireland by amalgamation of 146 (*Antrim Artillery*) *Corps Engineer Regiment RE (TA)* and 591 (*Antrim*) *Independent Field Squadron RE (TA)*.

SQUADRONS:

**HQ Squadron** at Belfast.

**112 (Antrim Fortress) Field Squadron** at Bangor, Carrickfergus and Belfast.

**114 (Antrim Artillery) Field Squadron** at Antrim, Belfast and Ballymena.

**May 1977:** 272 (*West Riding Artillery*) *Field Squadron* at Bradford by transfer from 73 *Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 48].

**1992:** 272 *Field Squadron* transferred to 73 *Engineer Regiment RE (V)*.

**1 April 1994:** Regiment disbanded and reduced to 74 *Field Squadron RE (V)* at Bangor.

## **75 Engineer Regiment Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at Manchester from *42 Division RE (TA)*, *107 Corps Engineer Regiment RE (TA)* and *113 (Cheshire) Field Squadron RE (TA)*.

SQUADRON:

**202 (Duke of Lancaster's) HQ & Tg Squadron** at Clifton, Manchester and Preston.

**106 (West Riding) Field Squadron** at Sheffield from *49 West Riding Division RE (TA)*.

**107 (Lancashire and Cheshire) Field Squadron** at Birkenhead and Troop at St.Helens.

**1977:** *106 Squadron* transferred to *72 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 47];

*202 Squadron* re-roled as Field Squadron.

**1993:** *HQ Squadron* retitled as *201 HQ Squadron*;

Previously independent *125 (Staffordshire) Field Support Squadron* at Stoke-on-Trent and Stafford under command of Regiment.

**1 July 1999:** *202 Field Squadron* disbanded; replaced by *143 Plant Squadron* at Walsall and Cannock, squadron rebadged from Militia to Volunteers.

## **76 Engineer Regiment Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 November 1992 at RAF Pitreavie Castle to control existing airfield damage repair squadrons and Scotland and the north of England. Regiment started forming from May 1992.

### **SQUADRONS:**

**277 HQ & Support Squadron** at RAF Leuchars (formed April 1983);

**234 ADR Squadron** at RAF Leeming (formed April 1986);

**236 ADR Squadron** at RAF Kinloss (formed April 1986);

**237 ADR Squadron** at RAF Lossiemouth (formed May 1992).

**1 April 1995:** Regiment's role changed to that of Air Support:

ADR Squadrons redesignated Field Squadrons (Air Support) in January 1996.

**February 1996:** RHQ moved to RAF Leuchars.

**1 July 1999:** Regiment disbanded as result of the *Strategic Defence Review*.

277 Squadron transferred as 117 HQ Squadron 71 Engineer Regiment RE (V) [page 46].

## **77 Engineer Regiment Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 November 1992 at RAF Honington to control existing airfield damage repair squadrons in eastern and southern England.

### **SQUADRONS:**

**219 HQ & Support Squadron** at RAF Coningsby (formed April 1984);

**216 ADR Squadron** at RAF Marham (formed April 1983);

**218 ADR Squadron** at RAF Brize Norton (formed April 1984);

**267 ADR Squadron** at RAF Waddington (formed April 1985).

**1 April 1995:** Regiment's role changed to that of Air Support:

All ADR Squadrons redesignated Field Squadrons (Air Support) in 1996.

**1997:** RHQ moved to RAF Coningsby.

**1 July 1999:** Regiment and all squadrons disbanded as result of the *Strategic Defence Review*.

## **78 (Fortress) Engineer Regiment Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 at Southampton to provide a new support regiment for 3rd (UK) Mechanised Division.

### **SQUADRONS:**

**560 (Hampshire) HQ Squadron** at Southampton. New formed.

**127 (Sussex Yeomanry) Field Squadron** at Brighton with 2 (*Surrey*) Troop at Reigate and 3 (*Kent*) Troop at Tunbridge Wells. Formed by conversion 200 Battery RA (V) [page 32].

**227 (Hampshire Yeomanry) Amphibious Engineer Squadron** at Aldershot with detachments at Southampton. Formed in 1992 from personnel 2nd Battalion The Wessex Regiment (V). Yeomanry title recreated at same time; no linkage with the pre-1967 Hampshire Yeomanry.

**1 July 1999:** Regiment disbanded as result of the *Strategic Defence Review*.

227 and 560 Squadrons reformed as 457 Battery RA (V) in 106 Regiment RA (V) [page 38].

## **101 (London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1988 with Headquarters at Catford, London to control four existing EOD squadrons in London and South-East England.

### **SQUADRONS:**

**HQ Squadron** at Catford, London.

**579 EOD Squadron** at Dartford.

**583 EOD Squadron** at Holloway.

**590 EOD Squadron** at Rochester.

**591 EOD Squadron** at Chatham.

**1 March 1993:** Regiment reorganised and squadrons renumbered:

*217 Field Squadron (EOD)* at Holloway and Camberwell by transfer from *73 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 48].

*220 (Searchlight) Field Squadron (EOD)* at Heston, Middlesex by transfer *873 Movement Light Squadron* from *73 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 48].

*221 Field Squadron (EOD)* at Rochester by redesignation of *590 Squadron*.

*222 Field Squadron (EOD)* at Dartford with *1 (Sussex) Troop* at Brighton by merger *579 Squadron* and *583 Squadron*.

**1996:** *HQ Squadron* redesignated as *223 HQ Squadron*.

**1 July 1999:** Regiment reorganised as result of the *Strategic Defence Review*:

*220* and *222 Field Squadrons* disbanded.

*579 Field Squadron (EOD)* reformed at Tunbridge Wells with *2 (Surrey Yeomanry) Troop* at Reigate from troops of *127 Squadron 78 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 53].

## Independent Engineer Squadrons

### **74 Independent Field Squadron Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 by reduction of *74 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 49].

**1 July 1999:** Squadron disbanded. History and traditions transferred to *85 Signal Squadron 40 Signal Regiment RSigs (V)* [page 66].

### **105 (Tyne Electrical Engineers) Plant Squadron Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

Became independent squadron at South Shields in 1975 by removal from *72 Engineer Regiment RE (V)*.

**1992:** Squadron transferred back to *72 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 47].

### **117 (Highland) Field Support Squadron Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR I unit at Dundee, Glenrothes and Aberdeen from *51 Highland Division RE (TA)* and *117 Corps Engineer Regiment RE (TA)*.

1993 Squadron transferred to *71 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 46].

### **125 (Staffordshire) Field Support Squadron Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at Stoke-on-Trent and Cannock from *125 Engineer Regiment RE (TA)*.

1993 Squadron transferred to *75 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 50]. Two plant troops at Cannock to *143 Plant Squadron RE (V)*; plant troop formed at Stafford from same squadron.

### **131 Independent Parachute Squadron Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at Kingsbury, London from *131 Parachute Engineer Regiment RE (TA)* with *299 Troop* at Hull, *300 Troop* at Grangemouth and *301 Troop* at Birmingham.

Redesignated 1978 as *131 Independent Commando Squadron, 300 Troop* to Plymouth, support troop at Kingsbury.

### **135 Field Survey Squadron Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 from *135 Survey Regiment RE (TA)* at Ewell. Consisted of Squadron HQ and 337, 338 and 339 Troops.

13 February 1985 redesignated *131 Independent Topographic Squadron*; also formed 340 Troop.

### **143 Plant Squadron Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with HQ and 1 Plant Troop at Walsall from *291 Plant Squadron RE (V)*, *212 Field Park Squadron RE (V)* and elements *48 Division Engineer Regiment RE (TA)*, 2 Plant Troop at Stafford from *203 Field Park Squadron RE (TA)* and 3 Plant Troop at Swansea from *285 Field Park Squadron RE (TA)*.

1992 Squadron transferred to *Royal Monmouthshire Royal Engineers (M)* [page 45]; troops at Stafford and Swansea to *125 Squadron RE (V)* and *108 Squadron RE (M)* respectively, troops formed at Cannock by transfer from *125 Squadron RE (V)*.

### **873 Movement Light Squadron Royal Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1969 from cadre *873 (Middlesex) Mvt Lt Squadron* at Acton.

Transferred in 1975 to *73 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 48].

**The Jersey Field Squadron (Royal Militia of the Island of Jersey)** in St Helier, Jersey. Reformed 1986. Transferred 1993 to *73 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 48].

## **Royal Corps of Signals**





### **31 (Greater London) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Southfields, London by amalgamation of *41 (Princess Louise's Kensington) Signal Regiment (TA)*, *47 (Middlesex Yeomanry) Signal Regiment (TA)* and *56 (City of London) Signal Regiment (TA)*.

SQUADRONS:

**HQ Squadron** at Hammersmith. Southfields, London.

**41 (Princess Louise's Kensington) Signal Squadron** at Coulson.

**47 (Middlesex Yeomanry) Signal Squadron** at Harrow.

**83 (London) Signal Squadron** at Southfield and Codham ; Duke of York's Barracks, London.

### **31 (Special Tasks) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 1 April 1987.

**November 1995** *47 Signal Squadron* transferred to *39 Signal Regiment (V)* [page 65].

*56 Signal Squadron* at Eastbourne added to Regiment.

### **31 (City of London) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Redesignated.

## **32 (Scottish) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Glasgow by redesignation of *51 (Highland) Divisional Signal Regiment*, *52 (Lowland) Divisional Signal Regiment (TA)* and *61 (City of Edinburgh) Signal Regiment*.

### SQUADRONS:

**HQ Squadron** at Glasgow.

**51 (Highland) Signal Squadron** at Aberdeen.

**52 (Lowland) Signal Squadron** at Glasgow.

**61 (City of Edinburgh) Signal Squadron** at Edinburgh.

**82 (Army Emergency Reserve) Signal Squadron**.

**1 April 1969** *69 (North Irish Horse) Signal Squadron* formed at Londonderry from elements *The North Irish Horse (T)*.

**1970s** *82 Squadron* disbanded.

**1 April 1995:** *69 Signal Squadron* transferred to *40 (Ulster) Signal Regiment (V)* [page 66].

### **33 (Lancashire and Cheshire) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Huyton, Liverpool by amalgamation of *42 (Lancashire) Divisional Signal Regiment (TA)*, *59 Signal Regiment (TA)* and *80 Signal Regiment*.

#### **SQUADRONS:**

**HQ Squadron** at Huyton, Liverpool.

**42 (East Lancashire) Signal Squadron** at Rusholme, Manchester.

**59 (West Lancashire) Signal Squadron** at Deysbrook Lane, Liverpool.

**80 (Cheshire) Signal Squadron** at Gilwern, Chester.

**1973** *80 Squadron* subtitled '*Cheshire Yeomanry*' since unit originated from the latter's signal section.

**23 July 1994:** *80 Squadron* moved to Runcorn.

**1 July 1999:** *HQ Squadron* retitled *55 (Merseyside) HQ Squadron*, taking number disbanded squadron. *42 Squadron* subtitled '*City of Manchester*'; *59 Squadron* subtitled '*City of Liverpool*'.

### **34 (Northern) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Middlesbrough by amalgamation of *49 (West Riding) Infantry Divisional Signal Regiment (TA)*, *50 (Northumbrian) Infantry Divisional Signal Regiment (TA)* and *90 Signal Regiment*.

#### SQUADRONS:

**HQ Squadron** at Middlesbrough.

**49 (West Riding) Signal Squadron** at Carlton Barracks, Leeds with Troop at Hull.

**50 (Northumbrian) Signal Squadron** at Darlington with a Troop at Newcastle.

**90 (North Riding) Signal Squadron** at Middlesbrough with Troop at Hartlepool.

### **35 (South Midland) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Sutton Coldfield by amalgamation of *48 (South Midlands) Signal Regiment*, *58 Signal Regiment* and *Guards Brigade Squadron*.

#### SQUADRONS:

**HQ Squadron** at Sutton Coldfield.

**48 (South Midlands) Signal Squadron** at Sparkbrook, Birmingham.

**58 (Staffordshire) Signal Squadron** at Newcastle-under-Lyne.

**89 (Warwickshire) Signal Squadron** at Rugby.

**1 April 1969** *95 (Shropshire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron* formed at Shrewsbury from *The Shropshire Yeomanry (T)*.

**1986:** *48 Squadron* subtitled '*City of Birmingham*'.

**1 July 1999:** RHQ and *HQ Squadron* moved to Coventry.

### **36 (Eastern) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Ilford by amalgamation of *44 (Home Counties) Signal Regiment (TA) (Cinque Ports)*, *45 (Essex) Signal Regiment (TA)* and *54 (East Anglian) Signal Regiment (TA)*.

#### SQUADRONS:

**HQ Squadron** at Ilford or Wanstead, East London.

**44 (Cinque Ports) Signal Squadron** at Gillingham.

**45 (Essex) Signal Squadron** at Brentwood.

**54 (East Anglian) Signal Squadron** at Cambridge with two Troops at Kempston and a Troop at Norwich.

**1984:** *45 Squadron* to Colchester with Troops at Brentwood.

**1992:** *HQ Squadron* to Ilford.

**December 1992** *44 Signal Squadron* relocated at Grays with two Troops at Southend-on-Sea.

### **37 (Wessex and Welsh) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Bristol by amalgamation of *43 Signal Regiment (TA)* , *53 Signal Regiment (TA)* and *57 Signal Regiment (TA)*.

#### **SQUADRONS:**

**HQ Squadron** at Bristol.

**43 (Wessex) Signal Squadron** at Bridgwater and Exeter.

**53 (Welsh) Signal Squadron** at Cardiff and Brecon.

**57 (City and County of Bristol) Signal Squadron** at Bristol and Cheltenham.

**1 April 1969** *67 (Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron* formed at Stratford-upon-Avon with a Troop at Stourbridge from *The Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry (T)*.

**November 1992:** Regiment reorganised as result of *Options for Change*:

Headquarters moved to Kohima House, Redditch and *HQ Squadron* reformed at Redditch by redesignation of *'HQ' Company 4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment*.

*43 Signal Squadron* made independent;

*57 Signal Squadron* transferred to *71 Signal Regiment (V)* [page 67].

#### **SQUADRONS:**

**HQ Squadron** at Kohima House, Redditch.

**53 (Welsh) Signal Squadron** at Cardiff and Brecon.

**67 (Queen's Own Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron** at Stratford-upon-Avon with a Troop at Stourbridge.

**93 (East Lancashire) Signal Squadron** at Blackburn with Troop in Manchester by transfer from *38 Signal Regiment (V)*. **96 Signal Squadron** new formed at Coventry from *4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment*.

### **38 Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Sheffield by amalgamation of *46 (North Midland) Signal Regiment (TA)*, *64 Signal Regiment (TA)* and elements of *337 Brigade Signal Squadron*.

SQUADRONS:

**HQ Squadron** at Manor Top, Sheffield.

**46 (Derbyshire) Signal Squadron** at Derby and Leicester.

**64 Signal Squadron** at Manor Top, Sheffield.

**87 (City of Nottingham) Signal Squadron** at Nottingham.

**1 April 1969** *93 (East Lancashire) Signal Squadron* formed at Blackburn with Troop in Manchester from *4th (T) Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment*.

**November 1992:** *93 Signal Squadron* transferred to *37 Signal Regiment (V)* [page 63]. *70 (Essex Yeomanry) Signal Squadron* at Chelmsford and Harlow by transfer from *71 Signal Regiment (V)*.

**1 April 1995:** *70 Signal Squadron* transferred to *71 Signal Regiment (V)* [page 67].

### **38 (City of Sheffield) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 1 April 1995.

**March 1996:** *46 Signal Squadron* subtitled '(City of Derby)'.



### **39 (City of London) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at the City of London by amalgamation of *65 Signal Regiment (TA)* and *92 Signal Regiment (TA)*.

SQUADRONS:

**2 (Dundee) Squadron** at Dundee.

**3 Signal Squadron** at Tunbridge Wells.

**February 1971:** *5 Signal Squadron* formed at Banbury.

Subtitled '*Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars*' in 1975.

### **39 (City of London) Signal Regiment (Special Communications) (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 1987.

**1993:** *3 Signal Squadron* disbanded.

**1 April 1995:** *2 Signal Squadron* made independent.

### **39 (Skinners) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Reformed 1 April 1995 by taking elements from *31 Signal Regiment (V)* [page 57] and *71 Signal Regiment (V)* [page 67]. Headquarters moved to Bristol.

**HQ Squadron** at Bristol by resignation *HQ Squadron 37 Signal Regiment*.

**1 (Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron** at Blechley. New formed.

**5 (Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars) Signal Squadron** at Banbury.

**47 (Middlesex Yeomanry) Signal Squadron** at Harrow by transfer from *31 Signal Regiment (V)*.

**57 (City and County of Bristol) Signal Squadron** at Bristol with two Troops at Cheltenham by transfer from *71 Signal Regiment (V)*.

**September 1995** *47 Signal Squadron* moved to Uxbridge.

## **40 (Ulster) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at Belfast by amalgamation of *66 Signal Regiment (TA)*, *81 Signal Regiment (AER)* and *302 Signal Squadron*.

### SQUADRONS:

**HQ Squadron** at Clanover Park, Belfast.

**66 (City of Belfast) Signal Squadron** at Clanover Park, Belfast.

**81 (Northern Ireland) Signal Squadron** at Belfast.

**85 (Ulster) Signal Squadron** at Clanover Park, Belfast and Lurgan. Later to Newtownards.

**1969:** *81 Signal Squadron* disbanded.

**1 April 1995** *69 (North Irish Horse) Signal Squadron* formed at Limavady by transfer from *32 Signal Regiment (V)*.

**1 July 1999** *85 Squadron* moved to Bangor and subtitled '*Ulster and Antrim Artillery*'.

## **71 (Yeomanry) Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1969 with Headquarters Bromley from *The Inns of Court and City Yeomanry*, *The Essex Yeomanry*, *The Kent and County of London Yeomanry* and *The Royal Berkshire Territorials* in Home Defence Communications role.

**68 (Inns of Court and City Yeomanry) Signal Squadron** at Lincolns Inn and Whips Cross.

**70 (Essex Yeomanry) Signal Squadron** at Chelmsford and Harlow.

**94 (Berkshire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron** at Chertsey, Windsor and Southampton.

**265 Signal Squadron** at Bromley and Bexleyheath. Role as Headquarters squadron.

**1970:** *265 Signal Squadron* gained communications role and subtitle '(Kent and County of London Yeomanry)'.

**1987:** Headquarters moved to Bexleyheath, London.

*HQ (Kent and County of London Yeomanry) Squadron* formed at Bexleyheath. *265 Signal Squadron* formed Troop at Brighton.

**November 1992:** *70 Signal Squadron* transferred to *38 Signal Regiment (V)* [page 64].

*57 (City and County of Bristol) Signal Squadron* at Bristol by transfer from *37 Signal Regiment (V)*.

**1 April 1995:** *57 Signal Regiment* transferred to *39 Signal Regiment (V)* [page 65].

*70 (Essex Yeomanry) Signal Squadron* transferred from *38 Signal Regiment (V)*.

**1 April 1996:** *94 Signal Squadron* became independent.

## **72 Signal Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 July 1999 as Radio Support Regiment with Headquarters at Oxford.

SQUADRONS:

**43 (Wessex) Signal Squadron** at Bath.

**60 Signal Squadron** at Aylesbury with Troop at Booker, Marlow. New formed.

**94 (Berkshire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron** at Windsor with Troop at Reading.

## **Independent Signal Squadrons**

**1 (Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry) Squadron (Special Communications)** at Bletchley.

Formed 1 April 1995 from elements *39 Signal Regiment*. Subtitle granted February 1996.

**2 (City of Dundee) Signal Squadron (Volunteers)** at Dundee by removal from *39 Signal Regiment*.

**43 (Wessex) Signal Squadron (Volunteers)** at Bridgewater and Exeter by removal from *37 Signal Regiment* in November 1992. To Bath 1 July 1999 and attached to *72 Signal Regiment (V)* [page 68].

**55 (Thames and Mersey) Signal Squadron (Volunteers)** formed 1 April 1967 at Long Lane, Liverpool. 1 June 1970 subtitled '(West Lancashire)'.

Disbanded 1 July 1999, title adopted by *HQ Squadron 33 Signal Regiment (V)*.

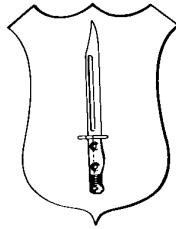
**56 Signal Squadron (Volunteers)** formed 30 November 1970 at Eastbourne and Sandgate from 858 and 859 Corps Reinforcement Signal Troops (V) (these troops were formed March 1969). 1995 transferred to *31 Signal Regiment (V)* [page 57].

**63 (Special Air Service) Signal Squadron (Volunteers)** at Emsworth with A Troop at Portsmouth and C Troop at Southampton.

**81 Signal Squadron (Volunteers)** at Middlesbrough. Formed 1971, 1992 relocated at Colerne, Wiltshire and attached to regular *21 Signal Regiment (Air Support)*.

**94 (Berkshire Yeomanry) Squadron (Volunteers)** at Windsor with Troops at Reading and Chertsey by removal from *71 Signal Regiment*.

## General remarks on the infantry battalions



### Overview of changes 1967 – 2000

After the reorganisation of the Territorial Army in 1967, two types of infantry battalions could be identified. First there were the TAVR II battalions which had a NATO role in support of BAOR. These were formed alongside their generic regular Brigade. For example, the territorial battalions of the Home Counties Brigade formed the Home Counties Battalions, known as *5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Regiment*. These units were called *Volunteers*, first use of this title since formation of the Territorial Force in 1908. There were 13 of these battalions, plus three battalions of the Parachute Regiment.

Secondly, one identifies the TAVR III battalions that had a role in home defence. These were formed on a more local basis, and perpetuated not only infantry titles, but also that of Yeomanry, Royal Artillery, Royal Engineers etc. In total there were 56 of these battalions, styled as *Territorials*. In 1969 the TAVR III was disbanded, the battalions reduced to an eight men cadre. Additionally new units were formed in existing TAVR II units. sub-units from two battalions reverted to cadres under the Yeomanry section.

As this proved to much a reduction, in 1971 almost all cadres expanded to form companies in new formed Home Defence Battalions. Cadres from Yeomanry Territorials and Royal Artillery Territorials also transferred to infantry, though kept designation '*Squadron*' or '*Battery*' for few more years before begin called '*Company*'. In this manner, *The Queen's Regiment* formed a *6th (V)* and a *7th (V) Battalion*, both in a home defence role, based on cadres of five infantry battalions and three artillery regiments. Also three Yeomanry regiments formed in a home defence infantry role. By 1983 all three had reverted to the Royal Armoured Corps. In 1980, there were 38 infantry battalions.

Two Defence White Papers - 1982 and 1984 - meant a reorganisation of the command structure, and an expansion of the Territorial Army. The general consequences are discussed in section 3. For the infantry this meant an increase by six new battalions. As this was partially done by removing existing rifle companies and raising new ones, it also resulted in a more traditional regimental grouping, which, as it implied less geographical diversion, eased command and administration of the battalions. During these reforms the *Home Service Force* came into existence and in due course became an integral part of the infantry battalions.

This reorganisation was completed by 1 April 1990, and the number of battalions was increased to 41.

However, the next round of reorganisations was Options for Change, and envisaged a new role for the reserve forces as the Cold War had ended and the need for reinforcements to the BAOR disappeared. First of all the Home Service Force was abolished. Secondly, five battalions disbanded, mostly through amalgamation and each battalion now consisted of three rifle companies.

Options for Change also witnessed the disbandment of the volunteer regiments, when its battalions became part of regular line regiments. As this meant destruction of some 25 years of experience, tradition and regimental spirit, this decision wasn't welcomed that enthusiastic everywhere. For example, the battalions of the *Yorkshire Volunteers* that became battalions of Yorkshire line regiments, kept '*Yorkshire Volunteers*' as subtitle. The exception to the rule was the formation of the all-volunteer *London Regiment*, which consisted of even four rifle companies.

Furthermore, the mortar and anti-tank support elements were consolidated in four fire-support battalions of

only two companies - one per administrative division and one for Scotland.

Few years later three more infantry battalions were lost, when two battalions merged, one converted as a reconnaissance regiment and one as a transport regiment. The net result of Options for Change was a total of 29 infantry and four fire support battalions.

New changes were deemed necessary by the new Labour government, when they announced the Strategic Defence Review in 1998. It meant a complete redefinition of the task and role of the reserve forces. Henceforth, the 33 infantry battalions reduced to a mere 15 new-formed battalion-sized units. Being battalions in name only, as they solely consist of rifle companies. This is in line with the new definition of the reserve infantry as the role of the TA changed from combat to support. The modern battlefield is unsuited for infantry with only partial training, and therefore the concept of deploying complete territorial infantry battalions in case of emergency is left. This implied this great a reduction in numbers. Instead, individual rifle companies are thought to be more suited to provide reinforcements as integral part of regular units.

As the infantry battalions just recovered from the havoc wrecked by Options for Change, the Strategic Defence Review was most unpopular. Nevertheless, all changes occurred very fluently, and the future looks promising.

year:	1967*	1975	1990	1993	1997	2000
battalions:	16	35	41	36	33	15
rifle companies:	65	132	164	109	96	65

Table 6: companies and battalions, 1967 – 2000

\*: excluding battalions and companies part of the TAVR III.

## On the organisation of infantry battalions

In general the NATO battalions were the best equipped units and the strongest in terms of supporting elements. Each such battalion had a Recce, a Mortar and an Anti-Tank Platoon in its order of battle. Depending on the training priorities there could be an Assault Pioneers Platoon as well. This resulted in well established HQ Companies, tough support platoons were attached the rifle companies for training. The Parachute battalions additionally had a MG Pltn.

For the battalions intended for Home Defence the HQ element was usually weaker in terms of numbers and equipment than those of the NATO battalions, and often consisted only of the necessary administrative elements. Moreover, they only had a single Mortar Platoon as supporting element.

Each battalion consisted in general of four rifle companies, besides a HQ Company - one battalion had five, and one had three rifle companies.

The following scheme gives the order of battle for the late 1980's:

- Infantry Battalion (NATO) (Milan), assigned to BAOR.  
Four rifle companies, HQ Company with ATk Pltn, Mortar Pltn and Recce Pltn; one Bn had five rifle companies.  
21 battalions were roled as such<sup>1</sup>.
- Infantry Battalion (NATO) (Para Milan), assigned to BAOR.  
The three parachute battalions, organised as above, but with stronger Atk Pltn. 4 Para had five rifle companies.
- Infantry Battalion (NATO) (Milan), assigned to UKMF.  
Four rifle companies and HQ company with ATk, Mortar and Recce Pltns. 1 battalion was organised this way.<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>1</sup>1/52 LOWLAND, 1 & 2/51 HIGHLAND, 5 QUEENS, 5 & 6 RRF, 5 & 7 R ANGLIAN, 5/8 KINGS, 4 QLR, 1 & 2 YORKS, 4 & 5 R IRISH, 3 RRW, 4 WFR, 3 STAFFORDS, 5, 7 & 8 LI, 4 RGJ

<sup>2</sup>1 WESSEX

- Infantry Battalion (Communications Security), assigned to BRSC.  
Four rifle companies and no support platoons. 1 battalion was roled as such.<sup>3</sup>
- Infantry Battalion (Artillery Security), assigned to BAOR.  
Three rifle companies and no support platoons.<sup>4</sup>
- Infantry Battalion (Home Defence), assigned to UK.  
Four rifle companies and in HQ company a small recce Pltn. One battalions had five rifle companies, and another three. 14 battalions were assigned to Home Defence.<sup>5</sup>

Beginning if the 1990's Options for Change was announced, which caused considerable changes. With respect to the strength of the infantry battalions, it meant that all had to reduce to a three rifle Company establishment. Furthermore, by 1995, all mortar and anti-tank platoons were concentrated in the new formed Fire Support Battalions, one for each administrative division, and one in Scotland. As supporting elements the Battalions had now a Recce Platoon, an Assault Pioneers Platoon and a MMG Platoon. Battalions could either serve as part of the ARRC of for home defence.

So, this left the the battalions three rifle companies and a support group with three Platoons. For training purposes, the support platoons were located with the rifle companies, but in theory they belonged to HQ Company.

The new formed *London Regiment* was an exception, consisting of four rifle companies and one headquarters/support company. As there was no regimental capbadge, each company retained its former badge. By early 1995 it was authorized to reduce to three rifle companies and a headquarters company. Instead of doing this, HQ company was reduced by distributing the support platoons over the rifle companies, thus avoiding to disband a company.

Things changed again in the summer of 1999 when the Strategic Defence Review took effect. With the London Regiment as example, all existing battalions were disbanded and reformed as part of new "regional" volunteer regiments/battalions. The capbadge was retained at company level. All battalions contained three to five rifle companies, each with three platoons. The third platoon generally is a support platoon (MILAN, Mortars, GPMG, Assault Pioneers or Recce). Headquarters companies have been disbanded effectively, apart from some administrative elements, though are sometimes called as such to preserve some regimental identity lost otherwise.

In this new appearance the volunteer infantry entered a new century.

## **Note on presentation**

In the following the lineages of the various TA infantry battalions are presented. First are listed those battalions that are a volunteer battalion of the regular line regiment. Next the "true" volunteer regiments are listed; for convenience the regiments formed out the Strategic Defence Review are listed seperately after the other volunteer regiments. The units part of the TAVR III are listed last.

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<sup>3</sup>??.

<sup>4</sup>8 QF.

<sup>5</sup>2/52 LOWLAND, 3/51 HIGHLAND, 6/7 QUEENS, 6 R ANGLIAN, 4 KINGS OWN BORDER, 3 & 4 YORKS, 4 D AND D, 2 WESSEX, 3 CHESHIRE, 3 RWF, 4 RRW, 3 WFR, 6 LI, 5 RGJ.



## **Volunteer Battalions of Regular Infantry Regiments**

## **The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires)**



Formed 9 September 1992 by amalgamation of *The Queen's Regiment* [page 78] and *The Royal Hampshire Regiment*. The regiment consisted of two regular, formed out of four, and two territorial battalions. In 1999 this last number was reduced to one, though one company in *The Royal Rifle Volunteers* [page 178] is still affiliated.

### **3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires)**

Formed 1 July 1999 with Headquarters at Canterbury by amalgamation of *5th (Volunteer) Battalion* [page 76] and part *6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion* [page 77].

#### COMPANIES:

**HQ (The Buffs) Company** at Canterbury.

**A (Queen's Royal Surreys) Company** at Farnham (Rifle Pltn and Recce Pltn) with Pltn at Camberley. Formed by redesignation of 'A' Company *6th/7th Battalion*.

**B (Royal Sussex) Company** at Brighton (Rifle Pltn and GPMG Pltn) with Pltn at Worthing. Formed by redesignation of 'B' Company *6th/7th Battalion*.

**C (Royal West Kent) Company** at Canterbury with Assault Pioneer Pltn at Dover. Formed by redesignation of 'HQ' Company *5th Battalion*.

## **5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires)**

Formed 9 September 1992 with Headquarters at Canterbury by redesignation of *5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Regiment* [page 79].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ (Albuhera) Company** at Canterbury with Assault Pioneer Pltn at Dover. Formed by redesignation of 'HQ' Company and 'B' Company *5th Battalion The Queen's Regiment*.

**A (Anzio) Company** at Guildford with Pltn at Cobham by redesignation of 'A' Company *5th Battalion The Queen's Regiment*.

**B (Kohima) Company** at Gillingham with Pltn at Maidstone by redesignation of 'E' Company *5th Battalion The Queen's Regiment*.

**C (Cinque Ports) Company** at Hastings by redesignation of 'C' Company *5th Battalion The Queen's Regiment*.

### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and merged with part *6th/7th (V) Battalion* to form new *3rd (V) Battalion* [page 75]: 'HQ' Company redesignated as 'HQ' (*The Buffs*) Company and 'C' (*Royal West Kent*) Company.

Remainder disbanded.

## **6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires)**

Formed 9 September 1992 with Headquarters at Horsham by merger of *6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Regiment* [page 82] with elements from *2nd Battalion The Wessex Regiment (Volunteers)* [page 159].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ (Alamein) Company** at Horsham with GPMG (SF) at Crawley. Formed merger of 'HQ' Company and 'C' Company *6th/7th Battalion The Queen's Regiment*.

**A (Salerno) Company** at Farnham with Pltn at Camberley by redesignation of 'A' Company *6th/7th Battalion The Queen's Regiment*.

**B (Somme) Company** at Brighton with Pltn at Worthing by redesignation of 'B' Company *6th/7th Battalion The Queen's Regiment*.

**C (Duke of Connaught's) Company** at Portsmouth with 9 (Princess Beatrice's) Platoon at Newport, Isle of Wight. Formed by amalgamation of 'A' Company and 'B' Company *2nd Battalion The Wessex Regiment*.

### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded.

'A' Company and 'B' Company transferred as 'A' (Queen's Royal Surreys) Company and 'B' (Royal Sussex) Company of the new *3rd (V) Battalion* [page 75];

'C' Company redesignated 'C' (Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment) Company *The Royal Rifle Volunteers* [page 178].

## The Queen's Regiment



Formed 31 December 1966 by conversion of Regiments of the *Home Counties Brigade* into a Large Regiment. Initially the regiment consisted of four regular battalions. This was increased by a volunteer battalion in 1967. In 1971 the *4th Battalion* was first reduced to company strength, and finally disbanded by 1973. At the same time two new volunteer battalions started forming, but due to recruiting difficulties soon merged. On 9 September 1992 the regiment merged with the *Royal Hampshire Regiment* to form the *Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires)* [page 78].

## 5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Regiment

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Canterbury as TAVR II unit being the successor to *3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA)*, *4th and 5th Battalion The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) (TA)*, *4th/5th (Cinque Ports) Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment (TA)* and *5th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (TA)*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Canterbury. Formed from *4th Battalion The Buffs (TA)*.

**A Company (Queen's Surreys)** at Guildford with Pltns at Kingston and Hounslow. Formed from *3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA)*.

**B Company (Queen's Own Buffs)** at Broadstairs. Formed from *5th Battalion The Buffs (TA)*.

**C Company (Cinque Ports)** at Hastings with Pltn at Eastbourne. Formed from *4th/5th (Cinque Ports) Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment (TA)*.

**D Company (Middlesex)** at Hornsey with Pltn at Edgware. Formed from *5th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (TA)*.

**1 January 1969:** 'E' Company formed at Tonbridge with platoon at Maidstone from *8th (T) Battalion The Queen's Regiment (West Kent)* [page 196]. Approved 15 December 1969.

**June 1970:** Additional platoon formed at Crawley.

**1 April 1971:** 'B' Company formed additional platoon at Deal;

Edgware platoon 'D' Company transferred to 'A' Company *6th (V) Battalion*;

Crawley platoon 'E' Company transferred to 'C' Company *7th (V) Battalion*, new platoon formed at Sevenoaks.

**8 October 1973:** subtitles omitted, except for 'C' (Cinque Ports) Company.

**1 April 1975:** 'D' Company at Hornsey transferred as 'B' Company *6th/7th (V) Battalion*.

'B' Company formed platoon at Folkestone from part 'B' Company *7th (V) Battalion*.

**16 May 1988:** Kingston platoon 'A' Company transferred to 'D' Company *6th/7th (V) Battalion*.

### 9 September 1992:

Battalion redesignated *5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment* [page 76] and reduced to three rifle companies:

'E' Company merged into 'B' Company.

## **6th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Wandsworth from cadres of *6th (T) Battalion The Queen's Regiment*, *10th (T) Battalion The Queen's Regiment*, *The Greater London Regiment RA*, *The London and Kent Regiment RA* and *The Surrey Yeomanry RA*. Companies retained their own badges.

### COMPANIES:

**Battalion HQ (Queen's Surreys)** at Wandsworth. Formed from cadre *6th (T) Battalion The Queen's Regiment*.

**A Company (Middlesex)** at Edgware. Formed from cadre *10th (T) Battalion The Queen's Regiment* and Pltn 'D' Company *5th Battalion*.

**B Battery (Greater London RA)** at Hackney. Formed from cadre *The Greater London Regiment RA*.

**C Battery (21st London, 1st Surrey Rifles)** at Camberwell. Formed from cadre *The London and Kent Regiment RA*.

**D Battery (Surrey Yeomanry, Queen Mary's)** at Sutton. Formed from cadre *The Surrey Yeomanry RA*.

**26 November 1972:** Companies rebadged.

### **1 April 1975:**

Battalion disbanded upon amalgamation with *7th (Volunteer) Battalion* to form *6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion* [page 82].

'HQ' Company, 'C' Battery and 'D' Battery amalgamated to form 'D' Company *6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion*;

'A' Company formed part of 'B' Company *6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion*;

'B' Battery transferred to *4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Green Jackets*.



## **7th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Horsham from cadres of 6th (T), 7th (T), 8th (T) and 9th (T) Battalion The Queen's Regiment and elements 5th (Volunteer) Battalion.

### COMPANIES:

**Battalion HQ (Royal Sussex)** at Horsham from cadres 8th (T) and 9th (T) Battalion The Queen's Regiment.

**A Company (Queen's Surreys)** at Farnham from cadre 6th (T) Battalion The Queen's Regiment.

**B Company (Queen's Own Buffs)** at Folkestone with Pltn at Dover from cadre 7th (T) Battalion The Queen's Regiment.

**C Company (Royal Sussex)** at Crawley with Pltn at Horsham from cadres 8th (T) and 9th (T) Battalion The Queen's Regiment and Pltn 'E' Company 5th Battalion.

'HQ' Company (Royal Sussex) started to form from end 1972.

**8 October 1973:** subtitles omitted.

**1974:** Horsham Pltn 'C' Company re-located at Haywards Heath.

### **1 April 1975:**

Battalion disbanded upon amalgamation with 6th (Volunteer) Battalion to form 6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion [page 82].

'HQ' Company, 'A' Company and 'C' Company redesignated as 'HQ' Company, 'A' Company and 'C' Company 6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion respectively;

'B' Company merged with 'B' Company 5th (Volunteer) Battalion [page 79].

## **6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1975 with Headquarters at Horsham by amalgamation of *6th (Volunteer) Battalion* and *7th (Volunteer) Battalion*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Horsham formed by redesignation of *'HQ' Company 7th Battalion*.

**A Company** at Farnham formed by redesignation of *'A' Company 7th Battalion*.

**B Company** at Hornsey with Pltn at Edgware formed by merger of *'D' Company 5th Battalion* and *'A' Company 6th (Volunteer) Battalion*.

**C Company** at Crawley with Pltn at Haywards Heath formed by redesignation of *'C' Company 7th Battalion*.

**D Company** at Wandsworth, Camberwell and Sutton formed by amalgamation of *'HQ' Company*, *'C' Battery* and *'D' Battery 6th Battalion*.

Battle honours added as company subtitles later (but before 1987) as follows:

*'HQ' (Alamein) Company*, *'A' (Salerno) Company*, *'B' (Albuhera) Company*, *'C' (Quebec) Company*, *'D' (Tangier) Company*.

**16 May 1988:** *'B' Company* transferred as *'B' (Albuhera) Company 8th (V) Battalion The Queen's Fusiliers*; Camberwell detachment *'D' Company* transferred as nucleus of *'A' (Highwood) Company 8th (V) Battalion The Queen's Fusiliers* [page 83].

New *'B' (Somme) Company* formed - starting April 1986 - at Brighton with Pltn at Worthing.

### **9 September 1992:**

Battalion reorganised as *6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment* [page 77] with part of *2nd Battalion The Wessex Regiment* [page 159] on a three rifle company basis:

*'C' Company* merged into *'HQ' Company*; *'D' Company* disbanded.

## **8th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Fusiliers (City of London)**

Formed 16 May 1988 with Headquarters at St John's Hill, Clapham, London belonging to both *The Queen's Regiment* and *The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers*, and taking precedence after *6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Regiment*. Companies retain the badge of their predecessor Regiment.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ (Gazala) Company** at Battersea.

**A (Highwood) Company** at Camberwell. Formed by redesignation of '*D*' Company 6th/7th Battalion.

**B (Albuhera) Company** at Hornsey with Pltn at Edgware. Formed by redesignation of '*B*' Company 6th/7th Battalion.

**C (City of London) Company** at Balham and St Mary Cray. Formed by redesignation of '*C*' Company 5th Battalion *The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers*.

**1 April 1992:** '*D*' (*London Irish Rifles*) Company formed at Chelsea, London by transfer of '*D*' Company 4th Battalion *The Royal Irish Rangers*.

### **20 April 1993:**

Battalion disbanded as result of *Options for Change* to form *The London Regiment* [page 152]:

'*HQ*' Company became '*HQ*' (*Anzio*) Company, absorbing '*A*' Company;

'*B*' Company redesignated as '*B*' (*Queen's Regiment*) Company;

'*C*' Company redesignated as '*C*' (*City of London Fusiliers*) Company and

'*D*' Company redesignated as '*D*' (*London Irish Rifles*) Company.

## **The King's Own Royal Border Regiment**



Formed 1 October 1959, less Territorials, by amalgamation of *The King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster)* and *The Border Regiment*.

Consisted initially of only one regular battalion. A volunteer battalion was formed in 1975. In 1999 this battalion reduced to two companies in the new regiment, but continued wearing the capbadge.

#### **4th (Volunteer) Battalion The King's Own Royal Border Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1975 with Headquarters at Alexandra Barracks, Lancaster with companies from *Lancastrian Volunteers* [page 153] and *Northumbrian Volunteers* [page 155].

COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Lancaster.

**A Company** at Carlisle with Pltn at Workington by redesignation of '*A Company 1st Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers*'.

**B Company** at Lancaster and Barrow-in-Furness by redesignation of '*E Company 1st Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers*'.

**C Company** at Kendal by redesignation of '*B Company Northumbrian Volunteers*'.

**1984:** '*E (HSF) Company* formed at Lancaster, Kendal and Carlisle.

**1988:** New '*D Company* formed at Workington from part '*A Company*'; New '*B Company* formed at Kendal with detachment at Lancaster by amalgamation '*B Company* and '*C Company*'; new '*C Company* formed at Barrow-in-Furness from detachment old '*B Company*'.

**1992:** Battalion organised to three rifle company establishment.

*'E (HSF) Company* disbanded May 1992.

*'B Company* at Kendal and Lancaster disbanded September 1992, forming Mortar Pltn at Kendal.

By April 1995, Mortar Pltn withdrawn and replaced by Assault Pioneer Pltn.

#### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and formed two companies for The Lancastrian and Cumbrian Volunteers [page 179]:

*'HQ Company* and '*C Company* merged as '*A Tobruk (King's Own Royal Border Regiment) Company*;

*'A Company* and '*D Company* as '*C Sicily (King's Own Royal Border Regiment) Company*'.

## The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers



A Large Regiment formed 23 April 1968 by conversion of the Regiments of the *Fusilier Brigade*. On formation the regiment consisted of four regular battalions and one volunteer battalion. By 1969 one regular battalion had disbanded, and a new volunteer battalion had formed by 1975.

During *Options for Change* the third regular battalion disappeared. In 1999 the two volunteer battalions reduced to three companies in new-formed multi capbadge battalions.

## **Fusilier Volunteers**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Coventry as TAVR II unit being the successor to *6th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (TA)*, *7th Battalion The Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers (TA)*, *City of London Battalion The Royal Fusiliers (TA)* and *5th Battalion The Lancashire Fusiliers (TA)*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ (Warwickshire) Company** at Coventry.

**A (Northumberland) Company** at Sandyford, Newcastle. Formed from *6th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (TA)*.

**B (Warwickshire) Company** at Coventry. Formed from *7th Battalion The Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers (TA)*. Moved to Sheldon shortly afterwards

**C (City of London) Company** at Balham, London. Formed from the *City of London Battalion The Royal Fusiliers (TA)*.

**D (Lancashire) Company** at Bury. Formed from *5th Battalion The Lancashire Fusiliers (TA)*.

## **5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers**

Redesignated 23 April 1968 on formation of *The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers*. Headquarters at Coventry

### COMPANIES:

**HQ (Warwickshire) Company** at Coventry.

**A (Northumberland) Company** at Sandyford, Newcastle.

**B (Warwickshire) Company** at Coventry / Sheldon.

**C (City of London) Company** at Balham, London.

**D (Lancashire) Company** at Bury.

**15 December 1969:** 'E' (Northumberland) Company formed at Ashington and Alnwick from *7th (T) Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers*.

**1 April 1975:** 'A' Company at Newcastle transferred to *6th Battalion* as 'X' Company; 'E' Company at Ashington and Alnwick transferred to *6th Battalion* as 'Z' Company.

**1982?:** 'G' (HSF) Company formed.

**1 April 1986:** New 'A' Company formed at Sparkbrook from platoon 'B' Company; 'C' Company at Ashton-under-Lyne formed by redesignation of 'C' Company *4th (V) Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment*;

**16 May 1988:** 'C' Company at Balham, London transferred to *8th (V) Battalion The Queen's Fusiliers* [page 83].

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**1992:** reduced to three rifle company establishment.

**16 November 1992:** 'C' Company at Ashton-under-Lyne disbanded; New 'C' Company formed at Shirley, Solihull by redesignation of 'C' Company 4th (V) Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment; 'G' (HSF) Company disbanded.

**December 1992:** 'D' Company at Bury transferred as 'C' Company 4th (V) Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment [page 128].

### **5th (Warwickshire) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 23 April 1997. Headquarters at Coventry.

COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Coventry.

**A Company** at Sparkbrook, Birmingham.

**B Company** at Sheldon, Birmingham.

**C Company** at Shirley, Solihull.

**1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded.

'HQ' and 'B' Company reorganised as 'A' (Fusilier) Company The West Midlands Regiment [page 181];

'A' Company and 'C' Company disbanded.



## **6th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers**

Formed 1 April 1975 with Headquarters at Alnwick from *Northumbrian Volunteers* [page 155] and *5th Battalion*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Berwick upon Tweed and Alnwick by redesignation of '*D*' Company *Northumbrian Volunteers*.

**X Company** at Sandyford, Newcastle with Pltn at Hexham by redesignation of '*A*' Company *5th Battalion*.

**Y Company** at (Longbenton?) Newcastle by redesignation of '*C*' Company *Northumbrian Volunteers*.

**Z Company** at Ashington with det at Tynemouth by redesignation of '*E*' Company *5th Battalion*.

**1 April 1978:** '*W*' Company formed at Berwick-upon-Tweed with Pltn at Alnwick by redesignation of '*HQ*' Company; '*HQ*' Company re-located at Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

**1984:** *St. Lucia Company (HSF)* formed at Newcastle.

**1992:** reduced to three rifle company order of battle.

**1 August 1992:** '*Y*' Company at Longbenton, Newcastle disbanded;

'*HQ*' Company moved to Longbenton, Newcastle;

*St. Lucia Company (HSF)* disbanded.

## **6th (Northumberland) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 23 April 1997. Headquarters at Alnwick.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Longbenton, Newcastle. Recce Pltn co-located with '*Z*' Company and GPMG (SF) Pltn with '*X*' Company.

**W Company** at Berwick upon Tweed with Pltn at Alnwick.

**X Company** at Sandyford, Newcastle with Pltn at Hexham.

**Z Company** at Ashington with det at Tynemouth.

### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and formed companies part of *The Tyne Tees Regiment* [page 180]:

'*W*' Company and '*X*' Company merged as '*X*' (*Fusilier*) Company;

'*Z*' Company designated as '*Z*' (*Fusilier*) Company;

Detachments at Berwick and Hexham re-roled as Troops of *100 Pioneer Squadron 168 Pioneer Regiment RLC* (V) [page 212];

'*HQ*' Company disbanded.

## **The King's Regiment**



Formed 1 September 1958 by amalgamation, less Territorials, of *The King's Regiment (Liverpool)* and *The Manchester Regiment*. Subtitle '*(Liverpool and Manchester)*' used for a short period. Consisting initially of one regular battalion, a volunteer battalion was linked to the regiment in 1975. In 1999 this battalion disbanded and supplied two companies badges King's for a new battalion.

## **5th/8th (Volunteer) Battalion The King's Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1975 with Headquarters at Peninsula Barracks, Warrington by reorganisation of *1st Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers* [page 153].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Peninsula Barracks, Warrington by redesignation of '*HQ*' Company *1st Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers*.

**A Company** at Warrington. New formed.

**B Company** at Townsend Avenue, Liverpool by redesignation of '*B*' Company *1st Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers*.

**C Company** at Ardwick Green, Manchester by redesignation of '*C*' Company *1st Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers*.

**D Company** at Townsend Avenue, Liverpool by redesignation of '*B*' Company *2nd Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers*.

**1984:** '*E*' (HSF) Company formed at Liverpool (or Warrington) and Manchester.

'*A*' Company at Warrington and '*D*' Company at Liverpool changed title.

**21 September 1992:** Battalion reduced to three rifle company establishment and companies adopted subtitles.

'*D*' Company at Warrington disbanded or merged with '*HQ*' Company. '*B*' Company at Liverpool merged into '*A*' Company. '*E*' (HSF) Company disbanded.

New '*V*' Company formed by transfer '*V*' Company *1st Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers* [page 173].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ (The Lancastrian) Company** at Peninsula Barracks, Warrington.

**A (The King's Liverpool) Company** at Townsend Avenue, Liverpool.

**C (The Manchesters) Company** at Ardwick Green, Manchester.

**V (The Liverpool Scottish) Company** at Score Lane, Liverpool.

### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and contributed two companies for *The King's and Cheshire Regiment* [page 182]:

'*A*' Company redesignated as '*A*' (King's) Company with '*V*' Company reducing to a platoon, retaining cap-badge;

'*C*' Company redesignated as '*C*' (King's) Company;

'*HQ*' Company became part of '*B*' (Cheshire) Company.

## **The Royal Anglian Regiment**



Formed 1 September 1964 as a Large Regiment by conversion of the regiments of the *East Anglian Brigade* and consisted of four regular battalions.

In 1967 a volunteer battalion was added, followed by two more in 1971. The fourth regular battalion disbanded by 1975, like the third one in 1992. One volunteer battalion re-roled during the same reorganisations. In 1999 the two remaining battalions were disbanded, and reduced to four companies wearing the Royal Anglian capbadge part of a new battalion.

## 5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Peterborough as TAVR II unit begin the successor to *4th/5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (TA)*, *4th Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment (TA)*, *The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (TA)*, *4th/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (TA)*, *4th/5th Battalion The Essex Regiment (TA)* and *4th/5th Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Peterborough. Formed from *4th/5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (TA)*.

**1st (Norfolk and Suffolk) Company** at Lowestoft, later to Ipswich with detachment at Lowestoft. Formed from *4th Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment (TA)* and part *The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (TA)*.

**2nd (Duchess of Gloucester's Own Lincolnshire and Northamptonshire) Company** at Lincoln. Formed from *4th/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (TA)*.

**3rd (16th/44th Foot) Company** at Chelmsford. Formed from *4th/5th Battalion The Essex Regiment (TA)*.

**4th (Leicestershire) Company** at Leicester. Formed from *4th/5th Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment*.

**15 December 1969** *5th (Hertfordshire) Company* formed at Hertford with detachment at Hemel Hempstead from *The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T)*.

**8 October 1973:** Company designation changed as 1 (*Suffolk*), 2 (*Royal Lincolnshire*), 3 (*Essex*), 4 (*Royal Leicestershire*), 5 (*Hertfordshire*).

**1978** 2 *Company* at Lincoln redesignated as 'B' *Company 7th Battalion*; new 2 (*Northamptonshire*) *Company* formed at Wellingborough, Rushden and Corby by transfer of 'C' *Company 7th Battalion*. 5 *Company* subtitled "*Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire*".

4 *Company* at Leicester transferred to 7th *Battalion*.

**1985:** 1 *Company* at Lowestoft transferred as 'C' *Company 6th Battalion*; new 1 (*Essex*) *Company* formed at Basildon and Braintree expansion of Braintree platoon 'B' *Company 6th Battalion*.

**1988:** 5 *Company* redesignated 4 *Company*.

**1992:** Battalion organised to three rifle company establishment.

**1 April 1992** 1 *Company* and 3 *Company* amalgamated to form 'B' *Company 6th Battalion*.

2 *Company* amalgamated with 'D' *Company 7th Battalion* to form 'C' *Company 7th Battalion*.

**October 1992** 4 *Company* absorbed Dunstable elements 'B' *Company 6th Battalion* and redesignated as 'B' *Company 7th Battalion*.

New companies formed: 1 (*Bedford*) *Company* at Bedford by redesignation of 'B' *Company 6th Battalion*; 2 (*Cambridgeshire*) *Company* at Cambridge with Pltn at Wisbech by redesignation of 'D' *Company 6th Battalion*; 3 *Company* formed at Loughborough with Pltn at Melton Mowbray by redesignation of 'C' (*Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry*) *Company 7th Battalion*.

### 1 April 1996:

Battalion disbanded as result of *Options for Change*.

Battalion rerolled as 158 (*Royal Anglian*) *Transport Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (V)* with 'HQ', 1st and 3rd *Company* redesignated as 200, 201 and 203 *Squadrons* respectively [page 210].

2nd *Company* redesignated as 'D' *Company 6th Battalion* [page 94].

## **6th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Bury St Edmunds from cadres of *The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T)*, *The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T)*, *The Essex Regiment (T)* and *The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T)*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Bury St Edmunds.

**A (Royal Norfolk) Company** at Dereham with Pltn at Norwich. Formed from cadre *The Royal Norfolk Regiment (T)*.

**B (Bedfordshire) Company** at Bedford. Formed from cadre *The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (T)*.

**C (Essex) Company** at Braintree with det at Dunmow. Formed from cadre *The Essex Regiment (T)*.

**D (Cambridgeshire) Company** at Cambridge and Wisbech. Formed from cadre *The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (T)*.

**1 April 1975** 'C' Company disbanded; elements at Braintree to 'B' Company and Haverhill elements to 'D' Company as new platoons.

**1982:** 'E' (HSF) Company formed at Bedford and 'F' (HSF) Company formed at Norwich.

**1985:** Braintree platoon 'B' Company expanded to form 1 Company 5th Battalion, new platoon formed at Dunstable; New 'C' (Suffolk) Company formed at Ipswich and Lowestoft by transfer of 1 Company 5th Battalion. 'A' Company relocated at Norwich with detachment at East Dereham; 'HQ' Company subtitled '(Suffolk)'.

**1992** Battalion reorganised to three rifle company establishment.

**1 April 1992:** 'A' Company amalgamated with Lowestoft platoon 'C' Company and redesignated as 'A' (Royal Norfolk and Suffolk) Company at Norwich and Lowestoft;

New 'B' (Suffolk and Essex) Company formed at Ipswich and Colchester by amalgamation of 'C' Company, less Lowestoft platoon, and Colchester platoon 3 Company 5th Battalion. 'C' Company disbanded as above; new 'C' (Essex) Company formed at Brentwood and Braintree by amalgamation of 1 and 3 Company 5th Battalion, less Colchester platoon. 22 May 1993 company located at Chelmsford.

**October 1992:** Late 'B' (Bedfordshire) Company at Bedford and Dunstable reformed as 1 Company 5th Battalion, less Dunstable platoon which amalgamated with 4 Company 5th Battalion to form 'B' Company 7th Battalion.

'D' Company redesignated as 2 (Cambridgeshire) Company 5th Battalion.

**1 April 1996:** 'B' Company reformed as 202 (Ipswich) Squadron 158 Transport Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (see 5th Battalion, page 93).

'D' (Cambridgeshire) Company reformed at Cambridge and Wisbech by transfer 2 Company 5th Battalion.

Later, but certainly by October 1998: 'D' Company redesignated as 'A' Company; 'A' Company redesignated as 'B' Company.

### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded as result of the *Strategic Defence Review* and formed subunits in *The East of England Regiment* [page 183].

'HQ' Company redesignated as 'HQ' (Suffolk) Company;

'B' Company redesignated as 'A' (Norfolk and Suffolk) Company;

'C' Company, less Brentwood, amalgamated with 'B' Company 7th (V) Battalion to form 'E' (Essex and Hertfordshire) Company.

## **7th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Northampton from cadres of *The Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry*, *The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T)*, *The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (T)* and *The Northamptonshire Regiment (T)*.

### COMPANIES:

**The Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry Squadron** at Melton Mowbray with det at Ilkeston. Formed from cadre *The Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry*.

**A (Royal Lincolnshire) Company** at Scunthorpe with detachments at Gainsborough and Grimsby. Formed from cadre *The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (T)*.

**B (Royal Leicestershire) Company** at Leicester with det at Hinckley. Formed from cadre *The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (T)*.

**C (Northamptonshire) Company** at Northampton. Formed from cadre *The Northamptonshire Regiment (T)*.

**D (Northamptonshire) Company** at Wellingborough with det at Corby. Formed from cadre *The Northamptonshire Regiment (T)*.

**1 April 1975** *Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry Squadron* redesignated as *Company*, 31 October 1975 rebadged as *Royal Anglian Regiment* (or still LDY).

**1977:** Ilkeston detachment *Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry Squadron* expanded to form 'B' *Company 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment* [page 125].

**1 April 1978:** Battalion reorganised to become a BAOR battalion.

Battalion Headquarters to Leicester; 'HQ' (*Royal Leicestershire*) *Company* formed at Leicester by amalgamation 4 *Company 5th Battalion* and 'B' *Company*. New 'B' (*Lincolnshire*) *Company* formed at Lincoln with platoons at Gainsborough and Boston by transfer 2 *Company 5th Battalion* and elements 'A' *Company*. Hinckley detachment 'B' *Company* transferred to *Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry Company*.

'C' *Company* relocated at Wellingborough, Rushed and Corby and transferred as 2 *Company 5th Battalion*; 'D' *Company* relocated at Northampton.

**1982?:** 'E' (*HSF*) *Company* formed at Leicester and Lincoln.

**1988:** *The Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry Company* redesignated as 'C' (*Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry*) *Company*.

**1989:** 'A' *Company* consolidated at Scunthorpe and Grimsby and omitted subtitle.

**1992:** Battalion reorganised into three rifle company establishment.

**1 April 1992:** 'A' *Company* and 'B' *Company* merged to form 'A' (*Lincolnshire*) *Company* at Lincoln with platoon at Boston and Grimsby. 'C' *Company* redesignated as 3 *Company 5th Battalion*;

**October 1992:** New 'B' (*Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire*) *Company* formed at Hertford with platoon at Dunstable and Hemel Hempstead by amalgamation of 4 *Company 5th Battalion* and Dunstable Pltn 'B' *Company 6th Battalion*;

New 'C' (*Northamptonshire*) *Company* formed at Northampton with Pltn at Wellingborough by amalgamation of 'D' *Company* and 2 *Company 5th Battalion*.

'E' (*HSF*) *Company* disbanded.

**1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded as result of the *Strategic Defence Review* and formed subunits in *The East of England Regiment* [page 183].

'A' *Company* redesignated as 'B' (*Lincolnshire*) *Company*;

'HQ' *Company* and 'C' *Company* amalgamated as 'C' (*Leicestershire and Northamptonshire*) *Company*;

'B' *Company* formed part of 'E' (*Essex and Hertfordshire*) *Company*.

## **The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment**



This regiment formed 17 May 1958 by amalgamation, less Territorials, of *The Devonshire Regiment* and *The Dorset Regiment*. The single regular battalion was joined by a volunteer battalion in 1987. This battalion disbanded in 1999 and formed two companies retaining the capbadge in a new regiment.



#### **4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment (1st Rifle Volunteers)**

Formed 12 October 1987 with Headquarters at Wyvern Barracks, Exeter by removal of companies from *The Wessex Regiment* [page 157].

COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Exeter. Formed 1990 by redesignation of 'E' Company.

**A Company** at Plymouth. Formed 1990 by redesignation/expansion of Pltn 'E' Company.

**E Company** at Exeter by redesignation of 'E' Company 1st Battalion *The Wessex Regiment*.

**1988:** 'B' Company formed at Paignton.

**1989:** 'G' (HSF) Company formed in Plymouth.

**December 1990:** 'C' (Dorset) Company formed at Dorchester by redesignation 'C' Company 1st Battalion *The Wessex Regiment*.

**June 1992:** Battalion reorganised into three rifle company establishment.

'B' Company at Paignton reformed as detachment under 'HQ' Company. 'D' (Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry) Company formed at Poole by redesignation of 'D' Company 1st Battalion *The Wessex Regiment*.

'G' (HSF) Company disbanded.

**1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and reformed into *The Rifle Volunteers* [page 184]:

'HQ' Company and 'A' Company amalgamated as 'E' (Devonshire and Dorset Regiment) Company;

'C' Company and 'D' Company amalgamated as 'C' (Devonshire and Dorset Regiment) Company.

## The Light Infantry



Formed 10 July 1968 by conversion of the regiment of the *Light Infantry Brigade* into a Large Regiment. Comprised four regular battalions, but this number soon reduced to three. A volunteer battalion was added, followed by two more within a few years. A fourth volunteer battalion formed in 1986, making The Light Infantry the largest regiment in the British Army.

The third regular battalion disappeared in 1993, and the fourth volunteer battalion re-roled by 1996. In 1999 the three remaining volunteer battalions reduced to five companies in three new regiments. Four of these companies remain affiliated to The Light Infantry.

## The Light Infantry Volunteers

Formed 1 April 1967 as *Light Infantry Volunteers* with Headquarters at Shrewsbury as TAVR II unit as the successor to *4th Battalion The King's Shropshire Light Infantry (TA)*, *The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (TA)*, *4th Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (TA)*, *1st Battalion The Herefordshire Light Infantry (TA)* and *8th Battalion The Durham Light Infantry (TA)*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company (Shropshire)** at Shrewsbury from *4th Battalion The King's Shropshire Light Infantry (TA)*.

**A Company (Cornwall)** at Truro with Pltn at Bodmin from *The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (TA)*.

**B Company (Yorkshire)** at Wakefield from *4th Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (TA)*.

**C Company (Herefordshire)** at Hereford from *1st Battalion The Herefordshire Light Infantry (TA)*.

**D Company (Durham)** at Durham from *8th Battalion The Durham Light Infantry (TA)*. Later detachment formed at Chester-le-Street.

**15 December 1969** *E Company (Durham)* formed at Spennymoor with det at Bishop Auckland from cadre *6th/8th (T) Battalion The Durham Light Infantry* [page 191].

## 5th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)

Redesignated 1 August 1972. Headquarters at Shrewsbury.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company (Shropshire)** at Shrewsbury with detachment at Whitchurch.

**A Company (Cornwall)** at Truro with Pltn at Bodmin.

**B Company (Yorkshire)** at Wakefield.

**C Company (Herefordshire)** at Hereford.

**D Company (Durham)** at Durham with detachment at Chester-le-Street.

**E Company (Durham)** at Spennymoor with det at Bishop Auckland.

**1 April 1975:** *'E' Company* at Spennymoor transferred to *7th Battalion* as *'D' Company*. New *'E' Company* formed at Wellington with det at Whitchurch by redesignation of *'C' Company The Light Infantry and Mercian Volunteers*.

**1 February 1981:** *'A' Company* at Truro and Bodmin transferred to *6th Battalion* as *'D' Company*; *'D' Company* at Durham and Chester-le-Street transferred to *7th Battalion* as *'C' Company*.

**31 March 1981:** New *'A' Company* formed at Pontefract by redesignation of *'C' Company 7th Battalion*; new *'D' Company* formed at Ross-on-Wye with detachment at Ledbury by redesignation of *'D' Company 6th Battalion*.

**1 January 1987:** *'A' Company* at Pontefract transferred to *8th Battalion* as *'B' Company*; *'B' Company* at Wakefield transferred to *8th Battalion* as *'A' Company*. New *'X' Company* formed at Shrewsbury, designated *'A' Company* by 1988; *'B' Company* formed at Wellington by redesignation of *'E' Company*.

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### **5th (Shropshire and Herefordshire) Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 9 November 1988. Headquarters at Shrewsbury.

COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Shrewsbury;

**A Company** at Shrewsbury;

**B Company** at Wellington;

**C Company** at Hereford;

**D Company** at Ross-on-Wye.

**1992:** reduced to three rifle companies. 'A' Company at Shrewsbury disbanded; new 'A' Company formed 9 November 1992 at Kidderminster by redesignation of 'B' Company 4th Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment [page 126], retaining its former identity;

**1 April 1993** 'D' Company at Ross-on-Wye disbanded.

### **5th Battalion The (Shropshire and Herefordshire) Light Infantry (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 26 February 1993. Headquarters at Shrewsbury.

COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Shrewsbury;

**A (The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment) Company** at Kidderminster;

**B Company** at Wellington;

**C Company** at Hereford.

#### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and formed companies of *The West Midlands Regiment* [page 181]:

'HQ' and 'C' Company amalgamated to form 'E' (*Light Infantry*) Company;

'A' Company redesignated as 'B' (*Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment*) Company;

'B' Company disbanded.

## **6th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Bath from cadres of *The Somerset Yeomanry and Light Infantry (Territorials)* and *The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (Territorials)*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Bath.

**A (Somerset Yeomanry Light Infantry) Company** at Bath with det at Midsomer Norton from cadre *The Somerset Yeomanry and Light Infantry*.

**B (Somerset Yeomanry Light Infantry) Company** at Yeovil with det at Taunton from cadre *The Somerset Yeomanry and Light Infantry*.

**C (Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry) Company** at Cambourne with det at Falmouth from cadre *The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry*.

**D (Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry) Company** at Penzance from cadre *The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry*.

**1 April 1975:** 'C' Company absorbed 'D' Company; new 'D' (Hereford) Company formed at Ross-on-Wye by redesignation of 'D' Company *The Light Infantry and Mercian Volunteers*.

**1 February 1981:** New 'D' Company formed at Truro and Bodmin by redesignation of 'A' Company *5th Battalion*.

**31 March 1981:** existing 'D' Company at Ross-on-Wye transferred to *5th Battalion* as 'D' Company.

**1984:** 'E' (HSF) Company formed at Bath, 'F' (HSF) Company formed at Truro.

## **6th (Somerset and Cornwall) Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 9 November 1988. Headquarters at Bath.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Bath.

**A Company** at Bath with detachment at Midsomer Norton.

**B Company** at Yeovil with detachment at Taunton.

**C Company** at Cambourne with detachment at Falmouth.

**D Company** at Truro with detachment at Bodmin.

**E (HSF) Company** at Bath.

**F (HSF) Company** at Truro.

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**1993:** Battalion reduced to three rifle company establishment.

'A' Company at Bath and Midsomer Norton disbanded. 'E' and 'F' Company disbanded.

'B' Company moved to Taunton, with Pltn at Yeovil; 'C' Company moved to Falmouth retaining a Pltn at Camborne.

### **6th Battalion The (Somerset and Cornwall) Light Infantry (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 26 February 1993. Headquarters at Bath.

COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Bath.

**B Company** at Taunton with Pltn at Yeovil.

**C Company** at Falmouth with Pltn at Camborne.

**D Company** at Truro with Pltn at Bodmin.

**1996:** Battalion Headquarters moved to Bishop's Hull, Taunton. GPMG Pltn established at Camborne, Recce Pltn at Bath.

### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and became part of *The Rifle Volunteers* [page 184]:

'HQ' Company and 'B' Company amalgamated to form 'B' (Somerset Light Infantry) Company; 'C' Company and 'D' Company amalgamated to form 'D' (Cornwall Light Infantry) Company.

## **7th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1975 with Headquarters at Bishop Auckland with companies from the *Northumbrian Volunteers* [page 155], *5th Battalion (Volunteers)* [page 99] and *2nd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers* [page 162].

### **COMPANIES:**

**HQ Company** at Durham with dets at Bishop Auckland. Mortar Pltn at Chester le Street and ATk Pltn at Spennymoor. After 1995 Assault Pioneer Pltn at Durham, Recce Pltn at Chester le Street.

**A Company** at Horden with det at Hartlepool by redesignation of '*A' Battery The Northumbrian Volunteers*.'

**B Company** at Hebburn and Consett by redesignation of '*E' Company The Northumbrian Volunteers*'. 4.4.1992 amalgamated with D Coy.

**C Company** at Wakefield by redesignation of '*E' Company 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers*'.

**D Company** at Spennymoor and Bishop Auckland by redesignation of '*E' Company 5th Battalion*'.

**1 April 1978:** '*D' Company* formed at Bishop Auckland.

**1 February 1981:** New '*C' Company* formed at Durham with platoon at Chester-le-Street by transfer '*D' Company 5th Battalion*'.

**31 March 1981:** Existing '*C' Company* at Wakefield transferred as '*A' Company 5th Battalion*'.

**1984:** *E (HSF) Company* formed at Bishop Auckland, Horden and Washington.

**1988:** New '*C' Company* formed at Washington;

Headquarters and '*HQ' Company* moved to Durham taking elements '*C' Company* at Durham. Chester-le-Street platoon '*C' Company* became Mortar Pltn; Anti-Tank Pltn formed at Spennymoor.

## **7th (Durham) Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 9 November 1988. Headquarters at Durham.

**B Company** at Bishop Auckland with Pltn at Consett. Formed 4.4.1992 by amalgamation of '*B' Coy* and '*D' Coy*'.

**C Company** at Durham with det at Chester le Street. Formed 1.2.1981 by transfer and redesignation of '*D' Coy 5th Battalion*'. ;1992; Durham detachment merged into '*HQ' Coy*'.

**C Company** at Washinton with Pltns at Chester le Street and Sunderland. Formed 4.4.1992 from nucleus of '*C' Coy*'.

**1992:** Battalion reduced to three rifle company establishment.

'*D' Company* disbanded, '*B' Company* moved to Bishop Auckland with platoon at Consett.

'*E' (HSF) Company* disbanded.

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### **7th Battalion The (Durham) Light Infantry (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 26 February 1993. Headquarters at Gilesgate Armoury, Durham.

COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Gilesgate Armoury, Durham, Mortar Pltn at Chester le Street.

**A Company** at Horden with Pltn at Hartlepool.

**B Company** at Bishop Auckland with Pltn at Consett.

**C Company** at Washington with Pltns at Chester le Street and Sunderland.

**1 April 1995:** Mortar Pltn withdrawn. *'HQ' Company* at Durham, with detachments at Bishop Auckland. Recce Pltn at Chester-le-Street; Assault Pioneer Pltn at Durham.

### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded:

*'B' Company* and *'C' Company* reorganised as *'C' (Durham Light Infantry) Company The Tyne-Tees Regiment* [page 180].

Several elements re-roled as troops of *104 Pioneer Squadron 168 Pioneer Regiment RLC (V)* [page 212].



## **8th (Yorkshire) Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 January 1987 with Headquarters at Wakefield. Companies from *5th Battalion (Volunteers)* [page 99] and *2nd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers* [page 162].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Wakefield with AT Pltn at Wakefield and Mortar Pltn at Pontefract. Formed from elements *5th Battalion*.

**A Company** at Wakefield by redesignation of '*A Company 5th Battalion*.'

**B Company** at Pontefract by redesignation of '*B Company 5th Battalion*.'

**C Company** at Batley. Formed 15.1.1986 from Batley platoon '*C Company 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers*.'

**D Company** at Barnsley. New formed.

**1992:** reduced to three rifle company establishment.

**4 April 1992:** '*D Company*' at Barnsley disbanded;

'*A Company*' at Wakefield amalgamated with '*HQ Company*'; '*C Company*' at Batley retitled as '*A Company*', new '*C Company*' at Doncaster formed by redesignation of '*C Company 4th Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers*'.

## **8th Battalion The (Yorkshire) Light Infantry (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 26 February 1993. Headquarters at Wakefield.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Wakefield with AT Pltn at Wakefield and Mortar Pltn at Pontefract.

**A Company** at Batley with detachment at Dewsbury.

**B Company** at Pontefract.

**C Company** at Doncaster.

By 1995 Atk and Mortar platoons withdrawn from battalion and consolidated in Fire Support Battalions.

**3 August 1996:** As result of *Option for Change*, the battalion re-roled as a National Defence Reconnaissance Regiment commencing in 1995. The new Regiment was titled *The King's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry (Light Infantry)* [page 25].

Companies retitled as '*HQ*', '*C*', '*B*' and '*A Squadron*' respectively.

## **The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire**



Formed 25 April 1958 by amalgamation, less Territorials, of *The West Yorkshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's Own)* and *The East Yorkshire Regiment (The Duke of York's Own)*. Consisted of one regular battalion, until 1993 when a volunteer battalion was added as part of the reforms taking place. In 1999 this battalion disbanded, leaving two companies in a new regiment, still wearing the capbadge.

### **3rd Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (Yorkshire Volunteers)**

Formed 25 April 1993 with Headquarters at Worsley Barracks, York by redesignation similar designated companies of *2nd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers* [page 162].

#### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Worsley Barracks, York with Mortar Pltn at Beverley, Recce Pltn at Mona House, Hull and ATk Pltn at Lumley Barracks, York.

**A Company** at Lumley Barracks, York with Pltn at Goole.

**B Company** at Mona House, Hull.

**C (Leeds Rifles) Company** at Leeds with Pltn at Castleford.

**1 April 1995:** Battalion converts into a Fire Support Battalion:

Beverly detachment '*HQ Company*' and Goole detachment '*A Company*' absorbed by '*B Company*;

'*C Company*' at Leeds, Castleford absorbed by '*A Company*'.

#### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Worsley Barracks, York.

**A Company** at Lumley Barracks, York with Mortar Pltn (*Leeds Rifles*) at Leeds and GPMG(SF) Pltn at Castleford.

**B Company** at Hull with Mortar Pltn at Beverley and Goole.

**1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and companies reorganised into *The East and West Riding Regiment* [page 185]:

'*A Company*' as *Imphal Company (Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire)*; '*B Company*' as *Quebec Company (Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire)*.

## **The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment)**



Formed 1 July 1881 by redesignation of the *19th (The 1st Yorkshire North Riding - Princess of Wales's Own) Regiment of Foot* as *The Princess of Wales's Own (Yorkshire Regiment)*. Took present title in 1921. The regular battalion was joined in 1993 by a volunteer battalion. In 1999 this battalion disbanded, forming two companies wearing the Green Howards badge in a new regiment.

### **4th/5th Battalion The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment) (Yorkshire Volunteers)**

Formed 25 April 1993 with Headquarters at Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough by redesignation of similar designated units of *1st Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers* [page 160].

COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. GPMG(SF) Pltn and Recce Pltn at Guisborough.

**A Company** at Scarborough with Pltn at Guisborough.

**B Company** at Stockton Road, Middlesbrough.

**C Company** at Harrogate with Pltn at Northallerton.

**1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and reorganised into *The Tyne Tees Regiment* [page 180]:

'A' Company and 'C' Company merged as 'A' (Green Howards) Company;

'B' Company redesignated as 'B' (Green Howards) Company;

Elements 'HQ' Company roled as *104 Pioneer Squadron 168 Pioneer Regiment RLC (V)* [page 212].

## **The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment)**



Formed 20 January 1959, less Territorials, by amalgamation of *The Royal Scots Fusiliers* and *The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment)*. In 1995 the regular battalion was joined by a volunteer battalion. This disbanded already in 1999, leaving two affiliated companies in a new regiment.

### **3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment)**

Formed 3 June 1995 with Headquarters at Walcheren Barracks, Glasgow by redesignation of similar designated units of *1st Battalion 52nd Lowland Volunteers* [page 151].

#### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Walcheren Barracks, Glasgow by redesignation of '*HQ*' Company.

**A Company** at Assaye House, Glasgow by redesignation of '*A*' Company.

**B Company** at Ayr by redesignation of '*B*' Company.

**C Company** at Walcheren Barracks, Glasgow by redesignation of '*E*' Company.

#### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and formed companies in *52nd Lowland Regiment* [page 177]:

'*B*' Company became '*B*' (*Royal Highland Fusiliers*) Company;

'*C*' Company became '*C*' (*Royal Highland Fusiliers*) Company;

'*HQ*' Company and '*A*' Company disbanded.

## **The Cheshire Regiment**



Formed 1 July 1881 by redesignation of *22nd (the Cheshire) Regiment of Foot*. The regular battalion was joined in 1988 by a volunteer battalion, which in 1999 reduced to two companies, keeping their capbadge, as part of a new regiment.



### **3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Cheshire Regiment**

Formed 5 April 1988 with Headquarters at Runcorn with companies from *Mercian Volunteers* [page 167].

COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Runcorn (formed in 1986).

**A Company** at Stockport by redesignation of '*A' Company 1st Battalion Mercian Volunteers*.'

**B Company** at Macclesfield (formed in 1986).

**C Company** at Ellesmere Port by redesignation of '*C' Company 2nd Battalion Mercian Volunteers*.'

**D Company** at Crewe with Pltn at Northwich (formed in 1986).

**1993:** reduced to three rifle company order of battle.

**1 April 1993:** '*B' Company* at Macclesfield disbanded. *Headquarters* and '*HQ' Company* moved to Abbots Park, Chester.

**1 April 1995:** Battalion converted to Fire Support Battalion. Battle honours used for company designations.

**Salerno Company** at Stockport with Milan Pltn at Macclesfield by redesignation of '*A' Company*'.

**Gaza Company** at Crewe with Mortar Pltn at Ellesmere Port and GPMG (SF) at Northwich by amalgamation of '*C' Company* and '*D' Company*'.

**1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and formed companies in *The King's and Cheshire Regiment* [page 182]:

'*Salerno' Company* reduced to Pltn at Stockport under '*B' (Cheshire) Company*;

'*Gaza' Company* redesignated as '*D' (Cheshire) Company*'.

## **The Royal Welch Fusiliers**



Formed 1 July 1881 as *The Royal Welsh Fusiliers* by redesignation of *23rd Regiment of Foot (Royal Welsh Fusiliers)*. Title changed in 1921.

The regular battalion was joined in 1971 by a volunteer battalion. In 1999 this battalion disbanded, reducing to two companies in a new regiment, while retaining the Royal Welch capbadge.

### 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Wrexham from cadres of *The Flintshire and Denbighshire Yeomanry*, 4th and 6th/7th Battalion *The Royal Welch Fusiliers* and the late *Welsh Volunteers* [page 170].

#### COMPANIES:

*Administrative Platoon* at Wrexham. Formed from cadre 4th Battalion *The Royal Welch Fusiliers*.

**A (4th Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers) Company** at Wrexham with platoons at Mold and Connah's Quay. Formed by redesignation of 'A' *Company Welsh Volunteers*.

**B (Flintshire and Denbighshire Yeomanry) Company** at Colwyn Bay with platoon at Prestayn. Formed from cadre *The Flintshire and Denbighshire Yeomanry* and part 'A' *Company Welsh Volunteers*.

**D (6th/7th Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers) Company** at Caernarfon with platoons at Bangor and Aberystwyth. Formed from cadre 6th/7th Battalion *The Royal Welch Fusiliers* and the late 'D' *Company Welsh Volunteers*.

**1986:** 'C' *Company* formed at Connah's Quay and Mold by expansion of 'A' *Company*. Remainder 'A' *Company* merged with 'HQ' *Company*. 'A' *Company* formed at Aberystwyth from elements 'D' *Company*.

'B' *Company* formed platoon at Llandudno; platoon at Prestayn moved to Rhyl. 'D' *Company* formed platoon at Holyhead.

'E' (HSF) *Company* formed.

**1992:** reduction to three rifle company establishment.

'A' *Company* at Aberystwyth disbanded to form Recce Pltn under 'HQ' *Company*. 'C' *Company* re-named as 'A' *Company* at consolidated as Queensferry.

Rhyl platoon 'B' *Company* disbanded; Holyhead platoon 'D' *Company* disbanded.

'E' (HSF) *Company* disbanded.

#### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Wrexham. Recce Pltn at Aberystwyth.

**A Company** at Queensferry.

**B Company** at Colwyn Bay with Pltn at Llandudno.

**D Company** at Caernarfon with Pltns at Bangor.

#### 1 July 1999:

Battalion disbanded and merged into *The Royal Welsh Regiment* [page 186]:

'HQ' *Company* and 'A' *Company* merged as 'A' (Royal Welch Fusiliers) *Company*;

'B' *Company* and 'D' *Company* as 'D' (Royal Welch Fusiliers) *Company*.

## **The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot)**



The regiment formed 11 June 1969 by amalgamation of *The South Wales Borderers* and *The Welch Regiment*. Initially consisting of only one regular battalion, two volunteer battalions were formed in 1971. These volunteer battalions merged in 1993, and this new battalion disbanded as part of the reforms of 1999. Two volunteer companies affiliated to the regiment remained.

## **2nd (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot)**

Formed 1 October 1993 with Headquarters at Maindy Barracks, Cardiff by amalgamation of *3rd (Volunteer) Battalion* [page 118] and *4th (Volunteer) Battalion* [page 119].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Maindy Barracks, Cardiff by redesignation of '*HQ*' *Company 3rd Battalion*.

**A (Swansea) Company** at Swansea with Pltn at Llanelli by amalgamation of '*B*' *Company*, '*D*' *Company* and part '*A*' *Company of 4th Battalion*.

**B (Rorke's Drift) Company** at Cefn Fforest with Pltns at Pontypool by amalgamation of '*A*' *Company* and '*B*' *Company 3rd Battalion*.

**C (Pontypridd) Company** at Pontypridd with Pltn at Pentre by redesignation of '*C*' *Company 3rd Battalion*.

### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and formed part of *The Royal Welsh Regiment* [page 186]:

'*A*' *Company* redesignated as '*B*' (*Royal Regiment of Wales*) *Company*;

'*HQ*' *Company* and '*C*' *Company* merged as '*C*' (*Royal Regiment of Wales*) *Company*.

### **3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot)**

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Maindy Barracks, Cardiff from cadre 3rd (Monmouthshire) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales and companies from the late Welsh Volunteers [page 170].

#### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Maindy Barracks, Cardiff. Formed by redesignation of 'HQ' Company Welsh Volunteers. ATk Pltn at Pentre and Mortar Pltn at Cwmcarn.

**A Company** at Abertillery with platoons at Blackwood and Cwmcarn.

**B Company** at Newport and Pontypool. Formed by redesignation of 'B' Company Welsh Volunteers and cadre 3rd (Monmouthshire) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales.

**C Company** at Pontypridd with Pltn at Pentre. Formed by redesignation of 'C' Company Welsh Volunteers and cadre 5th/6th (T) Battalion The Welch Regiment.

**1984 'E' (HSF) Company** formed at Cardiff and Brecon.

**1 April 1985 'D' (City of Cardiff) Company** formed at Cardiff from Defence Platoon 'HQ' Company.

**May 1992 'E' (HSF) Company** disbanded.

**1 October 1993:** Battalion disbanded and merged with 4th (Volunteer) Battalion to form 2nd (Volunteer) Battalion [page 117] as result of *Options for Change*.

Headquarters and 'HQ' Company formed Headquarters and 'HQ' Company 2nd Battalion;

'A' Company and 'B' Company merged to form 'B' Company 2nd Battalion;

'C' Company redesignated as 'C' Company 2nd Battalion.

'D' Company reformed as 580 Squadron 157 Transport Regiment RLC [page 209].

## **4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot)**

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Llanelli.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Llanelli. Formed as *Administrative Platoon* from cadre *4th (T) Battalion The Welch Regiment*.

**A Company** at Llanelli.

**B Company** at Neath with Pltn at Swansea.

**C Company** at Bridgend with Pltn at Maesteg.

**1 April 1985:** *'D' (City of Swansea) Company* formed at Swansea from Swansea platoon *'B' Company*.

**December 1987:** *Headquarters* and *'HQ' Company* re-located at Swansea.

**1 October 1993:** Battalion disbanded and merged with *3rd (Volunteer) Battalion* to form *2nd (Volunteer) Battalion* [page 117] as result of *Options for Change*.

*'B' Company* and *'D' Company* merged with part of *'A' Company* to form *'A' Company 2nd Battalion*.

Remainder *'A' Company* roled as Troop of *224 Squadron 157 Transport Regiment RLC (V)*.

*'C' Company* roled as *580 Squadron 157 Transport Regiment RLC (V)* [page 209].

## **4th/5th Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 with Headquarters at Portadown by amalgamation of *4th Battalion* and *5th Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers*.



### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Portadown with dets at Armagh and Enniskillen by amalgamation of '*HQ*' Company *4th Battalion* and '*HQ*' Company and '*A*' Company *5th Battalion*.

**A Company** at Newtownards by redesignation of '*B*' Company *5th Battalion*.

**B Company** at Newtownabbey by redesignation of '*B*' Company *4th Battalion*.

**C Company** at Ballymena by redesignation of '*C*' Company *4th Battalion*.

**1 July 1999:** Battalion disbanded as result of the *Strategic Defence Review* and reorganised as *The Royal Irish Rangers* [page 187].



## **4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th) (North Irish Militia)**

Formed 18 April 1978 with Headquarters at Portadown by redesignation of similar designated units of *The North Irish Militia* [page 171].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Portadown.

**A (Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers) Company** at Omagh with detachment at Enniskillen.

**B (Royal Ulster Rifles) Company** at Newtownabbey, Belfast.

**C (Royal Irish Fusiliers) Company** at Portadown.

**D (London Irish Rifles) Company** at Chelsea, London and Hillington, Middlesex.

**1981:** 'C' Company redesignated as 'A' Company 5th Battalion; New 'C' (Royal Irish Fusiliers) Company formed at Ballymena and Limavady.

**1 April 1992:** Battalion reduced to a three rifle company order of battle.

'D' Company at Chelsea, London redesignated as 'D' Company 8th Battalion The Queen's Fusiliers [page 83].

**1 April 1993:** Battalion disbanded as result of *Options for Change* and amalgamated with 5th (Volunteer) Battalion to form 4th/5th Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers (Volunteers) [page 120].

## **5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers (27th (Inniskilling) 83rd and 87th)**

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters and a Command and Admin Platoon at Armagh from cadres of *6th Battalion The Royal Ulster Rifles* and *7th Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers*.

### COMPANIES:

**B (Royal Irish Rifles) Company** at Killyleagh. Formed from cadre *6th Battalion The Royal Ulster Rifles*.

**C (Royal Irish Fusiliers) Company** at Armagh and Lurgan. Formed from cadre *7th Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers*.

**1978** Battalion changed to BAOR role. Subtitles possibly omitted from this time.

*'B' Company* formed platoon at Bangor.

**1980:** *'C' Company* consolidated at Lurgan, *'HQ' Company* formed at Armagh from elements *'C' Company*.

**1981:** *'A' Company* formed at Lisburn by transfer *'C' Company 4th Battalion*.

**1982:** *'B' Company* moved to Newtownards; *'HQ' Company* and *Support Weapons Groups* moved to Banbridge, *Headquarters* remained at Armagh.

**1986:** *'D' Company* formed at Lisburn, moved to Belfast in 1988. Recce Pltn formed at Armagh.

**1 April 1993:** Battalion disbanded as result of *Options for Change* and amalgamated with *4th (Volunteer) Battalion* to form *4th/5th Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers (Volunteers)* [page 120].

## **2nd (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment**

Formed 6 October 1995 with Headquarters at Brock Barracks, Reading by amalgamation of *1st Battalion* and *2nd Battalion The Wessex Regiment* [page 157].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ (Berkshire) Company** at Brock Barracks, Reading with Assault Pioneer Pltn at Cinderford. Formed by redesignation of '*D*' Company *2nd Battalion The Wessex Regiment*.

**A (Gloucester) Company** at Gloucester with Pltn at Cheltenham. Formed by amalgamation of '*A*' Company and '*C*' Company *1st Battalion The Wessex Regiment*.

**B (City of Bristol) Company** at Bristol. Formed by redesignation of '*B*' Company *1st Battalion The Wessex Regiment*.

**C (Wiltshire) Company** at Devizes with Pltn at Swindon. Formed by redesignation of '*HQ*' Company *1st Battalion The Wessex Regiment* and Company from *2nd Battalion*.

**1 July 1999:** Battalion disbanded as result of the *Strategic Defence Review*.

'*A*' Company and '*B*' Company merged as *The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment Company The Rifle Volunteers* [page 184];

'*HQ*' Company and '*C*' Company merged as *The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment Company The Royal Rifle Volunteers* [page 178].

## **The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot)**



Formed 28 February 1970 by amalgamation of *The Worcestershire Regiment* and *The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)* consisting of one regular battalion. Soon a volunteer battalion was added, followed by another in 1988. This second volunteer battalion reduced to company size in 1993 as part of another battalion, though it remained affiliated. The first formed volunteer battalion disbanded in 1999, reducing to a company in the same manner.

### **3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot)**

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters and Administrative Platoon at Newark from the cadres of *The Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry*, *The South Nottinghamshire Hussars Yeomanry (RHA) RA*, *The Derbyshire (T) Battalion*, *The Robin Hood (T) Battalion* and *The Nottinghamshire (T) Battalion The Sherwood Foresters*.

(Note: battalion designated first as *Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Battalion (Volunteers)*, but new title was approved by October 1971.)

#### COMPANIES:

**A (Sherwood Rangers) Squadron** at Retford from cadre *The Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry*.

**B (South Nottinghamshire Hussars) Battery** at Beeston. Formed from cadre *The South Nottinghamshire Hussars Yeomanry (RHA) RA*.

**C (Derbyshire Foresters) Company** at Derby. Formed from cadre *The Derbyshire (T) Battalion The Sherwood Foresters*. Later Pltn formed at Chesterfield.

**D (Robin Hood Foresters) Company** at Nottingham. Formed from cadre *The Robin Hood (T) Battalion*, *The Sherwood Foresters*.

**E (Nottinghamshire Foresters) Company** at Newark with Pltn at Worksop. Formed from cadre *The Nottinghamshire (T) Battalion The Sherwood Foresters*. Later consolidated at Worksop.

**1 April 1975:** 'B' Battery at Beeston disbanded, personnel to 'D' Company.

'A' Squadron redesignated Company, and moved to Mansfield retaining detachment at Retford.

**1977:** 'B' (*Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry*) Company formed at Sutton-in-Ashfield and Ilkeston from elements *The Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry Squadron 7th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment*. Officially formed by 1 April 1978.

**1 March 1980:** Full 'HQ' Company established, possibly from part 'E' Company.

**1 Januari 1985:** 'F' (*Nottinghamshire HSF*) Company formed at Worksop, Mansfield and Nottingham;

'G' (*Derbyshire HSF*) Company formed at Derby and Chesterfield.

**September 1992:** reorganisation into three rifle company establishment.

'F' Company and 'G' Company disbanded.

'HQ' Company moved to Foresters House, Nottingham by redesignation of 'D' Company; Assault Pioneer and Recce Pltns at same location, GPMG (SF) Pltn at Mansfield.

'B' Company at Sutton-in-Ashfield absorbed into 'B' Squadron *The Royal Yeomanry*.

Disposition of rifle companies:

**A Company** at Mansfield with Pltn at Newark by amalgamation of 'HQ' Company and 'A' Company.

**B Company** at Worksop with Pltn at Chesterfield by amalgamation of 'E' Company and Chesterfield Pltn 'C' Company.

**C Company** at Derby with Pltn at Ilkeston by merger of 'C' Company and detachment of 'B' Company.

**1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded:

'A' Company, less Newark detachment, and 'C' Company, less Ilkeston detachment, amalgamated to form 'D' (*Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire (Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment)) Company The East of England Regiment* [page 183].

Remainder of companies either disbanded or re-roled.

## **4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot)**

Formed 5 April 1988 with Headquarters at Kohima House, Redditch from the late *Mercian Volunteers* [page 167].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Kohima House, Redditch. New Formed.

**A Company** at Worcester with Pltn at Stourport. Formed by redesignation of 'A' Company 2nd Battalion *Mercian Volunteers*.

**B Company** at Kidderminster with Pltn at Droiwich. Formed by redesignation of 'B' Company 1st Battalion *Mercian Volunteers*.

**C Company** at Shirley, Birmingham. New Formed.

**D Company** at Nottingham. Formed by redesignation of 'D' Company 1st Battalion *Mercian Volunteers*.

**F (HSF) Company** at Worcester. Formed by redesignation of 'F' Company 2nd Battalion *Mercian Volunteers*.

**1 April 1993:** Battalion disbanded as result of *Options for Change*.

7 June 1992 'F' (HSF) Company disbanded.

1 September 1992 'D' Company at Nottingham disbanded, personnel to 3rd Battalion.

1 November 1992 'A' Company at Worcester disbanded, personnel to 'B' Company.

1 December 1992 HQ and 'HQ' Company re-roled as RHQ and 'HQ' Squadron 37 Signal Regiment (Volunteers) [page 63].

9 November 1992 'B' Company at Kidderminster redesignated as 'A' (Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters) Company 5th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers) [page 99] retaining the Regimental Colours, uniform and dress of 4th Battalion.

16 November 1992 'C' Company at Shirley redesignated as 'C' Company 5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers [page 87].

## **The Queen's Lancashire Regiment**



Formed 25 March 1970 by amalgamation of *The Lancashire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Volunteers)* and *The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)*. The regular battalion was joined in 1975 by a volunteer battalion. In 1999 this volunteer battalion reduced to two companies in a new regiment, though remaining affiliated.

## **4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1975 with Headquarters at Kimberley Barracks, Preston by reorganisation of *2nd Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers* [page 154].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Kimberley Barracks, Preston by redesignation of *'HQ' Company 2nd Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers*.

**A Company** at Burnley with Pltn at Haslingden by redesignation of *'A' Company 2nd Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers*.

**B Company** at Preston with detachments at Blackpool and Blackburn by redesignation of *'D' Company 2nd Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers*.

**C Company** at Ashton-under-Lyne with Pltn at Bolton by redesignation of *'C' Company 2nd Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers*.

**1 April 1986:** Battalion re-rolled as four company NATO (MILAN) Battalion.

Support platoons formed: MILAN Pltn in Bolton, Mortar Pltn in Preston and Recce Pltn in Blackpool.

*'D' Company* formed at Blackburn and Haslingden from Haslingden platoon *'A' Company* and Blackburn platoon *'B' Company*. *'B' Company* consolidated at Blackpool with platoon at Preston.

*'C' Company* at Ashton-under-Lyne transferred as *'C' Company 5th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers*, less Bolton detachment which formed new *'C' Company* at Bolton on 2 April 1986.

**1992:** unit reduced to three company order of battle.

*'C' Company* absorbed into *'B' Company*; *'D' Company* merged with *'A' Company* establishing *'A' Company* at Blackburn with Pltn at Burnley.

New *'C' Company (Fusilier)* formed December 1992 at Bury by transfer of *'D' Company 5th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers*; company retained its affiliation to *The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers*.

**1996:** Battle honours introduced as company subtitles as follows:

*'HQ' (Waterloo) Company*, *'A' (Somme) Company*, *'B' (Quebec) Company*, *'C' (Gallipoli) Company (Fusilier)*.

**1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and formed two companies in *The Lancastrian and Cumbrian Volunteers* [page 179]:

*'HQ' Company* and *'B' Company* as *'B' Somme (Queen's Lancashire Regiment) Company*;

*'A' Company* and *'C' Company* as *'D' Waterloo (Queen's Lancashire Regiment) Company*;

*'HQ' Company* also formed *'HQ' (Quebec) Company*.



## **The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding)**



Formed 1 July 1881 by amalgamation of 33rd (*The Duke of Wellington's*) *Regiment of Foot* and 76th *Regiment of Foot*. The regular battalion was joined in 1993 by a volunteer battalion. This reduced to two companies, retaining capbadge affiliation, in 1999.

### **3rd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) (Yorkshire Volunteers)**

Formed 25 April 1993 with Headquarters at Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield by redesignation of similar designated companies of *3rd/4th Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers* [page 166]

COMPANIES:

**HQ (Hallamshire) Company** at Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield.

**A (The Sheffield Artillery Volunteers) Company** at Barnsley with det at Rotherham.

**B Company** at Halifax with det at Keighley.

**C Company** at Huddersfield.

**1 July 1999:** Battalion disbanded and formed companies in *The East and West Riding Regiment* [page 185]:  
'HQ' Company and 'A' Company reformed as 'Fontenay' Company (Duke of Wellington's Regiment);  
'B' Company and 'C' Company reformed as 'Ypres' Company (Duke of Wellington's Regiment).

## **The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's)**



Formed 31 January 1959 by amalgamation, less Territorials, of *The South Staffordshire Regiment* and *The North Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's)*. A volunteer battalion was formed in 1988. In 1999 it reduced to two companies part of a new multi-capbadge regiment.

### **3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's)**

Formed 5 April 1988 with Headquarters at Wolverhampton by reorganisation of *Mercian Volunteers* [page 167].

#### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Wolverhampton. New formed.

**A Company** at Tamworth. New formed

**B Company** at Stoke on Trent by redesignation of '*B' Company 2nd Battalion Mercian Volunteers*.'

**C Company** at Burton on Trent and Rugeley by redesignation of '*C' Company 1st Battalion Mercian Volunteers*'.

**D Company** at Walsall by redesignation of '*D' Company 2nd Battalion Mercian Volunteers*'.

**E (HSF) Company** by redesignation units *Mercian Volunteers* (??).

**1992:** reduced to three rifle company establishment.

'*D' Company* at Walsall disbanded;

'*E' (HSF) Company* disbanded.

#### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and became part of *The West Midlands Regiment* [page 181].

'*B' Company* as '*D' (Stafford) Company* and '*C' Company* as '*C' (Stafford) Company*.'

'*HQ' Company* and '*A' Company* disbanded.

## **The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)**



Formed 1 July 1881 by merger of *42nd (Royal Highland) Regiment of Foot*, *The Black Watch* and *73rd (Perthshire) Regiment of Foot*. The remaining regular battalion was joined in 1994 by a volunteer battalion. This reduced to company size in 1999, retaining the Black Watch capbadge.

### **3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)**

Formed 13 December 1994 with Headquarters at Queen's Barracks, Perth by redesignation of similar designated units of *1st Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers* [page 173].

COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Queen's Barracks, Perth.

**A Company** at Dundee.

**B Company** at Forfar.

**K Company** at Kirkcaldy.

**1 April 1995:** Battalion converted into Fire Support Battalion.

'B' Company at Forfar became Milan Pltn under 'A' Company. 'K' Company formed Milan Pltn at Perth.

**1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and formed part of *51st Highland Regiment* [page 188]:

'A' Company redesignated as 'A' (*Black Watch*) Company with 'K' Company forming a rifle platoon.

## **The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons)**



Formed 17 September 1994 by amalgamation of *The Queen's Own Highlanders (Seaforth and Camerons)* and *The Gordon Highlanders*, and comprised one regular and one volunteer battalion. This volunteer battalion disbanded in 1999, with companies forming part of a multi-capbadge regiment.

### **3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons)**

Formed 10 February 1995 with Headquarters at Elgin by redesignation similar designated units of *2nd Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers* [page 174].

COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Elgin.

**B Company** at Peterhead with Pltns at Keith and St Andrews.

**C Company** at Inverness with Pltns at Fort William and Stornoway.

**D Company** at Aberdeen with Pltns at Laurencekirk and Lerwick.

**Support Group** at Wick with Pltns at Kirkwall and Dingwall.

**1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and formed companies in *51st Highland Regiment* [page 188]:

*'B' Company* designated *'B' (Highlanders) Company*;

*'C' Company* designated *'C' (Highlanders) Company*;

*'HQ' Company*, *'D' Company* and the Support Group formed subunits in the above two companies.



## **The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)**



Formed 1 July 1881 by merger of *91st (Princess Louise's Argyllshire Highlanders) Regiment of Foot* and *93rd (Sutherland Highlanders) Regiment of Foot* as *Princess Louise's (Argyll and Sutherland)*. Took present title in 1921.

The single regular battalion was joined in 1995 by a volunteer battalion, which in 1999 reduced to two companies in a new regiment, though retaining the capbadge.

## **7th/8th (Volunteer) Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)**

Formed 10 February 1995 with Headquarters at Forthside, Stirling by redesignation similar designated units of *3rd Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers* [page 175].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Meadowforth Road, Stirling.

**B Company** at Cumbernauld.

**C Company** at Falkirk.

**D Company** at Dumbarton with Pltn at Dunoon.

### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and became part of *51st Highland Regiment* [page 188]:

*'D' Company* reorganised as *'D' (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Company*;

*'HQ' Company* and *'B' Company* amalgamated as *'E' (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Company*;

*'C' Company* disbanded.

## The Royal Green Jackets



Formed 1 January 1966 as a Large Regiment by redesignation of the Regiment of the *Green Jackets Brigade*. Consisted originally of three regular battalions, together with a volunteer battalion added in 1967. A second volunteer battalion formed in 1986. One regular battalion disbanded in 1992. The volunteer battalions disbanded in 1999, reducing to four companies in two new-formed multi-capbadge regiments.

## **4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Green Jackets**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Davies Street, London as TAVR II unit begin the successor to *The Queen's Royal Rifles (TA)*, *The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (TA)* and *3rd Green Jackets, The Rifle Brigade (London Rifle Brigade/ Rangers) (TA)*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Davies Street, London. Formed from *Queen's Royal Rifles (TA)*.

**A (Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire) Company** at Oxford. Formed from *The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (TA)*.

**B (Queen's Royal Rifles) Company** at Fulham, London. Formed from *Queen's Royal Rifles (TA)*.

**C (London Rifle Brigade Rangers) Company** at Finsbury, London. Formed from *3rd Green Jackets, The Rifle Brigade (London Rifle Brigade/ Rangers) (TA)*.

**15 December 1969:** 'D' Company formed at Aylesbury from personnel *The Buckinghamshire Regiment RA (T)*.

**1 December 1986:** 'A' Company and 'D' Company transferred as 'HQ' Company and 'D' Company 5th Battalion [page 141].

New companies formed: 'F' Company at Mile End Road, London and 'G' Company at West Ham, London.

**1988 'H' (HSF) Company** formed at Davies Street.

**25 July 1992** Battalion organised into three rifle company establishment.

'G' Company redesignated as 'A' Company; 'F' Company redesignated as *Support Company* at Mile End, London. 'E' (HSF) Company disbanded.

### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and supplied two companies to *The London Regiment* [page 152].

'HQ' Company and 'B' Company reorganised as 'F' (Royal Green Jackets) Company;

'A' Company redesignated as 'G' (Royal Green Jackets) Company.

## **5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Green Jackets**

Formed 1 December 1986 with Headquarters at Oxford.

**HQ Company** at Oxford. Formed by re-rolling of 'A' Company 4th Battalion.

**A Company** at High Wycombe, Booker. Raised from 13 and 14 Pltn 'D' Company.

**D Company** at Aylesbury. Formed by redesignation of 'D' Company 4th Battalion.

**E Company** at Milton Keynes. Raised from 16 Pltn 'D' Company and Bletchley detachment.

**1990 'T' (HSF) Company** formed with detachments at Oxford, High Wycombe, Aylesbury and Milton Keynes.

**1 April 1995:** Battalion converted into a Fire Support Battalion.

'D' Company at Aylesbury disbanded to form Mortar Pltn at same location under 'A' Company. 'E' Company formed Milan Pltn at Oxford.

### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded and reorganised as part of *The Royal Rifle Volunteers* [page 178].

'HQ' Company and 'A' Company merged as 'A' (Royal Green Jackets) Company;

'E' Company redesignated as 'E' (Royal Green Jackets) Company .

## **The Parachute Regiment**



Formed 22 June 1940 as *The Parachute Corps*. Took present title in 1942.

The regiment consisted of three regular battalions and three volunteer battalions. One volunteer battalion disbanded during *Options for Change* and another in 1999 leaving one volunteer battalion.

## **4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Parachute Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR II with Headquarters at Pudsey by amalgamation of *12th/13th (Yorkshire and Lancashire) Battalion The Parachute Regiment (TA)* and *17th (9th Durham Light Infantry) Battalion The Parachute Regiment (TA)*.<sup>6</sup>

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Pudsey from 12th/13th Battalion.

**A Company** at Grace Road, Liverpool from 12th/13th Battalion.

**B Company** at Oldham from 12th/13th Battalion.

**C Company** at Gateshead from 17th Battalion.

**D Company** at Stockton on Tees from 17th Battalion.

**1975:** *Support Company* formed at Rochdale. disbanded 1977.

**11 July 1984:** *'16' (Lincoln) Company* formed at Lincoln with det at Leicester by transfer from *15th Battalion*.

**6 April 1993:** Battalion absorbed *15th Battalion* [page 145] and reduced to three rifle companies.

COMPANIES: **12 (Yorkshire) Company** at Pudsey with 16 (Lincoln) Det at Nottingham from *'HQ' Company* and *'16' Company*.

**13 (Lancashire) Company** at Edge Lane, Liverpool with B Det at Oldham by amalgamation of *'A' Company* and *'B' Company*.

**15 (Scottish) Company** at Glasgow with Pltns at Edinburgh and Aberdeen and det at Glenrothes. Formed by amalgamation companies *15th Battalion*.

**17 (Durham) Company** at Hebburn with MG Pltn at Stockton on Tees by amalgamation of *'C' Company* and *'D' Company*.

**1 May 1999:** Battalion reorganised as result of the *Strategic Defence Review*.

*'12' Company* became rifle company and absorbed elements *'17' Company*;

Aberdeen and Glenrothes detachments *'15' Company* closed;

*'17' Company* absorbed by *'12' Company*, MMG Pltn moved to Edinburgh;

*'13' Company* disbanded.

**1 July 1999:** Battalion absorbed *10 Battalion* [page 144] and underwent final reorganisation.

### COMPANIES:

**10 (London) Company** at White City, London with *'A' Detachment* (Mortar Pltn) at Croydon. From *'HQ' Company* and *'2' Company 10th Battalion*.

**12 (Yorkshire) Company** at Pudsey with 4 Pltn at Hebburn and Recce Pltn at Nottingham.

**15 (Scottish) Company** at Glasgow with *'B' Detachment* (MMG Pltn) at Edinburgh.

**1 April 2000:** Recce Pltn at Nottingham moved to Pudsey.

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<sup>6</sup>Some notes on locations of support platoons:

ATk Pltn: formed 1967 at Gateshead. 6.4.1993 at Troon, moved 1994 to Glasgow; disbanded 1.4.1995. Reformed 1.4.1997 at Oldham. Disbanded 1.7.1999.

MMG Pltn: formed 1967 at Oldham, moved 1984 to Liverpool, then to Stockton. Replaced by MMG Pltn at Edinburgh.

Mortar Pltn: formed 1967 at Liverpool, disbanded 1.4.1995. Reformed 1.7.1999 in 10 Coy.

## **10th (Volunteer) Battalion The Parachute Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR II with Headquarters at Chelsea, London from *10th (County of London) Battalion The Parachute Regiment (TA)*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at White City, London.

**1 Company** at White City, London.

**2 Company** at Croydon with det at Blackheath, London.

**3 Company** at Finchley, London.

**November 1971:** *Support Company* formed at Aldershot with Mortar Pltn at Leigh-on-Sea.

**1 April 1978:** '4' *Company* formed at Chelsea, London from *Defence Platoon 44 Parachute Brigade*.

**1982:?** '5' (*HSF*) *Company* formed at Chelsea.

**May 1987:** Detachment of Atk Pltn formed at Portsmouth.

**October 1987:** '2' *Company* formed detachment at St Mary's Cray.

**1 April 1992:** Battalion reorganised with three rifle companies and one support company.

'1' *Company* at White City, London disbanded.

'5' (*HSF*) *Company* disbanded.

*Support Group* formed Aldershot by redesignation of *Support Company*.

**1 April 1995:** Atk platoon and Mortar platoon disbanded.

**1 April 1997:** Mortar Pltn reformed at Aldershot.<sup>7</sup>

**1 July 1999:** Battalion disbanded.

'HQ' *Company*, '2' *Company* and Mortar Pltn amalgamated as '10' (*London*) *Company 4th Battalion* [page 143].

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<sup>7</sup>This Mortar Pltn existed outside the Fire Support Battalions, and was reintroduced to have Parachute trained mortar support. Other support platoons (Recce, MMG and Assault Pioneer) were common for all battalions. See also introduction on page 3.3.



## **15th (Scottish Volunteer) Battalion The Parachute Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR II unit with Headquarters at Glasgow from *15th (Scottish) Battalion The Parachute Regiment (TA)*.

COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Glasgow.

**A Company** at Glasgow.

**B Company** at Edinburgh.

**C Company** at Aberdeen.

**1 April 1978:** '*C*' Company formed detachment at St Andrews.

*'16' (Lincoln) Company* formed at Lincoln with det at Loughborough by redesignation *16 Independent Parachute Company*. Loughborough detachment to Leicester by 1981.

**11 July 1984:** '*16' (Lincoln) Company* transferred to *4th Battalion* without change of title.

**1984:** '*D' (Fire Support) Company* formed at Troon.

**6 April 1993:** As result of *Options for Change*, the battalion disbanded to form '*15' (Scottish) Company 4th Battalion* [page 143].

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## **16th Independent (Volunteer) Parachute Company**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR II unit at Lincoln from *16th (Lincoln) Independent Parachute Company (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Redesignated *16th (V) Independent Parachute Company*.

**1 April 1978:** Company transferred to *15th (V) Battalion*.



## **The Special Air Service Regiment**

Formed 13 May 1950. Because of status of Regiment, lineage presented here is far from complete.

### **21st Special Air Service Regiment (Artists) (Volunteers)**

1 April 1967 as TAVR II unit from *21st Special Air Service Regiment (The Artists Rifles) (TA)*.  
HQ at Chelsea, London.

SQUADRONS:

**A and B Squadrons** at Chelsea, London;

**C Squadron** at Hitchin;

**D Squadron** at Portsmouth.

**1994:** Regiment reduced from 5 to 3 Squadrons:

*A Squadron* at Chelsea, London;

*B Squadron* at Raglan Barracks, Newport;

*C Squadron* at Portsmouth;

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### **23rd Special Air Service Regiment (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR II unit from *23rd Special Air Service Regiment (TA)*.  
HQ in Birmingham.

SQUADRONS:

**A Squadron** at Solihull;

**B Squadron** at Leeds;

**C Squadron** at Rotherham;

**D Squadron** at Invergowrie.

**1 April 1975:** *A Squadron* relocated to Port Glasgow.

**1994:** Regiment reduced from 5 to 3 Squadrons:

*D Squadron* at Invergowrie with detachment at Port Glasgow.

*B Squadron* at Sandyford, Newcastle.

*G Squadron* at Manchester;

**1 July 1999:**

*D Squadron* redesignated *A Squadron*;

*B Squadron* and *G Squadron* merged to form *C Squadron*.

New *B Squadron* at Leeds;

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### **R Squadron Special Air Service Regiment (Volunteers)**

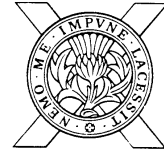
Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR I unit at Hereford. Squadron consisted of specially selected from *21st SAS Regiment* and *23rd SAS Regiment* and was attached to the regular *22nd SAS Regiment*.

Redesignated *L Detachment* later.

## **Volunteer Infantry Regiments 1967 – 2000**

## **The Lowland Volunteers**

Formed 3 June 1995 with Headquarters at East Claremont Street, Edinburgh by redesignation of similar designated units of *2nd Battalion 52nd Lowland Volunteers* [page 151].



### COMPANIES:

**HQ (Royal Scots) Company** at Dalmeny Street, Edinburgh.

**B (King's Own Scottish Borderers) Company** at Galashiels.

**C (King's Own Scottish Borderers) Company** at Dumfries.

**D (King's Own Scottish Borderers) Company** at Motherwell with Pltn (Royal Scots) at Bathgate.

### **1 July 1999:**

Battalion disbanded as result of the *Strategic Defence Review* and formed companies of the new *52nd Lowland Regiment* [page 177]:

*Royal Scots* elements reorganised as '*A*' (*Royal Scots*) *Company*;

'*B*' and '*C*' *Company* reformed as '*D*' (*King's Own Scottish Borderers*) *Company*;

'*D*' *Company* absorbed into '*C*' (*Royal Highland Fusiliers*) *Company*.

## 52nd Lowland Volunteers



Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR II unit with Headquarters at Glasgow being the successor to *The Glasgow Highlanders Battalion*, *The Highland Light Infantry (TA)*, *8th/9th Battalion The Royal Scots (TA)*, *4th/5th Battalion The Royal Scots Fusiliers (TA)*, *4th/5th Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers (TA)*, *6th/7th Battalion The Cameronians (TA)* and *5th/6th Battalion The Highland Light Infantry (TA)*. Companies wear the same badge, but dress and traditions are according to their predecessor.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ (The Glasgow Highlanders) Company** at Glasgow. Formed from *The Glasgow Highlanders Battalion* *The Highland Light Infantry (TA)*.

**A (The Royal Scots) Company** at Edinburgh and Bathgate. Formed from *8th/9th Battalion The Royal Scots (TA)*.

**B (The Royal Scots Fusiliers) Company** at Ayr. Formed from *4th/5th Battalion The Royal Scots Fusiliers (TA)*.

**C (The King's Own Scottish Borderers) Company** at Dumfries. Formed from *4th/5th Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers (TA)*.

**D (The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)) Company** at Hamilton. Formed from *6th/7th Battalion The Cameronians (TA)*.

**E (The Highland Light Infantry) Company** at Glasgow. Formed from *5th/6th Battalion The Highland Light Infantry (TA)*.

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## 1st Battalion 52nd Lowland Volunteers

Redesignated 1 April 1971 upon formation of *2nd Battalion*.<sup>8</sup>

COMPANIES:

**HQ (The Glasgow Highlanders)** at Glasgow;

**A (The Royal Scots) Company** at Edinburgh and Bathgate;

**B (The Royal Scots Fusiliers) Company** at Ayr;

**C (The King's Own Scottish Borderers) Company** at Dumfries;

**D (The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)) Company** at Hamilton;

**E (The Highland Light Infantry) Company** at Glasgow.

**January 1982:** 'A' Company at Edinburgh and Bathgate transferred as '2' Company *2nd Battalion*. New 'A' (*Royal Highland Fusiliers*) Company formed at Glasgow by redesignation of '2' Company *2nd Battalion*.

**1984:** 'F' (HSF) Company at Ayr and 'G' (HSF) Company at Dumfries formed.

**1 April 1992:** Battalion reduced to three rifle company order of battle.

'C' (KOSB) Company at Dumfries transferred as 'C' Company *2nd Battalion*; 'D' Company at Hamilton disbanded.

'F' (HSF) Company and 'G' (HSF) Company disbanded.

## 3 June 1995:

*52nd Lowland Volunteers* were disbanded and *1st Battalion* redesignated as *3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment)* [page 111].

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<sup>8</sup>According to Frederick, HQ, A and E Coys were subtitled '(Royal Highland Fusiliers)' by 1973. However, RHQ Royal Highland Fusiliers writes they kept titles until 1995.

## 2nd Battalion 52nd Lowland Volunteers

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Edinburgh from cadres of 8th/9th (T) Battalion The Royal Scots, 3rd (T) Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers, 4th/5th (T) Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers and 6th/7th (T) Battalion The Cameronians.

### COMPANIES:

**No.1 (The Royal Scots) Company** at Penicuik from cadre 8th/9th (T) Battalion The Royal Scots.

**No.2 (Royal Highland Fusiliers) Company** at Glasgow from cadre 3rd (T) Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers.

**No.3 (King's Own Scottish Borderers) Company** at Galashiels with det at Dumfries from cadre 4th/5th (T) Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers. Consolidated at Galashiels later.

**No.4 (Cameronians) Company** at Motherwell from cadre 6th/7th (T) Battalion The Cameronians.

**January 1982:** No.2 Company transferred as 'A' Company 1st Battalion; new No.2 (Royal Scots) Company formed at Edinburgh and Bathgate by redesignated of 'A' Company 1st Battalion.

**1984:** '5' (Home Service Force) Company formed at Edinburgh.

**October 1985** battalion adopted lettered company designations.

**1 April 1992:** Battalion reorganised into three rifle company establishment. 'E' (HSF) Company disbanded. 'A' Company at Penicuik disbanded; 'B' Company absorbed by 'HQ' Company with Bathgate platoon to 'D' Company.

'B' (King's Own Scottish Borderers) Company formed at Galashiels by redesignation part 'C' Company. 'C' Company consolidated at Dumfries by merger Dumfries elements 'C' Company and 'C' Company 1st Battalion;

'D' Company at Motherwell subtitled '(King's Own Scottish Borderers)' and formed platoon at Bathgate which remained Royal Scots.<sup>9</sup>

### 3 June 1995:

52nd Lowland Volunteers were disbanded and 2nd Battalion redesignated as *The Lowland Volunteers* [page 148].

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<sup>9</sup>There is another explanation since RHQ Royal Scots mentions 'A' Company between 1992 and 1995. The Royal Scots and KOSB were scheduled for amalgamation during Options, and 2/52 Lowland would become its TA battalion. All KOSB elements from 1/52 Lowland (C Coy) merged with C Coy 2/52 Lowland to form a large company at Dumfries and Galashiels. D Coy became also KOSB. A Coy disbanded in favour of B Coy which became A Coy, leaving B Coy in anticipation for new KOSB Company from Galashiels elements to be formed when the amalgamation should take place. By then A Coy would merge with HQ Coy leaving HQ/HQ Coy at Edinburgh and B/C/D Coy at Galashiels, Dumfries and Motherwell respectively. Amalgamation plans were rescinded, and 2/52 Lowland became Lowland.

## **The London Regiment**

Formed 20 April 1993 with Headquarters at Battersea, London by union of *8th Battalion The Queen's Fusiliers* [page 83], *The London Scottish* [page 173] and *The London Irish Rifles* [page 121].  
The companies each wear the capbadge of their former regiment.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ (Anzio) Company** at Battersea, London with Recce and Assault Pioneer Pltns at Camberwell, GPMG Pltn at Edgware. Formed by redesignation of '*HQ' Company 8th Battalion The Queen's Fusiliers* and elements '*A' Company*.'

The battle honour *Anzio* is shared by all the regiments represented by the four rifle companies. Members of '*HQ' Company* wear capbadge of individual preference.

**A (London Scottish) Company** at Westminster, London with Pltn at Catford, London. Formed by redesignation of '*G' Company 1st Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers*.'

**B (Queen's Regiment) Company** at Edgware with Pltn at Hornsey, London. Formed by redesignation of '*B' Company 8th Battalion The Queen's Fusiliers*.'

**C (City of London Fusiliers) Company** at Balham, London. Formed by redesignation of '*C' Company 8th Battalion The Queen's Fusiliers*.'

**D (London Irish Rifles) Company** at Chelsea, London. Formed by redesignation of '*D' Company 4th Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers*.'

**1995:** Support platoons in '*HQ' (Anzio) Company* were transferred to rifle companies. Recce Pltn to '*A' (London Scottish) Company*, GPMG Pltn to '*B' (Queen's Regiment) Company*, Assault Pioneer Pltn to '*C' (City of London Fusiliers) Company*. November 1997, Recce Pltn under OPCOM '*HQ' (Anzio) Company*.'

**1 May 1999:** Recce Pltn at Camberwell under OPCOM '*D' (London Irish Rifles) Company*.'

**1 July 1999:** Regiment reorganised and absorbed *4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Green Jackets* [page 140], forming two additional companies, as result of the *Strategic Defence Review*.

*'F' (Royal Green Jackets) Company* at Fulham, London and Davies Street, London, including Mortar Pltn. Formed by amalgamation of '*B' Company* and '*HQ' Company 4th Battalion The Royal Green Jackets*.'

*'G' (Royal Green Jackets) Company* at West Ham, London, including Recce Pltn. Formed by redesignation of '*A' Company 4th Battalion The Royal Green Jackets*.'

Moreover: GPMG Pltn moved to Catford, London under OPCOM '*A' (London Scottish) Company*.'

*'C' Company* consolidated at Balham; '*D' Company* moved to Camberwell with *13 (Cambrai) Platoon* at Chelsea.



## Lancastrian Volunteers



Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR II unit with Headquarters at Warrington as successor to *4th Battalion The South Lancashire Regiment (TA)*, *4th Battalion The Border Regiment (TA)*, *5th Battalion The King's Regiment (TA)*, *8th and 9th Battalion The Manchester Regiment (TA)* and *5th Battalion The Loyal Regiment (TA)*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company (Lancashire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Volunteers))** at Warrington. Formed from *4th Battalion The South Lancashire Regiment (TA)*.

**A Company (King's Own Border)** at Carlisle from *4th Battalion The Border Regiment (TA)*.

**B Company (King's)** at Liverpool from *5th Battalion The King's Regiment (TA)*.

**C Company (Manchester)** at Manchester from *8th and 9th Battalion The Manchester Regiment (TA)*.

**D Company (Loyals)** at Preston from *5th Battalion The Loyal Regiment (TA)*.

**1 January 1969:** 'D' Company formed detachment at Blackpool from 'C' Company *4th/5th (T) Battalion The King's Own Royal Regiment* [page 193].

**31 March 1969** 'E' Company (King's Own) formed at Lancaster and Barrow-in-Furness from *4th/5th (T) Battalion The King's Own Royal Regiment* and *4th Battalion (T) The East Lancashire Regiment*; approved 15 December 1969.

**1 April 1971:** 'D' Company at Preston and Blackpool transferred as 'D' Company 2nd Battalion.

## 1st Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers

Redesignated 1 April 1971. Headquarters at Warrington.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company (Lancashire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Volunteers))** at Warrington.

**A Company (King's Own Border)** at Carlisle.

**B Company (King's)** at Liverpool.

**C Company (Manchester)** at Manchester.

**E Company (King's Own)** at Lancaster and Barrow-in-Furness.

**8 October 1973:** subtitles dropped.

**1 April 1975:** Battalion disbanded.

Headquarters formed Headquarters *5th/8th (Volunteer) Battalion The King's Regiment* [page 91].

'HQ' Company, 'B' Company and 'C' Company redesignated as 'HQ' Company, 'B' Company and 'C' Company *5th/8th (Volunteer) Battalion The King's Regiment*;

'A' Company and 'E' Company redesignated as 'A' Company and 'B' Company *4th (Volunteer) Battalion The King's Own Royal Border Regiment* [page 85].

## 2nd Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Preston from cadres of *4th Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment* and *8th/9th Battalion The Manchester Regiment*.

### COMPANIES:

**A (East Lancashire) Company** at Burnley with detachment at Haslingden. Formed from cadre *4th Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment*.

**B Company** at Liverpool. New formed.

**C (Manchester) Company** at Ashton under Lyne. Formed from cadre *8th/9th Battalion The Manchester Regiment*.

**D Company** at Preston with detachments at Blackpool and Blackburn. Formed by transfer of 'D' Company *1st Battalion*.

**8 October 1973:** subtitles dropped.

**1974:** 'B' Company in Liverpool was transferred from Battalion;

'D' Company at Preston redesignated 'B' Company.

**1 April 1975:** Battalion disbanded.

Headquarters formed Headquarters *4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment* [page 128].

'A' Company, 'B' Company and 'C' Company redesignated as 'A' Company, 'B' Company and 'C' Company *4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment* respectively;

Old 'B' Company at Liverpool redesignated as 'D' Company *5th/8th (Volunteer) Battalion The King's Regiment* [page 91].

## Northumbrian Volunteers

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Bishop Auckland from cadres of *The County of Durham Regiment RA*, *4th Battalion The Border Regiment*, *4th/5th/6th* and *7th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers* and *6th/8th Battalion The Durham Light Infantry*.

### COMPANIES:

**A (Durham Royal Artillery) Battery** at Hordern. Formed from cadre *The County of Durham Regiment RA*.

**B (4th Border Regiment) Company** at Kendal and Penrith. Formed from cadre *4th Battalion The Border Regiment*.

**C (4th/5th/6th Royal Northumberland Fusiliers) Company** at Newcastle and Gosforth. Formed from cadre *4th/5th/6th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers*.

**D (7th Royal Northumberland Fusiliers) Company** at Alnwick and Berwick upon Tweed. Formed from cadre *7th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers*.

**E (6th/8th Durham Light Infantry) Company** at Hordern. Formed from cadre *6th/8th Battalion The Durham Light Infantry*; later to Hebburn.

**1 April 1975:** Unit disbanded.

Headquarters formed Headquarters *7th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)* [page 103].

'HQ' Company, 'A' Company and 'E' Company redesignated as 'HQ' Company, 'A' Company and 'B' Company *7th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)*.

'B' Company at Kendal became 'C' Company *4th (Volunteer) Battalion The King's Own Royal Border Regiment* [page 85].

'C' Company at Newcastle and Gosforth and 'D' Company at Alnwick and Berwick reorganised as 'Y' Company and 'HQ' Company *6th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers* [page 89].

## **The Light Infantry and Mercian Volunteers**

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Wolverhampton from cadres of *The Worcestershire Regiment*, *5th/6th Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment* and *The King's Shropshire and Herefordshire Light Infantry*.

### COMPANIES:

**A (Worcestershire Regiment) Company** at Worcester. Formed from cadre *The Worcestershire Regiment*.

**B (5th/6th Battalion Staffordshire Regiment) Company** at Stoke-on-Trent. Formed from cadre *5th/6th Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment*.

**C (King's Shropshire Light Infantry) Company** at Wellington. Formed from cadre *The King's Shropshire and Herefordshire Light Infantry*.

**D (Herefordshire Light Infantry) Company** at Ross-on-Wye. Formed from cadre *The King's Shropshire and Herefordshire Light Infantry*.

**E Company** at Walsall. Formed originally as a platoon, but expanded to a company.

**1 April 1975:** Battalion reorganised to form *2nd Battalion Mercian Volunteers* [page 169].

'A' Company at Worcester, 'B' Company at Stoke and 'E' Company at Walsall reorganised as 'A', 'B' and 'D' Company *2nd Battalion Mercian Volunteers* respectively.

'C' Company at Wellington redesignated as 'E' Company *5th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)* [page 99];

'D' Company at Ross-on-Wye redesignated as 'D' Company *6th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)* [page 101].

## The Wessex Regiment

(Wessex Volunteers from 1967 - 1972)



Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Exeter as TAVR II unit being the successor to *5th Battalion The Gloucestershire Regiment (TA)*, *4th Battalion The Devonshire Regiment (TA)*, *4th/5th Battalion The Royal Hampshire Regiment (TA)*, *4th Battalion The Dorset Regiment (TA)* and *4th/6th Battalion The Royal Berkshire Regiment (TA)*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company (Devon)** at Exeter. Formed from *4th Battalion The Devonshire Regiment (TA)*. 1.4.1975 Company redesignated 'E' Coy.

**A Company (Gloucester)** at Gloucester with Pltns at Bristol and Cheltenham formed from *5th Battalion The Gloucestershire Regiment (TA)*.

**B Company (Hampshire)** at Winchester with Pltns at Basingstoke and Newport, IOW formed from *4th/5th Battalion The Royal Hampshire Regiment (TA)*.

**C Company (Dorset)** at Dorchester with Pltn at Poole formed from *4th Battalion The Dorset Regiment (TA)* and elements 294 (*Dorset Yeomanry*) *Field Regiment RA (TA)*.

**D Company (Berkshire)** at Reading with Pltn at Swindon formed from *4th/6th Battalion The Royal Berkshire Regiment (TA)*.

**1970:** 'E' Company (Devon) formed at Exeter with Pltns at Plymouth and Barnstaple by reorganisation 'HQ' Company. New 'HQ' Company formed at Trowbridge from 'A' Company *The Royal Wiltshire Territorials*. Headquarters moved to Trowbridge.

### 1st Battalion Wessex Volunteers

Redesignated 1 April 1971. Headquarters at Trowbridge.

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### **1st Battalion The Wessex Regiment (Rifle Volunteers)**

Redesignated 30 March 1972. Headquarters at Devizes.

**1 April 1975:** 'HQ' Company at Exeter redesignated 'E' Company; 'D' Company at Reading and Swindon transferred as 'D' Company 2nd Battalion.

New 'HQ' Company formed at Devizes from cadre 4th Battalion The Wiltshire Regiment; new 'D' Company formed at Poole by expansion platoon 'C' Company and 'D' Company 2nd Battalion establishing 'C' Company at Dorchester and Weymouth and 'D' Company at Poole and Bournemouth.

**1986:** 'B' Company at Winchester redesignated 'B' Company 2nd Battalion; new 'B' Company formed at Swindon from elements 'D' Company 2nd Battalion.

**12 October 1987:** 'E' Company at Exeter transferred as 'E' Company 4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment [page 97].

**December 1990:** 'C' Company at Dorchester transferred as 'C' Company 4th Battalion The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment; new 'C' Company formed at Newbury by transfer of '?' Company 2nd Battalion;

For 'HQ' Company: Mortar Platoon at Andover, Anti-Tank Platoon at Gloucester, Recce Platoon at Cheltenham, Assault Pioneer Platoon at Cinderford.

**1992:** Battalion reduced into three rifle companies order of battle. Reorganisation completed by 1 April 1995.

**June 1992:** 'D' Company at Poole transferred as 'D' Company 4th Battalion The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment.

'B' Company at Swindon and 'C' Company at Newbury transferred to 2nd Battalion.

New 'B' Company formed at Bristol from Bristol platoons 'A' Company and 245 Ambulance Squadron 155 Transport Regiment RCT (V) [page 207]; new 'C' Company formed at Cheltenham and Tewkesbury from existing elements.

Anti-Tank Platoon to Stroud.

**6 October 1995:** Battalion disbanded and amalgamated with 2nd Battalion to form 2nd (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment [page 123].

'A' Company and 'C' Company amalgamated as 'A' (Gloucester) Company;

'B' Company redesignated 'B' (City of Bristol) Company;

'HQ' Company reorganised as 'C' (Wiltshire) Company.

## 2nd Battalion Wessex Volunteers

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Brock Barracks, Reading from cadres of *The Buckinghamshire Regiment RA*, *The Royal Berkshire Territorials*, *The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Territorials* and *The Dorset Territorials*.

COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Reading.

**A (Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry) Company** at Bletchley from cadre *The Buckinghamshire Regiment RA*.

**B (Duke of Connaught's) Company** at Portsmouth from cadre *The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Territorials*.

**C (Royal Berkshire) Company** at Maidenhead, Slough and Basingstoke from cadre *The Royal Berkshire Territorials*.

**D (Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry) Company** at Poole, Bournemouth and Weymouth. Formed from cadre *The Dorset Territorials*.

later: 'A' Company at Portsmouth and 'B' Company at Bletchley.

## 2nd Battalion The Wessex Regiment (Volunteers)

Redesignated 30 March 1972. Headquarters at Brock Barracks, Reading.

No change in companies.

**1 April 1975:** 'D' Company at Poole redesignated 'D' Company 1st Battalion. New 'D' Company formed at Reading and Swindon by redesignation 'D' Company 1st Battalion.

**1984:** 'E' (HSF) Company formed at Reading, Maidenhead, Winchester and Portsmouth.

**1986:** 'B' Company at Bletchley disbanded. New 'B' Company formed at Winchester, Southampton and Newport, IOW by transfer 'B' Company 1st Battalion.

Swindon platoon 'D' Company formed nucleus 'B' Company 1st Battalion.

**1992:** Battalion reduced into three rifle companies order of battle.

**9 September 1992:** 'A' Company and 'B' Company reformed as 'C' Company 6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion *The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment* [page 77].

New '?' Company formed at Swindon by transfer 'B' Company 1st Battalion; new '?' Company formed at Newbury by transfer 'C' Company 1st Battalion. 'C' Company moved to Slough.

'E' (HSF) Company disbanded.

**6 October 1995:** Battalion disbanded and amalgamated with 1st Battalion to form 2nd (Volunteer) Battalion *The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment* [page 123].

'HQ'/'D' Company redesignated as 'HQ' (Berkshire) Company and 'Swindon?' Company reorganised as part of 'C' Company.

'C' Company converted as 'D' (Berkshire Yeomanry) Squadron Royal Yeomanry [page 17].

## Yorkshire Volunteers



Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Lumley Barracks, York as TAVR II unit being the successor to *3rd Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (TA)*, *4th/5th Battalion The Green Howards (TA)*, *The West Riding Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (TA)* and *The Hallamshire Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment (TA)*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Lumley Barracks, York. Formed from *3rd Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (TA)*.

**A (The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire) Company** at Lumley Barracks, York from *3rd Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (TA)*.

**B (The Green Howards) Company** at Stockton Road, Middlesbrough with detachment at Scarborough from *4th/5th Battalion The Green Howards (TA)*.

**C (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) Company** at Halifax with detachment at Keighley from *The West Riding Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (TA)*.

**D (Hallamshire) Company** at Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield with detachments at Rotherham and Barnsley from *The Hallamshire Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment (TA)*.

**1969:** 'B' Company formed detachment at Guisborough from *The Green Howards Territorials* [page 192].

**1 December 1969** 'E' (*The Leeds Rifles*) Company formed at Carlton Barracks, Leeds with detachment at Castleford from *The Leeds Rifles Territorials* [page 194].

**1 April 1971:** Scarborough detachment 'B' Company transferred to form 'D' Company 2nd Battalion.

## 1st Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers

Redesignated 1 April 1971. Headquarters at Lumley Barracks, York.

**1973:** 'C' Company withdrew for Keighley in favour of 3rd Battalion.

**1 April 1973:** 'E' Company withdrew from Castleford in favour of 2nd Battalion.

**1 April 1975:** 'D' Company withdrew from Rotherham and Barnsley in favour of 3rd Battalion.

**1 December 1977:** 'A' Company at Colliergate, York transferred as 'A' Company 2nd Battalion; new 'A' Company formed by redesignation of 'E' Company at Carlton Barracks, Leeds;

**1 April 1978:** new 'E' (*The York and Lancaster Regiment*) Company formed at Doncaster from detachment 'B' Company 3rd Battalion.

**1978:** 'D' Company formed detachment at Middlewood Road, Sheffield;

**1979:** 'A' Company formed detachment at Harrogate.

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**1986:** *'G' Company* (interim designation) formed at Guisborough from detachment *'B' Company*; *'H' Company* (interim designation) formed at Harrogate with detachment at Northallerton from *'A' Company 1st Battalion* and *'A' Company 2nd Battalion* (by 1.1.1987); *'K' Company* (interim designation) formed at Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough from personnel *'B' Company*.

**1 January 1987:** *'D' Company* at Sheffield transferred as *'D' Company 4th Battalion*;

**1 January 1988:** *'A' Company* at Carlton Barracks, Leeds transferred as *'B' Company 3rd Battalion*; *'C' Company* at Halifax transferred as *'C' Company 3rd Battalion*; *'E' Company* at Doncaster transferred as *'C' Company 4th Battalion*.

New *'A' (The Green Howards) Company* at Guisborough and Loftus by redesignation *'G' Company*;

new *'C' (The Green Howards) Company* at Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough by redesignation of *'K' Company*;

new *'D' (The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire) Company* at Harrogate with Pltn at Northallerton by redesignation of *'H' Company*.

## 1st Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers (Cleveland)

Redesignated 17 January 1989. Headquarters at Lumley Barracks, York.

COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Lumley Barracks, York;

**A (The Green Howards) Company** at Guisborough and Loftus;

**B (The Green Howards) Company** at Stockton Road, Middlesbrough;

**C (The Green Howards) Company** at Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough;

**D (The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire) Company** at Harrogate with Pltn at Northallerton.

**4 April 1992:** Battalion reduced to three rifle company establishment.

*'A' (The Green Howards) Company* formed at Scarborough with detachments at Guisborough and Whitby by amalgamation of *'D' Company 2nd Battalion* and *'A' Company 1st Battalion*;

*'C' Company* disbanded to become detachment of *'HQ' Company*;

*'D' Company* redesignated as *'C' Company*.

**15 December 1992:** Headquarters and *'HQ' Company* established at Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough in favour of *2nd Battalion*.

**25 April 1993:**

Battalion redesignated *4th/5th Battalion The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment) (Yorkshire Volunteers)* [page 109].

## 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Colliergate, York from cadres of *3rd Battalion (T) The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire*, *The Humber Regiment RA*, *The Leeds Rifles The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire*, *The Green Howards Territorials* and *4th (T) Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Colliergate, York. Formed from part 'A' Company 1st Battalion and cadre 3rd Battalion (T) *The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire*.

**A (The Humber Artillery) Company** at Wenlock Barracks, Hull. Formed from cadre *The Humber Regiment RA*.

**B (The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire) Company** at Londesborough Barracks, Hull. Formed from cadre 3rd (T) Battalion *The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire*.

**C (The Leeds Rifles) Company** at Castleford. Formed from cadre *The Leeds Rifles The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire*.

**D (The Green Howards) Company** at Scarborough with dets at Whitby and Bridlington. Formed from detachment 'B' Company 1st Battalion and cadre 4th/5th (T) Battalion *The Green Howards*.

**E (The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry) Company** at Wakefield with det at Pontefract. Formed from cadre 4th (T) Battalion *The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry*.

**1 April 1975:** 'E' Company at Wakefield and Pontefract transferred as 'C' Company 7th Battalion *The Light Infantry (Volunteers)* [page 103].

1977 Battalion became a NATO roled Battalion.

**1 December 1977:** 'A' Company amalgamated with 'B' Company and consolidated at Londesborough Barracks, Hull;

new 'A' (*The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire*) Company formed at Colliergate, York with detachments at Northallerton and Selby by redesignation of 'A' Company 1st Battalion.

**1978:** 'HQ' Company formed Mortar Pltn at Beverley. Headquarters and 'HQ' Company now located at Worsley Barracks, York.

**October 1980:** 'C' Company formed platoon at Batley.

**1982:?** 'H' (HSF) Company formed at Colliergate, York.

**15 January 1986:** Batley Pltn 'C' Company transferred as nucleus of 'C' Company 6th Battalion *The Light Infantry (Volunteers)* [page 105]. April 1986: 'C' Company formed new platoon at Goole.

**1 January 1987:** Northallerton detachment 'A' Company transferred to 'H' Company 1st Battalion.

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## 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers (Yorkshire and Humberside)

Redesignated 17 January 1989. Headquarters at Worsley Barracks, York.

No change in companies.

**1 April 1991:** *'E' (The Humber Artillery) Company* reformed at Mona House, Hull from elements *2nd Battalion* and partly from *129 (East Riding) Field Squadron RE (V)*.

**4 April 1992:** Battalion reorganised with three rifle companies.

*'A' Company* formed detachment at Goole from *'C' Company*; Selby detachment closed. 15 December 1992 elements at Colliergate moved to Lumley Barracks, York.

*'C' Company* at Castleford amalgamated with *'B' Company 3rd Battalion* at Carlton Barracks, Leeds, establishing *'B' (The Leeds Rifles) Company* at Carlton Barracks, Leeds with Pltn at Castleford; Goole detachment transferred to *'A' Company*. 2 December 1992 elements at Leeds moved to Harewood Barracks, Leeds.

*'D' Company* transferred as *'A' Company 1st Battalion*, Bridlington closed.

*'E' Company* at Mona House, Hull absorbed by *'B' Company*; *'B' Company* moved to Mona House, Hull.

*'H' (HSF) Company* disbanded.

**25 April 1993:**

Battalion redesignated *3rd Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (Yorkshire Volunteers)* [page 107].

### 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Huddersfield from cadres of *The West Riding Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment*, *The West Riding Regiment, RA*, *The Sheffield Artillery Volunteers, RA* and *The Hallamshire Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment*.

#### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Huddersfield. Formed from cadre *The West Riding Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment*.

**A (The West Riding Artillery) Battery** at Bradford with det at Keighley. Formed from cadre *The West Riding Regiment RA*. Later redesignated *Company*.

**B (The Sheffield Artillery Volunteers) Battery** at Rotherham. Formed from cadre *The Sheffield Artillery Volunteers RA*. Later redesignated *Company*.

**C (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) Company** at Huddersfield. Formed from cadre *The West Riding Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment*.

**D (Hallamshire) Company** at Barnsley. Formed from cadre *The Hallamshire Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment*.

**1975:** 'A' Company Headquarters moved to Keighley, retaining detachment at Bradford.

**1984:** 'H' (HSF) Company formed at Huddersfield.

**1 January 1988:** 'B' Company at Rotherham and 'D' Company at Barnsley transferred to 4th Battalion as 'B' Company and 'A' Company respectively;

New 'B' (The Leeds Rifles) Company formed at Leeds by transfer of 'A' Company 1st Battalion; new 'D' (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) Company formed at Halifax by transfer of 'C' Company 1st Battalion.

### 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers (West Yorkshire)

Redesignated 17 January 1989. Headquarters at Huddersfield.

#### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Huddersfield.

**A (The West Riding Artillery) Battery** at Keighley with det at Bradford.

**B (The Leeds Rifles) Company** at Leeds.

**C (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) Company** at Huddersfield.

**D (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) Company** at Halifax.

#### 4 April 1992:

Battalion amalgamated with 4th Battalion to form 3rd/4th Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers [page 166]:

'HQ' Company disbanded, personnel to 'HQ' Company and 'C' Company;

'A' Company and 'D' Company amalgamated to form 'B (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) Company';

'C' Company redesignated as 'C' (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) Company.

'B' Company at Leeds transferred as 'C' (The Leeds Rifles) Company 2nd Battalion [page 162].

'H' (HSF) Company disbanded.

## 4th Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers

Formed 1 January 1988 with Headquarters at Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ (The Sheffield Artillery Volunteers) Company** at Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield. Formed 6 April 1986.

**A (Hallamshire) Company** at Eastgate, Barnsley. Formed by redesignation of '*D*' Company 3rd Battalion.

**B (The Sheffield Artillery Volunteers) Company** at Rotherham. Formed by redesignation of '*B*' Company 3rd Battalion.

**C (The York and Lancaster Regiment) Company** at Doncaster. Formed by redesignation of '*E*' Company 1st Battalion.

**D (Hallamshire) Company** at Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield. Formed 1 January 1987 by redesignation of '*D*' Company 1st Battalion.

**H (The York and Lancaster Regiment) (HSF) Company** at Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield, Doncaster, Rotherham and Barnsley.

## 4th Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers (South Yorkshire)

Redesignated 17 January 1989. Headquarters at Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield.

No change in companies.

### 4 April 1992:

Battalion amalgamated with 3rd Battalion to form 3rd/4th Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers [page 166]:

Headquarters formed Headquarters of new Battalion;

'HQ' Company and '*D*' Company amalgamated with '*HQ*' Company 3rd Battalion to form '*HQ*' (Hallamshire) Company;

'*A*' Company and '*B*' Company amalgamated to form '*A*' (The Sheffield Artillery Volunteers) Company with company headquarters to Wakefield Road, Barnsley ;

'*C*' Company at Doncaster redesignated as '*C*' Company 8th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers) [page 105].

'*H*' (HSF) Company disbanded.

### 3rd/4th Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers

Formed 4 April 1992 with Headquarters at Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield by amalgamation of *3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers (West Yorkshire)* [page 164] and *4th Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers (South Yorkshire)* [page 165].

#### COMPANIES:

**HQ (Hallamshire) Company** at Endcliffe Hall, Sheffield. Formed by amalgamation of 'HQ' Company 3rd Battalion, 'HQ' Company 4th Battalion and 'D' Company 4th Battalion.

**A (The Sheffield Artillery Volunteers) Company** at Wakefield Road, Barnsley with dets at Rotherham and Eastgate, Barnsley. Formed by amalgamation of 'A' Company and 'B' Company 4th Battalion.

**B (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) Company** at Halifax with det at Keigley. Formed by amalgamation of 'D' Company 3rd Battalion with 'A' Company 3rd Battalion.

**C (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) Company** at Huddersfield. Formed by redesignation of 'C' Company 3rd Battalion.

#### 25 April 1993:

Battalion redesignated *3rd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) (Yorkshire Volunteers)* [page 130].

## Mercian Volunteers



Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Walsall as TAVR II unit being successor to *5th Battalion The South Staffordshire Regiment (TA)*, *7th Battalion The Cheshire Regiment (TA)*, *7th Battalion The Worcestershire Regiment (TA)*, *5th/6th Battalion The North Staffordshire Regiment (TA)* and *5th/8th Battalion The Sherwood Foresters (TA)*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company (Staffordshire)** at Walsall. Formed from *5th Battalion The South Staffordshire Regiment (TA)*.

**A Company (Cheshire)** at Stockport. Formed from *7th Battalion The Cheshire Regiment (TA)*.

**B Company (Worcestershire)** at Kidderminster. Formed from *7th Battalion The Worcestershire Regiment (TA)*.

**C Company (Staffordshire)** at Burton-on-Trent. Formed from *5th/6th Battalion The North Staffordshire Regiment (TA)*.

**D Company (Sherwood Foresters)** at Nottingham. Formed from *5th/8th Battalion The Sherwood Foresters (TA)*.

**1 January 1969:** *'B' Company* formed platoon at Worcester from personnel of *'P' Battery The Worcestershire Territorial Regiment RA*.

**1 April 1971:** *'E' Company (Cheshire)* formed at Ellesmere Port from cadre *4th/7th (T) Battalion The Cheshire Regiment*.

**1 April 1975:** *'E' Company* at Ellesmere Port transferred as *'C' Company 2nd Battalion*.

*'C' Company* formed platoon at Rugeley.

Headquarters moved to Wolseley House, Wolverhampton (ex *Light Infantry and Mercian Volunteers* [page 156]).

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## 1st Battalion Mercian Volunteers

Redesignated 1 April 1975. Headquarters at Wolseley House, Wolverhampton.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company (Staffordshire)** at Walsall. Mortar Pltn at Droiwitch, Worcester; Anti-Tank Pltn at Sutton-in-Ashfield.

**A Company (Cheshire)** at Stockport.

**B Company (Worcestershire)** at Kidderminster with Pltn at Worcester.

**C Company (Staffordshire)** at Burton-on-Trent with Pltn at Rugeley.

**D Company (Sherwood Foresters)** at Nottingham.

**1984:** 'G' (HSF) Company formed at Kidderminster.

### 5 April 1988:

Battalion disbanded, Headquarters formed Headquarters *3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's)* [page 132].

'C' Company redesignated as 'C' Company *3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment*;

'B' Company and 'D' Company redesignated as 'B' Company and 'D' Company *4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment* respectively [page 126];

'A' Company redesignated as 'A' Company *3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Cheshire Regiment* [page 113].

'G' (HSF) Company merged into 'F' (HSF) Company *2nd Battalion Mercian Volunteers*.



## 2nd Battalion Mercian Volunteers

Formed 1 April 1975 with Headquarters at Walsall with companies from the late *Light Infantry and Mercian Volunteers* [page 156] and *1st Battalion*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Shirley. Formed from the late *The Light Infantry and Mercian Volunteers*.

**A Company** at Worcester with Pltn at Stourport by redesignation of 'A' Company *The Light Infantry and Mercian Volunteers*.

**B Company** at Stoke-on-Trent with Pltn at Crewe by redesignation of 'B' Company *The Light Infantry and Mercian Volunteers*.

**C Company** at Ellesmere Port with Pltn at Northwich by redesignation of 'E' Company *1st Battalion*.

**D Company** at Walsall by redesignation of 'E' Company *The Light Infantry and Mercian Volunteers*.

**1984:** 'F' (HSF) Company formed as Worcester.

### 5 April 1988:

Battalion disbanded, with companies being transferred as follows:

'A' Company and 'F' (HSF) Company redesignated as 'A' Company and 'F' (HSF) Company 4th (Volunteer) Battalion *The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment* [page 126];

'B' Company and 'D' Company redesignated as 'B' Company and 'D' Company 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion *The Staffordshire Regiment* [page 132];

'C' Company became 'C' Company 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion *The Cheshire Regiment* [page 113].

## Welsh Volunteers

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR II unit with Headquarters at Maindy Barracks, Cardiff as successor to *4th* and *6th/7th Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers (TA)*, *2nd Battalion The Monmouthshire Regiment (TA)* and *5th* and *6th Battalion The Welch Regiment (TA)*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Maindy Barracks, Cardiff. Formed from *6th Battalion The Welch Regiment (TA)*.

**A Company (Royal Welch Fusiliers)** at Wrexham. Formed from *4th Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers (TA)* and some from *6th/7th (TA) Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers*.

**B Company (South Wales Borderers)** at Newport. Formed from *2nd Battalion The Monmouthshire Regiment (TA)*.

**C Company (Welch)** at Pontypridd and Bridgend. Formed from *5th Battalion The Welch Regiment (TA)*.

**1 January 1969:** *D Company (Royal Welch Fusiliers)* formed at Caernarvon and Aberystwyth from *6th/7th (T) Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers* [page 199].

*'A' Company* formed detached platoons at Prestayn and Colwyn Bay from elements *The Flintshire and Denbighshire Yeomanry RA (T)* [page 40] and *208 Battery 103 Lt AD Regiment RA (V)* [page 35].

**1 April 1971:** Unit disbanded.

*'HQ', 'B' and 'C' Company* redesignated as *'HQ', 'B' and 'C' Company 3rd (Volunteer) The Royal Regiment of Wales* respectively [page 118].

*'A' Company* at Wrexham and *'D' Company* at Caernarvon redesignated as *'A' (4th Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers) Company* and *'D' (6th/7th Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers) Company 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers* [page 115].

## North Irish Militia

TAVR II unit formed 1 April 1967 as successor to *5th Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (TA)*, *6th Battalion The Royal Ulster Rifles (TA)*, *5th Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers (TA)* and *1st Battalion The London Irish Rifles, The Royal Ulster Rifles (TA)*.



### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Portadown from *5th Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (TA)*.

**A (Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers) Company** at Omagh with det at Enniskillen from *5th Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (TA)*.

**B (Royal Ulster Rifles) Company** at Newtownabbey, Belfast from *6th Battalion The Royal Ulster Rifles (TA)*.

**C (Royal Irish Fusiliers) Company** at Portadown from *5th Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers (TA)*.

**D (London Irish Rifles) Company** at Chelsea, London and Hillington, Middlesex from *1st Battalion The London Irish Rifles, The Royal Ulster Rifles (TA)*.

### 18 April 1978:

Redesignated *4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers (North Irish Militia)* [page 121].

## 51st Highland Volunteers



Formed 1 April 1967 as *51st Highland Volunteers* with Headquarters at Perth as TAVR II unit being the successor to the following Territorial Army battalions: *4th/5th and 6th/7th Battalion The Black Watch (TA)*, *11th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders (TA)*, *4th/5th Battalion The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders (TA)*, *3rd Battalion The Gordon Highlanders (TA)*, *7th and 8th Battalions The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (TA)*, *1st Battalion The London Scottish (TA)* and *1st Battalion The Liverpool Scottish (TA)*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company (Black Watch)** at Perth. Formed from *6th/7th Battalion The Black Watch (TA)*.

**A Company (Black Watch)** at Dundee. Formed from *4th/5th Battalion The Black Watch (TA)*.

**B Company (Seaforth)** at Wick. Formed from *11th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders (TA)* and 540th Lt AD Regiment, RA.

**C Company (Cameron)** at Inverness. Formed from *4th/5th Battalion The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders (TA)*.

**D Company (Gordon)** at Aberdeen. Formed from *3rd Battalion The Gordon Highlanders (TA)*.

**E Company (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders)** at Stirling. Formed from *7th and 8th Battalions The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (TA)*.

**G Company (London Scottish)** at Westminster, London. Formed from *1st Battalion The London Scottish (TA)*.

**V Company (Liverpool Scottish)** at Score Lane, Liverpool. Formed from *1st Battalion The Liverpool Scottish (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Three new companies formed from disbanded TAVR III units:

No.1 (*Lovat Scouts*) Company at Kirkwall with Pltn at Lerwick from *The Highland Regiment Royal Artillery (T)* [page 41].

No.2 (*Queen's Own Highlanders*) Company at Fort William with Pltn at Stornoway from *3rd (T) Battalion The Queen's Own Highlanders* [page 195].

No.3 (*Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders*) Company at Dumbarton with Pltn at Campbeltown from *3rd (T) Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders* [page 190].

Furthermore: 'HQ' Company formed platoon at Kirkcaldy; 'C' Company formed platoon at Elgin; 'D' Company formed platoon at Keith.

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**1 April 1971:** 'B' Company transferred as 'B' Company 2nd Battalion; 'C' Company transferred as 'C' Company 2nd Battalion; 'D' Company transferred as 'D' Company 2nd Battalion; No.1 Company transferred as 'A' Company 2nd Battalion; No.2 Company transferred as 'E' Company 2nd Battalion.

'B' (The Black Watch) Company formed at Kirkcaldy from cadre 3rd Battalion The Black Watch and Kirkcaldy platoon 'HQ' Company; 'C' (The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Company formed at Grangemouth from cadre 3rd Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders; No.3 Company redesignated as 'D' Company.

## **1st Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers**

Redesignated 1 April 1971 on formation of 2nd Battalion [page 174].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ (The Black Watch) Company** at Perth.

**A (The Black Watch) Company** at Dundee.

**B (The Black Watch) Company** at Kirkcaldy.

**C (The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Company** at Grangemouth.

**D (The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Company** at Dumbarton with Pltn at Campbeltown.

**E (The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Company** at Stirling.

**G (The London Scottish) Company** at Westminster, London.

**V (The Liverpool Scottish) Company** at Score Lane, Liverpool.

**1 April 1975:** 'C' Company at Grangemouth transferred as 'C' Company 3rd Battalion;

'D' Company at Dumbarton and Campbeltown transferred as 'D' Company 3rd Battalion [page 175].

'B' Company at Kirkcaldy redesignated as 'K' Company.

**1 January 1981:** 'E' Company transferred as 'A' Company 3rd Battalion.

**1984:** 'Z' (HSF) Company formed at Perth, Kirkcaldy and Dundee.

**1992:** Battalion reorganised into a three rifle company order of battle. By this time subtitles were omitted.

'Z' (HSF) Company disbanded.

**July 1992:** 'B' Company formed at Forfar.

**21 September 1992:** 'V' Company transferred as 'V' Company 5th/8th (V) Battalion The King's Regiment [page 91].

**20 April 1993:** 'G' Company transferred as 'A' Company The London Regiment [page 152].

**13 December 1994:** Battalion redesignated as 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) [page 134].

## 2nd Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers

Formed 1 April 1971 with Headquarters at Elgin from cadres of *3rd (T) Battalion The Gordon Highlanders* and *3rd (T) Battalion The Queen's Own Highlanders* and companies of *1st Battalion*.

### COMPANIES:

**HQ (Queen's Own Highlanders and Gordon Highlanders) Company** at Elgin with dets at Keith and Buckie as Administrative Platoon from cadre *3rd (T) Battalion The Queen's Own Highlanders* and Pltns '*C*' Company and '*D*' Company *1st Battalion*.

**A (The Lovat Scouts) Company** at Kirkwall with Pltn at Lerwick by redesignation of *No.1 Company 1st Battalion*.

**B (Queen's Own Highlanders) Company** at Wick by redesignation of '*B*' Company *1st Battalion*.

**C (Queen's Own Highlanders) Company** at Inverness with dets at Dingwall, Fort William and Newtonmore by redesignation of '*C*' Company *1st Battalion* and Fort William Pltn *No.2 Company 1st Battalion*.

**D (The Gordon Highlanders) Company** at Aberdeen by redesignation of '*D*' Company *1st Battalion*.

**E (Queen's Own Highlanders) Company** at Stornoway by redesignation of *No.2 Company 1st Battalion*.

**G (The Gordon Highlanders) Company** at Aberdeen from cadre *3rd (T) Battalion The Gordon Highlanders*.

**1 April 1975:** '*HQ*' Company formed by expansion existing elements. '*B*' Company transferred as '*B*' Company *3rd Battalion*.

'*E*' Company merged into '*C*' Company forming platoon at Stornoway; '*G*' Company merged into '*D*' Company.

**1 January 1981:** '*A*' Company broken up with elements going to other companies.

'*A*' (Queen's Own Highlanders and Lovat Scouts) Company formed at Wick with Lovat Scouts platoon at Kirkwall by merger '*B*' Company *3rd Battalion* and elements late '*A*' Company; '*D*' (Gordon Highlanders and Lovat Scouts) Company formed at Aberdeen with Lovat Scouts platoon at Lerwick by reorganisation of '*D*' Company with elements late '*A*' Company. '*B*' (Gordon Highlanders) Company formed at Peterhead by redesignation of '*HQ*' Company *3rd Battalion*.

**1984:** '*Y*' (HSF) Company formed at Elgin, Inverness, Stornoway, Wick and Kirkwall. '*X*' (HSF) Company formed at Aberdeen, Lerwick, Peterhead and Laurencekirk.

**1992:** '*Y*' (HSF) Company and '*X*' (HSF) Company disbanded.

**March 1993:** Battalion reorganised into three rifle company establishment.

'*A*' Company at Wick and Kirkwall formed *Support Group* with additional elements at Dingwall.

**10 February 1995:** Battalion redesignated as *3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons)* [page 136].

### 3rd Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers

Formed 1 April 1975 with Headquarters at Peterhead with companies from *1st Battalion* and *2nd Battalion*.

#### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Peterhead.

**B (Queen's Own Highlanders) Company** at Wick by redesignation of '*B' Company 2nd Battalion*.'

**C (The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Company** at Grangemouth by redesignation of '*C' Company 1st Battalion*.'

**D (The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Company** at Dumbarton with Pltns at Campbeltown and Dunoon by redesignation of '*D' Company 1st Battalion*.'

**1 January 1981:** '*HQ' Company* transferred as '*B' Company 2nd Battalion*'; '*B' Company* transferred as '*A' Company 2nd Battalion*'.

New '*HQ' Company* formed at Stirling; '*A' Company* formed at Stirling by redesignation of '*E' Company 1st Battalion*'. Battalion Headquarters moved to Stirling.

**1984:** '*W' (HSF) Company* formed at Stirling, Dumbarton and Grangemouth.

**1 January 1985:** '*D' Company* formed at Cumbernauld.

Official title of Battalion became:

**3rd Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers (The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders).**

**1992:** '*W' (HSF) Company* disbanded.

**March 1993** Battalion reorganised into a three rifle company establishment.

'*A' Company* absorbed into '*HQ' Company*'; '*C' Company* moved to Falkirk.

**10 February 1995:** Battalion redesignated as *7th/8th (Volunteer) Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)* [page 138].

## **Volunteer Infantry Regiments, post 1999**



## 52nd Lowland Regiment

Formed 1 July 1999 with Headquarters at Walcheren Barracks, Glasgow.

Successor to *The Lowland Volunteers* [page 148] and *3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers* [page 111].

### COMPANIES:

**A (Royal Scots) Company** at East Claremont Street, Edinburgh with Pltn at Bathgate. Formed by redesignation of 'HQ' Company and part 'D' Company *The Lowland Volunteers*.

**B (Royal Highland Fusiliers) Company** at Ayr. Formed by redesignation of 'B' Company *3rd Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers*.

**C (Royal Highland Fusiliers) Company** at Walcheren Barracks, Glasgow with Pltn at Motherwell. Formed by redesignation of 'C' Company *3rd Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers* and part 'D' Company *The Lowland Volunteers*.

**D (King's Own Scottish Borderers) Company** at Galashiels with Pltn at Dumfries. Formed by resignation of 'B' Company and 'C' Company *The Lowland Volunteers*.

## **The Royal Rifle Volunteers**

Formed 1 July 1999 with Headquarters at Brock Barracks, Reading.

Successor to part 6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion *The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment* [page 77], part 2nd (Volunteer) Battalion *The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment* [page 123] and 5th (Volunteer) Battalion *The Royal Green Jackets* [page 141].

### COMPANIES:

**A (Royal Green Jackets) Company** at Oxford with Anti-Tank Pltn at Booker, High Wycombe. Formed by merger of 'HQ' Company and 'A' Company 5th Battalion *The Royal Green Jackets*.

**Royal Gloucester, Berkshire and Wiltshire Company** at Brock Barracks, Reading including Assault Pioneer Pltn, with Pltn at Swindon. Formed by redesignation of 'HQ' Company and 'C' Company 2nd Battalion *The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment*.

**C (Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment) Company** at Portsmouth including MG Pltn, with Pltn at Newport, IOW. Formed by redesignation of 'C' Company 6th/7th Battalion *The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment*.

**E (Royal Green Jackets) Company** at Milton Keynes including Mortar Pltn. Formed by redesignation of 'E' Coy 5th Battalion *The Royal Green Jackets*.

*Note: The Royal Gloucester, Berkshire and Wiltshire Company will be known as 'B' Company on operations.*

**1 April 2000:** 9 Platoon 'C' Company lost connection with *Princess Beatrice's Isle of Wight Rifles*, and was subtitled '(Isle of Wight)'.

## **The Lancastrian and Cumbrian Volunteers**

Formed 1 July 1999 with Headquarters at Kimberley Barracks, Preston.

Successor to *4th (Volunteer) Battalion The King's Own Royal Border Regiment* [page 85] and *4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment* [page 128].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ (Quebec) Company** at Kimberley Barracks, Preston. Formed from '*HQ*' Company 4th Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment.

**A Tobruk (King's Own Royal Border Regiment) Company** at Barrow in Furness with Pltn at Lancaster. Formed by amalgamation of '*HQ*' Company and '*C*' Company 4th Battalion The King's Own Royal Regiment.

**B Somme (Queen's Lancashire Regiment) Company** at Preston with Pltn at Blackpool. Formed by amalgamation of '*HQ*' Company and '*B*' Company 4th Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment.

**C Sicily (King's Own Royal Border Regiment) Company** at Workington with Pltn at Carlisle. Formed by amalgamation of '*A*' Company and '*D*' Company 4th Battalion The King's Own Royal Border Regiment.

**D Waterloo (Queen's Lancashire Regiment) Company** at Blackburn with Pltn at Bury. Formed by amalgamation of '*A*' Company and '*C*' Company 4th Battalion The Queen's Lancashire Regiment.

## **The Tyne Tees Regiment**

Formed 1 July 1999 with Headquarters at Gilesgate Armoury, Durham.

Successor to *6th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Volunteers)* [page 89], *4th/5th Battalion The Green Howards (Yorkshire Volunteers)* [page 109] and *7th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)* [page 103].

### COMPANIES:

**A (Green Howards) Company** at Scarborough with Pltn at Northallerton. Formed by redesignation of 'A' Company and 'C' Company *4th/5th Battalion The Green Howards*.

**B (Green Howards) Company** at Stockton Road, Middlesbrough with Pltn at Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough. Formed by redesignation of 'B' Company and 'HQ' Company *4th/5th Battalion The Green Howards*.

**C (Durham Light Infantry) Company** at Bishop Auckland with Pltns at Consett and Washington. Formed by redesignation of 'B' Company and 'C' Company *7th Battalion The Light Infantry*.

**X (Fusilier) Company** at Newcastle upon Tyne with Pltn at Alnwick. Formed by redesignation of 'W' Company and 'X' Company *6th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers*.

**Z (Fusilier) Company** at Ashington with Pltn at Tynemouth. Formed by redesignation of 'Z' Company *6th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers*.

## **The West Midlands Regiment**

Formed 1 July 1999 with Headquarters at Wolseley House, Wolverhampton.

Successor to *5th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Volunteers)* [page 87], *5th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)* [page 99] and *3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment* [page 132].

### COMPANIES:

**A (Fusilier) Company** at Sheldon, Birmingham with Pltn at Coventry. Formed by redesignation of 'B' Company *5th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers*.

**B (Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment) Company** at Kidderminster with Assault Pioneer Pltn at Worcester. Formed by redesignation of 'A' Company *5th Battalion The Light Infantry*.

**C (Stafford) Company** at Burton-on-Trent. Formed by redesignation of 'C' Company *3rd Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment*.

**D (Stafford) Company** at Stoke-on-Trent. Formed by redesignation of 'B' Company *3rd Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment*.

**E (Light Infantry) Company** at Shrewsbury with Pltn at Hereford. Formed by redesignation of 'HQ' Company and 'C' Company *5th Battalion The Light Infantry*.

## **The King's and Cheshire Regiment**

Formed 1 July 1999 with Headquarters at Peninsula Barracks, Warrington.

Successor to *5th/8th (Volunteer) Battalion The King's Regiment* [page 91] and *3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Cheshire Regiment* [page 113].

### COMPANIES:

**A (King's) Company** at Townsend Avenue, Liverpool including Liverpool Scottish Pltn and Milan Pltn. Formed by redesignation of 'A' Company and 'V' Company *5th/8th Battalion The King's Regiment*. The Liverpool Scottish Platoon retains the traditions, including badge, of *The Liverpool Scottish*.

**B (Cheshire) Company** at Peninsular Barracks, Warrington with Mortar Pltn at Stockport. Formed by amalgamation of 'HQ' Company *5th/8th Battalion The King's Regiment* and dets 'Salerno' Company *3rd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment*.

**C (King's) Company** at Manchester including Recce Pltn. Formed by redesignation of 'C' Company *5th/8th Battalion The King's Regiment*.

**D (Cheshire) Company** at Crewe with GPMG (SF) Pltn at Northwich. Formed by redesignation of 'Gaza' Company *3rd Battalion The Cheshire Regiment*.

## **The East of England Regiment**

Formed 1 July 1999 with Headquarters at Blenheim Camp, Bury St Edmunds.

Successor to *6th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment* [page 94], *7th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment* [page 95] and *3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment* [page 125].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ (Suffolk) Company** at Blenheim Camp, Bury St Edmunds.

**A (Norfolk and Suffolk) Company** at Norwich with Pltn at Lowestoft. Formed by redesignation of 'B' Company *6th Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment*.

**B (Lincolnshire) Company** at Lincoln with 4 Pltn at Grimsby. Formed by redesignation of 'A' Company *7th Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment*.

**C (Leicestershire and Northamptonshire) Company** at Leicester with Pltn at Northampton. Formed by amalgamation of 'HQ' Company and 'C' Company *7th Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment*.

**D (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire (Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment)) Company** at Mansfield with Pltn at Derby. Formed by amalgamation of 'A' Company and 'C' Company *3rd Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment*.

**E (Essex and Hertfordshire) Company** at Chelmsford with Pltn at Hertford. Formed by amalgamation of 'C' Company *6th Battalion* and 'B' Company *7th Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment*.

## **The Rifle Volunteers**

Formed 1 July 1999 with Headquarters at Wyvern Barracks, Exeter.

Successor to *6th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteer)* [page 101], *4th (Volunteer) Battalion The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment* [page 97] and part *2nd (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment* [page 123].

### COMPANIES:

**The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment Company** at Gloucester with Rifle Pltn at Bristol and Assault Pioneer Pltn at Cinderford, Gloucester. Formed by amalgamation of 'A' Company and 'B' Company *2nd Battalion The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment*.

**B (Somerset Light Infantry) Company** at Taunton with Rifle Pltn at Yeovil and Recce Pltn at Bath. Formed by amalgamation of 'HQ' Company and 'B' Company *6th Battalion The Light Infantry*.

**C (Devonshire and Dorset Regiment) Company** at Dorchester with Pltn at Poole. Formed by amalgamation of 'C' Company and 'D' Company *4th Battalion The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment*.

**D (Cornwall Light Infantry) Company** at Truro with Rifle Pltn at Bodmin and MMG Pltn at Camborne. Formed by amalgamation of 'C' Company and 'D' Company *6th Battalion The Light Infantry*.

**E (Devonshire and Dorset Regiment) Company** at Plymouth and Exeter. Formed by amalgamation of 'HQ' Company and 'A' Company *4th Battalion The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment*.



## **The East and West Riding Regiment**

Formed 1 July 1999 with Headquarters at Minden House, Pontefract.

Successor to *3rd Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (Yorkshire Volunteers)* [page 107], *3rd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (Yorkshire Volunteers)* [page 130] and *The King's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry (Light Infantry)* [page 25].

### COMPANIES:

**Ypres Company (Duke of Wellington's Regiment)** at Huddersfield with Pltn at Keighley; also Pioneer Pltn.

Formed by amalgamation of 'C' Company and 'B' Company *3rd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment*.

**Fontenay Company (Duke of Wellington's Regiment)** at Barnsley including MG Pltn with Pltn at Sheffield.

Formed by amalgamation of 'HQ' Company and 'A' Company *3rd Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment*.

**Quebec Company (Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire)** at Mona House, Hull with Mortar Pltn at Beverly. Formed by redesignation of 'B' Company *3rd Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire*.

**Imphal Company (Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire)** at Worsley Barracks, York with *Leeds Rifles* Pltn at Leeds; Milan Pltn at York. Formed by redesignation of 'A' Company *3rd Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire*.

**Minden Company (Light Infantry)** at Wakefield with Pltn at Batley; Recce Pltn in Wakefield. Formed by amalgamation of 'HQ' Squadron and 'C' Squadron *The King's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry*.

## **The Royal Welsh Regiment**

Formed 1 July 1999 with Headquarters at Maindy Barracks, Cardiff.

Successor to *3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers* [page 115] and *2nd (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales* [page 117].

### COMPANIES:

**A (Royal Welch Fusiliers) Company** at Colwyn Bay with Pltn at Caernarfon. Formed by amalgamation of 'B' Company and 'D' Company *3rd Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers*.

**B (Royal Regiment of Wales) Company** at Swansea. Formed by redesignation of 'A' Company *2nd Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales*.

**C (Royal Regiment of Wales) Company** at Maindy Barracks, Cardiff with Pltn at Pontypridd. Formed by amalgamation of 'HQ' Company and 'C' Company *2nd Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales*.

**D (Royal Welch Fusiliers) Company** at Wrexham with Pltn at Queensferry. Formed by amalgamation of 'HQ' Company and 'A' Company *3rd Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers*.

*Notes on support platoons* the Royal Welch Fusiliers companies share a Recce and an Assault Pioneer Platoon, the Royal Regiment of Wales companies share Mortar and Anti-Tank Platoons.

## **The Royal Irish Rangers**

Formed 1 July 1999 with Headquarters at Portadown.

Successor to *4th/5th Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers (Volunteers)* [page 120].

### COMPANIES:

**HQ Company** at Portadown by redesignation of '*HQ*' *Company 4th/5th Battalion*. GPMG (SF) Pltn at Portadown, Assault Pioneer Pltn at Enniskillen.

**A Company** at Newtownards by redesignation of '*A*' *Company 4th/5th Battalion*.

**B Company** at Abbotscroft, Newtownabbey by redesignation of '*B*' *Company 4th/5th Battalion*.

**North Irish Horse** at Dunmore Park, Belfast.

*Note:* GPMG (SF) platoon probably under OPCOM '*A*' *Company*; Assault Pioneer platoon under '*B*' *Company*.

## 51st Highland Regiment

Formed 1 July 1999 with Headquarters at Perth.

Successor to *3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Black Watch* [page 134], *3rd (Volunteer) Battalion The Highlanders* [page 136] and *7th/8th (Volunteer) Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders* [page 138].

### COMPANIES:

**A (Black Watch) Company** at Dundee including Rifle and Mortar Pltn; ATk Pltn at Forfar and Rifle Pltn at Kirkcaldy. Formed by redesignation of 'A' Company *3rd Battalion The Black Watch* and unofficially 'K' Company *3rd Battalion The Black Watch*.

**B (Highlanders) Company** at Peterhead with sub-units at Aberdeen, Elgin and Keith. Formed by amalgamation of 'HQ' Company, 'B' Company and 'D' Company *3rd Battalion The Highlanders*.

**C (Highlanders) Company** at Inverness with sub-units at Wick, Stornoway, Kirkwall and Lerwick. SF and Assault Pioneer Pltn attached. Formed by amalgamation of 'C' Company, detachment 'D' Company and *Support Group 3rd Battalion The Highlanders*.

**D (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Company** at Dumbarton with Pltn at Dunoon. Formed by redesignation of 'D' Company *7th/8th Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders*.

**E (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Company** at Stirling with Pltn at Cumbernauld. Assault Pioneer Pltn attached. Formed by amalgamation of 'HQ' Company and 'B' Company *7th/8th Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders*.

**TAVR III Infantry units 1967 – 1969, and cadres 1969 – 1975**

### **3rd (Territorial) Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Stirling and 'A' Company at Grangemouth from 7th Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (TA); 'B' Company at Dumbarton and 'C' Company at Lochgilphead from 8th Battalion The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre, at Stirling, under 51st Highland Volunteers. Also formed No.3 (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Company 51st Highland Volunteers [page 172].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'C' (The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Company 1st Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers [page 173].

### **The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and No.1 (Hertford) Company at Hertford and No.4 (Bedfordshire) Company at Bedford from 1st Battalion The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment (TA); No.2 (Hertfordshire Yeomanry) Company at Hemel Hempstead and No.3 (Bedfordshire Yeomanry) Company at Luton from 286 (Hertfordshire and Bedfordshire Yeomanry) Field Regiment RA (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment at Hertford, under 5th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment; Nos. 1 and 2 Companies also formed No.5 (Hertfordshire) Company 5th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment [page 93].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'B' (Bedfordshire) Company 6th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment [page 94].

### **3rd (Territorial) Battalion The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Dundee and 'A' Company at Arbroath from 4th/5th Battalion The Black Watch (TA); 'B' Company at Kirkcaldy and 'C' Company at Dunfermline from 6th/7th Battalion The Black Watch (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre, at Dundee, under 51st Highland Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'B' (The Black Watch) Company 1st Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers [page 173].

### **4th (Territorial) Battalion The Border Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Carlisle and 'D' (The Westmorland) Company at Kendal from 4th Battalion The Border Regiment (TA) and 149 Field Ambulance RAMC (TA); 'A' (Cumberland Artillery) Company at Workington and 'B' (Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry) Company at Carlisle from 851 (Westmorland and Cumberland Yeomanry) Field Battery RA (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 4th Battalion The Border Regiment at Carlisle, under Lancastrian Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'B' (4th Border Regiment) Company Northumbrian Volunteers [page 155].

### **The Buckinghamshire Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1969 as cadre from The Buckinghamshire Regiment RA (T) [page 40] at Aylesbury, under 4th (V) Battalion The Royal Green Jackets.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'A' (Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry) Company 2nd Battalion The Wessex Volunteers [page 159].

### **6th/7th (Territorial) Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)**

Formed 1 April 1969 as cadre from 'B' Company The Royal Scots and Cameronians Territorials [page 198] at Hamilton, under 52nd Lowland Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as No.4 (Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)) Company 2nd Battalion 52nd Lowland Volunteers [page 151].

### **4th/7th (Territorial) Battalion The Cheshire Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company at Macclesfield from 7th Battalion The Cheshire Regiment (TA) and 3 Squadron 57 Signal Regiment RSigs (TA); 'B' Company at Crewe and 'C' Company at Ellesmere Port from 4th Battalion The Cheshire Regiment (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 4th/7th Battalion The Cheshire Regiment at Macclesfield, under Mercian Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'E' Company (Cheshire) Mercian Volunteers [page 167].

### **The Derbyshire (Territorial) Battalion The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company at Chesterfield and 'B' and 'C' Companies at Derby from 140 Corps Engineer Regiment RE (TA) and a company from 5th/8th Battalion The Sherwood Foresters (TA) in Derby.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The Derbyshire (T) Battalion The Sherwood Foresters at Chesterfield, under 73 Engineer Regiment RE (V); also formed 575 (The Sherwood Foresters) Field Squadron 73 Engineer Regiment RE (V) [page 48].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'C' (Derbyshire Foresters) Company 3rd (V) Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment [page 125].

### **The Devonshire Territorials (Royal Devon Yeomanry/The 1st Rifle Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at TAVR III unit. HQ and 'C' Squadron at Exeter and 'A' Squadron at Barnstaple from 296 (Royal Devon Yeomanry) Field Regiment RA (TA) and 43 Division/District Signal Regiment RSigs (TA); 'B' (Devon Fortress Engineers) Squadron at Plymouth from 116 (Devon and Cornwall) Engineer Regiment RE (TA), (409, 571 Field Sqns).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The Royal Devon Yeomanry/1st Rifle Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'D' (Royal Devon Yeomanry/1st Rifle Volunteers) Squadron The Wessex Yeomanry [page 18].

### **The Dorset Territorials**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Dorchester and 'A' Company (Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry) at Poole from 250 (Queen's Own Dorset and West Somerset Yeomanry) Medium Regiment RA (TA); 'B' Company (Dorset Regiment) at Weymouth from The Dorset Regiment (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre, at Dorchester, under Wessex Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'D' (Queen's Own Dorset Yeomanry) Company 2nd Battalion The Wessex Volunteers [page 159].

### **The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company (Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry) at Bodmin from The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry (TA) and 'B' Company (Cornwall Fortress Engineers) at Falmouth from 116 (Devon and Cornwall) Engineer Regiment RE (TA) (409, 571 Field Sqns).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry at Bodmin, under Light Infantry Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'C' and 'D' (Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry) Companies 6th Battalion The Light Infantry (V) [page 101].

### **6th/8th (Territorial) Battalion The Durham Light Infantry**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company at Bishop Auckland, and 'C' Company at Spennymoor from 6th Battalion The Durham Light Infantry (TA); 'B' Company at Chester-le-Street and 'D' Company

at Houghton-le-Spring from *8th Battalion The Durham Light Infantry (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *6th/8th Battalion The Durham Light Infantry* at Bishop Auckland, under *The Light Infantry Volunteers*; also formed '*E*' Company (Durham) *The Light Infantry Volunteers* [page 99].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as '*E*' (6th/8th Durham Light Infantry) Company *Northumbrian Volunteers* [page 155].

#### **4th (Territorial) Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and '*A*' Company (4th East Lancashire Regiment) at Blackburn and '*C*' Company (4th East Lancashire Regiment) at Burnley from *4th Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment (TA)*; '*B*' Company (*The Lancashire Fusiliers*) at Rochdale from part *5th (Bury) Battalion The Lancashire Fusiliers (TA)* and '*D*' Company (*The Bolton Artillery*) at Bolton from *253 Field Regiment RA (the Bolton Artillery) (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre as *4th Battalion The East Lancashire Regiment* at Blackburn, under *38 Signal Regiment (V)*; also formed *93 (East Lancashire) Signal Squadron 38 Signal Regiment (V)* [page 64] and some personnel formed '*E*' Company *Lancastrian Volunteers* [page 153].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as '*A*' (East Lancashire) Company *2nd Battalion Lancastrian Volunteers* [page 154].

#### **The Essex Regiment (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ, '*A*' Company and '*B*' Company at Ilford from *4th/5th Battalion The Essex Regiment (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Essex Regiment* at Chelmsford.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as '*C*' (Essex) Company *6th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment* [page 94].

#### **3rd (Territorial) Battalion The Gordon Highlanders**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Aberdeen and '*B*' Company at Peterhead and '*C*' Company at Keith from *3rd Battalion The Gordon Highlanders (TA)*; '*A*' (Royal Engineer) Company at Aberdeen from *squadron 51 Division/District RE (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre, at Aberdeen, under *51st Highland Volunteers*; some personnel to '*D*' Company *51st Highland Volunteers* [page 172].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as '*G*' (*The Gordon Highlanders*) Company *2nd Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers* [page 174].

#### **The Green Howards Territorials**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and '*B*' (Teeside) Company at Middlesbrough, '*A*' (Cleveland) Company at Gainsborough and '*C*' (Scarborough) Company at Scarborough from *4th/5th Battalion The Green Howards (TA)* and *252 GHQ provost Coy RMP (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre at Scarborough, under *Yorkshire Volunteers*; some personnel to '*B*' Company *Yorkshire Volunteers* [page 160].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as '*D*' (Green Howards) Company *2nd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers* [page 162].

#### **The Hallamshire (Territorial) Battalion**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and '*A*' Company at Sheffield; '*B*' Company at Rotherham and '*C*' Company at Barnsley from *The Hallamshire Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Hallamshire Battalion The York and Lancaster Regiment* at Sheffield, under *Yorkshire Volunteers*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as '*D*' (Hallamshire) Company *3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers* [page 164].



## The Hampshire and Isle of Wight Territorials

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Winchester and 'C' Company (Wessex Royal Artillery Princess Beatrice's) at Newport from 457 (Wessex) Hy AD Regiment (Hampshire Carabiniers Yeomanry) RA (TA); 'A' Company (4/5 Royal Hampshire) at Aldershot from 4th/5th Battalion The Royal Hampshire Regiment (TA); 'B' Company (Duke of Connaught's Royal Hampshire Royal Artillery) at Portsmouth and 'E' Company (7th Royal Hampshire) at Bournemouth from 383 Field Regiment (Duke of Connaught's Royal Hampshire) RA (TA); and 'D' Company (Hampshire Fortress Royal Engineers) at Southampton from 115 (Hampshire Fortress) Corps Engineer Regiment RA (TA) (576 Fd Pk, 577, 578 Fd Sqns).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre at Winchester, under Wessex Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'B' (Duke of Connaught's) Company 2nd Battalion Wessex Volunteers [pageref 159].

## 4th/5th (Territorial) Battalion The King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster)

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company (4/5 King's Own) at Lancaster and 'B' Company (4/5 King's Own) at Barrow from 4th/5th Battalion The King's Own Royal Regiment (TA); 'C' Company (2nd West Lancashire) at Blackpool from 288 Lt AD Regiment RA (TA).

**1 January 1969:** 'C' Company absorbed into 'D' Company (Loyals) Lancastrian Volunteers [page 153] forming detachment at Blackpool;

HQ, 'A' Company and 'B' Company formed 'E' Company (King's Own) Lancastrian Volunteers [page 153].

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 4th/5th Battalion The King's Own Royal Regiment at Lancaster, under Lancastrian Volunteers.

**1 April 1975:** Cadre disbanded.

## 4th/5th (Territorial) Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Dumfries, 'A' Company at Galashiels and 'B' Company at Stranraer from 4th/5th Battalion The King's Own Scottish Borderers (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre at Dumfries, under 52nd Lowland Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as No.3 (The King's Own Scottish Borderers) Company 2nd Battalion 52nd Lowland Volunteers [page 151].

## 4th (Territorial) Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company at Wakefield, 'B' Company at Pontefract and 'C' Company at Dewsbury from 4th Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 4th Battalion The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry at Wakefield, under Yorkshire Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'E' (The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry) Company 2nd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers [page 162].

## The King's Shropshire and Herefordshire Light Infantry (Territorials)

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Wellington, 'A' Company at Wellington and Oswestry from 4th Battalion The King's Shropshire Light Infantry (TA) and 'B' Company at Ross-on-Wye and Hereford from 1st Battalion the Herefordshire Light Infantry (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The King's Shropshire and Herefordshire Light Infantry at Shrewsbury, under Light Infantry Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'C' (King's Shropshire Light Infantry) Company and 'D' (Herefordshire Light Infantry) The Light Infantry and Mercian Volunteers [page 156].

### The Leeds Rifles Territorials

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ, 'A' Company and 'B' Company at Leeds; and 'C' Company at Castleford from *The Leeds Rifles Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Leeds Rifles* at Leeds, under *Yorkshire Volunteers*; also formed 'E' (*The Leeds Rifles*) Company *Yorkshire Volunteers* [page 160].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'C' (*The Leeds Rifles*) Company 2nd Battalion *Yorkshire Volunteers* [page 162].

### The London Scottish

Formed 1 April 1969 as cadre from 'C' Company (*The London Scottish*) *The London Yeomanry and Territorials* [page 194] at Buckinghamshire Gate, London under *51st Highland Volunteers*.

**1 April 1975:** Cadre disbanded.

### The London Yeomanry and Territorials

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company (*Inns of Court and City Yeomanry*) from past *Inns of Court and City Yeomanry RAC (TA)*; 'B' Company (*The London Engineers*) from *114 Corps Engineer Regiment RE (TA)*; and 'C' Company (*The London Scottish*) from *1st Battalion The London Scottish (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced (less 'C' Company, see above) to cadre *Inns of Court and City Yeomanry* [page 27]; 'B' Company formed *217 (London) Field Squadron 73 Engineer Regiment RE (V)* [page 48].

**1 April 1975:** Cadre disbanded.

### The Manchester Regiment (Ardwick and Ashton) Territorials

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company at Ardwick Green from *8th Battalion The Manchester Regiment (TA)* and 'B' Company and 'C' Company at Ashton under Lyne from *9th Battalion The Manchester Regiment (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre as *8th/9th Battalion The Manchester Regiment* at Manchester, under *Lancastrian Volunteers*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'C' (*Manchester*) Company 2nd Battalion *Lancastrian Volunteers* [page 154].

### The Monmouthshire (Territorial) Battalion The South Wales Borderers

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and *1st Monmouthshire Company* at Newport, *2nd Monmouthshire Company* at Cwmearn and *3rd Monmouthshire Company* at Abertillery from *2nd Battalion The Monmouthshire Regiment (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Monmouthshire Battalion The South Wales Borderers* at Newport, under *Welsh Volunteers*.

**March 1971:** By this date designated *3rd (Monmouthshire) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'B' Company 3rd (V) Battalion *The Royal Regiment of Wales* [page 118]; also formed detachment *211 (South Wales) Lt AD Battery RA (V)* [page 36].

### The Northamptonshire Regiment (Territorials)

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III. HQ at Northampton, 'B' Company (*5th Northamptonshire*) at Corby and 'C' Company (*4th Northamptonshire*) at Wellingborough from *4th/5th Battalion The Northamptonshire Regiment (TA)*; 'A' Company (*Northamptonshire Yeomanry*) at Northampton from *250 (Northamptonshire Yeomanry) Field Squadron RE (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Northamptonshire Regiment* at Northampton under *118 Army Recovery Company REME (V)*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'C' (*Northamptonshire*) Company and 'D' (*Northamptonshire*) Company 7th (V) Battalion *The Royal Anglian Regiment* [page 95].

## **The Nottinghamshire (Territorial) Battalion The Sherwood Foresters**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company at Nottingham, 'B' Company at Sutton-in-Ashfield and 'C' Company at Worksop from *5th/8th Battalion The Sherwood Foresters (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre at Nottingham, under *Mercian Volunteers*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'E' (*Nottinghamshire Foresters*) Company 3rd (V) Battalion *The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment*.

## **The Oxfordshire Territorials**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' (*Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars*) Company at Oxford from 'Q' Battery 299 (*Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars and Berkshire Field Regiment RA (TA)*); 'B' (*Oxfordshire Rifles*) Company at Banbury from *The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry (TA)*; 129 Infantry Workshop REME (TA) and troop 266 Field Squadron RE (TA) also assisted in formation.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre at Oxford, under 4th (V) Battalion *The Royal Green Jackets*.

**1 April 1975:** Cadre disbanded.

## **The Prince of Wales's Own Yorkshire Territorials**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ, 'A' Company and 'B' Company at Hull, 'C' Company at York, all formed from *3rd Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 3rd Battalion *The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire* at Hull, under *Yorkshire Volunteers*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'B' (*The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire*) Company 2nd Battalion *Yorkshire Volunteers* [page 162]; also supplied personnel to HQ Company of latter battalion.

## **3rd (Territorial) Battalion The Queen's Own Highlanders**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'D' Company at Fort William from *4th/5th Battalion The Queen's Own Cameron Highlanders (TA)* and HQ 152 (*Highland*) Infantry Brigade (TA); 'A' (*Lovat Scouts*) Company at Inverness from *540 Lt AD Regiment RA (The Lovat Scouts) (TA)*; 'B' Company at Dingwall and 'C' Company at Elgin from *11th Battalion Seaforth Highlanders (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre at Inverness, under *51st Highland Volunteers*. Also formed No.2 (*Queen's Own Highlanders*) Company 51st Highland Volunteers [page 172]

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as HQ 2nd Battalion 51st Highland Volunteers [page 174].

## **6th (Territorial) Battalion The Queen's Regiment (Queen's Surreys)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company at Kingston-upon-Thames from *4th Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA)*, *209 Field park Squadron RE (TA)* and parts of *The Kent and County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters) RAC (TA)*; 'B' Company at Battersea and 'C' Company at Cobham from 'B' Company and 'C' Company 4th Battalion *The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment (TA)*; 'D' Company at Croydon from *3rd Battalion The Queen's Royal Surrey Regiment*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 6th Battalion *The Queen's Regiment (The Queen's Surreys)* at Kingston, under 5th (V) Battalion *The Queen's Regiment*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as HQ (*Queen's Surreys*) 6th (V) Battalion *The Queen's Regiment* [page 80]; Also formed 'A' Company (*Queen's Surreys*) 7th (V) Battalion *The Queen's Regiment* [page 81].

## **7th (Territorial) Battalion The Queen's Regiment (East Kent)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Deal from *5th Battalion The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) (TA)* and HQ 44 Division/District (TA); 'A' Company (*Queen's Own Buffs*) at Deal and 'B' Company (*Queen's own Buffs*) at Folkestone from *5th Battalion The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) (TA)*; 'C' Company (*Queen's*

Own Buffs) at Broadstairs from part 4th Battalion The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 7th Battalion The Queen's Regiment (East Kent) at Folkestone, under 5th (V) Battalion The Queen's Regiment.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'B' Company (Queen's Own Buffs) 7th (V) Battalion The Queen's Regiment [page 81].

### **8th (Territorial) Battalion The Queen's Regiment (West Kent)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Tonbridge from 4th/5th Battalion The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment (TA) and part 'P' Battery 265 Lt AD Regiment RA (TA); 'A' Kent and County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters) at Maidstone from part The Kent and County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters) RAC (TA); 'B' The Queen's own Buffs Company at Tonbridge from 4th/5th Battalion The Queen's Royal West Kent Regiment (TA); 'C' The Medway Towns Company at Gillingham from 4 Stores Company RAOC (TA) and part 133 Infantry Workshop REME (TA). 44 Division/District Provost Company RMP (TA), 44 Division/District RE (TA) and 4th Battalion The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment) (TA) also assisted in formation.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 8th Battalion The Queen's Regiment (West Kent) at Tonbridge, under 5th (V) Battalion The Queen's Regiment; also formed 'E' Company 5th (V) Battalion The Queen's Regiment [page 79].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as part of 'C' Company (Royal Sussex) 7th (V) Battalion The Queen's Regiment [page 81].

### **9th (Territorial) Battalion The Queen's Regiment (Royal Sussex)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Eastbourne and 'A' Company at Brighton from 4th/5th Battalion The Royal Sussex Regiment (TA) and part 257 (Sussex Yeomanry) Field Regiment RA (TA); 'B' Company (Royal Engineers) at Eastbourne from 211 and 490 Field Squadrons RE (TA). HQ 44 Division/District RE (TA) and 559 Squadron RCT (TA) also assisted in formation.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 9th Battalion The Queen's Regiment (Royal Sussex) at Eastbourne, under 5th (V) Battalion The Queen's Regiment.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'C' Company (Royal Sussex) 7th (V) Battalion The Queen's Regiment [page 81].

### **10th (Territorial) Battalion The Queen's Regiment (Middlesex)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company at Edgware and 'B' Company at Acton from 5th Battalion The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) (TA); 'C' Company (101st London Engineers) at Houslow from 101 (London) Engineer Regiment RE (TA) (222 (Chelsea), 324 Field Sqns). 114 Engineer Regiment RE (TA) and 254 (City of London) Field Regiment RA (TA) also assisted in formation.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 10th Battalion The Queen's Regiment (Middlesex) at Edgware, under 5th (V) Battalion The Queen's Regiment.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'A' Company (Middlesex) 6th (V) Battalion The Queen's Regiment [page 80].

### **The Robin Hood (Territorial) Battalion The Sherwood Foresters (Nottinghamshire and Derbyshire Regiment)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company at Nottingham and 'B' Company at Mansfield from 350 (The Robin Hood Foresters) Field Squadron RE (TA).

**1 April 1967:** Reduced to cadre The Robin Hood (T) Battalion The Sherwood Foresters RE at Nottingham, under 73 Engineer Regiment RE (V).

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'D' (Robin Hood Foresters) Company 3rd (V) Battalion The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment [page 125].

### **The Royal Berkshire Territorials**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and three Specialist Platoon at Reading and 'A' Company (Berkshire Yeomanry) at Windsor from The Berkshire and Westminster Dragoons RAC (TA); 'B' Company (Berkshire Artillery) at Reading from part 299 (Royal Buckinghamshire Yeomanry Queen's Own Oxfordshire Hussars and

Berkshire) Field Regiment RA (TA); 'C' Company (Royal Berkshire) at Newbury from 4th/6th Battalion The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte of Wales's) (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre at Reading, under 71 Signal Regiment (V). 'A' Company reformed as 94 (Berkshire Yeomanry) Signal Squadron (V) [page 67].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'C' (Royal Berkshire) Company 2nd Battalion Wessex Volunteers [page 159].

### **5th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Green Jackets**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ in London and 'B' Company (London Rifle Brigade Rangers) at West Ham from 3rd Green Jackets, The Rifle Brigade (London Rifle Brigade/ Rangers, The Rifle Brigade) (TA) and 'A' Company (Queen's Royal Rifles) in London from Queen's Royal Rifles (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre at Sun Street, London under 4th (V) Battalion The Royal Green Jackets as The Royal Green Jackets London.

**March 1971:** Became The Royal Green Jackets London.

**1 April 1975:** Disbanded.

### **3rd (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company (45th Royal Scots Fusiliers) at Ayr from 4th/5th Battalion The Royal Scots Fusiliers (TA); 'B' Company (5/6th Highland Light Infantry) at Glasgow from 5th/6th Battalion The Highland Light Infantry; 'C' Company (1st Glasgow Highlanders) at Glasgow from The Glasgow Highlanders Battalion, The Highland Light Infantry (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 3rd (T) Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers at Glasgow, under 52nd Lowland Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as No.2 (3rd Battalion The Royal Highland Fusiliers) Company 2nd Battalion 52nd Lowland Volunteers [page 151].

### **5th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Omagh, 'A' Company at Enniskillen and 'B' Company at Dunganannon from 5th Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (TA) and elements The North Irish Horse RAC (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 5th Battalion Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers (Royal Irish Rangers) at Omagh, under North Irish Militia.

**1 April 1975:** Cadre disbanded.

### **5th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company at Armagh and 'B' Company at Lurgan from 5th Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's) (TA) at elements North Irish Horse RAC (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 7th Battalion The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Royal Irish Rangers) at Armagh, under North Irish Militia.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'C' (Royal Irish Fusiliers) Company 5th (V) Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers [page 122].

### **The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company at Leicester, 'B' Company at Loughborough and 'C' Company at Hinckley from 4th/5th Battalion The Royal Leicestershire Regiment (TA) and 115 (Leicestershire) Field Park Squadron RE (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The Royal Leicestershire Regiment at Leicester, under 5th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'B' (Royal Leicestershire) Company 7th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment [page 95].

### **The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company at Lincoln, 'B' Company at Gainsborough and 'C' Company at Boston from 4th/6th Battalion The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment (TA) and 863 (County of Lincoln) Movement Light Squadron RE (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The Royal Lincolnshire Regiment at Lincoln, under 5th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'A' (Royal Lincolnshire) Company 7th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment [page 95].

### **The Royal Norfolk Regiment (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company at Norwich and 'B' Company at Great Yarmouth and Dereham from 4th Battalion The Royal Norfolk Regiment (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The Royal Norfolk Regiment at Norwich, under 5th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'A' (Royal Norfolk) Company 6th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment [page 94].

### **4th/5th/6th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ, 'A' Company and 'B' Company at Newcastle-upon-Tyne from 6th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (TA); 'C' Company at Hexham from 4th/5th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (TA); 'D' Company (Tyneside Scottish) at Gosforth from 'Q' Battery (Tyneside Scottish) 439 Lt AD Regiment RA (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 4th/5th/6th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers at Newcastle, under 5th (V) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'C' (4th/5th/6th Royal Northumberland Fusiliers) Company Northumbrian Volunteers [page 155].

### **7th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'C' (Alnwick) Company at Alnwick, 'B' (Ashington) Company at Ashington and 'D' (Berwick) Company at Berwick-upon-Tweed from 7th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers (TA) and elements Northumberland Hussars RAC (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 7th Battalion The Royal Northumberland Fusiliers at Ashington, under 5th (V) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers; also formed 'E' (Northumberland) Company 5th (V) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers [page 87].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'D' (7th Royal Northumberland Fusiliers) Company Northumbrian Volunteers [page 155].

### **The Royal Scots and Cameronians Territorials**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Edinburgh and 'A' Company (8th/9th Royal Scots) at Bathgate from 8th/9th Battalion The Royal Scots (TA); 'B' Company (6th/7th Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)) at Hamilton from 6th/7th Battalion The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced into two cadres: 8th/9th (T) Battalion The Royal Scots and 6th/7th (T) Battalion The Cameronians [page 190].

### **8th/9th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)**

Formed 1 April 1969 as cadre from The Royal Scots and Cameronians Territorials, less 'B' Company, at Edinburgh, under 52nd Lowland Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as *No.1 (8th/9th Battalion The Royal Scots) Company 2nd Battalion 52nd Lowland Volunteers* [page 151].

### **6th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Ulster Rifles**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Belfast, 'A' Company at Ballymena and 'B' Company at Lisburn from *6th Battalion The Royal Ulster Rifles (TA)*; 'C' Company at Newtownards from *661 (Ulster) Field Regiment RA (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *6th Battalion The Royal Ulster Rifles (Royal Irish Rangers)* at Lisburn, under *North Irish Militia*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'B' (Royal Ulster Rifles) Company 5th (V) Battalion The Royal Irish Rangers [page 122].

### **4th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'B' Company at Wrexham and 'A' Company at Mold from *4th Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *4th Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers* at Wrexham, under *Welsh Volunteers*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as HQ and HQ Company 3rd (V) Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers [page 115].

### **6th/7th (Territorial) Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ, 'A' Company and 'C' Company at Caernarvon and 'B' Company at Aberystwyth from *6th/7th Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *6th/7th Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers* at Caernarvon, under *Welsh Volunteers*; also formed 'D' Company (Royal Welch Fusiliers) *Welsh Volunteers* [page 170].

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'D' (6th/7th Battalion Royal Welch Fusiliers) 3rd (V) Battalion The Royal Welch Fusiliers [page 115].

### **The Royal Wiltshire Territorials**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'A' Company (*The Wiltshire Regiment*) at Trowbridge, pltn at Swindon, from *4th Battalion The Wiltshire Regiment (Duke of Edinburgh's) (TA)*; 'B' Company (*Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry*) at Devizes from part *The Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry RAC (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced, less 'B' Company, to cadre *The Wiltshire Regiment* at Trowbridge, under *Wessex Volunteers*; also form new HQ Company *Wessex Volunteers* [page 157].

**1 April 1975:** Disbanded.

### **The Somerset Yeomanry and Light Infantry (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ, Reconnaissance Platoon and another platoon at Bath from *43 Division/District RE (TA)* and *The Somerset Light Infantry (TA)*; 'C' (*Somerset Light Infantry*) Company at Bath from *The Somerset Light Infantry (TA)*; 'A' (*North Somerset and Bristol Yeomanry*) Company at Keynsham from *The Somerset and Bristol Yeomanry RAC (TA)*; 'B' (*West Somerset Yeomanry*) Company at Yeovil from *250th (Queen's Own Dorset and West Somerset Yeomanry) Medium Regiment RA (TA)*.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre *The Somerset Yeomanry and Light Infantry* at Keynsham, under *219 General Hospital RAMC (V)*.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'A' (*Somerset Yeomanry Light Infantry*) Company and 'B' (*Somerset Yeomanry Light Infantry*) Company 6th Battalion The Light Infantry (V) [page 101].

### **5th/6th (Territorial) Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Wolverhampton, 'A' (*South Stafford*) Company at Rugeley and 'B' (*South Stafford*) Company at Walsall from *5th Battalion The South Staffordshire Regiment (TA)*; 'C' (*North*

Stafford) Company at Stoke-on-Trent from 5th/6th Battalion The North Staffordshire Regiment (TA). Elements of 444 (Staffordshire) Lt AD Regiment RA (TA), The Staffordshire Yeomanry (Queen's Own Royal Regiment) RAC (TA), 5 Stores Company RAOC (TA), 20 Vehicle Company RAOC (TA) and 887 Locating Battery RA (TA) also assisted in formation.

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 5th/6th Battalion The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's) at Walsall, under Mercian Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'B' (5th/6th Battalion Staffordshire Regiment) Company The Light Infantry and Mercian Volunteers [page 156].

### **The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (Territorials)**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'B' Company at Ipswich, 'C' Company at Leiston from The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment (TA); 'A' (Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Company at Ipswich and 'D' (Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Company at Swaffham from 308 (Suffolk and Norfolk Yeomanry) Field Regiment RA (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The Suffolk and Cambridgeshire Regiment at Ipswich, under 5th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'D' (Cambridgeshire) Company 6th (V) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment [page 94].

### **4th (Territorial) Battalion The Welch Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ and 'B' Company at Carmarthen and 'C' Company at Swansea from 4th Battalion The Welch Regiment (TA); 'A' Company (Pembroke Yeomanry) at Haverfordwest from The Pembroke Yeomanry RAC (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 4th Battalion The Welch Regiment at Llanelli under 157 Transport Regiment RCT (V); 'A' Company formed 224 (Pembroke Yeomanry) Squadron 157 Transport Regiment RCT (V) [page 209].

**March 1971:** By now designated 4th (Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as HQ and HQ Company 4th (V) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales [page 119].

### **5th/6th (Territorial) Battalion The Welch Regiment**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ at Pontypridd and 'A' Company at Cardiff and 'B' Company at Bridgend from 5th Battalion The Welch Regiment (TA) and 6th Battalion The Welch Regiment (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre 5th/6th Battalion The Welch Regiment at Pontypridd, under Welsh Volunteers.

**March 1971:** By now designated 5th/6th (Glamorgan) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as part of 'C' Company 3rd (V) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales [page 118].

### **The West Riding Territorials**

Formed 1 April 1967 as TAVR III unit. HQ, 'A' Company and 'B' Company at Huddersfield and 'C' Company at Halifax The West Riding Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) (TA).

**1 April 1969:** Reduced to cadre The West Riding Battalion The Duke of Wellington's Regiment at Huddersfield, under Yorkshire Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'C' (The Duke of Wellington's Regiment) Company 3rd Battalion Yorkshire Volunteers [page 164].

### **The Worcestershire Regiment**

Cadre, formed 20 April 1970 by transfer to infantry of cadre The Worcestershire Regiment RA [page 43], at Worcester under Mercian Volunteers.

**1 April 1971:** Reformed as 'A' (Worcestershire Regiment) Company The Light Infantry and Mercian Volunteers [page 156].



## **Royal Logistic Corps, including Royal Corps of Transport**

### **Introduction**

When the reserve force were restructured in 1967, the Royal Corps of Transport formed into eight Transport regiments, what was to remain until *Options for Change*.

First of all, just before *Options*, the HQ Squadron were numbered from 1 April 1990. Numbers originated either from pre-1967 units, are were new.

Secondly, three regiments disbanded, of which two merged. Furthermore, on 1 April 1993 the Royal Logistic Corps was formed, by merger of:

- Royal Corps of Transport – listed here;
- Royal Army Ordnance Corps – page 214;
- Army Catering Corps – only Specialist units, not listed;
- Royal Pioneer Corps – only Specialist units, not listed.

In 1996 a new regiment was formed by re-rolling of an infantry battalion, bringing the total to seven regiments. The recent *Strategic Defence Review* only saw some streamlining of the Corps.

### **150 (Northumbrian) Transport Regiment Royal Corps of Transport (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Londesborough Barracks, Hull from *150 (Northumbrian) Regiment RCT (TA)*.

#### **SQUADRONS:**

**216 (Tyne Tees) Squadron** at Tynemouth. Formed from *50 Northumbrian Division Regiment RCT (TA)*.

**217 (Yorkshire) Squadron** at Leeds. Formed from *66 (Yorkshire)* and *103 (West Riding) Regiments RCT (TA)*.

**218 (East Riding) Squadron** at Hull. Formed from *66 (Yorkshire)* and *150 (Northumbrian) Regiments RCT (TA)*.

**219 (West Riding) Squadron** at Doncaster. Formed from *49* and *103 (West Riding) Regiments RCT (TA)*.

*216 Squadron* re-roled as *Artillery Support Squadron*.

### **150 (Yorkshire) Transport Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 1 April 1993.

Squadrons redesignated as *Transport Squadron* except *218 Squadron*.

*HQ Squadron* redesignated *523 HQ Squadron*. (re-use of pre-1967 squadron number)

## **151 (Greater London) Transport Regiment Royal Corps of Transport (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Croydon, London from elements *44 Home Counties Division*, *54 East Anglian Division* and *105 (Essex) Regiments RCT (TA)*.

### **SQUADRONS:**

**210 Ambulance Squadron** at Redhill, Sutton, Croydon and Clapham. Formed from *44 Home Counties Division* and *105 (Essex) Regiments RCT (TA)*.

**215 (Essex) Squadron** at Grays and Leigh on Sea. Formed from *54 East Anglian Division* and *105 (Essex) Regiment RCT (TA)*.

**240 (Hertfordshire) Tank Transporter Squadron** at Barnet, Hitchin and Slough. Formed from *557 (Hertfordshire) Tank Transporter Squadron RCT (TA)*.

**562 Parachute Squadron** at Southall and Dulwich. Formed from *562 (Middlesex) Parachute Squadron RCT (TA)*.

**1978:** *562 Squadron* became Brigade Support squadron.

??? Reroled as a General Support Regiment.

## **151 (Greater London) Transport Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 1 April 1993.

*HQ Squadron* redesignated *508 HQ Squadron*. (re-use of pre-1967 squadron number)

*215 Squadron* disbanded and formed troop *240 Squadron* at Ilford.

Squadrons now at:

Sutton and Clapham; Barnet and Ilford; Acton, Southall and Dulwich.

**1 July 1999:** all squadron became Transport squadrons.

*124 Petroleum Squadron* at Romford and Maidstone. Formerly independent squadron under command of *12 Supply Regiment RLC*.

### **152 (Ulster) Transport Regiment Royal Corps of Transport (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Belfast from *68 (Northern Ireland) Regiment RCT (TA)*. Regiment absorbed also *539 (Ulster) Supply Company RAOC (TA)* and *17 Supply Platoon RAOC (TA)*.

SQUADRONS:

**211 Squadron** at Belfast with Troop at Ballymena.

**220 Squadron** at Londonderry.

### **152 (Ulster) Ambulance Transport Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 by redesignation.

SQUADRONS:

**HQ Squadron** at Belfast.

**211 Ambulance Transport Squadron** at Londonderry and Coleraine.

**220 Ambulance Transport Squadron** at Belfast.

1 July 1999 Regiment reorganised.

SQUADRONS:

**211 Ambulance Squadron** at Londonderry with Troop at Coleraine.

**220 Ambulance Squadron** at Belfast.

**580 Ambulance Squadron** at Bridgend by transfer from *157 Transport Regiment RLC (V)* [page 209].

## **153 (Highland) Transport Regiment Royal Corps of Transport (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at Dunfermline from *433 (Forth) Regiment RCT (TA)*.

### **SQUADRONS:**

**212 Ambulance Squadron** at Dundee, Aberdeen and Dunblane. Formed from *51 Highland Division Regiment RCT (TA)*.

**230 Squadron** at Edinburgh. Formed from *52 Lowland Division* and *69 (East Lowlands) Regiment RCT (TA)*.

**231 Squadron** at Dunfermline. Formed from *433 (Forth) Regiment RCT (TA)*.

**1969:** *239 (Highland Yeomanry) Squadron* at Cupar, Kirkcaldy and Leven. Formed from *The Fife and Forfar Yeomanry/Scottish Horse (T)*.

Regiment re-roled as Artillery Support Regiment.

**1 November 1992:** *239 Squadron* re-roled as Yeomanry as '*C*' (*Fife and Forfar/Scottish Horse*) *Squadron The Scottish Yeomanry* [page 24].

**1 April 1993:** Regiment amalgamated with *154 Transport Regiment RCT (V)* to form *The Scottish Transport Regiment RLC (V)* [page 211].

## **154 (Lowland) Transport Regiment Royal Corps of Transport (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with RHQ at Glasgow from *52 Lowland Division Regiment RCT (TA)*.

SQUADRONS:

**221 Squadron** at Glasgow. Formed from *528, 530 and 574 Squadrons (V)*.

**222 Squadron** at East Kilbride. Formed from *264 (Scottish) Regiment RCT (TA)*.

**1969:** *225 (Queen's Own Lowland Yeomanry) Squadron* at Grangemouth. Formed from *The Queen's Own Lowland Yeomanry (T)*.

**1 April 1971:** *251 Squadron* formed at Irvine from cadre *The Ayrshire Yeomanry*.

**1 Novemer 1992:** *225 Squadron* and *222 Squadron* reroled as Yeomanry as 'HQ' (*Lothians and Border Horse Squadron*) and 'B' (*Lanarkshire and Queen's Own Royal Glasgow Yeomanry Squadron The Scottish Yeomanry*) respectively [page 24].

**1 April 1993:** Regiment amalgamated with *153 Transport Regiment RCT (V)* to form *The Scottish Transport Regiment RLC (V)* [page 211].

## **155 (Wessex) Transport Regiment Royal Corps of Transport (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Taunton from *43 Wessex Division Regiment RE (TA)* and *67 (Aldershot) Regiment RE (TA)*.

### SQUADRONS:

**232 Squadron** at Plymouth with troop at Tavistock. Formed from *506* and *541 Ambulance Squadrons (TA)*.

**233 Squadron** at Southampton with troops at Weymouth and Portsmouth. Formed from *505* and *920 Squadrons (TA)*.

**245 Ambulance Squadron** at Bristol with troop at Reading. Formed from *928 Ambulance Squadron RCT (TA)*.

**1 April 1993:** Regiment disbanded. *245 Squadron* formed part 'B' Company 2nd Battalion The Wessex Regiment (V).

### **156 (Lancashire and Cheshire) Transport Regiment Royal Corps of Transport (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Liverpool from 22 *(Southport) Regiment RCT (TA)*.

#### **SQUADRONS:**

**234 (Cheshire) Squadron** at Birkenhead. Formed from 102 *(Cheshire) Regiment RCT (TA)*.

**235 (West Lancashire) Squadron** at Liverpool. Formed from 22 *(Southport) Regiment RCT (TA)*.

**236 (East Lancashire) Squadron** at Salford, Manchester. Formed from 42 *Division Regiment RCT (TA)*.

**1 January 1969:** 238 Squadron formed at Bootle from 'C' Squadron The Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry (RTR) (T).

### **156 (Merseyside and Greater Manchester) Transport Regiment Royal Corps of Transport (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 7 June 1980. Squadron recieved subtitles as follows:

'(Wirral)', '(Liverpool)', '(Greater Manchester)' and '(Sefton)'.

### **156 (North West) Transport Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 1 April 1993.

235 Squadron disbanded; HQ Squadron retitled 235 HQ Squadron.



### **157 (Wales and Midlands) Transport Regiment Royal Corps of Transport (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1967 with Headquarters at Maindy Barracks from *53 Welsh Division Regiment RCT (TA)*.

#### **SQUADRONS:**

**223 (South Wales) Squadron** at Swansea with A Troop at Haverfordwest. Formed from *53 Welsh Division Regiment RCT (TA)* with A Troop formed from *The Pembroke Yeomanry (Castlemartin) RAC (TA)*.

**237 (Midlands) Squadron** at West Bromwich with Troop at Stoke-on-Trent. Formed from *48 Division Regiment RCT (TA)*.

**1 January 1969:** *224 (Pembroke Yeomanry) Squadron* at Carmarthen and Haverfordwest formed by expansion existing Troop *223 Squadron* and 'A' Company *The 4th (T) Battalion The Welch Regiment*.

### **157 (Wales and Midlands) Transport Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Redesignated 1 April 1993.

**1 October 1993:** *580 Ambulance Squadron* formed at Cardiff and Bridgend by merger 'D' Company *3rd (V) Battalion* and 'C' Company *4th (V) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales* [page 118,119].

*224 Squadron* formed Troop at Llanelli from 'A' Company *4th (V) Battalion The Royal Regiment of Wales* [page 118, 119].

*HQ Squadron* redesignated *249 HQ Squadron*.

**1 July 1999:** *580 Squadron* transferred to *152 Ambulance Regiment* [page 204].

Llanelli detachment *224 Squadron* closed.

#### **SQUADRONS:**

**123 Combat Supply Squadron** at Telford. Formerly independent squadron under command of *12 Supply Regiment RLC*.

**223 Transport Squadron** at Swansea;

**224 Transport Squadron** at Carmarthen with troop at Haverfordwest;

**237 Transport Squadron** at West Bromwich with troop at Stoke-on-Trent;

**249 HQ Squadron** at Maindy Barracks, Cardiff;

**REME Workshops** at Bridgend.

## **158 (Royal Anglian) Transport Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1996 with Headquarters at Peterborough by conversion of *5th (Volunteer) Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment* [page 93].

### **SQUADRONS:**

**200 (Peterborough) HQ Squadron** at Peterborough by conversion *'HQ' Company 5th Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment*.

**201 (Bedford) Squadron** at Bedford by conversion *'1' Company 5th Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment*.

**202 (Ipswich) Squadron** at Ipswich with detachment at Colchester by conversion *'B' Company 6th Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment*.

**203 Squadron** at Loughborough with detachment at Melton Mowbray by conversion *'3' Company 5th Battalion The Royal Anglian Regiment*.

## **The Scottish Transport Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 by amalgamation of *153 (Highland) Regiment RCT (V)* [page 205] and *154 (Lowland) Regiment RCT (V)* [page 206].

### SQUADRONS:

**527 HQ Squadron** at Dunfermline.(re-use of pre-1967 squadron title)

**221 Transport Squadron** at Glasgow.

**230 Transport Squadron** at Edinburgh.

**231 Transport Squadron** at Dunfermline with Troop at Glenrothes.

**251 Transport Squadron** at Irvine.

**1 July 1999:** *231 Squadron* moved to Glenrothes.

*125 Rations Squadron* at Glasgow attached to Regiment.

Most of the Specialist Regiments listed below were formed in 1995 - 1996.

**160 Transport Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

**161 Ambulance Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

**162 Movement Control Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

**163 Movement Control Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

**164 Transport Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

**165 Port Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

**166 Logistic Support Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Formed November 1995 from cadre *19 Southern Supply Group*.

**168 Pioneer Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Specialist unit. Regimental Headquarters (Forward) at Middlesbrough.

Formed by rebadging personnel *6th Battalion The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers (Volunteers)* [page 89], *4th/5th Battalion The Green Howards (Yorkshire Volunteers)* [page 109] and *7th Battalion The Light Infantry (Volunteers)* [page 103], 'footprint' retained.

SQUADRONS:

**100 Pioneer Squadron** at Cramlington (Sqn HQ and 1 and 2 Troops) with 3 Troop at Berwick-upon-Tweed and 4 Troop at Hexham.

**104 Pioneer Squadron** at Coulby Newham, Middlesbrough (Sqn HQ and 1 and 2 Troops) with 3 Troop at Hartlepool and 4 Troop at Washington.

## Independent Squadrons

### **65 Petroleum Squadron Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 at Portsmouth by redesignation 93 *Ordnance Company RAOC (V)*.  
Disbanded 1 July 1999.

### **66 Stores Squadron Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 at Southall by redesignation 55 *Ordnance Company RAOC (V)*. Later absorbed into 562 *Brigade Support Squadron*.

### **67 (Middlesbrough) Stores Squadron Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 at Stockton-on-Tees by redesignation of 22 *Ordnance Company RAOC (V)*.  
Disbanded 1 July 1999.

### **68 Vehicles Squadron Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 at Leeds by redesignation of 23 *Ordnance Company RAOC (V)*. Absorbed into 217 *Transport Squadron* later.

### **123 Ammunition Squadron Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 at Telford by redesignation of 72 *Ordnance Company RAOC (V)*; squadron under command 12 *Supply Regiment RLC*.  
1 July 1999: Came under command 157 *Transport Regiment RLC (V)* [page 209] as 123 *Combat Supply Squadron*.

### **124 Petrol Squadron Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 at Romford by redesignation of 73 *Ordnance Company RAOC (V)*; squadron was part of 12 *Supply Regiment RLC*.  
1 July 1999: Came under command 151 *Transport Regiment RLC (V)* [page 203].

### **125 Rations Squadron Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 at Glasgow by redesignation of 94 (*Scottish*) *Ordnance Squadron RAOC (V)*.  
1 July 1999: Came under command *The Scottish Transport Regiment RLC (V)* [page 211].

### **126 Petrol Squadron Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 at Plymouth? Later reduced to 383 *Commando Petroleum Troop RLC (V)*.

### **142 Vehicles Squadron Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 at Tonbridge by redesignation of ?? *Ordnance Company RAOC (V)*. Disbanded by 1998.

### **143 Transit Squadron Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Formed 1 April 1993 at Ormskirk by redesignation of ?? *Ordnance Company RAOC (V)*; part of 14 *Supply Regiment RLC*. Disbanded by 1997.

### **395 Air Despatch Troop Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)**

Became independent 1 April 1993 upon disbandment 155 *Regiment RCT (V)*. Located at RAF Lyneham.

## **Royal Army Ordnance Corps**

On 1 April 1993 the *Royal Army Ordnance Corps* was merged with the *Royal Corps of Transport*, the *Army Catering Corps* and the *Royal Pioneer Corps* to form the *Royal Logistic Corps* [page 201].

## **Independent Ordnance Companies (Volunteers)**

### **1 Stores Company (V)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at ?? from *HQ RAOC 44 Division* and *4 Stores Company*.  
Later redesignated.

1 April 1993 redesignated *142 Vehicles Squadron RLC (V)* [page 213].

### **50 Ordnance Maintenance Park (V)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at Leeds from *HQ RAOC 49 Division*, *HQ RAOC 50 Division* and *49, 50 and 55 Stores Companies*.

Later split into *22 Ordnance Company* and *23 Ordnance Company*, see below.

### **22 Ordnance Company (V) at Middlesbrough.**

1 April 1993 redesignated as *67 Stores Squadron RLC (V)* at Norton-on-Tees [page 213].

### **23 Ordnance Company (V) at Leeds.**

1 April 1993 redesignated as *68 Vehicles Squadron RLC (V)* [page 213].

### **52 Transit Company (V)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at Ormskirk from *HQ ROAC 42 Division*, *HQ RAOC 48 Division*, *2, 5 Stores Companies* and *20 Vehicle Company*.

Later redesignated.

1 April 1993 redesignated as *143 Transit Company RLC (V)* [page 213].

### **44 Parachute Ordnance Field Park (Airportable) (V)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at London from same unit. Later redesignated:

#### **55 Ordnance Company (V)**

Located at Southall, Middlesex.

1 April 1993 redesignated *66 Stores Squadron RLC (V)* [page 213].

### **72 Ordnance Company (V)**

Formed later at Telford.

1 April 1993 redesignated *123 Ammunition Squadron RLC (V)* [page 213].

### **533 Supply Company (V)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at Romford from *HQ ROAC 44 Division*, *1 Stores Company* and *533 Supply Company*.

Later redesignated:

#### **73 Ordnance Company (V)**

1 April 1993 transferred to *Royal Logistic Corps* as *124 Petrol Squadron RLC (V)* [page 213].

### **93 Ordnance Company (V)**

Formed ?? at Portsmouth by expansion *21 Supply Platoon*.

1 April 1993 redesignated *65 Petrol Squadron RLC (V)* [page 213].

### **51 Ordnance Field Park (V)**

Formed 1 April 1967 at Glasgow from *HQ RAOC 51 Division*, *HQ RAOC 52 Division*, *51 Stores Company*, *51 Ordnance Field Park* and *52 Stores Company*.

Later redesignated:

#### **94 (Scottish) Ordnance Company (V)**

1 April 1993 redesignated *125 Rations Squadron RLC (V)* [page 213].

### **95 Ordnance Company (V)**

Formed 1986 at Bristol. Disbanded 1993.

## **Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers**



It should be notes that the Light Aid Detachments, found in almost every other Regiment and Corps, are manned by the REME as well.



### **101 Battalion Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1995 with Headquarters at Chorley by grouping independent companies.

COMPANIES:

**119 (Holywell) Recovery Company** at Prestayn.

**126 Reclamation Company** at Coventry.

**127 Workshop Company** at Clifton, Manchester. New formed

**153 Workshop Company** at Grangemouth.

**1 July 1999:** HQ moved to Queensferry.

### **102 Battalion Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1995 with Headquarters at Newton Aycliffe by grouping independent companies.

COMPANIES:

**118 Recovery Company** at Northampton with platoons at Leicester and Corby.

**124 (Tyne Electrical Engineers) Recovery Company** at Newton Aycliffe.

**146 Workshop Company** at Rotherham. New formed out of *118 Company*.

**147 Port & Reclamation Company** at Scunthorpe. New formed 1997.

**186 (Tyne Electrical Engineers) Workshop Company** at Walker, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. New formed 1997 from elements *124 Company*.

**1 July 1999:** *118 Company* became independent.

### **103 Battalion Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (Volunteers)**

Formed 1995 with Headquarters at Crawley by grouping independent companies.

COMPANIES:

**128 Reclamation Company** at Portsmouth. New formed.

**133 (Kent) Corps Workshop Company** at Ashford.

**150 Recovery Company** at Redhill. New formed out of *133 Company*.

## Independent REME Companies

**9 Field Workshop Company REME (V)** at Portsmouth. 1995 redesignation *128 Reclamation Company* at transferred to *103 Battalion REME (V)*.

**118 Recovery Company REME (V)** at Northampton with platoons at Leicester and Corby. Formed 1967 from *49 North Midland Division Regiment RCT (TA)*. 1995 transferred to *102 Battalion REME (V)*.

1 July 1999 became independent again. Formed part of specialist *105 Battalion REME (V)*.

**119 (Holywell) Recovery Company REME (V)** at Prestayn. Formed 1967. 1995 transferred to *101 Battalion REME (V)*.

**124 (Tyne Electrical Engineers) Company REME (V)** at Newton Aycliffe. Formed 1967. 1995 transferred to *102 Battalion REME (V)*.

**126 Reclamation Company REME (V)** at Coventry. Formed 1967. 1995 transferred to *101 Battalion REME (V)*.

**133 Infantry Workshop Company REME (V)** at Maidstone and Deal. Formed 1967. 1995 moved to Ashford and transferred to *103 Battalion REME (V)*.

**153 Workshop Company REME (V)** at Grangemouth. Formed 1993 from *154 Regiment Workshop RCT (V)*. 1995 transferred to *101 Battalion REME (V)*.

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