

British Army Regimental Succession of Titles: Artillery (forming the current regiments)



RA - Royal Artillery
RFA - Royal Field Artillery
RHA - Royal Horse Artillery
RGA - Royal Garrison Artillery

1716 - Though the use of artillery by English armies dates back to the Hundred Years War in the 14th Century, it was in 1716 that distinct Artillery and Sappers were established from the Ordnance Service.
1720 - The former was titled the 'Royal Artillery' in 1720 then the 'Royal Regiment of Artillery' in 1722.
1859 - The Horse Brigade Royal Horse Artillery was formed in 1859 to command all Horse Artillery batteries.
1862 - The Bengal, Bombay and Madras Horse Artilleries were transferred to the Royal Artillery.
1899 - The Royal Artillery was divided into two distinct branches in 1899: field (RFA, RHA) and garrison (RGA). The RGA included coast defence, position, heavy, siege and mountain artillery.
1901 - The brigade system was revived at the start of the 20th Century.
1924 - After World War I, the three artillery branches were merged back into a single regiment, though the RHA retained their separate badge and identity.
1938 - Before World War II, artillery brigades were redesignated as regiments.
1947 (Apr) - Almost all RA regiments and batteries (except RHA units) changed their number on this date. From this point onwards, numbers have also been unique, without the confusing duplication of unit numbers.

The Royal Regiment of Artillery is founded on batteries, which move between regiments.

This resource focuses on regular regiments. Territorial Army (TA) and Supplementary Reserve (SR) units are not included unless they became or were formed from regular regiments.

Some infantry, yeomanry and Royal Engineer units transferred to the Royal Artillery. Additionally, only regiments formed in or that served in the UK are included; i.e. not those in Malta, Africa or South East Asia.

Please also note that there have been numerous cases of the duplicate numbering of Brigades and Regiments.

A separate resource will explore the numerous regiments formed and disbanded during the Second World War.

Early-1900s	First World War	Inter War Years	Second World War (and 1940s)	Cold War (1950/60s)	Cold War (1970/80s)	Post-Cold War into 21st Century
The Riding Troop (1946) The King's Troop, Royal Horse Artillery (1947-present) KTRHA						
V Brigade-Division RHA (1901-03) V Brigade RHA (1903-06)	I Brigade RHA (1906-38)		1st Regiment RHA (1938-63)	1st Medium Regiment RHA (1964) 1st Light Regiment RHA (1964-66)	1st Regiment RHA (1967-77) 1st Field Regiment RHA (1977-92)	1st Regiment RHA (1992-present) 1 RHA
X Brigade-Division RHA (1901-03) X Brigade RHA (1903-06)	III Brigade RHA (1906-38)		3rd Regiment RHA (1938-41) 3rd Anti-Tank Regiment RHA (1941/42) 3rd Regiment RHA (1942-64)	3rd Light Regiment RHA (1964/65) 3rd Medium Regiment RHA (1965/66) 3rd Field Regiment RHA (1966/67)	3rd Regiment RHA (1968-77) 3rd Anti-Tank Regiment RHA (1977) <i>Suspended (1977-83)</i> 3rd Field Regiment RHA (1983-92)	3rd Regiment RHA (1992-present) 3 RHA
VIII Brigade-Division RHA (1901-03) VIII Brigade RHA (1903-06)	VII Brigade RHA (1906-20)	<i>Absorbed into IV Brigade RHA in 1920</i>	4th Regiment RHA (1939-61)	7th Parachute Regiment RHA (1961-64) 7th Parachute Light Regiment RHA (1964-66)	7th Parachute Regiment RHA (1966-76) 7th Field Regiment RHA (1977-88)	7th Parachute Regiment RHA (1988-present) 7 RHA
IX Brigade-Division RHA (1901-03) IX Brigade RHA (1903-06) IV Brigade RHA (1906-11)		IV Brigade RHA (1919-21)		4th Field Regiment RA (1961) 4th Regiment RA (1961-64) 4th Light Regiment RA (1964-66)	4th Field Regiment RA (1966-74) 4th Light Regiment RA (1974-77) 4th Field Regiment RA (1977-93)	4th Regiment RA (1993-present) 4 Regt RA
XI Brigade-Division RHA (1901) XI Brigade RHA (1902)	V Brigade RHA (1906-17) V Army Brigade RHA (1917/18)	V Brigade RHA (1919-28)	5th (Army) Regiment RHA (1939/40) 5th Regiment RHA (1940-58)	5th Field Regiment RA (1958-60) 5th Regiment RA (1961-64) 5th Field Regiment RA (1964-69)	5th Light Regiment RA (1969-72) 5th Heavy Regiment RA (1972-92)	5th Regiment RA (1992-present) 5 Regt RA
XLV Brigade-Division RFA (1900) XLV Brigade RFA (1901) XLV Brigade-Division RFA (1902/03) XLV Brigade RFA (1903-13)	XV Brigade RFA (1913-24)	XV Field Brigade RA (1924-38)	15th Field Regiment RA (1938-46) 15th Anti-Tank Regiment RA (1946) 7th Regiment, RHA (1946/47)	12th Anti-Tank Regiment RA (1947-51) 12th Light Anti Aircraft Regiment RA (1951-61) 12th Regiment RA (1961-64)	12th Light Air Defence Regiment RA (1964-77) 12th Air Defence Regiment RA (1977-92)	12th Regiment RA (1992-present) 12 Regt RA
	XLV Brigade RFA (1913-19)	XXXVII Brigade RFA (1919-22) XXVIII Brigade RFA (1922-24) XXVIII Field Brigade RA (1924-38)	28th Field Regiment RA (1938-47)	14th Field Regiment RA (1947-61) 14th Regiment (1961-64) 14th Field Regiment RA (1964-67)	14th Light Regiment RA (1967-70) <i>Suspended (1971-84)</i> 14th Field Regiment (1984-92)	14th Regiment RA (1992-present) 14 Regt RA
		2nd Heavy Brigade RA (1933-38) 2nd Heavy Regiment RA (1938/39)	70th Coastal Defence Training Regiment RA (1939/40) 70 Coast Training Regiment RA (1940-44) 70th RA Training Regiment (Coast) (1944/45) 2nd Coast Training Regiment RA (1946) 2nd Coast Regiment RA (1946/47)	16th Coast Regiment RA (1947-50) 16th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment RA (1950-61) 16th Regiment RA (1961-64)	16th Light Air Defence Regiment (1964-77) 16th Air Defence Regiment RA (1977-92)	16th Regiment RA (1992-present) 16 Regt RA
XVII Brigade-Division RFA (1900-03) XVII Brigade RFA (1903-24)		XVII Field Brigade RA (1924-38)	17th Field Regiment RA (1938-47)	19th Field Regiment RA (1947-61) 19th Regiment RA (1961-64) 19th Field Regiment RA (1964) 19th Light Regiment RA (1964-67)	19th Field Regiment RA (1967-92)	19th Regiment RA (1992-present) 19 Regt RA

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IV Brigade-Division RFA (1899-1903) IV Brigade RFA (1903-24)		IV Field Brigade (1924-38)	4th Field Regiment RA (1938-47)	26th Field Regiment RA (1947-61) 26th Regiment RA (1961-64) 26th Medium Regiment RA (1964-66)	26th Field Regiment RA (1966-92)	26th Regiment RA (1992-present) 26 Regt RA
XLVI Brigade-Division (1900-03) XLVI Brigade RFA (1903-13)	XXXV Brigade RFA (1913-22)	XXV Brigade RFA (1922-24) XXV Field Brigade RA (1924-38)	25th Field Regiment RA (1938-42) 25th Field Regiment Cadre RA (1942/43) 25th Field Regiment RA (1944-47)	29th Field Regiment RA (1947-61) 29th Regiment RA (1961) 29th Commando Regiment RA (1962-64)	29th Commando Light Regiment RA (1964-76)	29th Commando Regiment RA (1976-present) 29 Cdo Regt RA
		VII Medium Brigade (1927-38)	7th Medium Regiment RA (1938-47)	32nd Medium Regiment RA (1947-61) 32nd Regiment RA (1961-64) 32nd Medium Regiment RA (1964-66) 32nd Heavy Regiment RA (1966-72)	32nd Light Regiment RA (1972-77) 32nd Guided Weapons Regiment RA (1978-84) 32 Heavy Regiment RA (1984-92)	32nd Regiment RA (1992-present) 32 Regt RA
		HQ RGA Malta (1920-24) HQ & DE RA Malta (1924-33) 4th Heavy Brigade (1933-38)	4th Heavy Regiment RA (1938/40) 4th Coast Regiment RA (1940-45) 4th Coast Training Regiment RA (1945-47) 47th Coast Training Regiment RA (1947/48)	47th Coast Regiment RA (1948-56) 47th Guided Weapons Field Regiment RA (1957-61) 47th Regiment RA (1961-64) 47th Missile Regiment RA (1964/65)	47th Light Regiment RA (1965-77) 47th Field Regiment RA (1977-92)	47th Regiment RA (1993-present) 47 Regt RA
						King's Gurkha Artillery (2025-present) KGA