

**Operation Telic 1 (January to July 2003)**  
**(46, 000 personnel at peak in April 2003)**

***Doha, Qatar***

**UK National Contingent**

Commander Air Marshal Brian Burridge (Jan to May 2003)

Chief of Staff Brig Wall (Jan to Apr 2003)/Brig Barney White-Spunner (May to June 2003)

***1 (UK) Armoured Division***

Commander Major General Robin Brims (succeeded by Major General Peter Wall mid May 03)

1 (UK) Armoured Division Headquarters and Signal Regiment

**Special Force Liaison Element**

Detachment D Squadron, 22 SAS Regiment

M Squadron, Special Boat Squadron (from mid April 2003 onwards)

**Divisional Troops**

1 General Support Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps

2 Close Support Regiment, Royal Logistics Corps

2nd Battalion, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers

1 Close Support Medical Regiment

5 General Support Medical Regiment

33 (EOD) Regiment Royal Engineers (detached to brigades)

1 Regiment Royal Military Police

**28 Regiment Royal Engineers**

23 Ampb Sqn, 45 Field Sqn, 29 Armd Engr Sqn

**Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiation and Nuclear Regiment**

27 Squadron, RAF Regiment

D & G Squadrons, 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

H Squadron, of 2nd Royal Tank Regiment (2 RTR) (attached to the US Exploitation Task Force)

**Prisoner of War Handling Organisation**

RHQ Queen's Dragoon Guards

- B Squadron, QDG
- 9 (Plassey) Battery, 12 Regiment RA
- 70 Gurkha Field Squadron RE
- 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Duke of Wellington's Regiment
- A, B, C Coys, 1 DWR

UK POW camp opened March 2003 but closed the following month.

US-run Theater Internment Facility opened in Umm Qasr in April 2003, designated Camp Bucca. UK then had detention facility within Camp Bucca

**Joint Helicopter Force**

21 Signals Regiment

33 Squadron RAF (7 x Puma)

18 (Bomber) & 27 Squadron RAF (5 x Chinook HC2)  
Headquarters 3 Force Protection Wing, RAF Regiment  
51 Squadron, RAF Regiment  
20 Field Squadron, Royal Engineers  
Tactical Supply Wing, RAF

### **Divisional Offensive Support Group**

A Squadron, Queen's Dragoon Guards (CVR(T))  
245 Signals Squadron, Royal Signals (SIGINT)  
4 x TACP

### **32 Regiment Royal Artillery**

18 Battery RA (Phoenix UAV)  
22 Battery RA (Phoenix UAV)  
K Battery, 5 Regiment RA (MAMBA Radar)

### **12 Regiment Royal Artillery**

Battery RA (HVM)  
12 (Minden) Battery  
58 (Eyre's) Battery

### **7 Armoured Brigade**

Commander Brigadier Graham Binns  
7 Armoured Brigade Headquarters and 207 Signal Squadron

- RHQ 32 (Armoured) Regiment Royal Engineers
- 2 Logistic Support Regiment
- 2 Close Support Medical Regiment
- 2 Bn, REME
- 111 Provost Company RMP

### **3rd Regiment Royal Horse Artillery**

- J Battery (8 x AS-90 155 mm howitzers)
- C Battery (8 x AS-90 155 mm howitzers)
- D Battery (8x AS-90 155 mm howitzers)
- 17/16 Battery, 26 Regiment RA (8 x AS-90 155 mm howitzers)

### **Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (Carabiniers and Greys) Battlegroup**

- B & C Squadron, RSDG (28 x Challenger 2)
- 1 & 2 Coys, 1 IG (Warrior)
- 31 Armoured Engineer Squadron, RE
- Tac Group, J Battery RHA

### **2nd Royal Tank Regiment Battlegroup**

- A & D Coy, 1 LI (Warrior)
- F & C Squadrons, 2 RTR (28 x Challenger 2)
- FS Elements, 1 LI (MILAN, 81mm Mortar, snipers)
- 25 Armoured Engineer Squadron, RE
- Tac Group, 17/16 Battery 26 Regiment RA

### **1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment) Battlegroup**

- E Squadron, 2 RTR (14 x Challenger 2)
- A Squadron, RSDG (14 x Challenger 2)
- B & D Coy, 1 BW (Warrior)
- C FS Coy, 1 BW (MILAN, 81mm Mortar, snipers)
- 26 Armoured Engineer Squadron, RE
- Tac Group, C Battery RHA

### **1st Battalion Royal Regiment of Fusiliers Battlegroup**

- C & B Squadrons, QRL (28 x Challenger 2)
- Y & Z Coy, 1 RRF (Warrior)
- X FS Coy, 1 RRF (MILAN, 81mm Mortar, snipers)
- 39 Armoured Engineer Squadron, RE
- Tac Group, D Battery 3 RHA

### ***16 Air Assault Brigade***

Commander Brigadier Jacko Page  
16 Air Assault Brigade Headquarters  
216 Squadron Royal Signals

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment Battlegroup

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Parachute Regiment Battlegroup

3<sup>rd</sup> Battalion, The Parachute Regiment Battlegroup

3 Regiment Army Air Corps Aviation Battlegroup

- 662, 663 Squadrons (12 Lynx AH.7/9 and 10 Gazelle AH.1)

### **Operational Support Group**

- D Squadron, Household Cavalry Regiment,
- 7<sup>th</sup> Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery (RHA)(18 x 105mm Light Guns, attached 2 x batteries AS-90 (D Bty, 3 RHA and 17/16 Bty, 26 Regiment RA))
- 21 Battery, Royal Artillery (HVM)
- Pathfinder Platoon
- 613, 615, 616 Tactical Air Control Party (TACP)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> ANGLICO Brigade Team (USMC)
- Light Electronic Warfare Team (LEWT) 14 Regiment Royal Signals
- MAMBA (Arthur) Weapon Locating Radar Troop, K Battery, Regiment Royal Artillery

### **Combat Support**

23 Engineer Regiment (Air Assault), Royal Engineers (9 and 51 Squadrons)  
13 Air Assault Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps  
7 Air Assault Battalion, the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers  
16 Close Support Medical Regiment  
Elements 47 Air Despatch Squadron, RLC  
156 Company, Royal Military Police

### ***3 Commando Brigade***

Commander Brigadier Jim Dutton

Headquarters 3 Commando Brigade

- USMC ANGLICO Det
- 59 Independent (Commando) Squadron Royal Engineers
- 131 Independent (Commando) Squadron Royal Engineers (Volunteer)
- 9 (Commando) Assault Squadron
- 531 (Commando) Assault Squadron

### **UK Landing Force Command Support Group**

- Brigade Reconnaissance Force
- C Squadron, Queen's Dragoon Guards
- Y Troop, RM (SIGINT)
- Air Defence Troop (HVM)

### **40 Commando, Royal Marines**

- A, B, C, D Coy, 40 Cdo RM
- USMC ANGLICO Det
- C Squadron, Royal Scots Dragoon Guards (26 Mar to 4 Apr )
- F Squadron, 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment (4 Apr onwards)
- Tac Group 8 Battery, 29 Regt RA

### **42 Commando, Royal Marines**

- J, K, L, M Coy, 42 Cdo RM
- Z Coy, 45 Cdo RM
- USMC ANGLICO Det
- Tac Group 7 Battery, 29 Regt RA

### **15<sup>th</sup> Marine Expeditionary Unit, USMC (until 24 Mar 03)**

### **29 (Commando) Regiment Royal Artillery**

- 7 Battery (8 x 105 mm Light Gun)
- 8 Battery (8 x 105 mm Light Gun)
- 148 Battery (Forward Observation/TACP x 3)

### **Commando Logistic Regiment**

#### **Commando Helicopter Force**

846 Naval Air Squadron (10 x Sea King )

847 Naval Air Squadron (6 x Gazelle AH.1, 6 x Lynx AH.7)

18 (Bomber) Squadron RAF (5 x Chinook HC.2)

### ***102 Logistic Brigade/ Joint Force Logistic Component***

Commander Brigadier Shaun Cowlam

Headquarters 102 Logistics Brigade (Camp Arifjan)

Concentration Area (Camp Coyote)  
Rear Supply Group (Camp Fox)  
262 Signals Squadron  
36 Engineer Regiment  
33 Field Hospital (Camp Coyote)  
34 Field Hospital (Camp Coyote)  
202 Field Hospital (Volunteer) (Camp Coyote) (reinforced by 205 Field Hospital)  
4 General Support Medical Regiment  
3 Battalion Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers  
6 Supply Regiment Royal Logistics Corps  
7 Transport Regiment Royal Logistics Corps (6 x sqns, including three sub-units from  
8 Transport Regiment) (9 Fuel Sqn, 16 Tank Transporter Sqn, 17 Sqn, 3?, 13 Sqns?)  
17 Port and Maritime Regiment Royal Logistics Corps (51 and 52 Port Sqns and 53  
Port Supply Sqn) (Shuwaikh and Shuaiba Ports, Kuwait, Umm Qasr, Iraq)  
23 Pioneer Regiment Royal Logistics Corps (101 Pnr Sqn)  
24 Regiment Royal Logistics Corps (24 & 59 Mov Sqns) (APOD Kuwait  
International Airport/ Forward Movement Control Centre (FMCC) Camp Arifjan)  
5 Regiment Royal Military Police  
Elements of 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment  
Theatre Reception Centre (Centurion Lines, Kuwait)

### **Special Forces**

US CJSOTF-West (January to Jun 2003) (Jordan/Western Iraq)

Deputy Commander, Brigadier Adrian Bradshaw

Task Group HQ, 22 SAS Regiment

- B and D Squadrons, 22 SAS Regiment
- M Squadron, Special Boat Service
- 45 Commando RM
- II Squadron, Royal Air Force Regiment
- 7 Squadron, RAF (Chinook HC.2 helicopters)
- 657 Squadron, Army Air Corps (Lynx AH.7 helicopters)
- 3 Squadron, RAF (Harrier GR.7 strike jets)
- 39 Squadron, RAF (Canberra PR.9 reconnaissance aircraft)
- Detachment Joint NBC Regiment
- 264 Signals Squadron, Royal Signals

### **UK Air and Naval Deployments, Operation Telic 1**

Total 206 aircraft and helicopters

(all squadrons/units RAF except where marked)

### **Air Component**

Combined Air Co-ordination Centre (CAOC) Prince Sultan Airbase Saudi Arabia

Commander – Air Vice Marshal Glenn Torpy

**Incirlik, Turkey:** 4 Jaguar GR3, 1 VC10 (10/101 Sqn)

**Akrotiri, Cyprus:** 1 VC10 medivac, 8 C130K/J (LTW)

**Iraq, Jordan/Western Iraq:** 8 Harrier GR7 (3 Sqn), 2 Canberra PR9 (39 Sqn), 8  
Chinook (7 Sqn), 6 x Lynx AH.7 (657 Sqn AAC)

**Kuwait, Ali al Salem:** 18 Tornado GR4 (II Sqn, 9 Sqn, 31 Sqn, 617 Sqn)

**Kuwait, Ahmed al Jaber:** 12 Harrier GR7 (IV Sqn)  
**Kuwait/Iraq (1 UK Armd Div);** 4 Pheonix UAV launcher and 29 air vehicles (32 Regt RA)  
**Saudi Arabia Prince Sultan AB:** 14 Tornado F3 (43, 111 Sqns) 2 HS125 (32 Sqn), 4 E3D AWACS (8/23 Sqn), 4 Nimrod MR2 120/201/206 Sqn), 7 VC10 (10/101 Sqn), 1 Nimrod R1 (51 Sqn)  
**Bahrain, Muharraq:** 4 Tristar (216 sqn)  
**Qatar, Al Udeid:** 12 Tornado GR4 (II Sqn, 12 Sqn, 617 Sqn) 1 HS125 (32 Sqn)  
**UAE:** 4 C130K/J (LTW)  
**Oman, Seeb:** 2 Nimrod MR2 (120/201/206 Sqn)  
**Kuwait, Ali al Salem and Iraq FOB (Joint Helicopter Force):** 6 Chinook (18 Sqn), 7 Puma (33 Sqn), 12 Lynx AH.7/9 and 10 Gazelles AH.1 (3 Regt AAC – Attached 16 Air Assault Brigade)

### **UK Maritime Component**

Commander - Rear Admiral David Snelson (succeeded by Major General Tony Milton 16 April 2003)

Commander Amphibious Task Group - Commodore Jamie Miller

*HMS Ark Royal (flag ship/helicopter carrier)*

*HMS Ocean (helicopter carrier)*

*HMS Edinburgh (Type 42 destroyer)*

*HMS Liverpool (Type 42 destroyer)*

*HMS York (Type 42 Destroyer)*

*HMS Chatham (Type 22 frigate)*

*HMS Richmond (Type 23 frigate)*

*HMS Marlborough (Type 23 frigate)*

*HMS Splendid (Trafalgar class Tomahawk cruise missile firing submarine)*

*HMS Turbulent (Trafalgar class Tomahawk cruise missile firing submarine)*

Mine Counter Measures Force

*RFA Sir Bedivere (support and repair vessel)*

*HMS Bangor*

*HMS Blyth*

*HMS Brocklesby*

*HMS Grimsby*

*HMS Ledbury*

*HMS Sandown*

*HMS Shoreham*

*HMS Ramsey*

*HMS Roebuck (survey vessel)*

Support vessels of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary

*RFA Sir Galahad*

*RFA Sir Percivale*

*RFA Sir Tristram*

*RFA Argus*

*RFA Bayleaf*

*RFA Brambleleaf*

*RFA Orangeleaf*  
*RFA Grey Rover*  
*RFA Fort Austin*  
*RFA Fort Rosalie*  
*RFA Fort Victoria*  
*RFA Diligence*  
*RFA Sea Crusader*

Strategic Ro-Ro Vessels

*MV Hurst Point*  
*MV Eddystone*  
*MV Longstone*  
*MV Beachy Head*  
*MV Hartland Point*  
*MV Anvil Point*

Embarked Aviation

**HMS Ocean (Commando Helicopter Force):** 10 Sea King HC.4(845 NAS), 6 Lynx AH.7 and 6 Gazelle AH.1 (847 NAS)

**HMS Ark Royal:** 5 Chinook (18 Sqn - Joint Helicopter Force), 4 Sea King AEW.7 (849 NAS)

**RFA Fort Victoria:** 4 Merlin HMA.1 (814 NAS)

**RFA Argus, RFA Austin and RFA Rosalie:** 6 Sea King HAS.6 (820 NAS) in hack role.

**MS Liverpool, HMS Edinburgh, HMS York, MS Marlborough**

**HMS Richmond, HMS Chatham (2 x Lynx), HMS Cardiff:** Total 9 Lynx HAS3/HMA8 (all 815 NAS)

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