

Optional Unofficial MSH UK 16 Air Assault Brigade 2005 TO&E

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Morale: All Veteran

Pathfinder Platoon: 1 infantry stand

Household Cavalry Regiment (HCR)

1 HQ Stand in Sultan

4 Squadrons, each with:

3 Scimitar Stands

1 Striker Stand

1 Spartan Infantry Combat Team

1st Battalion, The Parachute Regiment (1 PARA)

4th Battalion (V), The Parachute Regiment (4 PARA) (Only in wartime)

1 HQ Stand

3 Companies, each with:

3 Infantry stands (1 stand per battalion is designated engineers)

1 GPMG stand

Support company with:

Anti-tank platoon: 3 Milan stands

Recce platoon: 1 infantry stand

Mortar platoon: 2 81mm Mortar stands (3 in wartime)

MG Platoon: 3 GPMG Stands

2nd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment (2 PARA)

3rd Battalion, The Parachute Regiment (3 PARA)

Roundout infantry battalion (currently 1st Battalion, the Royal Irish Regiment) (1 R IRISH)

1 HQ Stand

3 Companies, each with:

3 Infantry Stands (1 stand per battalion is designated engineers)

1 GPMG stand

Anti-Tank company with:

7 Milan stands

Support company with:

Recce platoon: 1 infantry stand

Mortar platoon: 2 81mm mortar stands (3 in wartime)

MG platoon: 3 GPMG stands

7th Parachute Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery (7 PARA RHA)

1 HQ Stand

3 Batteries (4 in wartime), each with:

2 105mm Light Gun stands (3 in wartime)

21 Air Defence Battery (detached from 47 RA) with:

12 Starstreak HVM stands

23rd Engineer Regiment, Royal Engineers (23 RE)

1 HQ Stand

9 Parachute Squadron with:

3 Engineer stands

51 Field Squadron with:

3 Engineer stands in FV432

1 FV180 CET stand

Support Squadron with:

1 FV180 CET stand

1 Spartan+ML stand

1 MGB stand

3rd Regiment, Army Air Corps (3 AAC)

Currently 2 Lynx Mk7, 2 Gazelle, 2 Lynx Mk9

4th Regiment, Army Air Corps (4 AAC)**9th Regiment, Army Air Corps (9 AAC)****2 Squadrons, each with:**

4 AH-64D Apache and 2 Lynx 9 stands

1 Squadron, with:

4 Lynx 9

RAF 16 Bde Helicopter Support Unit

6 Chinook and 6 Puma stands

Logistics and Support units

13th Air Assault Support Regiment, Royal Logistics Corps (13 AASLT RLC)

7th Air Assault Battalion, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers (7 AASLT REME)

16th Close Support Medical Regiment, Army Medical Services (16 CS MED)

216th Signal Squadron, Royal Signals (216 R SIGS)

132nd Aviation Support Unit, Royal Logistics Corps (132 ASU RLC)

156th Provost Company, Royal Military Police (156 PROVOST COY, RMP)

The RAF has 55x C-130's assigned to 16 Bde for airlift

Discussion

1. 16 Brigade is, in effect, a small division and a very potent striking arm. Together with 3 Commando Brigade it is the cutting edge of the UK's intervention forces.
2. An article in Janes' in 2003 indicated 16AAB currently has three infantry battalions (two from the PARA Regiment, with one of these ready for parachute insertion); 3 Aviation Regiments (each of two AT Squadron with Lynx Mk7 and one Utility Squadron with Lynx Mk9); an artillery regiment with towed 105mm light guns; a Close Air Defence Troop; 2 Engineer Squadrons; a Pathfinder Platoon; an Armoured Recce Squadron from the Household Cavalry (with Scimitar); an MP Company; and logistics support.