

British Army Succession of Titles: Logistics



The Royal Logistic Corps was formed on 5th April 1993 through the amalgamation of the Royal Corps of Transport, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, the Royal Pioneer Corps, the Army Catering Corps, and the Postal and Courier branch of the Royal Engineers, bringing under one cap badge many of the British Army's principal transport, supply, ordnance, labour, catering and postal services.

This document traces the complex lineage of those constituent organisations and their predecessors, many of which evolved through repeated reforms, redesignations and consolidations over several centuries. In order to preserve clarity and maintain a direct regimental line of descent, subordinate Battalions, Groups, Depots, Ordnance Field Parks and Ordnance Maintenance Parks have been included only where they were subsequently redesignated or elevated as Regiments, and thus formed a continuing part of the wider regimental succession represented within this document.

Logistics in the Twentieth Century

Pre-First World War	First World War	Interwar Years	Second World War	1940s/50s	1960s/70s	1980s	1990s	2000s
Army Ordnance Department (1894-1918) AOD	Army Ordnance Corps (1894-1918) AOC	Royal Army Ordnance Corps (1918-1993) RAOC						The Royal Logistic Corps (April 1993-present) RLC
Royal Army Service Corps (1888-1965) RASC				Royal Corps of Transport (1965-93) RCT				
				Army Catering Corps (1941-93) ACC				
Labour Corps (1917-21)		Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps (1939/40) then Pioneer Corps (1940-46)		Royal Pioneer Corps (1946-93) RPC				
Army Post Office Corps (1882-1913) APOC	Royal Engineers (Postal Section) (1913-59) RE(PS)				Royal Engineers (Postal and Courier Communications) (1959-79) RE(P&CC)	Royal Engineers (Postal and Courier Services) (1979-93) RE(PCS)		

Antecedents

Pre-1800s	Early-1800s	Mid-1800s	Late-1800s	First World War	Interwar Years	Second World War	Cold War	
Transportation and Movement Control Service, Royal Engineers							Royal Corps of Transport (1965-93) RCT	
Royal Waggoners (1794/95)	Royal Waggon Corps (1799-1802) then Royal Waggon Train (1802-33)	Land Transport Corps (1855) then Military Train (1856-69)	Control Department (1869/70)	Army Service Corps (1870-80) then Commissariat and Transport Corps (1880-88)	Army Service Corps (1888-1918)	Royal Army Service Corps (1918-65) RASC		Army Catering Corps (1941-93) ACC
Office of the Ordnance (from the 1460s) then Board of Ordnance* (1683-1855)	Military Store Department (1861-70) MSD	Ordnance Stores Department (1876-94) OSD		Army Ordnance Department (1894-1918) AOD	Royal Army Ordnance Corps (1918-93) RAOC			
	Military Store Clerks Corps (1861-70) MSC	Ordnance Store Corps (1881-94) OSC		Army Ordnance Corps (1894-1918) AOC				
	Military Store Staff Corps (1865-70) MSSC							
				Labour Corps (1917-21)	Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps (1939/40) then Pioneer Corps (1940-46)	Royal Pioneer Corps (1946-93) RPC		
				Army Post Office Corps (1882-1913)	Royal Engineers (Postal Section) (1913-59) RE (PS)		Royal Engineers (Postal and Courier Communications) (1959-79) RE(P&CC)	Royal Engineers (Postal and Courier Services) (1979-93) RE(PCS)

*Other successors of the Board of Ordnance include the Royal Regiment of Artillery, Corps of Royal Engineers and Royal Army Medical Service. See separate resources.

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The Forming Corps

Royal Army Ordnance Corps (RAOC)

1940s	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2020s
RAOC Boys Training School (1949-54)	RAOC Boys School (1955/56) then RAOC/REME Junior Leaders School (1956-59) then RAOC/REME Junior Leaders Battalion (1959-64)	Junior Leaders Battalion RAOC (1964-86)		Junior Leaders Regiment RCT (1986-92)				
	1 Army Troops Ordnance Field Park (1950-52) then 1 (BR) Corps/Army Troops Ordnance Field Park (1952-58) then 1 (BR) Corps Ordnance Field Park (1958-60)	10 Ordnance Field Park (1960-71)	<i>All OFPs were disbanded by the late-1970s, with them becoming Ordnance Companies</i>	1 Ordnance Battalion RAOC (1982-93) 1 Ord Bn RAOC	2 Close Support Regiment RLC (1993-2005)	2 Logistic Support Regiment RLC (2005-14) 2 LSR		
		1 (BR) Corps Ordnance Maintenance Park (1963-70) 1 COMP RAOC	1 (BR) Corps Combat Supplies Battalion RAOC (1970-82) 1 CSB RAOC	5 Ordnance Battalion RAOC (1982-93) 5 Ord Bn RAOC	6 Supply Regiment RLC (1993-2008)	6 Regiment RLC (2008-present) 6 RLC		
	1 (BR) Corps / Army Troops (1951-67)		RAOC Corps Troops (1967-82)	6 Ordnance Battalion RAOC (1982-93) 6 Ord Bn RAOC				
No.6 Battalion RAOC (1945-64)								
		11 Ordnance (EOD) Battalion RAOC (1951-93) 11 Ord (EOD) Bn RAOC			11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Regiment RLC (1993-2018)			11 Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) & Search Regiment RLC (2018-present) 11 EOD&S RLC

Royal Corps of Transport (RCT)

1940s	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2020s
Division Transport Column RASC (1945-60)								
7 Armoured Division Transport Column RASC (1949-58) then 5 Infantry Division Transport Column RASC (1958-60)		1 Divisional Regiment RCT (1965-71)	1 Division Transport Regiment RCT (1971-78)	1 Armoured Division Transport Regiment RCT (1978-93) 1 ADTR	1 General Support Regiment RLC (1993-2005) 1 GSR RLC		1 Logistic Support Regiment RLC (2005-14) then 1 Regiment RLC (2014-present) 1 LSR / 1 RLC	
	2 Infantry Division Transport Column RASC (1953-58) then 2 Division Transport Column RASC (1958-65)	2 Division Regiment RCT (1965-73)	2 Division Transport Regiment RCT (1973-78) then 2 Armoured Division Transport Regiment RCT (1978-83) 2 ADTR	2 Infantry Division Transport Regiment (1984-93)				

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Royal Corps of Transport (RCT) continued

1940s	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2020s
	3 Division Transport Column RASC (1951-65)	3 Divisional Regiment RCT (1965-73)	3 Division Transport Regiment RCT (1973-77)	3 Armoured Division Transport Regiment RCT (1977-93) 3 ADTR	3 Close Support Regiment RLC (1993-2005) 3 CSR RLC		3 Logistic Support Regiment RLC (2005-23) 3 LSR	
	11 Armoured Division Transport Column RASC (1950-56) then 4 Division Transport Column RASC (1956-65)	4 Divisional Regiment RCT (1965-73)	4 Division Transport Regiment RCT (1973-77)	4 Armoured Division Transport Regiment RCT (1977-93) 4 ADTR	4 General Support Regiment RLC (1993-2005) 4 GSR RLC		4 Logistic Support Regiment RLC (2005-present) 4 LSR / 4 RLC	
	7 Tank Transporter Column RASC (1961-65)	7 Tank Transporter Regiment RCT (1965-72)	23 Tank Transporter Squadron RCT then 3 Tank Transporter Squadron RCT (1972-93)		7 Tank Transport Regiment RLC (1993) then 7 Transport Regiment RLC (1993-2008)		7 Regiment RLC (2008-present) 7 RLC	
	8 Transport Column (Advanced Weapons Support) RASC (1964/65)	8 Transport Regiment Wagoners Support Group (WSG) RCT (1965-93) 8 Tpt Regt WSG RCT			8 Artillery Support Regiment RLC (1993-98)	8 Transport Regiment RLC (1998-2008)	8 Regiment RLC (2008-12) 8 RLC	
formed from Ordnance companies						9 Supply Regiment RLC (1993-2008)	9 Regiment RLC (2008-present) 9 RLC	
	1 (BR) Corps Troop Column RASC (1952-65)	10 Heavy General Transport (GT) Regiment RCT (1965-72)	10 Transport Regiment RCT (1972-78)	10 Corps Transport Regiment RCT (1978-90) 10 Regt RCT	10 Transport Group RCT (1990-93) then 10 Transport Regiment RLC (1993) then Queen's Own Gurkha Transport Regiment RLC (1993-2001)	Queen's Own Gurkha Logistic Regiment RLC (2001-06) then 10 Transport Regiment QOGLR (2006-08)	10 Transport QOGLR (2008-present) 10 QOGLR	
1 Training Battalion RASC (1945-65) 1 Trg Bn RASC		12 Training Regiment RCT (1965) then 12 Regiment RCT (1965-93) 12 Regt RCT			12 Supply Regiment RLC (1993-2006)	12 Logistic Support Regiment RLC (2006-2013) 12 LSR		
6 Driver Training Battalion RASC (1945-65) 6 Trg Bn RASC		6 Driver Training Regiment RCT (1965-69)						
						13 Air Assault Support Regiment RLC (1999-present) 13 AASR		
		1 Army Air Supply Organisation RASC (1960-65) 1 AASO RASC	14 Air Despatch Regiment RCT (1965-75) 14 AD Regt RCT					
		3 Army Air Supply Organisation RASC (1960-65) then 15 Air Despatch Regiment RCT (1965-68) 3 AASO RASC / 15 AD Regt RCT						
		16 Railway Regiment RCT (1965-67) 16 Rly Regt RCT						

Royal Corps of Transport (RCT) continued

1940s	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2020s
	17 Port Training Regiment RE (1949-65)		17 Port Regiment RCT (1965-77) 17 Port Regt RCT	17 Port & Maritime Regiment RCT (1977-93)	17 Port & Maritime Regiment RLC (1993-present) 17 P&M RLC			
	20 Landing Craft Tank Regiment RCT (1965-68) then 20 Landing Craft Tank Support Regiment RCT (1968-71) 20 LCT Regt RCT		20 Maritime Regiment RCT (1971-89)					
			21 (NI) Transport & Movement Regiment RCT (1988-93)		21 Logistic Support Regiment RLC (1993-99) 21 Regt LS	Northern Ireland Combat Service Support Regiment (1999-2007) NI CSS Regt		
	23 Transport & Movement Regiment RCT (1965-81) 23 Tpt & Mov Regt RCT							
	24 Regiment RCT (1965-67)	24 Movement and Transport Control Regiment RCT (1967-93)			24 Transport & Movement Regiment RLC (1993) 24 Tpt & Mov Regt RLC	24 Transport & Movement Regiment RLC then 24 Postal, Courier & Movements Regiment RLC (1993-99)	24 Regiment RLC (1999-2014) 24 RLC	
	25 Regiment RCT (1965-67)	25 Movement and Transport Control Regiment RCT (1967-93)			25 Transport & Movement Regiment RLC (1993) 25 Tpt & Mov Regt RLC			
	26 Regiment RCT (1965-71) 26 Regt RCT							
	27 Regiment RCT (1965-93) 27 Regt RCT				27 Transport Regiment RLC (1993-2008)		27 Regiment RLC (2008-present) 27 RLC	
	28 Transport & Movement Regiment RCT (1969-81) 28 Tpt & Mov Regt RCT							
	29 Movement Control Regiment RCT (1970-76)			29 Transport & Movement Regiment RCT (1976-93) 29 Tpt & Mov Regt RCT	29 Regiment RLC (1993-2007) then 29 Postal, Courier & Movements Regiment RLC (2007)		29 Regiment RLC (2008-present) 29 RLC	
	30 Regiment RCT (1966-81) 30 Regt RCT							
	31 Regiment RCT (1968-76) 31 Regt RCT							
	32 Regiment RCT (1965-71) 32 Regt RCT							
	33 Maritime Regiment RCT (1965-70) 33 Regt RCT							
					Commando Logistic Regiment, Royal Marines (1971-2026) CLR			48 Commando Support Group Royal Marines (2026-present)

Royal Pioneer Corps (RPC)

1940s	1950s	1960s	1970s	1980s	1990s	2000s	2010s	2020s
						23 Pioneer Regiment RLC (1993-2014) 23 Pioneer Regt RLC / 23 RLC		
	Pioneer Corps Depot (1946) then Royal Pioneer Corps Depot (1946-50) Pioneer Corps Training Wing (1945/46) then RPC Training Wing (1946-48) then RPC Training Centre (1948-50)	RPC Depot & Training Centre (1950-67)		RPC Training Centre (1967-93)				
					RLC Training Regiment & Depot (1995-99)	25 Training Support Regiment RLC (1999-08) 25 Trg Sp Regt RLC	25 Training Regiment RLC (2008-present) 25 Trg Regt RLC	