

## **Operation Telic 13 (Jan to May 2009) (4,000 troops)**

### ***Headquarters Multi-National Division (South East)***

Commander Maj Gen Andy Salmon

### **20 Armoured Brigade - COB**

*Commander Brig Tom Beckett*

Headquarters 20 Armoured Brigade and 200 Signals Squadron

- 35 Engineer Regiment
- Elements of 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal)
- Brigade Surveillance Company
- Joint EOD Group (Elements of 11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal Regiment and 33 Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal))

### **Strike Battlegroup - COB**

1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 5<sup>th</sup> Battalion, The Rifles

- A Coy, 2 PWRR (Warrior/Bulldog)
- A Coy, 5 Rifles (Warrior/Bulldog)
- B Coy, 5 Rifles (Warrior/Bulldog)
- C Coy, 5 Rifles (Warrior/Bulldog)
- A Sqn, QRH (Challenger)
- B Sqn QRH, (Umm Qasr MiTT/FP unit)

### **UK MiTT Group – COB**

RHQ 1<sup>st</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

(19 x MiTT teams)

- C Coy, 1 Yorks (3/52 Bde MiTT) ((Al Qurnah, Camp Saad)
- Y Coy, 1 Yorks (MiTT Escort Group)
- Support Coy, 1 Yorks (4/52 Bde MiTT Al Qurnah, 2/26 Bde MiTT OSB)
- D Sqn QRH (51 Bde MiTT) (Basra and Az Zubayr)
- C Coy 1 PWRR (14 Div Cdo Coy MiTT/DTC) (Camp Wessam/Shuibah)
- 1 RTR T Sqn ( MiTT)
- HQ Coy, 1 PWRR (BoC Mitt and City QRF)
- 55 Battery 26 Regt RA (MiTT)
- 159 Battery 26 Regt RA (MiTT) Camp Craw

### **Divisional Troops**

110 Provost Company

22 Battery, 32 Regiment RA (Hermes 450)

9 Battery, 12 Regiment RA (Desert Hawk)

Troop 14 (EW) Signals Regiment

Royal Navy Training Team (Umm Qasr)

Task Force Spartan, 22 SAS Regiment

115 Provost Company RMP

### **Joint Helicopter Force (Iraq) – Basra International Airport**

Elements of 21st Signal Regiment (Air Support)

Elements of Tactical Supply Wing

Elements of Joint Helicopter Support Unit

28/78 Squadron Royal Air Force (Merlin HC.3)

659 followed by 661 Squadrons Army Air Corps on four month long tours (4 x Lynx AH.9)

### **Basra Air Station**

Air Port of Disembarkation (APOD) Ops Wing  
HQ 7 Force Protection Wing

- 15 Squadron, RAF Regiment
- 32 Battery, 16 Regiment RA (C-RAM)
- 16 Battery 26 Regt RA (COB FP)
- 606 Tactical Air Control Party, RAF
- 618 Tactical Air Control Party, RAF
- RAF Police Detachment

### **UK Medical Group - COB**

22 Field Hospital  
Elements of 1 Close Support Medical Regiment

### **National Support Element – COB/Kuwait**

HQ National Support Element Signals Troop, 214 Signals Squadron (replaced 250 Signals Sqn in May)

1 Logistic Support Regiment, including elements of

- 6 & 9 Supply Regiments
- 156 (North West) Transport Regiment
- 17 Port and Maritime Regiment
- 24 Postal Courier and Movement Regiment
- 27 Transport Regiment,
- 29 Postal Courier and Movement Regiment, RLC)
- 103 Military Working Dogs Support Unit
- 3 Battalion, REME, including elements of 101 Force Support Battalion REME
- Elements of 42 Engineer Regiment (Geographical)
- Elements of 170 (Infrastructure Support) Engineer Group
- Divisional Internment Facility (COB) (close Jan 2009)

### **Senior British Military Representative-Iraq (Baghdad)**

Baghdad Signals Squadron, 214 Signals Squadron (replaced 250 Signals Sqn in May)  
Baghdad Protection Force Company, A Coy, 1 Yorks (Baghdad Protection Force)

### **US Joint Special Operations Command (Baghdad/Balad)**

Detachment 264 & 268 Signals Squadrons

G Squadron, 22 SAS Regiment

Company Group, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, The Parachute Regiment (Special Force Support Group) on six month rotations

Puma Detachment RAF (6 x Puma HC1, with crews from 33 and 230 Squadron rotating)

657 Squadron Army Air Corps, (2-4 x Lynx AH.7)

651 Squadron, Army Air Corps (2 x Britten Norman Defender 4000)

47 Squadron RAF (1 x C-130K)

Airborne ISTAR support

Predator/Reaper UAV (1115 Flight at Creech AFB Nevada and at Balad AB)

Diamond DA42 MPP (RAF)

### **UK Air Component**

UK Command Team at US-run Combined Air Operations Centre (Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar)

Tornado Detachment (TORDET): Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar) (6-8 x Tornado GR4, with 9, II and 13 Squadrons serving two month long tours)

Hercules Detachment: Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar (4-5 Hercules, with 24, 30, 70 and Squadrons rotating every two months)

VC-10 Detachment: Al Udeid Airbase, Qatar (2 x VC-10 from 101 Squadron detachments rotating every two months)

32 (Royal) Squadron Detachment: Muharraq International Airport, Bahrain(2 x BAe-125 and 1 x BAe 146, with crews rotating every two months)

Nimrod Detachment: Seeb Airbase, Oman (4 x Nimrod MR2 from 120 and 201 Squadrons and 2 x Tristar from 216 Squadron) (until March 2009)

### ***Operation Pike/Operation Brockdale (May to October 2009)***

Joint Force Logistic Headquarters/HQ COMBRITFOR – Camp Buerhring, Kuwait  
A Coy, 3 Yorks (Baghdad Protection Force)

D Sqn, QRH Escort Group (Kuwait)

4 Logistic Support Regiment, RLC (4, 33, 60 GS Sqns)

4 Battalion, REME

Port Task Group

### **UK Naval Component**

UK maritime assets supporting the security operation to protect Iraq's off shore oil infra-structure were placed under the tactical control of the Multi-Nationally-led Combined Task Force 158, with command rotating between US, UK and Australian officers. It was renamed Combined Task Force – Iraqi Maritime in January 2009. In May 2009, Commodore James Morse RN assumed command of the task force for a four month long period. During this period the Type 23 frigates HMS Lancaster and HMS Richmond operated in Northern Arabian Gulf. The RFA Cardigan Bay operated in the NAG as a Mother Ship and Afloat Training Platform for Iraqi Marines. They were supported by a repair ship and a fleet tanker in the central Gulf, as well as the RAF Nimrod MR2 detachment at Seeb in Oman. UK maritime forces were designated CTF 330 by PJHQ.

Camp Bucca US-run Theater Internment Facility (Umm Qasr)

Guarded by battalion sized detachment drawn from US Army Military Police Battalions, US Air Force Security Force Squadrons and US Navy Provisional Detainee Battalions, as well as Romanian Field Hospital.

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