

**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 Amph Sqn, 45 Field Sqn, 29 Armd Engr Sqn

Joint Chemical, Biological, Radiation and Nuclear Regiment

27 Squadron, RAF Regiment

D & G Squadrons, 1st 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
- 1st 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

1st 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

1st Battalion, Royal Irish Regiment Battlegroup

1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment Battlegroup

3rd 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,
- 7th 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)
- 3rd 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, 2nd 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

15th 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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