

Optional Unofficial MSH UK Army 1958-1970 TO&E

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Morale: ? (*probably All Regulars*)

Armoured Division 1958-1970

2 Brigade Groups – either armoured or infantry (*see below*)

Armoured Brigade Group

1 Brigade Recce Platoon: 3 Recce Ferret

1 Engineer Squadron: 3 Engineer Stands with 3 Truck or FV432

1 Observation Flight: 1 Scout AH.1, 1 Auster AOP.9

1 Field Artillery Regiment: 4 M44

2 Armoured Regiments, each:

RHQ: 1 HQ Centurion, 1 Centurion AVLB

1 Recce Platoon: 3 Recce Ferrets

3 Armoured Companies, each:

3 Centurions

1 Heavy Armoured Company:

2 Conquerors

1 Mechanised Battalion

BHQ: 1-HQ stand in Saracen

3 Infantry Companies, each:

3 Saracen or Humber Pig Infantry Combat teams

1 Support Company:

1 Landrover or Champ + WOMBAT, 1-81mm Mortar Stand in Landrover or Champ

or

BHQ: 1-HQ stand in Saracen

3 Mechanised Companies, each:

3 FV432 Infantry Combat teams

1 Support Company:

1 FV432 + WOMBAT, 1 FV432m (81mm).

Infantry Brigade Group

Similar to the Armoured Brigade group above but only 1 armoured regiment and 3 mechanised battalions instead.

The Infantry Brigade Group Field artillery regiment is towed as below:

1 Field Artillery Regiment:

1 Medium Battery: 2 Truck towed 5.5" Guns

2 Field Batteries, each: 2 Truck towed 25pdr Guns

Divisional Artillery:

1 Medium Artillery Regiment: 4 Truck towed 5.5" Guns

1 Heavy Artillery Regiment: 3 Truck towed M115 203mm Howitzer, 1 Honest John SSM

Notes

1. In the mid 50's the Centurion Mk5, 7 and 8 were in service. From 1959 the Centurions were up-armoured leading to the Mk5/1, 7/1 and 8/1. The first 105mm armed Mk10 (an upgraded Mk8/1) was in service in 1961. In the early 60's older Centurions were re-armed with the 105mm leading to the Mk5/2 or 7/2 if not already up-armoured and the Mk6 and Mk9 if already up-graded. Centurions were modified with IR night fighting starting in 1965 becoming Mk6/1, Mk9/1 or Mk10/1, there were no longer any 20pdr models in frontline service. Ranging MGs were fitted to Centurions starting in 1966. Those without IRNF became Mk6/2, 9/2 and 10/2. Those with both IRNF and RMG became Mk11, 12 and 13.
2. The Conquerors may operate as a company or one each may be attached to a Centurion company. The Conqueror was scheduled for retirement in 1966 and the last examples were withdrawn in 1967.
3. The 11th Hussars in the BAOR were the first regiment to get the Chieftain in November 1966, though the tanks were delivered in batches so for a while they operated both types of tanks. The next regiment, the 17th/21st Lancers, had to wait until 1969.
4. The Fox armoured car entered service in 1967 and probably started to replace the Ferret armoured cars.
5. The FV432 was introduced in 1963 but it was at least 1966 before it was widespread in BAOR. Before that date the infantry did not operate their own APC, they were operated by separate APC squadrons, however for clarity I've listed them with the infantry. In 1968 the organisation of the mechanised battalions changed.
6. The Carl Gustav was introduced in 1965, before that the infantry operated the US 3.5" Bazooka.
7. The first Abbot 105mm SPG entered service in 1964 and started to replace the towed guns in the infantry brigades:
Field Artillery Regiment: 4 Abbot 105mm
8. In 1965 the M109 started to replace the M44
9. In 1967 the M110 starts to replace the M115