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A CONCISE HISTORY OF:

21 ARMY GROUP (HISTORY & PERSONNEL)

A concise history of the 21st Army Group, an operational command formed in 1943 to command the British, Canadian and European forces deployed in North West Europe in 1944 to 1945. In addition, known details of the key appointments held between 1943 and 1945 are included.

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21st Army Group (British Army of the Rhine)

The 21st Army Group was formed in England in July 1943 for the planned invasion of France. Its title came from the designation of the two Armies under command, the:

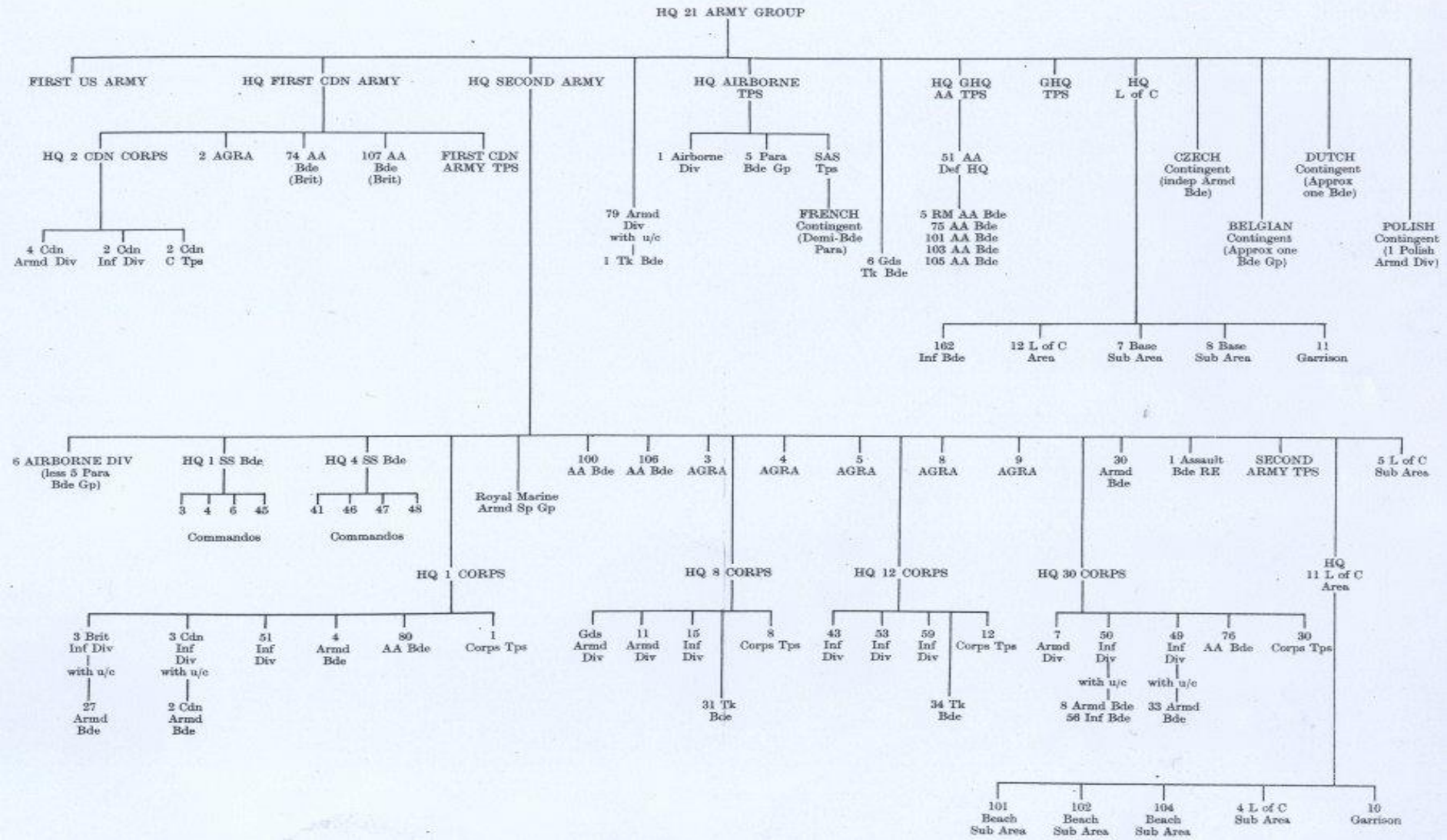
- 2nd Army (British);
- 1st Canadian Army.

The new Army Group was based initially in St. Paul's School, Hammersmith in west London. It was formed from the Headquarters, Home Forces, which had been the main headquarters commanding all operational Army formations in the United Kingdom since the evacuation from France in June 1940. The formation of this Army Group marked a change from defensive operations guarding against invasion from the continent to planning for offensive operations.

In January 1944, General Sir Bernard MONTGOMERY was brought back from Italy to assume command of the 21st Army Group in lieu of General PAGET. General MONTGOMERY set about forming a team of officers at the Army Group headquarters that were known to him and had previous operational experience on active service in the Middle East, Sicily and Italy. By the time of the invasion of France, most of the senior officers within 21st Army Group were protégés of MONTGOMERY and had served with him previously.

In June 1944, the 21st Army Group led the invasion of France at Normandy, with the U.S. 1st Army also under command. With the build-up of Forces in France, the U.S. 12th Army Group was formed, leaving the 21st Army Group with the 1st Canadian and 2nd Armies under command for the rest of the campaign in North West Europe. In early 1945, the 21st Army Group took under command the U.S. Ninth Army, making it a truly multinational force.

OUTLINE ORDER OF BATTLE — 21 ARMY GROUP — FOR OPERATION 'OVERLORD' (INITIAL PHASE)



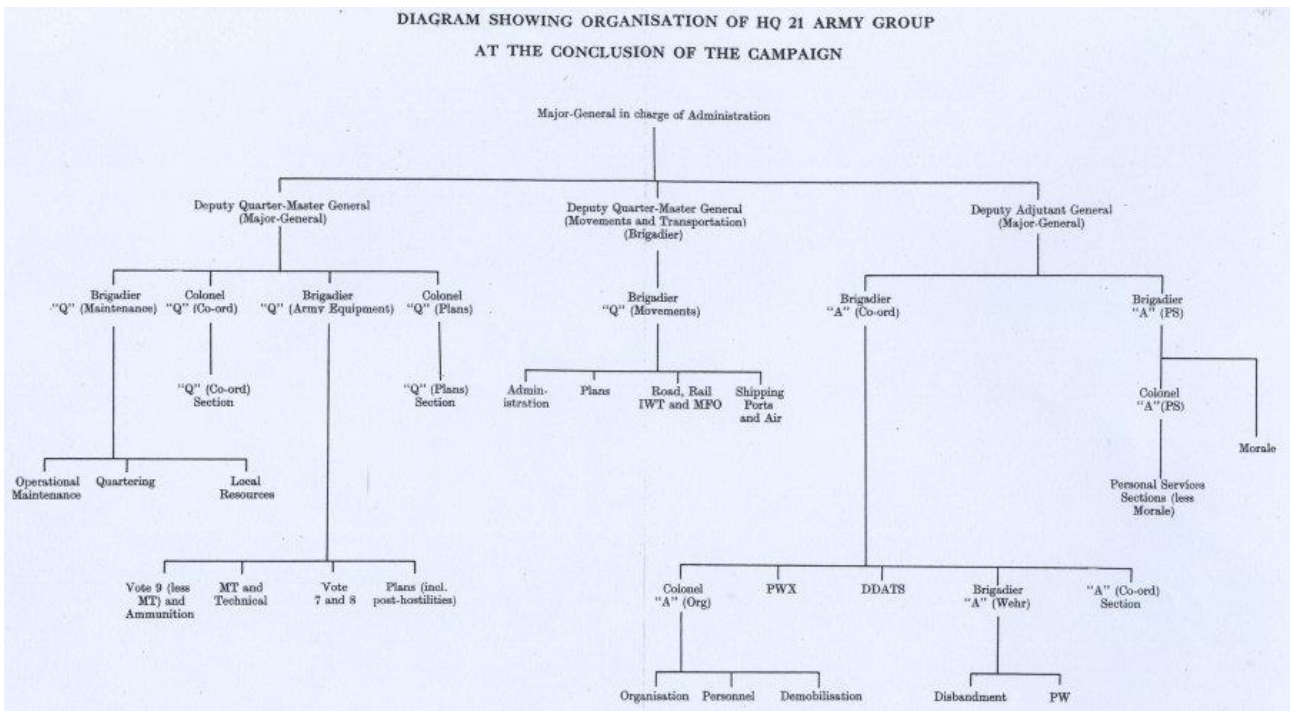
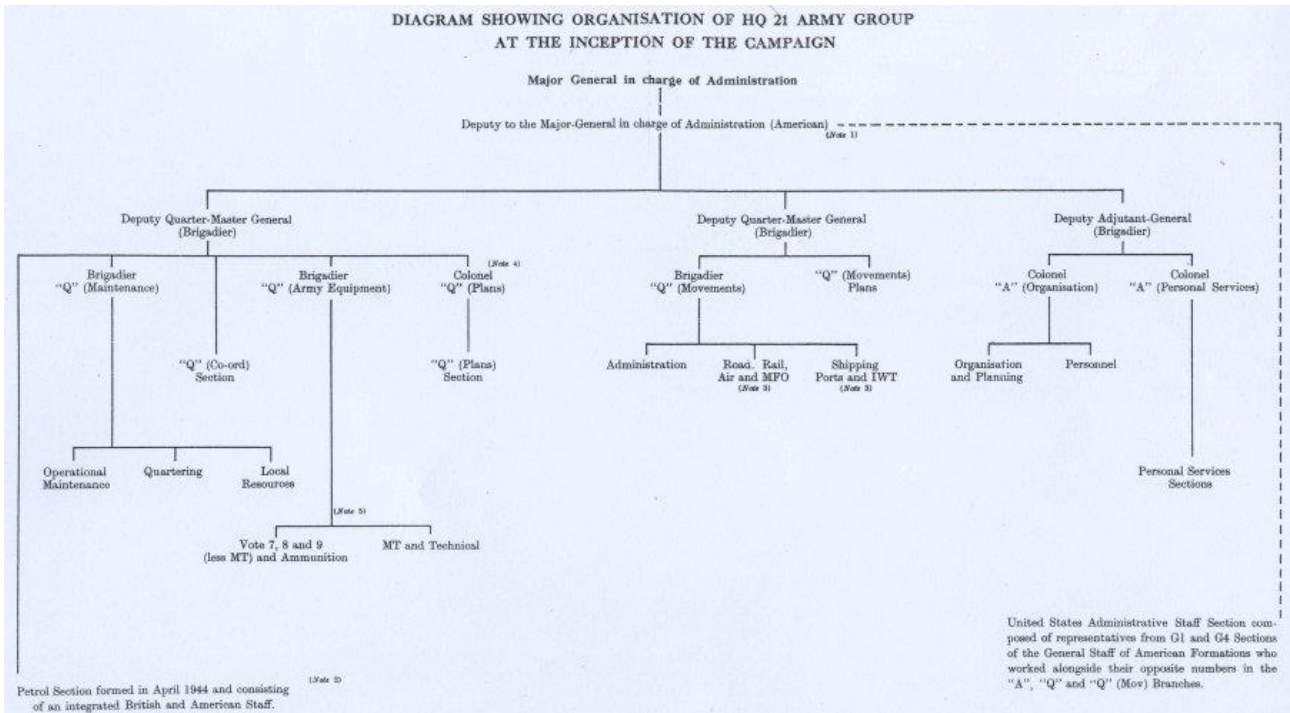
Headquarters, 21st Army Group grew into a very large and complex organisation. In common with most headquarters, it comprised a:

- Tactical Headquarters;
- Main Headquarters;
- Rear Headquarters.

The Tactical Headquarters was the smallest of the three headquarter functions. It was the at the Tactical Headquarters that General MONTGOMERY based himself, together with his personal staff. The Tactical Headquarters was highly mobile, being based in a series of motorised caravans and command vehicles. Apart from the General Officer Commanding-in-Chief and his personal staff, there was a signals unit, defence platoon and liaison officers based there. The Main Headquarters was based to the rear of the Tactical H.Q., and was under the command of the Chief of Staff. It housed the General Staff element of the Army Group headquarters. The operations, intelligence and planning elements were all based at the Main H.Q.. It was usually based in a large requisitioned house. The Rear Headquarters contained the staff of the 'A' and 'Q' branches as well as the staff of the various services and departments. The Rear H.Q. was commanded by the Major General in charge of Administration, and was based in semi-permanent accommodation.

The establishment of the three headquarters of the 21st Army Group comprised some three-thousand, four-hundred and fifty personnel. This total does not include additional attached personnel, including Royal Air Force and Royal Navy personnel. There were also the transport units providing staff cars, trucks and lorries for the transport and supply of the headquarters. There was a large Royal Signals presence at each of the headquarters and detachments from Phantom (GHQ Liaison Regiment) on separate establishments.

There was also a separate headquarters for 21 Army Group Line of Communications and a Headquarters 21 Army Group Civil Affairs. Finally, although not part of 21 Army Group, there was a large British staff at Supreme Headquarters Allied Expeditionary Force (S.H.A.E.F.).



The official history of the 21st Army Group breaks down the campaign in North West Europe into four phases. These were:

- PHASE I comprises the assault, the battle of CAEN and the completion of the build-up for the breakout from the beach-head. The approximate dates of this phase are from 6 June to 25 July 1944.
- PHASE II includes the break-out from the NORMANDY bridgehead, the pursuit of the enemy across the SEINE and up to the line of the MEUSE-ESCAUT canal, the capture of ANTWERP and finally the airborne operation (Operation MARKET GARDEN) which was a supreme effort to force river crossings over the MAAS and the RHINE, and thus turn the right flank of the GERMAN defence line. This phase can be said to have been completed on 26 September 1944.
- PHASE III covers the establishment and stocking of the Advance Base in BELGIUM including the opening of the great port of ANTWERP and the measures necessary to oppose the GERMAN winter offensive. The approximate date of completion of this phase is 14 January 1945 when stock-piling for Phase IV began.
- PHASE IV. This phase, commencing on 15 January and ending on 8 May 1945, may be entitled "The Last Round". It contains the operations to cross the River MAAS and capture the territory up to the River RHINE (Operations VERITABLE and GRENADE) and also Operation PLUNDER, which was the assault across the RHINE. It concludes with the advance to the BALTIC by Second Army, the operations of First Canadian Army in Northern GERMANY and HOLLAND, and the final surrender of the GERMAN forces opposing 21st Army Group on 5 May 1945.

With the surrender of the German Army on 9 May 1945, the 21st Army Group became an army of occupation. On 25 August 1945, it was redesignated as the British Army of the Rhine (B.A.O.R.), taking the same title as the army of occupation following the Great War in 1919. BAOR had command of four Areas or Districts:

- I Corps District;
- VIII Corps District;
- XXX Corps District;
- British Troops in Berlin.

By April 1948, the demobilisation of the British Army was almost complete. All the Territorial Army Divisions had returned to the United Kingdom, and the size of the B.A.O.R. had been reduced considerably.

It now comprised the:

- 7th Armoured Division;
- 2nd Infantry Division;
- 16th Parachute Brigade;
- Berlin Brigade;
- Hamburg District;
- Hanover District.

The Headquarters were then located at Bad Oeynhausen. In April 1949, NATO was formed, and BAOR became the British land forces element of that organisation. With the increasing threat from the Soviet Union, NATO forces built up during the 1950's. In September 1950, the 11th Armoured Division was reformed, and then in November 1951, I Corps reformed. March 1953 saw the reforming of the 6th Armoured Division. This gave B.A.O.R. a corps level formation, I Corps, which comprised:

- 6th Armoured Division;
- 7th Armoured Division;
- 11th Armoured Division;
- 2nd Infantry Division.

In addition, B.A.O.R. comprised five static formations, namely:

- Hamburg District;
- Hanover District;
- Lubbecke District;
- Rhine District;
- Berlin Brigade.

This period was that when B.A.O.R. was at its largest in response to the 'Cold War' with the Soviet Union. On 29 November 1952, B.A.O.R. became part of N.A.T.O's. Northern Army Group, with the Commander-in-Chief of B.A.O.R. holding the post of G.O.C. NorthAG.. In October 1954, the headquarters of B.A.O.R. moved to Rheindalen. In 1956, the 11th Armoured Division was redesignated as the 4th Armoured Division. Two years later, the 6th Armoured Division disbanded and the 7th Armoured Division was converted into the 5th Division. With the end of National Service, the personnel in B.A.O.R. reduced from about 77,000 to 55,000.

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, 21st Army Group

9th July 1943 – 1st January 1944

General Sir Bernard Charles Tolver PAGET, G.C.B., D.S.O., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

6th January 1944 – 24th August 1945

General Sir Bernard Law MONTGOMERY, G.C.B., D.S.O., *p.s.c.*¹

Military Governor of the British Zone in Germany, Commander-in-Chief British Forces in Germany and British Member of the Allied Control Council for Germany.

22nd May 1945 – 30th April 1946

Field Marshal The Right Honourable Bernard Law MONTGOMERY, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, K.G., G.C.B., D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

1st May 1946 – 31st October 1947

Air Chief Marshal Sir William Sholto DOUGLAS, G.C.B., M.C., D.F.C.

1st November 1947 – 20th September 1949

Lieutenant General Sir Brian Hubert ROBERTSON, Bt., G.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., D.S.O., M.C.²

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, British Army of the Rhine

25th August 1945 – June 1946

Field Marshal The Right Honourable Bernard Law MONTGOMERY, 1st Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, K.G., G.C.B., D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

June 1946 – 1st April 1948

Lieutenant General Sir Richard Loudon McCREERY, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

2nd April 1948 – 26th April 1948 (Ill health)

Lieutenant General Sir Brian Gwynne HORROCKS, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

27th April 1948 – 20th September 1949

Lieutenant General Sir Charles Frederic KEIGHTLEY, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

¹ Promoted Field Marshal with effect from 1 September 1944.

² Promoted General on 17 November 1947. When Military Government dissolved with civilian authorities resuming control, ROBERTSON became the British High Commissioner until 24 June 1950.

Commander-in-Chief, British Army of the Rhine

21st September 1949 – 29th August 1951

Lieutenant General Sir Charles Frederic KEIGHTLEY, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

26th April 1951 – 1st September 1951 (Officiating)

Lieutenant General (Local) Colin Bishop CALLENDER, C.B., M.C., *p.s.c.*

Commander-in-Chief, British Army of the Rhine, and Commander-in-Chief Northern Army Group

30th August 1951 – 24th September 1952

General Sir Allan Francis HARDING, G.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

24th September 1952 – 1st January 1957

General Sir Richard Nelson GALE, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

1st January 1957 – January 1960

General Sir Dudley WARD, G.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O.

Military Secretary's Branch

Deputy Military Secretary

22nd July 1943 – 24th August 1945

Colonel (Acting) Jack Rose Compton GANNON, M.V.O., O.B.E., Indian Army, (Retired Pay)³

- Assistant Military Secretary;
- 2 x Deputy Assistant Military Secretaries;
- 2 x Staff Captains;
- Warrant Officer Class I, clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- 2 x Staff Serjeants, clerks, R.A.S.C.;
- Serjeant, clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- 2 x Corporals, clerks, R.A.S.C.;
- 2 x Lance Corporals, clerks, R.A.S.C.;
- 10 x Privates, clerks, R.A.S.C. (including 5 x shorthand typists)

³ Promoted Temporary Colonel on 22 January 1944, awarded the C.B.E. on 1 February 1945 and promoted Acting Brigadier on 19 April 1945.

Chief of the General Staff – (C.G.S.)

26th July 1943 – 14th January 1944

Lieutenant General (Acting) William Duthie MORGAN, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*⁴

15th January 1944 – 31st May 1945

Major General (Acting) Sir Francis Wilfred De GUINGAND, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., W. Yorks R., *p.s.c.*⁵

1st June 1945 – 24th August 1945

Major General Alexander GALLOWAY, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

Chief of the General Staff, British Army of the Rhine

25th August 1945 – 16th December 1945

Major General Alexander GALLOWAY, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

17th December 1945 – 12th October 1946

Major General Arthur Arnhold Bullick DOWLER, C.B., *p.s.c.*

13th October 1946 – 31st December 1946

Major General (Acting) Kilner Rupert BRAZIER-CREAGH, D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

9th January 1947 – 1949

Major General (Temporary) William Henry STRATTON, C.B.E., C.V.O., D.S.O., *i.d.c. p.s.c.*

- Captain, personal assistant;
- Warrant Officer Class II, clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- Serjeant, clerk, R.A.S.C.

⁴ Promoted Temporary Lieutenant General and War Substantive Major General on 7 September 1943, and awarded the C.B. on 1 January 1944.

⁵ Created K.B.E. and knighted on 29 June 1944, promoted Temporary Major General and W/S Colonel on 1 December 1944, promoted substantive Colonel on 15 March 1945 and on 12 April 1945 awarded the Legion of Merit, Degree of Commander from the U.S. Government.

Brigadier General Staff (Operations, Training & Infantry) – (B.G.S. (Ops))

14th January 1944 – 24th August 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Ronald Frederick King ([David](#)) BELCHEM, D.S.O, O.B.E., R.T.R.⁶

- 3 x Colonels, General Staff
- 3 x Lieutenant Colonels, General Staff Officers 1st Grade;
- 9 x Majors, General Staff Officers 2nd Grade;
- 8 x Captains, General Staff Officers 3rd Grade;
- Supervising Officer (Quarter-Master);
- Warrant Officer Class I, clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- 2 x Warrant Officer Class II, clerks, R.A.S.C.;
- 2 x Staff Serjeants, clerks, R.A.S.C.;
- 4 x Serjeants, clerks, R.A.S.C.;
- 6 x Corporals, clerks, R.A.S.C.;
- 6 x Lance Corporals, clerks, R.A.S.C.;
- 20 x Privates, clerks, R.A.S.C. (including 13 clerks trained as shorthand typists);
- Serjeant, tactical sketches, R.A.S.C.;
- Corporal, tactical sketches, R.A.S.C.;
- Lance Corporal, tactical sketches, R.A.S.C.;
- 3 x Privates, tactical sketches, R.A.S.C.

Liaison

- General Staff Officer 1st Grade;
- 7 x General Staff Officers 2nd Grade;
- 2 x Staff Lieutenants;
- 2 x Lieutenants.

⁶ Initially, on appointment, advised by MONTGOMERY that his role was B.G.S. of the Special Planning Section, but also B.G.S. (Operations) Designate. When 21st Army Group became B.A.O.R., BELCHAM remained as B.G.S. and wrote MONTGOMERY's first books on El Alamein and North-West Europe. He left B.A.O.R. in August 1946.

Brigadier General Staff (Plans) – (B.G.S. (Plans))

22nd May 1944 – 28th August 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Charles Leslie RICHARDSON, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.E., *p.s.c.*

- General Staff Officer 1st Grade;
- 2 x General Staff Officers 2nd Grade;
- General Staff Officer 3rd Grade;
- 9 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. including:
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals;
 - 3 x Privates;
- 3 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. trained in the reproduction of tactical sketches, including:
 - Serjeant;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals.

Brigadier General Staff (Intelligence) – (B.G.S. (I))

16th January 1944 – June 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Edgar Trevor WILLIAMS, D.S.O., R.A.C., (S.R.)⁷

- Personal assistant, Warrant Officer Class I;
- Clerk R.E.;
- 41 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 2 x Warrant Officers Class II;
 - 3 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 4 x Serjeants;
 - 8 x Corporals;
 - 6 x Lance Corporals;
 - 17 x Privates; (Eleven clerks RASC are short hand typists)
- 2 x Serjeants, document examiners, also linguists and may be from any arm;
- 5 x Topographical Draughtsmen, R.E., including:
 - Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals;
 - Private;
- Mechanical Draughtsman, R.E.

Intelligence (X)

- General Staff Officer 2nd Grade;
- General Staff Officer 3rd Grade.

Intelligence (A)

- 2 x General Staff Officers 1st Grade;
- 2 x General Staff Officers 2nd Grade;
- 3 x General Staff Officers 3rd Grade;
- 5 x Intelligence Officers, Captain or Lieutenant

⁷ Awarded the C.B.E. on 29 June 1944, promoted Temporary Brigadier, Temporary Colonel and War Substantive Lieutenant Colonel on 16 August 1944, and awarded the C.B. on 24 January 1946.

Intelligence (Technical)

- General Staff Officer 2nd Grade;
- General Staff Officer 3rd Grade;
- 2 x Intelligence Officers, Captain or Lieutenant

Intelligence (Engineers)

- Staff Officer, R.E., Major;
- Staff Officer, R.E., Captain;
- Intelligence Officers, R.E., Captain or Lieutenant.

Intelligence (A5)

- General Staff Officer 2nd Grade;
- 3 x General Staff Officer 3rd Grade;
- 4 x Clerks, R.A.S.C., including:
 - Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - 2 x Privates

(Clerks include one trained in the reproduction of tactical sketches and one shorthand typist.)

Army Photographic Interpretation

- General Staff Officer 2nd Grade.

Intelligence (B) and Intelligence (C)

- General Staff Officer 1st Grade.

Intelligence (B)

- 2 x General Staff Officers 2nd Grade;
- 2 x General Staff Officers 3rd Grade;
- 3 x Intelligence Officers, Captain or Lieutenant

Intelligence (C)

- General Staff Officer 2nd Grade;
- General Staff Officer 3rd Grade.

Intelligence (S)

- General Staff Officer 1st Grade,
- 2 x General Staff Officers 2nd Grade,
- General Staff Officer 2nd Grade, Liaison,
- 2 x General Staff Officers 3rd Grade,
- 2 x Intelligence Officers, Captain or Lieutenant,
- 10 x Clerks, R.A.S.C or Intelligence Corps including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I,
 - Staff Serjeant,
 - 2 x Serjeants,
 - 2 x Corporals,
 - 2 x Lance Corporals,
 - 2 x Privates

Interrogation Section

- Intelligence Officer, Major,
- 3 x Intelligence Officers, Captain or Lieutenant,
- Serjeant, Intelligence Corps,
- 2 x Corporals, Intelligence Corps,
- Serjeant, instrument mechanic, Royal Signals,
- Corporal, instrument mechanic, Royal Signals,
- Lineman, Royal Signals.

Brigadier General Staff (Staff Duties) – B.G.S. (S.D.)

23rd May 1943 – 13th July 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Edwin Otway HERBERT, D.S.O.*, R.A. (S.C.)

14th July 1945 – 1946

Brigadier (Acting) Geoffrey Harding BAKER, O.B.E., M.C., R.A., *p.s.c.*

Colonel General Staff (Staff Duties)

23rd March 1944 – 18th April 1945

Colonel (Acting) Geoffrey Harding BAKER, O.B.E., M.C., R.A., *p.s.c.*

Staff Duties

- 2 x General Staff Officer 1st Grade;
- 6 x General Staff Officer 2nd Grade;
- 6 x General Staff Officer 3rd Grade;
- Supervising Officer, Quartermaster;
- 38 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. including:
 - Warrant officer Class I;
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - 2 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 3 x Serjeants;
 - 9 x Corporals;
 - 4 x Lance Corporals
 - 18 x Privates

(Clerks include seven shorthand typists)

Air

Brigadier General Staff (Air)

9 July 1943 – Aug 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Claud Catton OXBORROW, M.C.*, Hamps R., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

- Personal Assistant, Warrant Officer Class I,
- General Staff Officer 1st Grade,
- General Staff Officer 2nd Grade,
- General Staff Officer 3rd Grade,
- 6 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Staff Serjeant,
 - Corporal,
 - Lance Corporal,
 - 3 x Privates.
- Clerks include one trained in the reproduction of tactical sketches and two shorthand typists

Liaison with Headquarters, Allied Tactical Air Force

- General Staff Officer 1st Grade,
 - General Staff Officer 3rd Grade,
 - 2 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Corporal,
 - Private.
- Clerks include a shorthand typist

Liaison with Headquarters, 2nd Tactical Air Force

- General Staff Officer 2nd Grade,
- Clerk R.A.S.C., shorthand typist.

Attached to the General Staff

Major General Royal Armoured Corps

21 February 1944 – 6 June 1945

Major General (Acting) George Warren RICHARDS, D.S.O.*, M.C., R.T.R., p.s.c.⁸

- General Staff Officer 1st Grade;
- 3 x General Staff Officers 2nd Grade;
- 2 x General Staff Officers 3rd Grade;
- Staff Lieutenant;
- 13 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant officer Class I;
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - 3 x Corporals;
 - 3 x Lance Corporals;
 - 5 x Privates

AFV Inspectorate

- Inspector, Lieutenant Colonel;
- 4 x Inspectors, Major;
- 4 x Inspectors, Captain (not required overseas);
- 9 x Assistant Inspectors;
- Warrant Officer Clerk (Technical), Warrant Officer Class I, R.E.M.E.;
- 2 x Clerks (Technical), R.E.M.E.

⁸ He held the post of Brigadier, R.A.C. 21st Army Group from 15 January until 20 February 1944, before the post was upgraded. He was awarded the C.B.E. on 24 August 1944 and C.B. on 5 July 1945.

Royal Artillery

Major General Royal Artillery – (M.G.R.A.)

9 July 1943 – 14 January 1944

Major General Otto Marling LUND, C.B., D.S.O., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

21 February 1944 – 31 August 1945

Major General (Acting) Meade Edward DENNIS, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

Brigadier, Royal Artillery – (B.R.A.)

15 January 1944 – 20 February 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Meade Edward DENNIS, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

- General Staff Officer 1st Grade;
- 2 x General Staff Officers 2nd Grade;
- General Staff Officer 3rd Grade;
- Staff Lieutenant;
- 8 x Clerks R.A. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - 2 x Serjeants;
 - 2 x Bombardiers;
 - 2 x Lance Bombardiers.

Royal Engineers

Major General (Chief Engineer)

9 July 1943 – 15 July 1945

Major General John Drummond INGLIS, C.B., O.B.E., M.C.

16 July 1945 – 14 October 1945

Major General Eustace Francis TICKELL, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.

Brigadier (Deputy Chief Engineer)

11 August 1943 – 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Stephen Alexander Holgate BATTEN, O.B.E., R.E.

Brigadier (Deputy Chief Engineer – Airfields)

9 March 1944 – 17 July 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Henri de Lothiniere PANET, C.B.E.

- General Staff Officer 1st Grade,
- 3 x Lieutenant Colonels, Staff Officer R.E.,
- 6 x Majors, Staff Officer R.E.,
- 2 x Captains, Staff Officer R.E.,
- Staff Officer 3rd Grade R.E.,
- 29 x Clerks R.E. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I,
 - Warrant Officer Class II,
 - 2 x Staff Serjeants,
 - 4 x Serjeants,
 - 4 x Lance Serjeants,
 - 6 x Corporals,
 - 11 x Lance Corporals.

- 6 x Engineering Draughtsmen – including:
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - Serjeant;
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals.

Engineers, Technical

- Lieutenant Colonel, Staff Officer RE (Mechanical Equipment);
- Lieutenant Colonel, Staff Officer RE (Bomb Disposal);
- Major, Staff Officer RE (Mechanical Equipment);
- Major, Staff Officer RE (Stores);
- Major, Staff Officer RE (Technical);
- Major, Staff Officer RE (Geologist);
- Captain, Staff Officer RE (Bomb Disposal).

Chemical Warfare

Brigadier (Director of Chemical Warfare)

1 October 1943 – 19 September 1945

Brigadier (Acting) George Hamilton Charles PENNYCOOK, Ches R.⁹

- Colonel (Assistant Director of Chemical Warfare);
- General Staff Officer 1st Grade;
- Major, Deputy Assistant Director of Chemical Warfare (Technical);
- Captain, Technical Officer (Chemical Warfare);
- 4 x Clerks R.E. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - Corporal;
 - 2 x Sappers.

Camouflage

- Major, Staff Officer (Camouflage);
- Captain, Staff Officer (Camouflage);
- Lieutenant, Staff Officer (Camouflage);
- 2 x Clerks R.A.S.C.

⁹ Promoted Temporary Brigadier on 1 April 1944, and awarded the C.B.E. on 11 October 1945.

Signals

Major General, Signals Officer in Chief

January 1944 – August 1945

Major General Cecil Meadows Frith WHITE, C.B.E., D.S.O.

- Lieutenant (Personal Assistant)

Brigadier, Deputy Signals Officer in Chief

11th December 1943 – 31st January 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Charles Kenneth THURSBY-PELHAM, C.B.E., M.C., R. Sigs.

6th January 1945 – August 1945

Brigadier (Acting) John Buchanan ADAMS, R. Sigs.

- 2 x Staff Officers 1st Grade, Royal Signals;
- 3 x Staff Officers 2nd Grade, Royal Signals;
- Staff Officer 3rd Grade, Royal Signals (may be ATS);
- Lieutenant Colonel, Staff Officer Royal Signals;
- 6 x Majors, Staff Officer Royal Signals;
- 8 x Captains, Staff Officer Royal Signals;
- Lieutenant, Staff Officer Royal Signals;
- 33 x Clerks, Royal Signals – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - 2 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 3 x Serjeants;
 - 6 x Corporals;
 - 4 x Lance Corporals;
 - 16 x Privates;
- Serjeant Draughtsman, Royal Signals
- 2 x Draughtsmen, Royal Signals

Publicity and Psychological Warfare

Brigadier General Staff

6th March 1944 – August 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Alfred Geoffrey NEVILLE, C.B.E., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

- 2 x General Staff Officers 1st Grade;
- 4 x General Staff Officers 2nd Grade;
- General Staff Officer 3rd Grade;
- 2 x Intelligence Officers, Captain or Lieutenant;
- 8 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - Lance Corporal;
 - 4 x Privates;
- 6 x Clerks RASC (linguist) including
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - 4 x Privates

Two clerks (linguist) will be shorthand typists

- Corporal Operator R.C.S.;
- 2 x Operators, R.C.S.;
- Printer (compositor) R.E.;
- Printer (machine minder) R.A.S.C.

Miscellaneous Appointments

Judge Advocate General's staff

Deputy Judge Advocate-General

1 November 1943 – 30 May 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) Hugh Scott SCOTT-BARRETT, C.B.E., T.D.

1 June 1946 – 28 July 1947

Brigadier (Acting) The Lord RUSSELL of Liverpool, C.B.E., M.C.

- Lieutenant Colonel, Assistant Deputy Advocate General;
- Major (legal);
- 2 x Captains (legal);
- Quarter-Master;
- 7 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - Serjeant;
 - 3 x Corporals;
 - Private.

Passive Air Defence

- Lieutenant Colonel, Staff Officer;
- Major, Staff Officer;
- Clerk R.A.S.C.

Scientific Adviser

Brigadier, Scientific Adviser

1943 – 1945

- General Staff Officer 2nd Grade
- Serjeant Clerk R.A.S.C.

Staff Message Control

- 2 x General Staff Officers 3rd Grade;
- 2 x Staff Lieutenants;
- 29 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 2 x Warrant Officers Class II;
 - 2 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 2 x Lance Serjeants;
 - 4 x Corporals;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals;
 - 16 x Privates;
- 20 x Orderlies – including:
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals;
 - 16 x Privates.

Finance**Brigadier, Financial Adviser**1943 – 1945

- Major, Assistant Accountant;
- Captain, Assistant Accountant;
- 2 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Corporal;
 - Private.

Liaison with Allied Contingents.

Brigadier General Staff (Chief Liaison Officer)

22 May 1944 – 16 August 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Christopher Henry Maxwell PETO, D.S.O.,

- Captain, Staff Secretary;
- General Staff Officer 1st Grade;
- Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master-General;
- 2 x Staff Captains;
- 9 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - Serjeant;
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals;
 - 3 x Privates.

Permanent Presidents, Field General Courts Martial

- 15 x Majors.

Physical Training Staff

- Major, Staff Officer for Physical Training;
- Instructor, (may be any rank decided by the A.P.T.C.).

Local Administrative Appointments

- Lieutenant Colonel, Camp Commandant,
 - Captain, Camp Commandant,
 - 2 x Majors, Assistant Camp Commandant,
 - 4 x Captains, Assistant Camp Commandant,
 - Captain, Adjutant,
 - 3 x Medical Officers R.A.M.C.,
 - Captain, Messing Officer A.C.C.,
 - 2 x Quarter-Masters.
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- Regimental Serjeant Major;
 - Regimental Quartermaster Serjeant;
 - 3 x Company Serjeant Majors;
 - 3 x Company Quarter-Master Serjeants;
 - Serjeant R.A.M.C.;
 - 5 x Serjeants (duty NCO);
 - Corporal (duty NCO);
 - Serjeant Armourer R.E.M.E.;
 - Corporal Armourer R.E.M.E.;
 - 328 x Privates (Batman);¹⁰
 - 4 x Butchery Dutymen;
 - Corporal Railway Clerk;
 - 50 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I,
 - Warrant Officer Class II,
 - Staff Serjeant,
 - 5 x Serjeants,
 - 9 x Corporals,
 - 7 x Lance Corporals,
 - 26 x Privates,
 - 10 x Clerks R.A.S.C. to operate reflex and dyeline machines.
 - 3 x Clerks R.A.P.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I,
 - Staff Serjeant,
 - Serjeant.

¹⁰ Note: Batmen are provided for all officers. Officers of the rank of Colonel and above have a batman of their own. Officers of the rank of Lieutenant Colonel have a batman between two officers. Junior officers share a batman between three. For every three ATS officers filling appointments one batman will be deleted. For every three officers provided with a batman driver on the War Establishment of GHQ Car Company one batman will be deleted.

- 2 x Serjeants C.M.P.;
- 22 x Lance Corporals C.M.P.
- 98 x Electric Lighting Personnel R.E. – including:
 - 5 x Serjeant Fitters R.E.;
 - 5 x Corporal Fitters R.E.;
 - 5 x Serjeant Electricians, power station, R.E.;
 - 10 x Electricians, maintenance R.E.;
 - 12 x Electricians, wireman, R.E.;
 - 11 x Engine Fitters, IC and pumps, R.E.;
 - 36 x Engine Hands, R.E.
 - 14 x Pioneers, R.E.
- 37 x General Dutymen;
- 89 x Local Security Personnel – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - 3 x Lance Corporal;
 - 83 x Privates;
- 131 x Orderlies – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - 6 x Corporals;
 - 8 x Lance Corporals;
 - 116 Privates;
- 4 x Medical Officer's Orderlies;
- 3 x Orderlies for postal duties;
- 3 x Plumbers and Pipefitters;
- 3 x Carpenters and Joiners;
- 7 x Rations Dutymen – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - Lance Corporals;
 - 4 x Privates;

- 13 x Sanitary Dutymen – including:
 - Corporal;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals;
 - 10 x Privates
- 10 x Storemen;
- 9 x Water Dutymen.

Mess Staffs (Male Personnel)

- Warrant Officer Class I A.C.C.;
- Warrant Officer Class II A.C.C.;
- Corporal Officer's Mess Cook A.C.C.;
- 54 x Officer's Mess Cooks, A.C.C.;
- 2 x Corporals, Serjeants Mess Cooks, A.C.C.;
- 7 x Serjeants Mess Cooks, A.C.C.;
- 4 x Serjeant Cooks, for rank and file mess, A.C.C.;
- 4 x Corporal Cooks, for rank and file mess, A.C.C.;
- 27 x Serjeants, Officer's Mess Stewards;
- 2 x Serjeants, Serjeant's Mess Caterers;
- 38 x Officer's Mess Orderlies;
- 20 x Serjeant's Mess Orderlies;
- 24 x Rank and File Mess Orderlies.

Mess Staffs (Female Personnel)

- Warrant Officer Class II A.T.S.;
- 27 x Officer's Mess Cooks, A.T.S.;
- Serjeant, Serjeant's Mess Cook. A.T.S.;
- 6 x Serjeant's Mess Cooks, A.T.S.;
- 2 x Serjeants Rank and File Mess Cook, A.T.S.;
- 2 x Corporals, Rank and File Mess Cooks, A.T.S.;
- 12 x Rank and File Mess Cooks, A.T.S.;
- 9 x Officer's Mess Stewardess, A.T.S.;
- Serjeant's Mess Caterer, A.T.S.;
- 4 x Serjeant's Mess Assistant Cooks, A.T.S.;
- 8 x Rank and File Mess Assistant Cooks, A.T.S.;
- 20 x Officer's Mess Orderlies. A.T.S.;
- 9 x Serjeant's Mess Orderlies, A.T.S.;
- 18 x Rank and File Mess Orderlies, A.T.S.

Note: Apart from the above A.T.S. cooks and orderlies, the War Establishment notes that of the total number of clerks R.A.S.C. up to 218 will in fact be clerks A.T.S.. This would give a total of 338 A.T.S. excluding officers. There were also A.T.S. drivers, but these are on a separate establishment.

21 Army Group Rear Headquarters
Branch of the Adjutant and Quarter-Master-General

Major General, in charge of administration (commands Rear Headquarters)

26 July 1943 – 14 January 1944

Major General Reginald Henry LORIE, C.B., C.B.E., *p.s.c.*

15 January 1944 – 24 August 1945

Major General (Acting) Miles William Arthur Peel GRAHAM, C.B.E., M.C., Reserve of Officers¹¹

Major General, in charge of Administration, British Army of the Rhine

25th August 1945 – 25th November 1945

Major General (Temporary) Sir Miles William Arthur Peel GRAHAM, K.B.E., C.B., M.C., Reserve of Officers

26th November 1945 – 16th December 1945

Major General Arthur Arnhold Bullick DOWLER, C.B., *p.s.c.*

17th December 1945 – October 1946

Major General Nevil Charles Dowell BROWNJOHN, C.B., O.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*

- Captain, Personal Assistant;
- Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master-General;
- Quarter-Master, Chief Clerk;
- Quarter-Master, Assistant Chief Clerk;
- 13 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - 2 x Serjeants;
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - 1 x Lance Corporal;
 - 7 x Privates

¹¹ Awarded the C.B. on 29 June 1944 for services in Normandy, and knighted and created K.B.E. on 5 July 1945. Promoted Temporary Major General (and W/S Colonel) on 15 January 1944.

Adjutant Generals Branch

Deputy Adjutant General – (D.A.G.)

15 November 1943 – 31 November 1944¹²

Brigadier (Acting) Cyril LLOYD, O.B.E., R.A., T.A.

1 December 1944 – 22 January 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) John Edward Chalmers McCANDLISH, C.B.E., R.E., *p.s.c.*¹³

23 January 1945 – 24 August 1945

Major General (Acting) Maurice Somerville CHILTON, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*

Deputy Adjutant General, British Army of the Rhine – (D.A.G.)

25th August 1945 – 13th February 1946.

Major General (Acting) Maurice Somerville CHILTON, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*

- Assistant Adjutant-General;
- 2 x Staff Captains;
- Quarter-Master, supervising officer;
- 16 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - 2 x Serjeants;
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals;
 - 8 x Privates

¹² The starting date for the appointment of LLOYD may be incorrect. www.Unithistories.com gives April 1944, but it seems logical that it coincided with his promotion to Temporary Brigadier.

¹³ Promoted Acting Major General in post on 28 December 1944, but replaced by CHILTON and reverted to rank of Temporary Brigadier.

Organisation

Colonel A

1943 – 1945

- Warrant Officer Class II, personal assistant
- 2 x Assistant Adjutant-Generals;
- Assistant Director of A.T.S.;
- 5 x Deputy Assistant Adjutant-Generals;
- 9 x Staff Captains;
- Staff Captain A.T.S.;
- 60 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 2 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 6 x Serjeants;
 - 12 x Corporals;
 - 9 x Lance Corporals;
 - 30 x Privates

Clerks include seven shorthand typists

Personal Services

Colonel A

- Warrant Officer Class II, Personal Assistant;
- Assistant Adjutant-General;
- 3 x Deputy Assistant Adjutant-Generals;
- 3 x Staff Captains;
- 28 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 2 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 3 x Serjeants;
 - 4 x Corporals;
 - 4 x Lance Corporals;
 - 14 x Privates.

Quarter-Master-General's Branch

Deputy Quarter-Master-General – (D.Q.M.G.)

July 1943 – 7 May 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Randle Guy FEILDEN, O.B.E., C. Gds¹⁴

- Staff Captain;
- Quartermaster, Supervising Officer;
- 6 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - Lance Corporal;
 - 3 x Privates.

¹⁴ Post upgraded to a Major General's appointment with effect from 23 January 1945 (with Deputy Adjutant-General post), but promotion later amended to 24 December 1944.

Maintenance

Brigadier Quarter-Master (Maintenance)

12 February 1944 – 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Rymel Watts LYMER, D.S.O., M.B.E., R.A.S.C., (Lt, T.A. Reserve of Officers)

- 3 x Assistant Quarter-Master-Generals;
- 6 x Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master-Generals;
- 4 x Staff Captains (two may be ATS)
- 31 x Clerks R.A.S.C. including:
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - 3 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 3 x Serjeants;
 - 4 x Corporals;
 - 4 x Lance Corporals;
 - 15 x Privates.

Clerks include four shorthand typists

Army Equipment and Statistics

Brigadier Q (Army Equipment and Statistics)

15 October 1943 – 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Peter Hugh de HAVILLAND, O.B.E., R.A., *p.s.c.*

1945 – 1945

Brigadier Sir Ralph Kilner BROWN

- 2 x Assistant Quarter-Masters General;
- 4 x Deputy Assistant Quarter-Masters General;
- 3 x Staff Captains;
- 22 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - 2 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 2 x Serjeants;
 - 3 x Corporals;
 - 3 x Lance Corporals;
 - 10 x Privates.

(Clerks include four shorthand typists)

- Staff Officer 1st Grade (statistics);
- 3 x Staff Officers 2nd Grade (statistics);
- 5 x Staff Officers 3rd Grade (statistics);
- 78 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - 2 x Warrant Officers Class I;
 - 4 x Warrant Officers Class II;
 - 1 x Staff Serjeant;
 - 12 x Serjeants;
 - 40 x Corporals;
 - 5 x Lance Corporals;
 - 14 x Privates.

(Clerks include four shorthand typists)

- Warrant Officer Class I Instrument Mechanic (type X cipher) R.E.M.E.
- Staff Serjeant Instrument Mechanic (type X cipher) R.E.M.E.

Type X cipher may be the Hollerith punched card computer.

Amongst other duties Q (AE) Statistics used their Hollerith machines to

- Prepare weekly wastage report of "A" vehicles by WD number.
- Perform various calculations relating to leave eligibility.
- Prepare statistics for the medical services.
- Prepare monthly "B" vehicle maintenance demands.
- Perform and maintain a census of office machinery.
- Perform a census of cranes.

Plans

- Colonel Q (Plans);
- Assistant Quarter-Master General;
- 2 x Deputy Assistant Quarter-Masters General;
- Staff Captain;
- 14 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - 2 x Serjeants;
 - Corporal;
 - 3 x Lance Corporals;
 - 6 x Privates.

(Clerks include four shorthand typists)

Movements

Brigadier, Deputy Quartermaster General (Movement and Transportation).

26 June 1943 – 27 September 1944

[Brigadier \(Acting\) Ian Laurence Henderson MacKILLOP, R.E.](#)

28 September 1944 – 2 December 1945

[Brigadier \(Temporary\) Llewellyn WANSBROUGH-JONES, R.E.](#)

- Lieutenant, Staff Secretary
- Clerk R.A.S.C.

Note: Transportation is part of the responsibility of this section but is shown under services.

Brigadier Q (Movements)

9th January 1944 – 19th January 1945

[Brigadier \(Acting\) Gerald William DUKE, O.B.E., R.E., *p.s.c.*](#)

- Colonel Q (Movements);
- 4 x Assistant Quarter-Master-Generals;
- 12 x Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master-Generals;
- 13 x Staff Captains;
- 17 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals;
 - 12 x Privates

Clerks include two shorthand typists

- 24 x Clerks, R.E. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 2 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 6 x Serjeants;
 - 3 x Corporals;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals;
 - 10 x Privates.

Services

Chaplains

Chaplain 1st Class, Deputy Chaplain-General

September 1944 – 1945

Deputy Chaplain General, Llewellyn HUGHES, R.A.Ch.D.

- Chaplain 2nd Class, Chief Staff Chaplain,
- Chaplain 3rd Class, Staff Chaplain,
- Chaplain 4th Class, Staff Chaplain,
- 3 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Corporal,
 - 2 x Privates.

Note: In addition to the staff listed above 21 Army Group was allocated one chaplain for every 1,250 army group troops. This came to a considerable number, but they were dispersed to the troops for whose spiritual welfare they were responsible. One in every ten chaplains was to be a Senior Chaplain to the Forces.

Survey

Brigadier, Director of Survey

1st December 1943 – 2nd December 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Alexander PRAIN, R.E.¹⁵

Colonel, Deputy Director of Survey (2nd Army)

1944 - 1945

Colonel A. W. HEAP, R.E.

- Assistant Director of Survey;
- Deputy Assistant of Survey;
- Captain R.E.;
- 4 x Clerks (Survey) R.E. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - Private;
- 3 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Corporal;
 - Lance Corporal;
 - Private;
- 4 x Draughtsman (Topographical) R.E. – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - Lance Corporal;
 - 2 x Privates;
- 5 x Surveyors (Trigonometrical) R.E. – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - 3 x Privates;
- 3 x Map Distributors – including:
 - Lance Corporal;
 - Private

¹⁵ Promoted substantive Colonel on 20 May 1944 (seniority from 1 October 1943); Temporary Brigadier on 1 June 1944 and awarded the C.B.E. on 1 February 1945.

Works – Headquarters section

Major General, Director of Works

21st April 1944 – 15th July 1945

Major General Eustace Francis TICKELL, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.

- Lieutenant, Staff Secretary.

Brigadier, Deputy Director of Works

22nd May 1944 – 8th October 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Peter Alfred ULLMAN, O.B.E.

6th October 1944 – August 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Arthur Bertie Duncan EDWARDS, C.B.E., R.E.

- 2 x Deputy Assistant Directors of Works;
- 2 x Staff Captains;
- Lieutenant Colonel, Senior Surveyor of Works;
- 2 x Captains, Surveyor of Works;
- 10 x Engineer Clerks – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - 2 x Serjeants;
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - 4 x Lance Corporals;
- 6 x Surveyors Clerks – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - 3 x Lance Corporals;
- Clerk R.A.S.C.

Works section

Colonel, Deputy Director of Works

- 3 x Assistant Director of Works;
- 7 x Deputy Assistant Director of Works;
- 11 x Staff Captains;
- 2 x Inspectors of R.E. machinery;
- 30 x Engineer Clerks – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - 2 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 5 x Serjeants;
 - 27 x Corporals;
 - 15 x Lance Corporals;
- 6 x Engineer Draughtsmen – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 2 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 3 x Serjeants;
 - 3 x Corporals;
 - 6 x Lance Corporals.

Stores Section

Brigadier, Deputy Director of Engineer Stores

24th March 1945 – 20th October 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Norman Leslie HAMMOND, O.B.E., R.E.

- Lieutenant, Staff Secretary;
- Colonel, Deputy Director of Engineer Stores;
- 4 x Assistant Directors of Engineer Stores;
- 13 x Deputy Assistant Directors of Engineer Stores;
- 21 x Staff Captains;
- 2 x Quarter-Masters, Stores Officers;
- 2 x Inspectors of R.E. machinery;
- 81 x Engineer Clerks, including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 5 x Warrant Officers Class II;
 - 7 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 6 x Serjeants;
 - 20 x Corporals;
 - 42 x Lance Corporals;
- 2 x Serjeants Military Mechanist (electrical or mechanical)

Forestry Section

- Assistant Director of Works (Forestry);
- 2 x Deputy Assistant Directors of Works (Forestry);
- 2 x Staff Captains;
- 5 x Clerks R.E. including:
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - 3 x Privates.

Airfield Construction Section

Colonel, Deputy Director of Works

- Assistant Director of Works;
- 2 x Staff Officers 1st Grade, R.E.;
- 2 x Staff Captains;
- 9 x Engineer Clerks – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - Serjeant;
 - 3 x Corporals;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals;
- 4 x Engineering Draughtsmen – including:
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals.

Note: Any of the officers in the Airfield Construction Section may be replaced by an RAF officer of equal rank.

Transportation

Director of Transportation

26th July 1943 – 17th March 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Richard Danvers WAGHORN.

27th February 1944 – May 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Richard Francis O'Donnell GAGE, M.C.

- Lieutenant, Staff Secretary

Brigadier, Director of Transportation (Ports and Inland Water Transport)

6th March 1944 – Aug 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Arthur Edward Mervyn WALTER, O.B.E., B.A., R.E.

Brigadier, Director of Transportation (Railways)

28th September 1944 – August 1945

Brigadier (Acting) John Aiton BELL, C.B.E., R.E.

- 6 x Colonels, Deputy Directors of Transportation;
- 9 x Assistant Directors of Transportation;
- 9 x Deputy Assistant Directors of Transportation;
- 15 x Staff Captains;
- 81 x Clerks, R.E. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 8 x Warrant Officers Class II;
 - 6 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 7 x Serjeants;
 - 13 x Corporals;
 - 11 x Lance Corporals;
 - 44 x Privates;
- 8 x Draughtsmen (Mechanical), R.E. – including
 - 2 x Staff Serjeant;
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - Lance Corporal;
 - 8 x Privates;
- 7 x Draughtsmen (Railway and Port Construction), R.E. – including:
 - Corporal;
 - 4 x Lance Corporals;
 - 2 x Privates

Note: The total of corporals includes three lance serjeants.

Detachable Portion

- 3 x Colonels, Deputy Directors of Transportation;
- 5 x Assistant Directors of Transportation;
- 9 x Deputy Assistant Directors of Transportation;
- 12 x Staff Captains;
- 60 x Clerks, R.E. – including:
 - 3 x Warrant Officers Class II;
 - 3 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 8 x Serjeants;
 - 7 x Corporals;
 - 13 x Lance Corporals;
 - 26 x Privates;
- 4 x Draughtsmen (Mechanical), R.E. – including:
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - Lance Corporal;
 - Private;
- 18 x Draughtsmen (Railway and Port Construction), R.E. – including:
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - 2 x Serjeants;
 - 4 x Corporals;
 - 5 x Lance Corporals;
 - 6 x Privates.

Note: The total of corporals includes two lance serjeants.

Training

- Assistant Quarter-Master-General;
- Staff Captain;
- 3 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - Lance Corporal;
 - Private.

Clerks include one shorthand typist

Postal

- Colonel, Deputy Director of Army Postal Services;
- Assistant Director of Army Postal Services;
- Deputy Assistant Director of Army Postal Services;
- 3 x Staff Captains;
- 18 x Clerks, R.E. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - 2 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 3 x Corporals;
 - 2 Lance Corporals;
 - 9 x Privates;
- 2 x Clerks, R.A.S.C.

Supplies and Transport

Director of Supplies and Transport – (D.S.T.)

14th August 1943 – 7th May 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Frederick Sherwood CLOVER, C.B.E., A.M.I.Mech.E.

8th May 1944 – 10th June 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Wilfred a’Auvergne COLLINGS, C.B.E.

11th June 1945 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Denys Herbert Vincent BUCKLE, *p.s.c.*

Colonel, Deputy Director of Transportation

- Quartermaster, Supervising Officer;
- Warrant Officer Class II, Personal Assistant;
- 11 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - Serjeant;
 - 3 x Corporals;
 - 6 x Privates;
- 3 x Draughtsmen (Mechanical), R.E..

Transport

Colonel, Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport

1943 – 1945

- 2 x Assistant Directors of Supplies and Transport;
- 5 x Deputy Assistant Directors of Supplies and Transport;
- 7 x Staff Captains;
- 32 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 2 x Warrant Officers Class II;
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - 4 x Serjeants;
 - 5 x Corporals;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals;
 - 17 x Privates.

Supplies

Colonel, Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport

1943 – 1945

- 2 x Assistant Directors of Supplies and Transport;
- 4 x Deputy Assistant Directors of Supplies and Transport;
- 8 x Staff Captains;

For local resources

- Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport;
- 2 x Deputy Assistant Directors of Supplies and Transport;
- 3 x Staff Captains;
- 33 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 2 x Warrant Officer Class II;
 - 2 x Staff Serjeant;
 - 4 x Serjeants;
 - 5 x Corporals;
 - 4 x Lance Corporals;
 - 15 x Privates.

Clerks include one Group B tradesman, shorthand writer.

NAAFI

The NAAFI was a non-profit making corporation providing catering and refreshments for all three services. In theatre of war NAAFI employees were incorporated in the armed forces.

- Lieutenant Colonel, Liaison Officer

Petrol Oil and Lubricants

Colonel, Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport

1943 – 1945

- 2 x Assistant Directors of Supplies and Transport;
- 4 X Deputy Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport
- 4 X Staff Captain

Technical

- Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport;
- 2 x Deputy Assistant Directors of Supplies and Transport;
- Deputy Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport (Chemist);
- 2 x Staff Captains;
- 34 x Clerks R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 2 x Warrant Officers Class II;
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - 5 x Serjeants;
 - 4 x Corporals;
 - 4 x Lance Corporals;
 - 17 x Privates.

Administrative

- Deputy Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport;
- Staff Captain;
- 16 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - 2 x Serjeants;
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals;
 - 9 x Privates.

Catering

- Lieutenant Colonel, Catering Adviser;
- Major, Assistant Catering Adviser;
- 4 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - Lance Corporal;
 - Private.

Printing and Stationary

- Assistant Director of Printing and Stationary Services;
- Deputy Assistant Director of Printing and Stationary Services;
- 2 x Captains;
- Lieutenant;
- 8 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - 4 x Privates.

Medical

Director of Medical Services – (D.M.S.)

26 July 1943 – 13 September 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) Joseph WALKER, M.C., M.B.

1943 – 1944

Major General Sir Percy Stanley TOMLINSON,

10th November 1944 – 24th August 1945

Major General (Acting) Edward PHILLIPS, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., M.B.¹⁶

Director of Medical Services, British Army of the Rhine

25th August 1945 – 1948

Major General (Acting) Edward PHILLIPS, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., M.B.

- Warrant Officer Class II, personal assistant

Colonel, Deputy Director of Medical Services

14 September 1943 – 20 March 1944

Colonel (Temporary) Joseph WALKER, M.C., M.B.

21 March 1944 – 3 December 1944

Colonel (Temporary) Robert Fowler WALKER, C.B.E., M.C., M.B.

Colonel, Deputy Director of Hygiene

Colonel, Deputy Director of Pathology

Colonel, Deputy Director of Dental Services

- 3 x Lieutenant Colonels, Assistant Director of Medical Services;
- Assistant Director of Hygiene;
- Assistant Director of Pathology;
- 3 x Deputy Assistant Directors of Medical Services;
- Captain or Lieutenant, Supervising Officer;

Consultants and advisers to be implemented only as required:

- Colonel Consultant Physician;
- Colonel Consultant Surgeon;
- Lieutenant Colonel Adviser, Psychiatry;
- Lieutenant Colonel Adviser, Radiology;

¹⁶ Awarded the C.B. on 9 July 1945 and created K.B.E. and knighted on 24 January 1946.

- Lieutenant Colonel Adviser, Orthopaedics;
- Lieutenant Colonel Adviser, Anaesthetics;
- Lieutenant Colonel Adviser, Ophthalmology;
- Lieutenant Colonel Adviser, Venereology;
- Lieutenant Colonel Adviser, Dermatology;
- Lieutenant Colonel Adviser, Neurology.

- Chief Principal Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service
- Matron, Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service

- 19 x Clerks, R.A.M.C. for medical staff – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - 3 x Serjeants;
 - 5 x Corporals;
 - 9 x Privates.
- 4 x Clerks for Queen Alexandra's Imperial Military Nursing Service – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - 2 x Privates
- Warrant Officer Class II Clerk Orderly for Army Dental Corps;
- Clerk Orderly for Army Dental Corps.

Ordnance

Director of Ordnance Services – (D.O.S.)

26th July 1943 – 31st August 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) George Alexander Neville SWINEY, M.C., R.A.O.C., *o.*

1st September 1943 – 20th January 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Herbert Edwin Abrahall MORRIS, C.I.E., O.B.E., Indian Army

21st January 1944 – 30th June 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) James Guy DENNISON, R.A.O.C., *o.*

11th June 1945 – 31st March 1946

Major General (Acting) Cyril CANSDALE, C.B.E., *o.*

Deputy Director of Ordnance Services

1944 – 1945

Colonel L. E. CUTFORTH

- 2 x Colonels, Deputy Director of Ordnance Services;
- 7 x Assistant Director of Ordnance Services;
- 13 x Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Services;
- 7 X Captains R.A.O.C.;
- 7 x Captains or Subalterns R.A.O.C.;
- 4 x Ammunition Examiners – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - 3 x Serjeants
- 94 x Clerks R.A.O.C. – including:
 - Conductor R.A.O.C.;
 - 3 x Warrant Officers Class I;
 - 12 x Warrant Officers Class II;
 - 7 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 19 x Serjeants;
 - 13 x Corporals;
 - 13 x Lance Corporals;
 - 27 x Privates.

Clerks include fifteen shorthand typists

- 18 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Corporal;
 - 3 x Lance Corporals;
 - 14 x Privates.

Note: Conductor is a rank peculiar to the RAOC and is the highest Warrant Officer rank in the army. It dates back to the days when all artillery belonged to the Board of Ordnance and was only loaned to the army and navy. In the army, a Conductor holding a warrant from the Board of Ordnance was responsible for the guns.

REME

Brigadier, Director of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering

1943 – August 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Edward Roy CAFFYN, O.B.E., R.E.M.E., T.A.

- 2 x Colonels, Deputy Directors of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering;
- 3 x Assistant Directors of Electrical and Mechanical Engineering;
- 8 x Deputy Assistant Directors of Ordnance Services;
- 8 x Captains;
- 2 x Subalterns;
- 36 x Clerks, Technical, R.E.M.E. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 3 x Warrant Officers Class II;
 - 3 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 5 x Serjeants;
 - 6 x Corporals;
 - 3 x Lance Corporals;
 - 15 x Privates

Clerks include seven shorthand typists

- 6 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - 2 x Lance Corporals;
 - 4 x Privates;
- 5 x Draughtsmen, Mechanical, R.E.M.E. – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - Lance Corporal;
 - 3 x Privates.

Pay

Brigadier, Deputy Paymaster in Chief

1943 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Leslie Jebez LIGHTFOOT, C.B.E., Reserve of Officers

- Lieutenant Colonel, Staff Paymaster 1st Class;
- Captain, Paymaster;
- Assistant Paymaster;
- 8 x Clerks, R.A.P.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 2 x Serjeants;
 - 5 x Privates.

Labour

Brigadier, Director of Labour

16th July 1943 – August 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Gerald Rufus ISAACS, 2nd Marquess of READING, M.C., T.A.

Colonel, Deputy Director of Labour

16th July 1943 – August 1945

Colonel C. PEPYS,

- 2 x Assistant Directors of Labour;
- 2 x Deputy Assistant Directors of Labour;
- Staff Captain;
- Major, Staff Paymaster 2nd Class;
- Major, Liaison Officer;
- 14 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class II;
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - 3 x Corporals;
 - 9 x Privates;
- Serjeant Clerk, R.A.P.C..

Provost

Colonel, Provost Marshal

1943 – 1945

Colonel (Temporary) Bassett Fitzgerald WILSON, M.C., Reserve of Officers

- Deputy Provost Marshal;
- 2 x Assistant Provost Marshals;
- 3 x Deputy Assistant Provost Marshals (includes one junior commander A.T.S.);
- 10 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - 7 x Privates.

Veterinary

- Assistant Director of Army Veterinary and Remount Services;
- Deputy Assistant Director of Army Remount Services;
- 3 x Clerks, R.A.V.C. – including:
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - Private.

Note: It might seem unusual for a completely mechanised army to have a veterinary service attached but there were large numbers of horses in German service and these needed caring for when they were captured, and eventually horse drawn transport was used in Antwerp.

Salvage

Colonel, Deputy Director of Salvage

1943 – 1945

- Deputy Assistant Director of Salvage;
- Staff Captain;
- 5 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - Lance Corporal;
 - 2 x Privates

Graves Registration

- Assistant Director of Graves Registration;
- 3 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - 2 x Privates;
- Corporal Draughtsman (Topographical), R.E.

Welfare

Colonel, Deputy Director of Army Welfare Services

1943 – 1945

- Deputy Assistant Director of Army Welfare Services;
- Staff Captain;
- 6 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Warrant Officer Class I;
 - Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - 3 x Privates

Note: An increment for duty at corps headquarters will be made for each corp as follows:

- Deputy Assistant Director of Army Welfare Service;
- Corporal Clerk; R.A.S.C.;
- Clerk, R.A.S.C.;

Also the following are held for employment with Headquarters, Lines of Communication:

- Assistant Director of Army Welfare Service;
- Deputy Assistant of Army Welfare Service;
- 4 x Staff Captains;
- 6 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - Lance Corporal;
 - 3 x Privates.

Equipment, Centres and Newspapers

- Assistant Director of Army Welfare Services;
- 2 x Deputy Assistant Directors of Army Welfare Services;
- Staff Captain;
- 7 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - 2 x Corporals;
 - 4 x Privates.

Entertainment

- Assistant Director of Army Welfare Services;
- 2 x Deputy Assistant Directors of Army Welfare Services (one for broadcasting);
- 6 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - Corporal;
 - Lance Corporal;
 - 3 x Privates.

Legal Aid

- Major, Legal Aid;
- 3 x Captains;
- 12 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Staff Serjeant;
 - Serjeant;
 - 3 x Corporals;
 - 2 x Lance Corporals;
 - 5 x Privates.

Education

Colonel, Chief Education Officer

1943 – 1945

- Staff Officer 3rd Class;
- 2 x Clerks, R.A.S.C. – including:
 - Serjeant;
 - Private.

Fire service

- Assistant Director of Fire Service;
- Captain;
- Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C..

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS 2nd ECHELON

The War Establishment for General Headquarters 2nd Echelon was III/2/4 with an effective date of August 1943.

Colonel, Officer in Command

1943 – 1945

- Warrant Officer Class II, Personal Assistant;
- Clerk, R.A.S.C..

STAFF

Organisation

- Assistant Adjutant-General;
- Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C..

Coordination

- Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General;
- Staff Captain;
- Warrant Officer Class I Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- Staff Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- 2 x Corporal Clerks, R.A.S.C.;
- 4 x Clerks, R.A.S.C..

Central Registry

- Supervising Officer (Quarter-Master);
- Warrant Officer Class II Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- Corporal Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- 4 x Clerks, R.A.S.C..

Statistics

- Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General;
- Staff Captain;
- Staff Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- 2 x Corporal Clerks, R.A.S.C.;
- 4 x Clerks, R.A.S.C..

Reinforcements

- Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General;
- Staff Captain;
- Staff Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- 3 x Corporal Clerks, R.A.S.C.;
- 6 x Clerks, R.A.S.C..

Note:

If the Reinforcements section is operating separately from the remainder of the General Headquarters, 2nd Echelon the following additions will be made to that section.

- Assistant Adjutant-General;
- Staff Captain;
- Warrant Officer Class II Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- 5 x Clerks, R.A.S.C..

PERSONAL SERVICES

- Assistant Adjutant-General;
- Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C.

Discipline and Pay

- Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General;
- Staff Captain;
- Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- Corporal Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- 3 x Clerks, R.A.S.C..

Casualties and Effects

- Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General;
- Staff Captain;
- Warrant Officer Class II Clerk;
- Staff Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- 3 x Corporal Clerks, R.A.S.C.;
- 12 x Clerks, R.A.S.C..

Enemy Prisoners of War

- Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General;
- Staff Lieutenant;
- Staff Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- 2 x Clerks, R.A.S.C..

Records

- Assistant Adjutant-General;
- Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C..

War Diaries

- Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General;
- Staff Captain;
- Staff Serjeant Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- Corporal Clerk, R.A.S.C.;
- 2 x Clerks, R.A.S.C..

RECORDS

- Major;
- 4 x Captains;
- Lieutenant;
- Clerks, R.A.S.C. for officers records;
- Warrant Officer Class I;
- Staff Serjeant;
- Serjeant;
- 5 x Corporals;
- 7 x Privates;
- Clerks for units without orderly room serjeants:
 - 2 x Warrant Officer Class I;
 - 7 x Warrant Officer Class II;
 - 14 x Staff Serjeants;
 - 21 x Serjeants;
 - 38 x Corporals;
 - 64 x Privates
- Clerks for units with orderly room serjeants:
 - 74 x Serjeants;
 - 3 x Corporals;
 - 16 x Privates.

NOTE:

The 74 x Serjeants includes Warrant Officers, Staff Serjeants and serjeants who are clerks or orderly room serjeants from units

ADMINISTRATIVE

- Major, Camp Commandant;
- Subaltern, Assistant Camp Commandant;
- Regimental Serjeant Major;
- Regimental Quartermaster Serjeant;
- 11 x Batmen;
- Clerk for pay duties;
- Serjeant Clerk;
- Corporal Clerk;
- Clerk;
- 2 x Officer's Mess Cooks;
- Corporal, Serjeant's Mess Cook;
- Serjeant's Mess Cook;
- Corporal, Other Ranks Mess Cook;
- 5 x Other Ranks Mess Cooks;
- 6 x Drivers I.C., R.A.S.C.;
- 14 x General Dutymen;
- Serjeant, Officer's Mess Steward;
- Officer's Mess Orderly;
- 10 x Serjeant's Mess Orderly;
- 5 x Other Ranks Mess Orderly;
- 4 x Regimental Policemen;
- 3 x Sanitary Dutymen;
- Serjeant, Serjeant's Mess Caterer;
- 2 x Storemen.

Civil Affairs Officer

9 July 1943 – 28 May 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Thomas ROBBINS, M.C., Lan Fus.¹⁷

Line of Communication**General Officer Commanding**

6th April 1944 – 31st December 1944

Major General Robert Francis Brydges NAYLOR, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

1st January 1944 – May 1945

Major General (Temporary) George SURTEES, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.*, *p.s.c.*

Brigadier Administration Lines of Communication

November 1943 – May 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Robert Thomas COOKE, C.B.E., *p.s.c.*

Chief Engineer

3 May 1944 – 3 November 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Reginald Hugh PERRY, M.C.¹⁸

¹⁷ Awarded the C.B.E. on 1 February 1945 and C.B. in April 1945.

¹⁸ Awarded the C.B.E. for his work as Chief Engineer of L of C on 29 March 1945.

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