

British Army Regimental Succession of Titles: Aviation



Responsibility for airborne and aviation operations in the British armed forces has resided in British Army (inc. Royal Engineers), Royal Navy and Royal Air Force units. Though the Royal Engineers' Air Battalion was formed in 1911, the Army Air Corps was not established until 1942. During World War 2, the AAC consisted of airborne troops (inc. The Parachute Regiment) and aviation units (inc. the Glider Pilot Regiment). The Army Air Corps was disbanded in 1947 before being reformed in 1957.

Just as batteries move between Royal Artillery regiments, squadrons are reassigned between AAC regiments.

World War Two	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s/90s	2000-25
Army Air Corps (1942-49)					
The Parachute Regiment (1940-present) PARA					
"L" Detachment, Special Air Service Brigade (1941) then 1st Special Air Service (1942) then Special Raiding Squadron (1943) then 1st Special Air Service (1944/45)	<i>disbanded 1945; reformed 1952</i>	22nd Special Air Service Regiment (1952-present) 22SAS			
2nd Special Air Service (1943-45)					
Air Landing regiments					
Glider Pilot Regiment (1942-57)	Army Air Corps (1957-present) AAC				
	1 Division Aviation (1964-69)	1 Regiment AAC (1969-present) 1 Regt AAC			
	2 Division Aviation (1969-76)	2 Regiment AAC (1976-83)	2 (Training) Regiment AAC (1994-present) 2 (Trg) Regt AAC		
	3 Division Aviation (1969-73)	3 Regiment AAC (1973-present) 3 Regt AAC			
	4 Division Aviation (1964-73)	4 Regiment AAC (1973-present) 4 Regt AAC			
	Northern Ireland Regiment (1979-93)			5 Regiment AAC (1993-present) 5 Regt AAC	
	7 Army Aviation Regiment (1969-71)	7 Regiment AAC (1971-95)	7 Regiment AAC (V) (1995-2009) then 7 (Training) Regiment AAC (2009-present) 7 (Trg) Regt AAC		
	9 Regiment AAC (1971-1983)		9 Regiment AAC (1988-2016)	9 Regiment AAC (2018-present) 9 Regt AAC	
	Air Observation Post (AOP) squadrons (1940-57)				