

## **FIVE: SECOND WORLD WAR (1939-1946)**

### **INTRODUCTION**

On 3 Sep 1939, the strength of the RE was 13,025 Regulars and 76,276 Territorial Army and Supplementary Reserve personnel, for a Corps total of 89,301. This increased substantially during the war, to a peak of 280,632. RE strength reduced somewhat during the war, but on 1 Jan 1945 the total was still 257,900. Of these, 62% were in field, line of communications, or works roles; 33% in transportation; 1 ½% in survey units; 2 ½% in Movement Control, and 1% in postal duties.

The Corps was smaller than during the First World War. However, the variety of units raised far surpassed that of any earlier period. The varied roles performed by RE squadrons and companies can be seen in the following list: Armoured Engineer Squadron, Armoured Corps Field Survey Squadron, Army Troops Company, Artizan Works Company, Armoured Engineer Squadron (ex Assault Squadron) and Armoured Engineer Park Squadron, Bomb Disposal Company, Construction Company, Dredging Company, Electrical and Mechanical Company, Field Camouflage Company, Field Company, Field Squadron, Field Company (Airborne), Field Park Company, Field Park Company (Airborne), Field Park Squadron, Forestry Company, Fortress Company, Inland Waterways Transport Heavy Workshop Company, Inland Waterways Transport Light Aid Workshop Company, Inland Waterways Operating Company, Map Supply Company, Mechanical Equipment Company, Mechanical Equipment (Transportation) Company, Mechanical Equipment Park Company, Movement Control Company, Parachute Squadron, Port Artizan Company, Port Construction and Repair Company, Port Maintenance Company, Port Operating Company, Quarrying Company, Railway Bridging Company, Railway Construction Company, Railway Operating Company, Railway Survey Company, Railway Workshop Company, Road Construction Company, Survey Company, Tunnelling Company, Transportation Stores Company, and Workshop and Park Company. The sheer number and variety of units is staggering, and companies and squadrons could be renumbered or converted to other roles as well.<sup>1</sup>

The variety of units is repeated in the variety of headquarters that can be found during the war. A completely new type of headquarters, the army group, RE (AGRE) appeared about 1943. This had no fixed organization, but could command a variety of other engineer units and headquarters. Unlike the First War, army troops RE (ATRE) was normally a fixed formation (three field companies and a field park company), and the numbers could but did not necessarily reflect the army to which they might be assigned. GHQ troops RE (GHQTRE) was a similar type of organization. Corps troops RE (CTRE) numbers, as in the prior war, did reflect the corps to which they were assigned, although some CTRE were formed with designations other than a corps number. And there were many other types of headquarters as well.

The Second, more so than the First, was truly a world war, and engineer support came from sources other than the Royal Engineers. A few examples may suffice. The many Indian divisions, of course, received their companies from the Indian Engineers. In addition, virtually all of the engineer units in the Far East were IE, as were almost all of those in Persia and Iraq.<sup>2</sup> Other IE units supported the campaign in Italy. The South African Engineer Corps had GHQ units in East and North Africa, and provided a corps troops engineers for Italy. The Royal Canadian Engineers supported their divisions, and also provided army troops and corps troops engineers and other GHQ units for the UK, Italy, and NW Europe. Australia and New Zealand both provided engineers for North Africa and the Middle East in the early years of the war.

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<sup>1</sup> All identified units and available information on their assignments and changes during the war is given here. In some cases, information on the activation of war formed units is sketchy, and the dates when units were disbanded or placed in suspended animation is even more limited. In this section, disbanded “Sep 1945+” indicates a date of Sep 1945 or later (given the limited information, “disbanded” in this section can include units actually placed in suspended animation). Again, the authors wish to thank David A. Ryan for his assistance in providing additional information and corrections to a draft of this section, filling in a number of gaps.

<sup>2</sup> A list of engineer units in the Middle East from WO169, circa 1942, shows exactly two RE companies and 85 IE companies/squadrons.

Given the complexity of unit types, the numbering was less clear-cut than had been the case in the First World War. Field squadrons were originally in one series, from 1 to 21. However, in 1943 and 1944 one squadron in each division added 600 to its number, giving them what had been vacant numbers in the series for companies. Field park squadrons were mostly numbered 141 to 149, again taking numbers from the company series. When assault (later armoured) engineer squadrons were formed, they simply kept whatever number they had (whether originally a field squadron or field company). The units formed in Italy in 1944 and 1945 were given lettered designations.

Parachute squadrons were originally numbered in their own series, but the last squadron formed kept its former number as a field company. The airborne field and field park companies kept their old numbers. In 1945 these became airborne and airborne park squadrons, with whatever number they had.

With regard to the numbering of field companies, numbers 1-59 were Regular companies with a variety of roles (and a number of gaps). Numbers in the range 100-110 and 150-157 were Supplementary Reserve companies; those within the 200-299 range were TA companies. The number range 300-469 was allocated to AA companies.<sup>3</sup> Other number ranges contained a variety of types of unit. From 60 to 99 there was a mixture of war-formed chemical warfare and field companies. With several exclusions and exceptions, companies in the 111-140 and 158-199 range were mainly war-formed construction units. In the ranges 500-599 and 600-699 there was a mixture of second line TA units and war-formed companies of many types. In general the higher numbered ranges were : 700-899 war-formed construction, 900-999 port and inland waterway companies, 1000-1099 docks companies. There were also a few numbers higher than that.

## ENGINEER HEADQUARTERS

### ARMY GROUPS RE

- 8<sup>th</sup> AGRE** Eighth Army/Italy 1943-44, 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group from early 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.<sup>4</sup>
- 10<sup>th</sup> AGRE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 11<sup>th</sup> AGRE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 12<sup>th</sup> AGRE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Specialized in the control of airfield construction groups. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 13<sup>th</sup> AGRE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 14<sup>th</sup> AGRE** Italy to ca. Jan 1944, then 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 16<sup>th</sup> AGRE** Eighth Army/Italy 1943-1945; placed under 170<sup>th</sup> CE Works early 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 18<sup>th</sup> AGRE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 20<sup>th</sup> AGRE (Airfields)** Served with Eighth Army/Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> AGRE** Served with Eighth Army/Italy in 1943-45; placed under 170<sup>th</sup> CE Works early 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 24<sup>th</sup> AGRE** Served with Eighth/Italy Army in 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 'G' AGRE** In Italy 1945; placed under 170<sup>th</sup> CE Works early 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

### GHQ TROOPS RE

- GHQ Troops RE** To BEF from Sep 1939 [100<sup>th</sup>, 101<sup>st</sup>, 216<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RE, 228<sup>th</sup>, 242<sup>nd</sup> Field Coys RE, 223<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE, 19<sup>th</sup> Army Field Survey Coy RE; 1<sup>st</sup> Bridging Coy RASC]. The BEF also had 1<sup>st</sup> Chem Warfare Group (58<sup>th</sup>, 61<sup>st</sup>, 62<sup>nd</sup> Chem Warfare Coys RE) as a GHQ RE formation. Evacuated to UK May-Jun 1940 and dispersed.

<sup>3</sup> Actually, by 1939 these could be AA companies RE, companies in converted infantry battalions, or searchlight batteries RA; all remained numbered in one sequence whatever their title.

<sup>4</sup> The + sign indicates "or later": thus, disbanded Sep 1945 or later.

- 1<sup>st</sup> (Kent) GHQ Troops RE** Formed Jul 1942 from III (Kent) Corps Troops RE; although assigned to First Army it did not go to North Africa. *Renamed 15<sup>th</sup> (Kent) GHQ Troops RE in 1943.*  
Controlled 582<sup>nd</sup>, 583<sup>rd</sup>, and 584<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 297<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Formed from XI Corps Troops RE companies in Jul 1942. Served with First Army in North Africa 1942-43 and in Italy 1944-45. Left for NW Europe in early 1945 and served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
In North Africa and Italy controlled 228<sup>th</sup>, 229<sup>th</sup>, 230<sup>th</sup>, and 264<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 231<sup>st</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE. Went to NW Europe with all but the 228<sup>th</sup>.
- 4<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. (Composition unknown). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 5<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Formed 1943 by conversion of 5<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE. Assigned 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 27 Apr 1943. *Converted 6 Jun 1943 as 5<sup>th</sup> Assault Troops RE (later 5<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engineer Regt).*  
Controlled 77<sup>th</sup>, 79<sup>th</sup>, and 80<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE (all converted from CW companies).
- 6<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Formed 1943 by conversion of 6<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE. Assigned 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 27 Apr 1943. *Converted 6 Jun 1943 as 6<sup>th</sup> Assault Troops RE (later 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engineer Regt).*  
Controlled 81<sup>st</sup>, 82<sup>nd</sup>, and 87<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE (all converted from chemical warfare companies).
- 7<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE** (Possibly formed from HQ, 7<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE.) Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [with 102<sup>nd</sup> Beach Sub-Area at Normandy landing]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
Components included 85<sup>th</sup> and 184<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE.
- 8<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Formed 1943 by conversion of 8<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45<sup>5</sup>. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
Controlled 89<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, and 91<sup>st</sup> Field Coys RE and 623<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE.
- 13<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. (Composition unknown). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 14<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Sent to North West Africa. Served in Italy 1943-45 [with X Corps in 1943]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
Controlled 213<sup>th</sup>, 503<sup>rd</sup> and 579<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE in Italy. 579<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE later relieved, and 503<sup>rd</sup> reorganized as a workshop company.
- 15<sup>th</sup> (Kent) GHQ Troops RE** Renamed from 1<sup>st</sup> (Kent) GHQ Troops RE in 1943. 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded 10 Jun 1946.  
Controlled 582<sup>nd</sup>, 583<sup>rd</sup>, and 584<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 297<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.
- 16<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Formed from IX Corps Troops RE 31 May 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45. *In early 1945 redesignated X Corps Troops RE.*  
Controlled 242<sup>nd</sup>, 255<sup>th</sup> and 558<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 258<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE in Italy.
- 18<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> London) GHQ Troops RE<sup>6</sup>** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [with 101<sup>st</sup> Beach Sub-Area at Normandy landing]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
Components included 74<sup>th</sup> and 84<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE.
- 19<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group. It is possible that this HQ was formed from X Corps Troops RE when its companies were sent to NW Europe early 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
If former X Corps Troops RE, then it would have controlled 571<sup>st</sup>, 572<sup>nd</sup> and 573<sup>rd</sup> Army Field Coys RE and 570<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE.
- 20<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Formed early 1945 in Italy as 'E' GHQ Troops RE and then numbered as 20<sup>th</sup>. Under command of 16<sup>th</sup> AGRE. Sent to Greece Jun 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
Controlled 228<sup>th</sup>, 562<sup>nd</sup> and 579<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 173<sup>rd</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE. (Initially included 567<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE, which was replaced by 562<sup>nd</sup>.)
- 21<sup>st</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Formed early 1945 in Italy. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
Controlled 11<sup>th</sup>, 140<sup>th</sup> and 188<sup>th</sup> Coys, Pioneer Corps.

<sup>5</sup> One of a small number of engineer units with a formation sign. They adopted the badge of the Beach Groups (fouled anchor in red on a pale blue background, within a red circle) because of their role at Normandy, and retained it during later service.

<sup>6</sup> While this HQ descends from 1<sup>st</sup> London Corps Troops RE, it is not clear what role that HQ performed from 1940 until renumbered as 18<sup>th</sup>.

- 48<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45.<sup>7</sup> (Components unknown.) Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 50<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Organized ca. 1 Dec 1944 (ex 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Infantry Division RE). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. Initial composition would have been 233<sup>rd</sup>, 295<sup>th</sup>, and 505<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 235<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.
- 59<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Organized ca. 28 Aug 1944 (ex 59<sup>th</sup> (Staffordshire) Infantry Division RE). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. Controlled 257<sup>th</sup>, 509<sup>th</sup> and 510<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 511<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.
- 1210<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE** Served in Italy 1943-45 [under 16<sup>th</sup> AGRE in 1945]. Disbanded Sep 1945+. Controlled 102<sup>nd</sup>, 107<sup>th</sup>, and 754<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE.
- ‘E’ GHQ Troops RE** See 20<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE

#### ARMY TROOPS ENGINEERS<sup>8</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Army Troops Engineers** Formed Jul 1942 from Edinburgh Fortress Engineers. Served with First Army in NW Africa. *Redesignated Jul 1943 as 8<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers*<sup>9</sup>. Controlled 561<sup>st</sup>, 586<sup>th</sup> and 587<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 585<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Army Troops Engineers** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. (Composition unknown.) Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers** Possibly formed from 3<sup>rd</sup> Chem Warfare Group. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. Controlled 69<sup>th</sup>, 70<sup>th</sup>, and 75<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 227<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers** Probably formed from 4<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. Controlled 71<sup>st</sup>, 72<sup>nd</sup>, and 73<sup>rd</sup> Field Coys RE and 277<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers** Formed Jul 1943 in North Africa by redesignation of 1<sup>st</sup> Army Troops Engineers. Served in Italy 1943-45 with Eighth Army [under V Corps in 1945]. Disbanded Sep 1945+. Controlled 561<sup>st</sup>, 586<sup>th</sup> and 587<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 585<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

#### CHEMICAL WARFARE GROUP HQ<sup>10</sup>

- 1<sup>st</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE** Served with BEF 1939-40. IN GHQ Reserve Sep 1940 and Dec 1941. Arrived in India 11 Jun 1942. *Converted 1 May 1943 as HQ XV Indian Corps Troops Engineers*. Formed with 58<sup>th</sup>, 61<sup>st</sup> and 62<sup>nd</sup> Chem Warfare Coys RE. Added 67<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE by Dec 1941.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE** Formed by Sep 1940, when under WO Reserve in Home Forces. Under GHQ Reserve Dec 1941. Group later broken up. Formed with 64<sup>th</sup>, 65<sup>th</sup>, 66<sup>th</sup>, and 67<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coys RE. 67<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE gone by Dec 1941 and 74<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE added.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE** Formed by Sep 1940, when under WO Reserve in Home Forces. Under GHQ Reserve Dec 1941. Group later broken up (or possibly used to form 6<sup>th</sup> Army Troops RE). Formed with 68<sup>th</sup>, 69<sup>th</sup> and 70<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coys RE. Added 75<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE by Dec 1941.

<sup>7</sup> From the number, most likely formed from 48<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Infantry Division RE. However, the 48<sup>th</sup> remained in existence as a (reserve) infantry division, with an RE component.

<sup>8</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> Army Troops RE were formed in Germany in 1946. See VIII and XXX CTRE.

<sup>9</sup> This unit had a formation badge. The center was the badge of the old Submarine Miners in red, set on a dark blue square, with a St. Andrews cross, in red with blue stripes. The badge was retained when the unit became 8<sup>th</sup> ATRE.

<sup>10</sup> Chemical Warfare Groups RE wore a distinguishing flash below the RE shoulder titles: a rectangle divided into three even vertical strips (green, yellow, red).

- 4<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE** Formed by Dec 1941 when under GHQ Reserve in Home Forces. Group later broken up (or possibly used to form 7<sup>th</sup> Army Troops RE). Formed with 71<sup>st</sup>, 72<sup>nd</sup>, 73<sup>rd</sup> and 76<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coys RE.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE** Formed by Dec 1941 when under GHQ Reserve in Home Forces. Placed under First Army Jul 1942. *Converted 1943 as 5<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE.* Formed with 77<sup>th</sup>, 79<sup>th</sup>, 80<sup>th</sup>, 86<sup>th</sup> and 87<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coys RE. By Jul 1942 reduced to 77<sup>th</sup>, 79<sup>th</sup> and 86<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coys RE.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE** Formed by Dec 1941 when under BTNI in Home Forces. *Converted 1943 as 6<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE.* Organized with 81<sup>st</sup> and 82<sup>nd</sup> Chem Warfare Coys RE. May have added 87<sup>th</sup> by Jul 1942.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE** Formed by Dec 1941 when under GHQ Reserve in Home Forces. Placed under First Army Jul 1942. Group later broken up (possibly converted as 7<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE). Formed with 83<sup>rd</sup>, 84<sup>th</sup>, 85<sup>th</sup> and 88<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coys RE. By Jul 1942 reduced to 83<sup>rd</sup>, 84<sup>th</sup> and 85<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coys RE.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE** Raised in 1940. *Converted 1943 as 8<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE.* Organized with 89<sup>th</sup>, 90<sup>th</sup>, and 91<sup>st</sup> Chem Warfare Coys RE.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE** Formed by Dec 1941 when under GHQ Reserve in Home Forces. Disbanded or redesignated by 1943. Organized with 92<sup>nd</sup>, 93<sup>rd</sup> and 94<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coys RE.

#### ASSAULT/ARMoured ENGINEERS HQ

**1<sup>st</sup> Assault Brigade RE** Formed in the UK 26 Nov 1943 by redesignation of HQ Engineer Assault Troops, and assigned 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division (taking over various RE units already assigned to that division).<sup>11</sup> HQ combined with 149<sup>th</sup> Assault Park Sqn RE 10 May 1944 and redesignated 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Brigade and Assault Park Sqn RE. 149<sup>th</sup> Assault Park Sqn RE separated and brigade redesignated 17 Jan 1945 as 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Brigade RE. Redesignated 23 Apr 1945 as **1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Engineer Brigade**. Relieved from 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division and assigned to XXX Corps District 27 Jun 1945. Brigade HQ disbanded 30 Jul 1945 in Europe (all components had been relieved earlier that month).

5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Assault Regiments RE assigned 26 Nov 1943 (all redesignated 23 Apr 1945 as armoured engineer regiments). Relieved 14, 24 and 12 Jul 1945, respectively.

557<sup>th</sup> Assault Training Establishment RE (ex assault squadron RE) assigned 8 Jan 1945; redesignated 24 Apr 1945 as 557<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engineer Training and Experimental Establishment; relieved 12 Jul 1945.

149<sup>th</sup> Assault Park Sqn RE reformed as separate unit 18 Jan 1945. Redesignated 23 Apr 1945 as 149<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engineer Park Sqn RE; relieved 12 Jul 1945.

87<sup>th</sup> Assault Dozer Sqn RE assigned 1 Mar 1945; relieved 22 Apr 1945.

<sup>11</sup> The brigade, as for other components of the division, adopted the formation sign of 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division (bull's head with black and white markings, red and brown nostrils, and red-tipped horns, within a narrow black border on an inverted yellow triangle). This would survive in the post-war years as a sign for assault engineers, even though not always worn on the uniform. HQ Engineer Assault Troops was probably formed May or Jun 1943.

**‘B’ Assault Brigade RAC/RE** Formed 5 Jan 1945 in Italy (HQ formed by redesignation of HQ 25<sup>th</sup> Tank Brigade). Redesignated 6 Apr 1945 as **25<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engineer Brigade**.<sup>12</sup>

Formed with 51<sup>st</sup> Royal Tank Regiment; ‘A’ and ‘B’ Armoured Regiments RE (redesignated 6 Apr 1945 as 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engineer Regiments), and ‘C’ Armoured Park Sqn RE (redesignated 6 Apr 1945 as 631<sup>st</sup> Armoured Engineer Park Sqn RE).

51<sup>st</sup> RTR, less ‘C’ Sqn, relieved 13 May 1945; ‘C’ Sqn relieved 22 Jun 1945.

631<sup>st</sup> Armoured Engineer Park Sqn RE relieved 19 Aug 1945.

**1<sup>st</sup> Assault Regt RAC/RE** Formed in Italy autumn 1944 from 1<sup>st</sup> Scorpion Regt RAC and 10<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division RE. Redesignated 5 Jan 1945 as **‘A’ Armoured Regt RE** and assigned ‘B’ Assault Brigade RAC/RE. Redesignated 6 Apr 1945 as **1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Engr Regt** (and brigade redesignated 1945 as 25<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engineer Brigade.)

Controlled ‘D’, ‘E’, and ‘F’ (Cheshire) Assault Sqns RE (later armoured engineer squadrons).

**2<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engr Regt** Formed 5 Jan 1945 in Italy as **‘B’ Armoured Regt RE** (from 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division RE and other sources) and assigned ‘B’ Assault Brigade RAC/RE. Redesignated 6 Apr 1945 as **2<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engr Regt** (and brigade redesignated as 25<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engineer Brigade.)

Controlled ‘G’, ‘H’, and ‘I’ Assault Sqns RE (later armoured engineer squadrons).

**5<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engineer Regt** 5<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE assigned 27 Apr 1943 to 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division. Redesignated 6 May 1943 as **5<sup>th</sup> Assault Troops RE**. Redesignated 26 Oct 1943 as **5<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE**. Relieved 26 Nov 1943 from 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division and assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Brigade RE. Redesignated 22 Apr 1945 as **5<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Regt** (and brigade redesignated 23 Apr 1945 as 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Engr Brigade). Relieved 14 Jul 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

Formed with 77<sup>th</sup>, 79<sup>th</sup> and 80<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE, which were converted to assault squadrons RE with the same number. 26<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE assigned Oct 1943 and also converted as assault squadron RE.

80<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE converted to Terrapins [British version of DUKW amphibious truck] Nov 1944 and operated apart from regiment.

**6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engineer Regt** 6<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE assigned 27 Apr 1943 to 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division. Redesignated 6 May 1943 as **6<sup>th</sup> Assault Troops RE**. Redesignated 26 Oct 1943 as **5<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE**. Relieved 26 Nov 1943 from 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division and assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade RE. Redesignated 22 Apr 1945 as **6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Regt** (and brigade redesignated 23 Apr 1945 as 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Engr Brigade). Relieved 14 Jul 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

Formed with 81<sup>st</sup>, 82<sup>nd</sup>, and 87<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE, which were converted to assault squadrons RE with the same number. 284<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE assigned Oct 1943 and also converted as assault squadron RE. The regiment converted from AVREs to LVTs in Aug 1944.

87<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE left 1 Mar 1945 and converted as 87<sup>th</sup> Assault Dozer Sqn RE.

**42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engineer Regt** 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division RE relieved 17 Sep 1943; assigned 28 Sep 1943 to 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division as **42<sup>nd</sup> Assault Troops RE** (redesignated 6 Oct 1943 as **42<sup>nd</sup> Assault Regt RE**)<sup>13</sup>. Relieved 26 Nov 1943 and assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Brigade RE. Redesignated 22 Apr 1945 as **42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engr Regt** (and brigade redesignated 23 Apr 1945 as 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Engr Brigade). Relieved 14 Jul 1945. Remained in Germany through the end of 1946.

Formed with 16<sup>th</sup> and 617<sup>th</sup> Field Sqns RE and 222<sup>nd</sup> and 557<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE, all of which were converted to assault squadrons RE with the same number.

557<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE left 8 Jan 1945, becoming experimental unit under 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Brigade RE.

**‘A’ Armoured Regt RE**

See 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Engineer Regt

**‘B’ Armoured Regt RE**

See 2<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engineer Regt

<sup>12</sup> 25<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engineer Brigade was one of the few engineer units to have its own formation badge. A red shield with two vertical royal blue bars (the RE colours), with a black diabolos (two isosceles triangles, one above the other) between the bars. The diabolos was the typical sign for tank brigades; that for 25<sup>th</sup> Tank Brigade had been all black (with a white maple leaf added to the upper triangle following service with 1<sup>st</sup> Canadian Infantry Division in Italy).

<sup>13</sup> The regiment retained the badge of 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division (a small white diamond within a red diamond), in addition to the normal formation sign of 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division.

#### AIRFIELD CONSTRUCTION GROUP HQ<sup>14</sup>

- No. 3 AF Cons Group HQ** With First Army in NW Africa 1942-43. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. Components included 709<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE and 17<sup>th</sup> ME Pltn RE.
- No. 13 AF Cons Group HQ** With First Army 1942-43. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 14 AF Cons Group HQ** With First Army in NW Africa 1942-43. Served in Italy 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. Components included 702<sup>nd</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE and 3<sup>rd</sup> ME Pltn RE.
- No. 15 AF Cons Group HQ** Served in NW Africa 1943, Sicily 1943, and Italy 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. Components included 725<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE and 19<sup>th</sup> ME Pltn RE.
- No. 16 AF Cons Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 23 AF Cons Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. Components included 86<sup>th</sup> and 720<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coys RE.
- No. 24 AF Cons Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 25 AF Cons Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. Components included 64<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE and 681<sup>st</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE.
- No. 69 AF Cons Group HQ** Served in Sicily 1943, and Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. Components included 682<sup>nd</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE and 11<sup>th</sup> ME Pltn RE.

#### RAILWAY HQ

- No. 1 RW Cons and Maint Group HQ** With BEF 1940. With First Army NW Africa 1942 (as RW Cons and Repair Group). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 2 RW Cons and Maint Group HQ** With BEF 1940. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Remained in Germany through the end of 1946.
- No. 3 RW Cons and Maint Group HQ** With BEF 1940. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 5 RW Cons and Maint Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 6 RW Cons and Maint Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 1212 RW Cons Group HQ** In Italy 1943.
- No. 1 RW Operating Group HQ<sup>15</sup>** With BEF 1940. In NW Africa. Remained in Italy to ca. 1946 and then disbanded.
- No. 2 RW Operating Group HQ** With BEF 1940 With LOC, PAIC. Disbanded later.
- No. 3 RW Operating Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Remained in Germany through the end of 1946.
- No. 4 RW Operating Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 7 RW Operating Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 47 RW Operating Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 1 RW Workshop Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 3 RW Workshop Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

<sup>14</sup> Airfield construction groups had a circular badge divided in three segments (red, green and yellow) with a white or pale blue design in the center similar to the mark for airfields on maps.

<sup>15</sup> There was a Railway Operating Group RE HQ in the SR (Northern Command; Leeds) 3 Sep 1939; this may have become No. 1 or No. 2 RW Op Group HQ, or used to form them.

## PORT HQ<sup>16</sup>

- No. 1 Docks Group HQ** SR, formed ca. 1939, in Northern Command (York). With BEF 1940; controlled 1<sup>st</sup> Stevedores Bn RE. With First Army in Dec 1942. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 2 Docks Group HQ** SR, formed ca. 1939, in Northern Command (Crewe). With BEF 1940; controlled 2<sup>nd</sup> Stevedores Bn RE. With First Army in Dec 1942. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 3 Docks Group HQ** With BEF 1940; controlled 3<sup>rd</sup> Stevedores Bn RE. No other information available.
- No. 4 Docks Group HQ** With BEF 1940. No other information available.
- No. 6 Docks Group HQ** Apparently remained in the UK; assisted with training from 1943 until mobilized to help support Operation OVERLORD. No other information available.
- No. 7 Docks Group HQ** In NW Africa. No other information available.

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| <b>No. 2 Port Operating Group HQ</b>    | Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. |
| <b>No. 6 Port Operating Group HQ</b>    | Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. |
| <b>No. 8 Port Operating Group HQ</b>    | Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. |
| <b>No. 9 Port Operating Group HQ</b>    | Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. |
| <b>No. 10 Port Operating Group HQ</b>   | Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. |
| <b>No. 11 Port Operating Group HQ</b>   | Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+. |
| <b>No. 1028 Port Operating Group HQ</b> | Served in Normandy (3 <sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division). <sup>17</sup> |
| <b>No. 1034 Port Operating Group HQ</b> | Served in Normandy (3 <sup>rd</sup> Cdn Division).                    |
| <b>No. 1043 Port Operating Group HQ</b> | Served in Normandy (50 <sup>th</sup> Infantry Division).              |

- No. 1 Port Cons and Repair Group HQ** With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 2 Port Cons and Repair Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 3 Port Cons and Repair Group HQ** Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
Components included 932<sup>nd</sup> Port Cons and Repair Coy RE; 975<sup>th</sup> Port Repair Ship *Progress*; 41<sup>st</sup> Harbour Cons Coy SAEC; and 7<sup>th</sup> ME Pltn RE.
- No. 4 Port Cons and Repair Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 5 Port Cons and Repair Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 6 Port Cons and Repair Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

## INLAND WATER TRANSPORT HQ

- No. 2 IWT Group HQ** With Tenth Army 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 3 IWT Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- No. 4 IWT Group HQ** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

## MOVEMENT CONTROL GROUP HQ<sup>18</sup>

- No 2 MC Group HQ** No other information available.
- No 3 MC Group HQ** With BEF 1940. No other information available.

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<sup>16</sup> No. 250 Port Operating Group was in Germany in the occupation force; may have been a redesignation of a wartime unit, or a new headquarters. There was also a No. 1 Port Operating Group in Italy and a No. 4 Port Operating Group in Egypt following the war.

<sup>17</sup> Note that 1028, 1034 and 1043 are also the numbers of companies with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group. Perhaps these were temporary groups formed around those companies just for the Normandy landing.

<sup>18</sup> A Movement Control Group was formed in the Supplementary Reserve ca. 1938, and two more formed by Sep 1939. Two others were formed for the BEF after Sep 1939. Presumably these were numbered 1 to 5. Personnel assigned to the groups wore the badge of their parent corps. Movement Control Section RE formed 1 Nov 1942 and all personnel were transferred to it.



<b>No 4 MC Group HQ</b>	With BEF 1940. No other information available.
<b>No 5 MC Group HQ</b>	With BEF 1940. No other information available.
<b>No 6 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed ca. 1940 in Northern Ireland. No other information available.
<b>No 7 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed by Oct 1941 in the Mediterranean, Middle East, or North Africa. No other information available.
<b>No 8 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed by Oct 1941 in the Mediterranean, Middle East, or North Africa. No other information available.
<b>No 9 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed by Oct 1941 in the Mediterranean, Middle East, or North Africa. No other information available.
<b>No 10 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed by Oct 1941 in the Mediterranean, Middle East, or North Africa. No other information available.
<b>No 11 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed by Oct 1941 in the Mediterranean, Middle East, or North Africa. No other information available.
<b>No 12 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed by Oct 1941 in the Mediterranean, Middle East, or North Africa. No other information available.
<b>No 13 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed by Oct 1941 in the Mediterranean, Middle East, or North Africa. No other information available.
<b>No 14 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed by Oct 1941 in the Mediterranean, Middle East, or North Africa. No other information available.
<b>No 15 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed by Oct 1941 in the Mediterranean, Middle East, or North Africa. No other information available.
<b>No 17 MC Group HQ</b>	Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
<b>No 18 MC Group HQ</b>	Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
<b>No 19 MC Group HQ</b>	Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
<b>No 20 MC Group HQ</b>	Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
<b>No 21 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed after Oct 1941 in the Middle East or North Africa. No other information available.
<b>No 22 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed after Oct 1941 in the Middle East or North Africa. No other information available.
<b>No 23 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed after Oct 1941 in the Middle East or North Africa. No other information available.
<b>No 24 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed after Oct 1941 in the Middle East or North Africa. No other information available.
<b>No 25 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed after Oct 1941 in the Middle East or North Africa. No other information available.
<b>No 26 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed in SE Asia. No other information available.
<b>No 27 MC Group HQ</b>	Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
<b>No 29 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed in SE Asia. No other information available.
<b>No 30 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed in SE Asia. No other information available.
<b>No 31 MC Group HQ</b>	Formed in SE Asia. No other information available.

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<b>HQ LofC Troops RE</b>	With BEF 1940 [103 <sup>rd</sup> , 104 <sup>th</sup> , 106 <sup>th</sup> , 110 <sup>th</sup> , 212 <sup>th</sup> , 218 <sup>th</sup> Army Troops Coys RE; 109 <sup>th</sup> WS&Park Coy RE; 113 <sup>th</sup> , 114 <sup>th</sup> , 115 <sup>th</sup> , and 116 <sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coys RE; 651 <sup>st</sup> and 652 <sup>nd</sup> Artizan Works Coys RE; 653 <sup>rd</sup> , 654 <sup>th</sup> , and 656 <sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coys RE; 129 <sup>th</sup> Forestry Coy RE; 1 <sup>st</sup> Map Depot; 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Engineer Stores Base Depots; 1 <sup>st</sup> Engineer Base Workshop; LofC Depot RE]. Dissolved May-Jun 1940.
<b>No 4 HQ LofC Troops RE</b>	Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
<b>No 5 HQ LofC Troops RE</b>	Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
<b>No 6 HQ LofC Troops RE</b>	Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
<b>No 8 HQ LofC Troops RE</b>	Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
<b>No 9 HQ LofC Troops RE</b>	Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
<b>No 10 HQ LofC Troops RE</b>	Served with 21 <sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**No 11 HQ LofC Troops RE**      Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**No 14 HQ LofC Troops RE**      Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

#### OIL STORAGE AND PIPELINE CONSTRUCTION GROUP RE

**HQ Oil Storage and Pipeline Construction Group RE**      Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

Components included 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Pipeline Operation and Maint Units RE; 28<sup>th</sup> E&M Pltn RE; 29<sup>th</sup> Stores Section RE; 723<sup>rd</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE; 36<sup>th</sup> Works and Cons Coy SAEC.

#### OTHER HEADQUARTERS

**General Reserve Engineering Force**      Formed May 1943 with HQ at Shillong to control various engineer units on the north-west frontier of India. (Under command of GHQ India until Oct 1943 when placed under Fourteenth Army.) Gradually moved forward into Burma.<sup>19</sup>

### CORPS TROOPS ENGINEERS

**I Corps Troops Engineers**      I Corps existed at the start of the war; 19 Sep 1939 to France with BEF.<sup>20</sup> Evacuated to UK Jun 1940 and served in Northern Command until 1944, then 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group. One of the assault corps at Normandy 6 Jun 1944. The corps appears not to have been involved in active operations after early Apr 1945. On 21 May 1945 it was redesignated I Corps District (responsible for Rhine Province and Westphalia) as part of the occupation force. Formed with 102<sup>nd</sup>, 107<sup>th</sup> and 221<sup>st</sup> Army Field Coys RE, 105<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE, and 13<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Survey Coy RE. 221<sup>st</sup> Army Field Coy RE left 3 Jul 1940 and replaced by 213<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE. 13<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Survey Coy RE left after the return to the UK. 277<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE also assigned for a period beginning 13 Dec 1941. Reorganized Jul 1943 with 19<sup>th</sup>, 234<sup>th</sup> and 240<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 105<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

**II Corps Troops Engineers**      II Corps existed at the outbreak of war; 30 Sep 1939 to France with BEF. Evacuated to UK 1 Jun 1940 and served in Eastern Command until disbanded Jul 1943. Formed with 222<sup>nd</sup>, 234<sup>th</sup>, and 240<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RE, 108<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE, and 14<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Survey Coy RE. 14<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Survey Coy RE left after the return to the UK and 222<sup>nd</sup> Army Field Coy RE left Jul 1940. 173<sup>rd</sup> Tunnelling Coy RE under command in Sep 1940.

**III Corps Troops Engineers**      III Corps formed 9 Apr 1940 in France with BEF. Evacuated to UK by 1 Jun 1940 and served in Western Command; moved to Northern Ireland Oct 1940. III CTRE were dispersed Apr 1941 and HQ (Kent) CTRE took over the role, redesignated as III (Kent) CTRE. They moved from NI to the UK Jul 1942, and were redesignated as 1<sup>st</sup> (Kent) GHQ TRE. III Corps HQ went to Iraq, arriving by Aug 1942; it then went to Persia Sep 1942 through at least 31 Jan 1943 when it was disbanded. (It is not clear what RE units, if any, went with it to the Middle East; by Sep 1942 III CTRE had ceased to exist.) III Corps HQ reformed in Greece Oct 1944. It was redesignated 17 Dec 1944 as HQ Land Forces, Greece (later HQ, British Forces in Greece). Formed with 213<sup>th</sup>, 214<sup>th</sup>, and 217<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RE, 293<sup>rd</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE, and 514<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Survey Coy RE. 514<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Survey Coy RE left after the return to the UK. 213<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE left Jul 1940 and replaced by 216<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE.

<sup>19</sup> The distinguishing badge of GREF was a five-pointed yellow star, with dark green letters "G.F."; the whole on a dark green circle.

<sup>20</sup> I CTRE wore the normal white spearhead on red diamond badge of I Corps, with two diagonal dark blue stripes added.

Reorganized Apr 1941 with 582<sup>nd</sup>, 583<sup>rd</sup> and 584<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RE and 297<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE.

When reformed in Greece, had 110<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Coy RE and 6<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Coy IE.

**IV Corps Troops Engineers** IV Corps formed in Aldershot Command Jan-Feb 1940. Redesignated 21 Apr 1940 as HQ Northern Norway Land Forces, remaining such until 7 May 1940 when it reverted to HQ IV Corps (took over bulk of 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Infantry Division RE for Norwegian campaign). Its engineers went to the Middle East by the end of 1940, and HQ (Hampshire) CTRE assigned in place of them. Moved to the Middle East Nov 1941 and established in Iraq 1 Feb 1942. Its engineers were then sent to Eighth Army. The corps later went to India and Burma, where it served for rest of the war.<sup>21</sup> During Norwegian campaign, controlled 55<sup>th</sup>, 229<sup>th</sup> and 230<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 231<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE. Reformed in the UK with 295<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE and 219<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE. Reorganized the end of 1940 with 577<sup>th</sup> and 578<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE and 576<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE. By 1944, in Burma, its engineers were 75<sup>th</sup> and 424<sup>th</sup> Field Coys IE, 94<sup>th</sup> (Faridkot) Field Coy ISF, and 305<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy IE; later joined by 15<sup>th</sup> [Indian] Bridging Pln. Other units were attached from time to time.

**V Corps Troops Engineers** V Corps formed in Southern Command Jun 1940. It moved to Tunisia Nov 1942, remaining in NW Africa until sent to Italy Sep 1943. Formed with 564<sup>th</sup>, 565<sup>th</sup>, and 751<sup>st</sup> Field Coys RE, and 215<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE. These remained assigned for the duration of the war.

**VI Corps Troops Engineers** VI Corps formed at Lisburn, NI Jun 1940. By the end of 1940, it had gone out of existence, and no VI CTRE were ever formed.

**VII Corps Troops Engineers** VII Corps formed by the Canadian Army at Aldershot 21 Jul 1940. *Redesignated Canadian Corps and Canadian Corps Troops Engineers 25 Dec 1940.* Formed with 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RCE, 12<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RCE, 1<sup>st</sup> Pioneer Bn RCE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Road Cons Coy RCE, and 1<sup>st</sup> Tunnelling Coy RCE. 1<sup>st</sup> Corps Field Survey Coy RCE added by Sep 1940. By 21 Oct 1940 it had reorganized with 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RCE, 1<sup>st</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RCE, 1<sup>st</sup> Corps Field Survey Coy RCE, 2<sup>nd</sup> Road Cons Coy RCE, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Pioneer Bns RCE, and 1<sup>st</sup> Tunnelling Coy RCE.

**VIII Corps Troops Engineers** VIII Corps formed in Southern Command Jun 1940; its RE were companies from Devon and Cornwall Fortress Engineers. The original companies went to North Africa Feb 1941 to become X CTRE. Corps transferred to Northern Command Feb 1943. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group from Jun 1944. *In 1946, VIII CTRE and 43<sup>rd</sup> (Wessex) Infantry Division RE were combined to form 29<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers.*<sup>22</sup> Formed with 571<sup>st</sup>, 572<sup>nd</sup> and 573<sup>rd</sup> Army Field Coys RE, and 570<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE. Reorganized 1941 with 264<sup>th</sup>, 579<sup>th</sup> and 752<sup>nd</sup> Field Coys RE, and 508<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE [264<sup>th</sup> and 579<sup>th</sup> assigned ca. Dec 1941; 752<sup>nd</sup> Field and 508<sup>th</sup> Field Park ca. Feb 1941]. 752<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE left 13 Dec 1941. 264<sup>th</sup> and 579<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE left Jul 1942 and replaced ca. Jan 1943 by 100<sup>th</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Field Coys RE. 508<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE left Sep 1942 and returned in Feb 1943. 224<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE added Mar 1943.

<sup>21</sup> IV Corps is sometimes shown as IV Indian Corps by 1944, although it apparently was never redesignated as such. XV Indian and XXXIII Indian Corps also served in Burma, with Indian Engineers. (Although HQ for XV Indian CTRE was formed from HQ 1<sup>st</sup> Chem Warfare Group). XXI Indian Corps in the Middle East also had only Indian Engineers assigned.

<sup>22</sup> Formed with 100<sup>th</sup>, 101<sup>st</sup>, and 204<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 207<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE; these were renumbered by 1947 as 562<sup>nd</sup>, 564<sup>th</sup> and 565<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 563<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

**IX Corps Troops Engineers** IX Corps formed in Northern Command Nov 1940, and IX CTRE formed 9 Apr 1941 from X CTRE companies. The corps went to Tunisia Feb 1943. It was disbanded in NW Africa 31 May 1943. *IX CTRE redesignated 16<sup>th</sup> GHQ TRE*. Formed with 242<sup>nd</sup> and 255<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RE and 258<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE. 558<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE added by Jul 1942.

**X Corps Troops Engineers** X Corps formed in Northern Command Jun 1940; X CTRE formed the end of Jun 1940, largely from 66<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division RE. In Apr 1941 the bulk of its RE moved to IX CTRE. X Corps HQ sent to Middle East Jun 1941, and on arrival took over the former VIII CTRE (which had sailed for Egypt Feb 1941.) The corps served in Italy 1943-45. In early 1945 its engineers were sent to NW Europe, and 16<sup>th</sup> GHQ TRE took over CTRE role (these had largely been the corps' original companies in 1940). Formed with 242<sup>nd</sup>, 255<sup>th</sup> and 256<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RE and 258<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE. Reformated in N Africa with 571<sup>st</sup>, 572<sup>nd</sup> and 573<sup>rd</sup> Army Field Coys RE, and 570<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE. Reformated early 1945 in Italy with 242<sup>nd</sup>, 255<sup>th</sup> and 558<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 258<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE [16<sup>th</sup> GHQ TRE, largely containing the original X CTRE companies].

**XI Corps Troops Engineers** XI Corps formed in Eastern Command Jun 1940, and formed its CTRE from 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Infantry Division RE. *XI CTRE redesignated Jul 1942 as 2<sup>nd</sup> GHQ TRE*. It is unclear what engineer units, if any, were assigned until XI Corps was disbanded May 1943. Formed with 228<sup>th</sup>, 229<sup>th</sup> and 230<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RE and 231<sup>st</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE.

**XII Corps Troops Engineers** XII Corps formed in Aldershot Command Jul 1940, and its CTRE formed from RE of 12<sup>th</sup> (Eastern) Infantry Division. The corps served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Formed with 262<sup>nd</sup>, 263<sup>rd</sup> and 264<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RE, and 265<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE. 264<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE left Dec 1941, and was replaced Dec 1942 by 280<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

**XIII Corps Troops Engineers** XIII Corps formed in Cyrenaica 1 Jan 1941 from HQ Western Desert Force, with existing units under command (2<sup>nd</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and 54<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 141<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE)<sup>23</sup>. The corps was relieved Feb 1941 and became defunct in Egypt. A new HQ Western Desert Force was formed in Apr 1941, and it in turn became a new XIII Corps 26 Sep 1941 in Egypt. In 1942 its CTRE were formed from Hampshire Corps Troops RE companies. The corps served in North Africa, Sicily 1943, and Italy from Sep 1943. Reformated with 577<sup>th</sup> and 578<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RE and 576<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE. 56<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE added by Jul 1943.

**XXX Corps Troops Engineers** XXX Corps formed in Egypt 18 Sep 1941 (at first known as Armoured Corps, but soon numbered as XXX Corps). Its engineers were originally formed by South African units. In Nov 1942 it took over the RE from 44<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Infantry Division. After N Africa service, the corps served in Sicily Jul 1943 and Italy from Sep 1943. It was withdrawn 5 Nov 1943 to moved to the UK. One of the assault corps at Normandy 6 Jun 1944, it served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group. On 17 Jun 1945 it was redesignated as XXX Corps District, part of the occupation forces in Germany. *In Aug 1946, XXX CTRE and 52<sup>nd</sup> (Lowland) Infantry Division RE were combined to form 30<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers*.<sup>24</sup> Formed with 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Field Coys SAE and 22<sup>nd</sup> Field Park Coy SAE.<sup>25</sup> Reorganized Nov 1942 with 11<sup>th</sup>, 209<sup>th</sup> and 210<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE, and 211<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

<sup>23</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> all came from 70<sup>th</sup> Division, and returned to it later 1941. 141<sup>st</sup> was formed from a field park squadron, which served also with 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division and would go to 10<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division.

<sup>24</sup> Formed with 202<sup>nd</sup>, 240<sup>th</sup> and 241<sup>st</sup> Field Coys RE and 243<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE; renumbered as 561<sup>st</sup>, 537<sup>th</sup> and 66<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 620<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE, respectively.

<sup>25</sup> These South African companies were normally GHQ units in North Africa. The 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> arrived ca. May 1942; 22<sup>nd</sup> had been present from Jun 1941.

**Edinburgh Corps Troops Engineers** Formed by Sep 1940 in Home Forces from Edinburgh Fortress Engineers. *Converted Jul 1942 as 1<sup>st</sup> Army Troops RE.*  
Composition: 585<sup>th</sup>, 586<sup>th</sup> and 587<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RE.

**Hampshire Corps Troops Engineers** Formed by Sep 1940 in Home Forces from Hampshire Fortress Engineers and Cinque Ports Fortress Engineers. *By the end of 1940, redesignated as IV Corps Troops RE.*  
Formed with 577<sup>th</sup> and 578<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RE and 576<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE (from Hampshire Fortress Engineers) and 579<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE (from Cinque Ports Fortress Engineers).

**Kent Corps Troops Engineers** Formed by Sep 1940 from Kent Fortress RE and Suffolk Fortress RE. *Redesignated Apr 1941 as III (Kent) Corps Troops RE.*  
Formed with 582<sup>nd</sup> and 583<sup>rd</sup> Army Field Coys RE (from Kent Fortress Engineers) and 584<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE (from Suffolk Fortress Engineers), along with 297<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE (transferred from 2<sup>nd</sup> London Corps Troops RE).

**1<sup>st</sup> London Corps Troops Engineers** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA, Bethnal Green. Embodied 3 Sep 1939. The assigned companies were dispersed on mobilization, and it is unclear what the HQ did 1939-43. *Redesignated 1943 as 18<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> London) GHQ Troops RE.*  
Embodied with 216<sup>th</sup>, 217<sup>th</sup>, and 218<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RE and 219<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE.

**2<sup>nd</sup> London Corps Troops Engineers** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA formation. Embodied 3 Sep 1939. The assigned companies were dispersed on mobilization. Status of HQ unknown.  
Embodied with 294<sup>th</sup>, 295<sup>th</sup>, and 296<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RE and 297<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE.

**46<sup>th</sup> (North Staffordshire) Corps Troops RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA, Smethwick. Embodied 3 Sep 1939. Companies dispersed on mobilization and further status of HQ unclear<sup>26</sup>.  
Embodied with 213<sup>th</sup>, 214<sup>th</sup>, and 292<sup>nd</sup> Army Field Coys RE and Corps 293<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

**46<sup>th</sup> (South Staffordshire) Corps Troops Engineers** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA formation. Embodied 3 Sep 1939. Companies dispersed on mobilization and further status of HQ unclear.  
Embodied with 212<sup>th</sup>, 290<sup>th</sup> and 291<sup>st</sup> Army Field Coys RE and 215<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE.

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<sup>26</sup> However, since 213<sup>th</sup> and 214<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coys RE and 293<sup>rd</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE all went to III Corps Apr 1940, perhaps the HQ became HQ III CTRE.

## DIVISIONAL RE<sup>27</sup>

**1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division RE** Regular division in the UK. The division served in NW Europe May-Jun 1940; arrived in North Africa Nov 1941, and then went to Italy May 1944. The division was broken up Sep-Oct 1944 in Italy.

Mobilized with 1<sup>st</sup> Field Sqn RE and 1<sup>st</sup> Field Park Trp RE assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Support Group within division. Both directly assigned to the division 1 Feb and 1 Aug 1940, respectively. 1<sup>st</sup> Field Park Trp RE expanded 2 Jul 1940 as 1<sup>st</sup> Field Park Sqn RE and redesignated 26 Aug 1944 as 631<sup>st</sup> Field Park Sqn RE. 1<sup>st</sup> Field Sqn RE was relieved 4 Feb 1942 and returned 2 Sep 1942.

7<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE joined 23 Oct 1940, left 19 Mar 1942, and returned 1 Oct 1942 (redesignated 21 Aug 1944 as 627<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE).

27<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE assigned 18 Oct 1943 and relieved 25 Aug 1944. The three RE squadrons relieved 29 Sep 1944. They were utilized in forming 25<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engineer Brigade in Jan 1945.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division RE** Division formed in UK Dec 1939. The division arrived in North Africa Jan 1941, was largely destroyed Apr 1941 in Libya, and disbanded May 1941.

3<sup>rd</sup> (Cheshire) Field Sqn RE and 142<sup>nd</sup> Field Park Trp RE assigned to division's 2<sup>nd</sup> Support Group 30 Mar 1940; there was no RE component prior to that. Both were directly assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division 10 Jun 1940. 142<sup>nd</sup> Field Park Trp RE expanded as Field Park Sqn RE 7 Feb 1941. Both squadrons relieved 26 Feb 1941.

**6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division RE** Division formed in UK Sep 1940. It arrived in North Africa Nov 1942 and in Italy Mar 1944. Following the end of the war in Europe it moved to Austria. The division remained on occupation duties, and in Jul 1946 it was redesignated as 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division. At that point it still had 8<sup>th</sup> and 625<sup>th</sup> Field Sqns RE and 144<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE.

5<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE and 144<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE assigned 19 Nov 1940. 8<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE assigned 15 Dec 1940. (5<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE renumbered 7 Mar 1944 as 625<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE).

8<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE assigned 25 Dec 1943.

626<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE attached in 1945 in Italy as 626<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE.

**7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division RE** Regular division, in 1939 known as The Armoured Division (Egypt); redesignated 16 Feb 1940. The division served in North Africa to Sep 1943 and Italy Sep-Dec 1943, before moving to the UK for service with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group. It ended the war in Germany, and remained there on occupation duties. At that point it had 4<sup>th</sup> and 621<sup>st</sup> Field Sqns RE and 143<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Sqn RE.

The division was formed without any RE component.<sup>28</sup>

4<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE (raised for the division and in North Africa by Dec 1940) was not actually assigned until 17 May 1941. It was relieved 14 Mar 1942 and returned 24 Aug 1942. 143<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Trp RE (raised for the division and in North Africa by Dec 1940) was expanded as 143<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Sqn RE and also assigned 17 May 1941.

21<sup>st</sup> Field Sqn RE was assigned 4 Oct 1942. (It was renumbered 14 Aug 1943 as 621<sup>st</sup> Field Sqn RE.)

7<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE was assigned 6 Dec 1943.

**8<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division RE** Division formed in UK Nov 1940. It arrived in North Africa Jul 1942 and was disbanded there Dec 1942 without any service as a division.

6<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE and 145<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE assigned 19 Nov 1940. 9<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE assigned 15 Jan 1941.

9<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE relieved 11 Jul 1942 and returned 15 Sep 1942 (but attached to 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division Oct 1942 during El Alamein battle). All three squadrons were relieved 9 Nov 1942 in North Africa.

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<sup>27</sup> The date shown as "relieved from" a division or brigade is actually the last date still assigned.

<sup>28</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> (Cheshire) Field Sqn RE and 141<sup>st</sup> Field Park Sqn RE (from 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division) did serve with the division at times beginning May 1940; they were regarded as permanently attached, but were never formally assigned.

**9<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division RE** Division formed in UK Dec 1940. It was disbanded there Jul 1944.  
11<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE assigned 15 Mar 1941; 10<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE and 146<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE were assigned 16 Mar 1941. (11<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE renumbered 1 Mar 1943 as 611<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE.)

9<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE was assigned 1 Oct 1943.

10<sup>th</sup> and 611<sup>th</sup> Field Sqns RE were relieved 24 Jul 1944 and 146<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE and 9<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE were relieved 25 Jul 1944.

**10<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division RE** Division formed in Palestine from 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division Aug 1941. It was in Palestine or Syria other than for periods in Egypt Apr-Dec 1942 and from Sep 1943. It was disbanded Jun 1944 in Egypt.

141<sup>st</sup> Field Park Sqn RE assigned 20 Nov 1941. 2<sup>nd</sup> (Cheshire) Field Sqn RE assigned 21 Nov 1941. (Renumbered 11 Jun 1943 as 622<sup>nd</sup> (Cheshire) Field Sqn RE.)

3<sup>rd</sup> (Cheshire) Field Sqn RE assigned 22 Sep 1942.

6<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE assigned 20 Nov 1943.

141<sup>st</sup> Field Park Sqn RE and 6<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE relieved 1 Apr 1944; 3<sup>rd</sup> (Cheshire) Field Sqn RE relieved 15 May 1944; and 622<sup>nd</sup> (Cheshire) Field Sqn RE relieved 31 May 1944, all in Egypt. Division RE utilized to help form 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Regt RAC/RE in autumn 1944 in Italy.

**11<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division RE** Division formed in UK March 1941. It served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group and ended the war in Germany. It was disbanded there ca. 1946.

12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> Field Sqns RE and 147<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE all assigned 16 Mar 1941. (12<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE renumbered 1 Jan 1943 as 612<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE.)

10<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE assigned 1 Oct 1943.

**42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division RE** Division converted from 42<sup>nd</sup> (East Lancashire) Infantry Division in UK Nov 1941. It was disbanded there Oct 1942.

16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> Field Sqns RE and 149<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE all assigned 3 Nov 1941. (17<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE renumbered 1 Mar 1943 as 617<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE.)

16<sup>th</sup> and 617<sup>th</sup> Field and 149<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqns RE all relieved 17 Sep 1943. 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division RE was redesignated 28 Sep 1943 as 42<sup>nd</sup> Assault Troops RE (later 42<sup>nd</sup> Assault Regiment RE).

**79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division RE** Division formed in UK Aug 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group. It was disbanded by 1946.

18<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE and 508<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE were assigned 10 Sep 1942; 19<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE was assigned 19 Sep 1942.

508<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE was relieved 12 Feb 1943. 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Field Sqns RE were relieved 2 and 25 Mar 1943, respectively.

149<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE (from 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division RE) was assigned 19 Sep 1943. It was reorganized 29 Sep 1943 as 149<sup>th</sup> Assault Park Sqn RE. On 10 May 1944 it came under 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Brigade RE rather than the division itself.

In Apr 1943 the division became the home for specialized armour. Its RE component was initially the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Assault Troops RE (converted 6 Jun 1943 from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE and assigned). These were joined 28 Sep 1943 by 42<sup>nd</sup> Assault Troops RE (former 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division RE). The three units were redesignated 6 Oct 1943 as 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Assault Regiments RE. On 26 Nov 1943 they came out from under direct control of the division and went to the new 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Brigade RE.

**Guards Armoured Division RE** Division formed in UK Jun 1941. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group and ended the war in Germany. It was disbanded in 1946.

14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> Field Sqns RE and 148<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE all assigned 4 Aug 1941. (15<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE renumbered 1 Mar 1943 as 615<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE.)

11<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE assigned 1 Oct 1943.

On 12 Jun 1945 the division was redesignated Guards Division and converted to infantry, retaining the same RE units. (By 1946 they were redesignated companies rather than squadrons.)

**1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division RE** Division formed Nov 1939. It was sent to the Middle East, arriving Jan 1940. On 1 Aug 1940 it was reorganized and redesignated as 10<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division.

2<sup>nd</sup> (Cheshire) Field Sqn RE and 141<sup>st</sup> Field Park Trp RE assigned 10 Nov 1939.<sup>29</sup> Both were relieved 19 May 1940 in the Middle East.

**1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division RE** Regular division at Aldershot. The division served with the BEF 1939-40, went to North Africa Mar 1943, and Italy Dec 1943. From Feb 1945 it was in Palestine, where it remained following the end of the war.

Mobilized with 17<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 6<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

17<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 2 Nov 1939 and replaced same date by 248<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

26<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 28 Feb 1940 and replaced the next day by 238<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

1<sup>st</sup> Bridging Pln RE assigned 18 Oct 1943.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division RE** Regular division at Aldershot. The division served with the BEF 1939-40, and went to India Jun 1942. It served in Burma Apr 1944-Apr 1945 and then returned to India. The division remained in the Far East, with one brigade tasked Mar 1946 to join the Commonwealth occupation force in Japan.

Mobilized with 5<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 38<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 21<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

38<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 29 Jan 1940 and replaced same date by 506<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

11<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 4 May 1940 and replaced same date by 208<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

506<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE considered assigned to 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Group for period 1 Nov 1942 to 1 Jun 1943, and relieved from division 18 Apr 1945. (It would return after 31 Aug 1945.)

**3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division RE** Regular division at Bulford. The division served with the BEF 1939-40, and then with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group. It ended the war in Germany. In late 1945 it was sent to Egypt, and in Nov and Dec 1945 it moved to Palestine.

Mobilized with 15<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE, and received 246<sup>th</sup>, 248<sup>th</sup>, and 253<sup>rd</sup> Field Coys RE when they were embodied.<sup>30</sup>

248<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE was relieved 2 Nov 1939 and replaced same date by 17<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

2<sup>nd</sup> Bridging Pln RE assigned 31 Oct 1943.

**4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division RE** Regular division at Colchester. The division served with the BEF 1939-40, and went to North Africa Mar 1943. It went to Italy Feb 1944 and then to Greece Dec 1944, where it remained.

Mobilized with 7<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 59<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 18<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

9<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 16 Feb 1940 and replaced same date by 225<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

3<sup>rd</sup> Bridging Pln RE assigned 18 Oct 1943.

**5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division RE** Regular division at York. The division was with the BEF 1939-40 (less a brigade diverted to Norway). It was in India May-Aug 1942, and then in the Middle East from Aug 1942. (Two brigades were absent Apr-Aug 1942.) The division served in Sicily Jul 1943, and then in Italy from Sep 1943. It was withdrawn to Palestine Jul 1944, and later moved to 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group, arriving Mar 1945 and completing the war in NW Europe. It then remained in Germany on occupation duties.

The division had no Regular RE on mobilization. 245<sup>th</sup>, 252<sup>nd</sup> and 506<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 254<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE were all assigned 29 Dec 1939.

506<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 29 Jan 1940 and replaced same date by 38<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE. (38<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved for period 7 Apr to 30 Jun 1942.)

18<sup>th</sup> Bridging Pln RE assigned 16 Mar 1944.

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<sup>29</sup> These were originally components of the "Mobile Division", a TA formation that was largely notional: it had no headquarters and was never actually formed.

<sup>30</sup> 3<sup>rd</sup> Division had been sent to Palestine in 1938; it left its field companies RE there when it returned to the UK. The 248<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE is also shown as embodied with 54<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Infantry Division and then transferred to 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division 16 Sep 1939.



**6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division RE** First formed in Egypt 3 Nov 1939 by redesignation of 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. 12<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE was assigned 20 May 1940, but then relieved 7 Jun 1940 and the division disbanded 17 Jun 1940 (HQ becoming HQ Western Desert Force).

**6<sup>th</sup> [70<sup>th</sup>] Infantry Division RE** 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was reformed 17 Feb 1941 in Egypt. It was redesignated 10 Oct 1941 as **70<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division**. The 6<sup>th</sup>/70<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division served in North Africa and the Middle East until Feb 1942, when it was moved to India. The division was broken up Oct-Nov 1943 in India (to provide troops for Special Force [the Chindits]) and disbanded by 24 Nov 1943.

2<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE was assigned 19 Feb 1941, 12<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE returned 5 Mar 1941, and 54<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE was assigned 6 Mar 1941. However, all three were then relieved in Apr 1941 (30, 6, and 8 Apr, respectively). 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE returned 29 Jun 1941, 12<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE returned 10 Jul 1941, and 54<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE returned 11 Aug 1941. In addition, 219<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE had been assigned 29 Jul 1941.

2<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE was detached 21 Apr 1942 and did not return until 27 Jun 1943. 12<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE was detached 29 Apr 1943 and returned 15 Jun 1943. Finally, on 24 Oct 1943, all four companies were relieved.

**7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division RE** In Palestine 1939. However, HQ ceased to command units there 31 Aug 1939 and was sent to Cairo, where it was redesignated 3 Nov 1939 as 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. 56<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE was assigned 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division until 31 Aug 1939.

**8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division RE** In Palestine until disbanded there on 28 Feb 1940.  
12<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE mobilized with 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and was relieved 8 Feb 1940.

**9<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA division formed in 1939 as duplicate of 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Division. On 7 Aug 1940 it was redesignated as 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Division to reform that formation.

Embodied with 274<sup>th</sup>, 275<sup>th</sup> and 276<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 277<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE. All were relieved 6 Aug 1940.

**12<sup>th</sup> (Eastern) Infantry Division RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA division formed in 1939 as duplicate of 44<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Division. The division was embodied by its parent formation and began to function 6 Oct 1939. HQ and infantry went to France for training and labour duties Apr 1940. The division was disbanded 11 Jul 1940 after returning to the UK.

Embodied with 262<sup>nd</sup>, 263<sup>rd</sup> and 264<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 265<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE. All were relieved 10 Jul 1940 (and would go on to become XII Corps Troops RE).

**15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA division formed in 1939 as duplicate of 52<sup>nd</sup> (Lowland) Division. The division was placed on the lower establishment Nov 1941, and then raised back to the higher establishment Mar 1943. It served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group and ended the war in Germany. It was disbanded there in 1946.

Embodied with 278<sup>th</sup>, 279<sup>th</sup> and 280<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 281<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE. (279<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 9 Feb 1940 and returned 12 Jul 1940.)

281<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE relieved 12 Jan 1942 (replaced by a field stores section same date) when division placed on lower establishment. 280<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 15 Dec 1942.

624<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE assigned 14 Jan 1943 (and field stores section relieved 1 Feb 1943). Division RE was completed again 26 Mar 1943 when 20<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE assigned.

28<sup>th</sup> Bridging Pln RE assigned 1 Oct 1943.

**18<sup>th</sup> (Eastern) Infantry Division RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> Line TA division formed in 1939 as duplicate of 54<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Division. The division was administered by its parent formation until it became operational 30 Sep 1939. It left the UK Oct 1941 for the Middle East, but was diverted to India (arriving Dec 1941) and then Malaya (arriving the end of Jan 1942). It was lost in the surrender of Singapore on 15 Feb 1942.

Embodied with 287<sup>th</sup> and 288<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 251<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE. 560<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 15 Dec 1939.

**23<sup>rd</sup> (Northumbrian) Division RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA division formed in 1939 as duplicate of 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Division.<sup>31</sup> The division was administered by its parent formation until it became operational 2 Oct 1939. HQ and infantry moved to France Apr 1940 for training and labour duties. The division was disbanded 30 Jun 1940 following its return to the UK.

Embodied with 233<sup>rd</sup> and 507<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 508<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE. The latter was relieved 21 Jun 1940 and the two field companies on 29 Jun 1940.

**36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division RE** Formed from 36<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division in Burma 1 Sep 1944. The division was withdrawn to India in summer 1945, run down from Sep 1945, and officially disbanded Mar 1946.

On 1 Sep 1944 the division had 236<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE, 30<sup>th</sup> Field Coy IE, and 234<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy IE. 58<sup>th</sup> Field Coy IE assigned 15 Nov 1944.

The three Indian companies were relieved 21 Jun 1945. 2<sup>nd</sup> and 54<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE were assigned 22 Jun 1945 and 219<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE on 25 Jun 1945 in replacement.<sup>32</sup>

**38<sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA division formed in 1939 as duplicate of 53<sup>rd</sup> (Welsh) Division. The division was administered by its parent formation until it became operational 18 Sep 1939. Placed on the lower establishment 1 Dec 1941. Dispersed and broken up beginning 15 Aug 1944. On 1 Sep 1944 the division was reformed as **38<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division** by redesignation of 80<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division.

Embodied with 283<sup>rd</sup> and 284<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 247<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE. 561<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE added 30 Dec 1939.

561<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 24 Nov 1941 and 247<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE relieved 12 Dec 1941 (replaced same date by a field stores section).

616<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 18 Feb 1943. 284<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 6 Oct 1943 and 283<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 2 Feb 1944. 616<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE and the field stores section were both relieved 14 Aug 1944.

502<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE and a field stores platoon (both from 80<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division) came under command of the new 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division 1 Sep 1944.

**42<sup>nd</sup> (East Lancashire) Infantry Division RE** 1<sup>st</sup> Line TA division 1939. Served with the BEF in 1940. Converted 1 Nov 1941 to 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division.

Embodied with 200<sup>th</sup>, 201<sup>st</sup> and 202<sup>nd</sup> Field Coys RE and 203<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

200<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 18 Oct 1939 and returned 27 Apr 1940. 202<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 11 Apr 1940 and replaced 14 May 1940 by 250<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

250<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 14 Oct 1941 and the other three companies relieved 31 Oct 1941.

**43<sup>rd</sup> (Wessex) Infantry Division RE** 1<sup>st</sup> Line TA division 1939. The division remained in the UK until its service with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group, and ended the war in Germany. The division was disbanded in Germany in 1946; its RE were combined with VIII CTRE to form 29<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers.

Embodied with 204<sup>th</sup> and 260<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 207<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE. 553<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE assigned 13 Jan 1940.

13<sup>th</sup> Bridging Platoon RE assigned 1 Oct 1943.

**44<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Infantry Division RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA division 1939. Served with BEF 1940 and later sent to North Africa, arriving Jul 1942. Dispersed there Nov 1942 and disbanded Jan 1943.

Embodied with 208<sup>th</sup>, 209<sup>th</sup> and 210<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 211<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

208<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 4 May 1940 and replaced same date by 11<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

All companies relieved 26 Nov 1942. (Would later form XXX Corps Troops RE.)

<sup>31</sup> Like its parent, the 23<sup>rd</sup> was a motor division and thus did not include “infantry” in its title.

<sup>32</sup> These three new companies had been with 70<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and then with Special Force.

**45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA division formed in 1939 as duplicate of 43<sup>rd</sup> (Wessex) Division. The division was administered by its parent formation until it became operational 7 Sep 1939. Placed on lower establishment Dec 1941. The division was dispersed from 15 Aug 1945. On 1 Sep 1944 it was reformed as **45<sup>th</sup> (Holding) Division** by redesignation of 77<sup>th</sup> (Holding) Division. Title changed 1 Dec 1944 to **45<sup>th</sup> Division**. The holding division had no assigned RE.

Embodied with 205<sup>th</sup> and 259<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 261<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE. 562<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 1 Jan 1940.

261<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE relieved 6 Jan 1942 (replaced 3 Jan 1942 by a field stores section). 562<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 8 Dec 1941.

205<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 15 Dec 1943 and 259<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 22 Dec 1943. 205<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE returned 26 Apr 1944 and 259<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE returned 25 Apr 1944.

Field stores section relieved 30 Jun 1944; 205<sup>th</sup> and 259<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE relieved 31 Jul 1944.

**46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> Line TA division formed in 1939 as duplicate of 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Division.<sup>33</sup> The division was administered by its parent formation until it became operational 2 Oct 1939. HQ and infantry sent to France Apr 1940 for training and labour duties. The division then remained in the UK until it arrived in North Africa Jan 1943. It served in Italy Sep 1943 to Mar 1944, then in Palestine, returning to Italy Jul 1944. It went to Greece Jan to Jul 1945, returned to Italy Apr 1945, and ended the war in Austria. It was disbanded 1946 in Italy.

Embodied with 270<sup>th</sup>, 271<sup>st</sup> and 272<sup>nd</sup> Field Coys RE and 273<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

201<sup>st</sup> Bridging Pln RE assigned 4 Apr 1944.

**47<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Division RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> Line TA division known as 2<sup>nd</sup> London Division until redesignated 21 Nov 1940.<sup>34</sup> The division was placed on the lower establishment Dec 1941. It was dispersed Aug 1944. On 1 Sep 1944 the division was reformed as **47<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division** by redesignation of 76<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division. Disbanded by the end of 1945.

Embodied with 501<sup>st</sup>, 502<sup>nd</sup> and 503<sup>rd</sup> Field Coys RE and 504<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE. However, 501<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE was relieved almost immediately, on 7 Sep 1939. 222<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE was assigned 16 Jul 1940, bringing divisional RE back to strength.

503<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy RE left 29 Nov 1941 and 504<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE on 31 Jan 1942 as the division went to lower establishment. (The field park company was replaced by a field stores section, which was assigned 1 Jan 1942)

502<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE left 4 Jan 1943. 179<sup>th</sup> and 610<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE were assigned 8 and 5 Feb 1943, respectively. However, the 179<sup>th</sup> left 22 Sep 1943, and was replaced by 507<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE 24 Sep 1943. On 2 Oct 1943 222<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE left. 93<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy RE was assigned 20 Apr 1944. The three companies with the division (93<sup>rd</sup>, 507<sup>th</sup>, 610<sup>th</sup>) and the field stores section were all relieved 30 Jul 1944.

250<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE (formerly with 76<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division) was assigned 1 Sep 1944. It was joined 29 Jan 1945 by 250<sup>th</sup> and 507<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE. The division also had a field stores platoon assigned from 1 Sep 1944.

**48<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Infantry Division RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA division 1939. Served with the BEF 1940. Placed on the lower establishment Nov 1941. Redesignated 20 Dec 1942 as **48<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division** and so reorganized during 1943. Disbanded by the end of 1945.

Embodied with 224<sup>th</sup>, 225<sup>th</sup> and 226<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 227<sup>th</sup> Field park Coy RE.

225<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE left 16 Feb 1940 and replaced the same date by 9<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

9<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE left 12 Nov 1941. 227<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE left 13 Dec 1941 (replaced same date by a field stores section).

224<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE left 13 Mar 1943. Field stores section reorganized 1 Sep 1944 as a field stores platoon.

792<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 30 May 1945.

<sup>33</sup> 46<sup>th</sup> (North Midland) Division had been a 1<sup>st</sup> line TA unit. However, it disappeared in 1936 when a number of units in the Midlands were converted to the AA role. Its former division RE survived as 46<sup>th</sup> Corps Troops RE, whose companies served from 1939 as corps or GHQ units.

<sup>34</sup> The division was a motor division until reorganized Jun 1940 as an infantry division. See also the footnote with its parent (56<sup>th</sup> (London) Division) for a discussion of the London divisions.

**49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Infantry Division RE** 1<sup>st</sup> Line TA division 1939. The division ceased to function 5 Apr 1940 (HQ and elements utilized in Norway). It was reconstituted 10 Jun 1940 but broken up again 23 Jun 1940 when HQ became HQ ALABASTER FORCE for Iceland. The division was again reconstituted in the UK 26 Apr 1942. It served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group and ended the war in Germany. Disbanded there in 1946.

Embodied with 228<sup>th</sup>, 229<sup>th</sup> and 230<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 231<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE. 228<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 30 Sep 1939, and the remaining three companies on 4 Apr 1940.

294<sup>th</sup>, 756<sup>th</sup> and 757<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 289<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE assigned 26 Apr 1942.

23<sup>rd</sup> Bridging Pln RE assigned 1 Oct 1943.

**50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Infantry Division RE** 1<sup>st</sup> Line TA division 1939.<sup>35</sup> The division served with the BEF 1940. It went to the Middle East Apr 1941 (serving in Egypt, Cyprus, Iraq and Syria) before joining Eighth Army in 1942. It later served in Sicily (Jul to Oct 1943) before returning to the UK for service with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group. Withdrawn from service the end of Nov 1944, withdrawn to the UK, and reorganized 16 Dec 1944 as an infantry (reserve) division although not redesignated. The division was effectively broken up 1 Aug 1945 when HQ was selected to become HQ British Land Forces Norway.

Embodied with 232<sup>nd</sup> and 505<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 235<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

233<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 23 Jun 1940.

232<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 20 Jul 1941, returned 14 Aug 1941, relieved again 27 Nov 1941, returned again 22 Feb 1942, and relieved again 1 Jun 1942 (when destroyed in North Africa). 235<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE also relieved 1 Jun 1942 (probably destroyed as well); reformed or returned 1 Sep 1942. 142<sup>nd</sup> Field Park Sqn RE assigned for period 24 Jun to 24 Aug 1942.

295<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 23 Sep 1943.

15<sup>th</sup> Bridging Pln RE assigned 5 Aug 1943; relieved 12 Dec 1944.

All companies relieved 30 Nov 1944; HQ 50<sup>th</sup> Division RE became HQ 50<sup>th</sup> GHQ TRE in 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group.

**51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division RE** 1<sup>st</sup> Line TA division 1939. Served with the BEF 1940 and most of the division lost in France 12 Jun 1940. Reformed 7 Aug 1940 by redesignation of its duplicate unit, 9<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division. The new division went to North Africa, arriving Aug 1942. It then served in Sicily (Jul-Nov 1943) before returning to the UK for service with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group. It was disbanded in 1946 in Germany.

Formed with 236<sup>th</sup>, 237<sup>th</sup> and 238<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 239<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE. 26<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 28 Feb 1940 as replacement for 238<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE which was relieved the next day. All assigned companies lost in France 12 Jun 1940 and relieved.<sup>36</sup>

274<sup>th</sup>, 275<sup>th</sup> and 276<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE transferred from 9<sup>th</sup> to 51<sup>st</sup> Division 7 Aug 1940 and 239<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE reformed and assigned the same date.

16<sup>th</sup> Bridging Platoon RE assigned 19 Dec 1943.

**52<sup>nd</sup> (Lowland) Infantry Division RE** 1<sup>st</sup> Line TA division 1939. The division served briefly in France in Jun 1940, then trained for mountain warfare (to Jun 1944), then for airlanding operations. In Oct 1944 it joined 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group as a conventional infantry division and ended the war in Europe. The division was disbanded ca. Aug 1946 in Germany; its RE were combined that month with XXX CTRE to form 30<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers.

Embodied with 240<sup>th</sup>, 241<sup>st</sup> and 242<sup>nd</sup> Field Coys RE and 243<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

240<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE left 20 Sep 1939 and 242<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE left 19 Oct 1939. 554<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 7 Dec 1939 and 202<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 7 Jun 1940 as replacements.

17<sup>th</sup> Bridging Pln RE assigned 1 Oct 1943.

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<sup>35</sup> Embodied as a motor division, it did not add “infantry” to its title until Jun 1940 when it was reorganized as an infantry division.

<sup>36</sup> It is possible that the TA companies were attached to Arkforce 9 Jun 1940 and evacuated from France.

**53<sup>rd</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA division 1939. The division remained in the UK until its service with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group. It ended the war in Germany. The 53<sup>rd</sup> remained on occupation duties through the end of 1946.

Embodied with 244<sup>th</sup>, 245<sup>th</sup> and 282<sup>nd</sup> Field Coys RE and 285<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

245<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE left 8 Oct 1939 and was replaced 30 Dec 1939 by 555<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

22<sup>nd</sup> Bridging Pln RE assigned 1 Oct 1943.

**54<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Infantry Division RE** 1<sup>st</sup> Line TA division 1939. Placed on the lower establishment Jan 1942. RA and RE posted away May 1943. Disbanded 14 Dec 1943.

Embodied with 248<sup>th</sup>, 249<sup>th</sup> and 286<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 289<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

248<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE left 16 Sep 1939<sup>37</sup> and was replaced 20 Sep 1939 by 250<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

However, 250<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE was itself relieved 20 Oct 1939, and replaced 4 Jan 1940 by 556<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

556<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE was relieved 29 Dec 1941 and replaced 1 Jan 1942 by 591<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE.

A field stores section was assigned 1 Dec 1941 to replace 289<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE, which was relieved 2 Mar 1942.

The three field companies were relieved 20 May 1943. HQ Division RE became HQ 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division RE and the three companies were transferred to that division as well.

**55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Infantry Division RE** 1<sup>st</sup> Line TA division 1939.<sup>38</sup> Placed on lower establishment Jan 1942. Raised to higher establishment May 1944. Remained in the UK throughout the war. Disbanded by the end of 1945.

Embodied with 509<sup>th</sup> and 510<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 511<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.<sup>39</sup>

On 27 Dec 1939 the division added 557<sup>th</sup> and 558<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 599<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.<sup>40</sup> 511<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE was then relieved 30 Dec 1939.

509<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 10 Jan 1940 and 510<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 1 Mar 1940. 55<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 18 Jul 1940, restoring divisional RE to full strength.

558<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 7 Dec 1941; 599<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE also relieved 7 Dec 1941 (replaced by a field stores section, which had been assigned 1 Dec 1941).

55<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 22 Jan 1943 and was replaced 28 Jan 1943 by 613<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

557<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE left 4 Oct 1943 and was replaced 30 Oct 1943 by 61<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE.

61<sup>st</sup> and 613<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and the field stores section all relieved 20 Jul 1944.

205<sup>th</sup> and 259<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE assigned 1 Aug 1944; 283<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 25 Aug 1944; 108<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE and 9<sup>th</sup> Bridging Pln RE assigned 20 Aug 1944.

259<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE, however, left 22 Aug 1944. It returned 15 Aug 1945.

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<sup>37</sup> This company was earmarked for 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division, and has also been listed as assigned there from 3 Sep 1939.

<sup>38</sup> Yet another motor division, reorganized Jun 1940 as an infantry division and thus adding “infantry” to its title.

<sup>39</sup> These were actually the companies intended for the duplicate unit, 59<sup>th</sup> (Staffordshire) Division. The original companies of 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Division were all GHQ units in Sep 1939.

<sup>40</sup> It is possible that 599 is a typographical error for 559, the more logical number.

**56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Division RE** 1<sup>st</sup> Line TA division known as 1<sup>st</sup> London Division until 18 Nov 1940.<sup>41</sup> The division went to the Middle East Nov 1942, stationed variously in Iraq, Palestine, Egypt, and Libya. It served in Italy Sep 1943 to Mar 1944; went to Egypt Mar to Jul 1944; and then returned to Italy Jul 1944, ending the war there. Disbanded 1946.

Embodied with 220<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE and 223<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE. 501<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE was added 8 Sep 1939 and 223<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE was relieved 30 Sep 1939.

563<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE joined 15 Jan 1940 and 221<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE was assigned 3 Jul 1940, finally bringing divisional RE to strength.

501<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE was relieved 18 Mar 1943; it would rejoin the division 13 Oct 1943. 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE was assigned for the period 9 Jul 1943 to 3 Jan 1944.

**59<sup>th</sup> (Staffordshire) Infantry Division RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA division formed in 1939 as duplicate of 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Division.<sup>42</sup> The division was administered by its parent formation until it became operational 15 Sep 1939. Its first active service was with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group. It was broken up in Normandy the end of Aug 1944, although not officially disbanded until Oct 1944.

No RE officially assigned until 511<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE was on 30 Dec 1939. 509<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE was assigned 11 Jan 1940, 510<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE on 2 Mar 1940, and 257<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE on 23 Jun 1940.

24<sup>th</sup> Bridging Pln RE assigned 1 Oct 1943.

All RE units relieved 22 Aug 1944. HQ division RE became HQ 59<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE in 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group.

**61<sup>st</sup> (South Midland) Infantry Division RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA division formed in 1939 as duplicate of 48<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Division. Reorganized Aug 1945 as a light division in anticipation of transfer to the Far East. Disbanded by the end of 1945.

Embodied with 266<sup>th</sup> and 267<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE. 268<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 31 Dec 1939 and 269<sup>th</sup> Field Coy Park RE assigned 18 Jan 1940.

**66<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA division formed in 1939 as duplicate of 42<sup>nd</sup> (East Lancashire) Division. The division was administered by its parent formation until it became operational 27 Sep 1939. Disbanded 23 Jun 1940 in the UK without service.

Embodied with 255<sup>th</sup> and 256<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 258<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE. 257<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 19 Dec 1939.

All companies relieved 22 Jun 1940 (they formed the bulk of X CTRE that month).

**70<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division RE** See 6<sup>th</sup> [70<sup>th</sup>] Infantry Division RE

**76<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division RE** Division formed 18 Nov 1941 from Norfolk County Division. Redesignated 20 Dec 1942 as **76<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division**. Disbanded 1 Sep 1944 [assets used to form 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division].

591<sup>st</sup> and 757<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE assigned 18 Nov 1941. 591<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 29 Dec 1941 and replaced the next day by 556<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

A field stores section was assigned 27 Dec 1941.

757<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 3 Feb 1942 and replaced 6 Feb 1942 by 250<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE.

556<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE relieved 10 Jan 1943 and not replaced.

250<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE and the field stores section relieved 18 Aug 1944.

<sup>41</sup> Both the 47<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) and 56<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> London) Divisions disappeared in 1936 with the conversion of units in the London area to the AA role. Surviving infantry and artillery were grouped into the London Division (which took over the RE from the 47<sup>th</sup>); RE from the former 56<sup>th</sup> became 56<sup>th</sup> Corps Troops RE, and then 1<sup>st</sup> London Corps Troops RE. 1<sup>st</sup> London Division was embodied as a motor division; it was reorganized as an infantry division Jun 1940.

<sup>42</sup> Like its parent, a motor division that was reorganized and redesignated in Jun 1940.

**77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division RE** Division formed 1 Dec 1941 from Devon and Cornwall County Division. Redesignated 20 Dec 1942 as **77<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division**. Redesignated 1 Dec 1943 as **77<sup>th</sup> (Holding) Division**, by which date it no longer had any assigned RE. (It would be disbanded 1 Sep 1944 to reform 45<sup>th</sup> Division.)

100<sup>th</sup> and 101<sup>st</sup> Field Coys RE assigned 1 Dec 1941. Both were relieved 26 Dec 1942.

A field stores section was assigned 15 Dec 1941. It was relieved 16 Nov 1943.

556<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 11 Jan 1943. It was relieved 18 Oct 1943.

**78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division RE** Division formed 25 May 1942 in the UK. The division went to North Africa Nov 1942, then served in Sicily (Jul-Sep 1943) and Italy from Sep 1943. It was withdrawn to Egypt Jul-Sep 1944 and then returned to Italy. It moved to Austria at war's end. Disbanded there 1946.

214<sup>th</sup>, 237<sup>th</sup> and 256<sup>th</sup> Field Coys RE and 281<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE assigned 22 Jun 1942.

21<sup>st</sup> Bridging Platoon RE assigned 18 May 1944.

**80<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division RE** Division formed in UK 1 Jan 1943. Disbanded 1 Sep 1944 [assets used to form 38<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Reserve) Division].

502<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 6 Jan 1943, remaining until 31 Aug 1944.

**1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division RE** Formed in UK Nov 1941. The division was sent to Norway May 1945 and later returned to the UK. It was disbanded there Nov 1945.

261<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE (Abn) assigned 15 Dec 1941 (7 Jan 1942?). Redesignated 26 Mar 1945 as 261<sup>st</sup> Airborne Park Sqn RE.

1<sup>st</sup> Para Sqn RE assigned 19 Jun 1942. (Relieved 3 Sep 1942, serving with 1<sup>st</sup> Para Brigade, and returned 7 May 1943.) Redesignated 25 Mar 1945 as 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Sqn RE. 9<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE (Abn) also assigned 19 Jun 1942. (9<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE redesignated 25 Mar 1945 as 9<sup>th</sup> Airborne Sqn RE, and transferred 1 Jun 1945 to 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division).

2<sup>nd</sup> Para Sqn RE assigned 11 Nov 1942 and relieved 16 Nov 1943.

3<sup>rd</sup> Para Sqn RE assigned 19 Jan 1943 and relieved 11 Apr 1943

4<sup>th</sup> Para Sqn RE assigned 9 Jun 1943; relieved 30 Oct 1944.

591<sup>st</sup> Airborne Sqn RE transferred from 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division 1 Jun 1945.

**6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division RE** Division formed in UK May 1943; division RE formed from 54<sup>th</sup> Division RE. Sent to Palestine late 1945, with intended role as strategic reserve unit, but drawn into security duties.

3<sup>rd</sup> and 591<sup>st</sup> Para Sqns RE, 249<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE (Abn), and 286<sup>th</sup> Airborne Park Sqn RE (Abn) all assigned 7 Jun 1943.

(3<sup>rd</sup> and 591<sup>st</sup> Para Sqns RE redesignated 28 May 1945 as 3<sup>rd</sup> and 591<sup>st</sup> Airborne Sqns RE. 286<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE redesignated summer 1945 as 286<sup>th</sup> Airborne Park Sqn RE.)<sup>43</sup>

On 1 Jun 1945, 591<sup>st</sup> Airborne Sqn RE went to 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division and 9<sup>th</sup> Para Sqn RE transferred from the 1<sup>st</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division. 3<sup>rd</sup> Para Sqn RE relieved 19 Jul 1945.

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<sup>43</sup> It is not clear why 249<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE was not redesignated as an airborne squadron by summer 1945, unless it had already been identified to leave the division.

## Units<sup>44</sup>

### SQUADRONS (FIELD, ASSAULT, AND ARMoured ENGINEER)

- 1<sup>st</sup> Field Sqn RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Aldershot; mobilized with 1<sup>st</sup> Support Group; directly assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division 1 Feb 1940; relieved 4 Feb 1942. Assigned 200<sup>th</sup> (soon 201<sup>st</sup>) Guards Brigade Group 21 Apr 1942; relieved 20 Jun 1942. (Lost at Tobruk and later reformed?) Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division 2 Sep 1942; relieved 29 Sep 1944. Absorbed 5 Jan 1945 into 'B' Armoured Regt RE.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Field Park Sqn RE** Regular as *1<sup>st</sup> Field Park Trp*; 3 Sep 1939: Tidworth; mobilized with 1<sup>st</sup> Support Group; directly assigned to 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division 1 Feb 1940. Expanded 2 Jul 1940 as 1<sup>st</sup> Field Park Sqn RE. *Redesignated 26 Aug 1944 as 631<sup>st</sup> Field Park Sqn RE.*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> (Cheshire) Field Sqn RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Birkenhead (Mobile Division RE). Embodied 3 Sep 1939. Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division 10 Nov 1939; relieved 19 May 1940. Then served in western desert with 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division (regarded as permanently attached from 30 Jun 1940 to May 1941, but never actually assigned). Sent to Iraq and Syria under 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Brigade May-Jul 1941. Assigned 10<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 21 Nov 1941; *redesignated 11 Jun 1943 as 622<sup>nd</sup> (Cheshire) Field Sqn RE.*
- 3<sup>rd</sup> (Cheshire) Field Sqn RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA, formed 1939 as duplicate of 2<sup>nd</sup>; 3 Sep 1939: Wallasey. Embodied 3 Sep 1939. Assigned 2<sup>nd</sup> Support Group 1 Mar 1940; directly assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division 10 Jun 1940; relieved 26 Feb 1941. With 21<sup>st</sup> Armoured Brigade 26 Feb to 1 May 1941. (Attached 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division Nov 1941-May 1942? Attached 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division May-Sep 1942?) Assigned 10<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 22 Sep 1942; relieved 15 May 1944. Absorbed autumn 1944 into 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Regt RAC/RE.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Raised Apr 1940. Arrived in N Africa Nov 1940 (tasked for 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division but attached to other units). Assigned 3<sup>rd</sup> Armoured Brigade Group 25 Feb 1941 to 19 Mar 1941. (In Tobruk Fortress in Apr 1941.) Assigned 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 17 May 1941; relieved 14 Mar 1942. With 7<sup>th</sup> Motor Brigade 9 Feb to 24 Aug 1942. Returned to 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 24 Aug 1942.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 19 Nov 1940; *redesignated 7 Mar 1944 as 625<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE.*
- 6<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Assigned 8<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 27 Nov 1940; relieved 9 Nov 1942. No other information available.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division 23 Oct 1940; relieved 19 Mar 1942. With 'Hammerforce' under 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division at Alamein Oct 1942. Returned to 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division 10 Jan 1943 (1 Oct 1942?); *redesignated 21 Aug 1944 as 627<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE.*
- 8<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 15 Dec 1940. (Division redesignated Jul 1946 as 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division.)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Assigned 8<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 15 Jan 1941; relieved 11 Jul 1942. Assigned 8<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 15 Sep 1942; relieved 9 Nov 1942. (But attached 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division at Alamein Oct 1942.) *Redesignated in 1943 as 629<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE.*
- 10<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Assigned 9<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 16 Mar 1941; relieved 24 Jul 1944. Disbanded later.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Assigned 9<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 15 Mar 1941; *redesignated 1 Mar 1943 as 611<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE.*
- 12<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Assigned 11<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 16 Mar 1941; *redesignated 1 Jan 1943 as 612<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE.*
- 13<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Assigned 11<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 16 Mar 1941. Disbanded 1946 in Germany.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Assigned Guards Armoured Division 4 Aug 1941. (Division redesignated Guards Division 12 Jun 1945.) Redesignated as field company before being disbanded 1946.

<sup>44</sup> Unlike prior sections, lists here are not divided among Regular, TA, war-formed, etc. Both the number of redesignations and the fact that TA companies, especially, can be found at so many different places in the lists would make such a division awkward. Instead, units are grouped in a few categories (squadrons, airborne squadrons, and companies) and listed in numerical order.



- 15<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Assigned Guards Armoured Division 4 Aug 1941; *redesignated 1 Mar 1943 as 615<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE.*
- 16<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Assigned 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division 3 Nov 1941 (formed by conversion of 200<sup>th</sup> (East Lancashire) Field Coy RE); relieved 17 Sep 1943. Converted Sep 1943 as **16<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE** (42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division RE redesignated 28 Sep 1943 as 42<sup>nd</sup> Assault Tps RE; redesignated 26 Nov 1943 as 42<sup>nd</sup> Assault Regt RE). Redesignated 22 Apr 1945 as **16<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Sqn** (and regiment redesignated 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engr Regt). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Assigned 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division 3 Nov 1941 (formed by conversion of 201<sup>st</sup> (East Lancashire) Field Coy RE); *redesignated 1 Mar 1943 as 617<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE.*
- 18<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Formed by 13 Dec 1941 when attached to 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division. Assigned 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 10 Sep 1942; relieved 2 Mar 1943. Disbanded later.
- 19<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Formed by 13 Dec 1941 when attached to 9<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division. Assigned 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 19 Sep 1942; relieved 25 Mar 1943. Disbanded later.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** Formed by 13 Dec 1941 when attached to 8<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division. Assigned 22<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Brigade Group 21 Jun 1942; relieved 10 Sep 1943. Disbanded later.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Field Sqn RE** Assigned 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 4 Oct 1942; *redesignated 14 Aug 1943 as 621<sup>st</sup> Field Sqn RE.*
- 26<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE** Formed Oct 1943 by conversion of 26<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE and assigned 5<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE (that unit redesignated 26 Nov 1943 as 5<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE). Redesignated 22 Apr 1945 as **26<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Sqn RE** (and regiment redesignated 5<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Regt). Converted from AVRE's to LVTs Aug 1944. May have converted back to AVREs Mar 1945. Remained in Germany through the end of 1946 (transferred to 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engineer Regt).
- 62<sup>nd</sup> Field Sqn RE** Formed 1 May 1943 in India (Madras) by conversion of 62<sup>nd</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE. Moved to Chagua, Assam 17 May 1943 (u/c CRE GREF Troops). Employed on road making in northern Assam 1944. Moved to Dhanbad 2 Nov 1944. Personnel drafted out to 58<sup>th</sup> Field Coy Nov 1944 and 62<sup>nd</sup> disbanded 30 Nov 1944.
- 77<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE** Formed ca. Apr 1943 by conversion of 77<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE, part of 5<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE (that unit redesignated 6 Jun 1943 as 5<sup>th</sup> Assault Tps RE and 26 Nov 1943 as 5<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE). Redesignated 22 Apr 1945 as **77<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Sqn RE** (and regiment redesignated 5<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Regt). Converted from AVRE's to LVTs Aug 1944. May have converted back to AVREs Mar 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 79<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE** Formed ca. Apr 1943 by conversion of 79<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE, part of 5<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE (that unit redesignated 6 Jun 1943 as 5<sup>th</sup> Assault Tps RE and 26 Nov 1943 as 5<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE). Redesignated 22 Apr 1945 as **79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Sqn RE** (and regiment redesignated 5<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Regt). Converted from AVRE's to LVTs Aug 1944. May have converted back to AVREs Mar 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 80<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE** Formed ca. Apr 1943 by conversion of 80<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE, part of 5<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE (that unit redesignated 6 Jun 1943 as 5<sup>th</sup> Assault Tps RE and 26 Nov 1943 as 5<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE). Redesignated 22 Apr 1945 as **80<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Sqn RE** (and regiment redesignated 5<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Regt). Converted ca. Nov 1944 to Terrapins [British version of DUKW amphibious truck] and operated apart from regiment. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 81<sup>st</sup> Assault Sqn RE** Formed ca. Apr 1943 by conversion of 81<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE, part of 6<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE (that unit redesignated 6 Jun 1943 as 6<sup>th</sup> Assault Tps RE and 26 Nov 1943 as 6<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE). Redesignated 22 Apr 1945 as **81<sup>st</sup> Armoured Engr Sqn RE** (and regiment redesignated 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Regt). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 82<sup>nd</sup> Assault Sqn RE** Formed ca. Apr 1943 by conversion of 82<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE, part of 6<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE (that unit redesignated 6 Jun 1943 as 6<sup>th</sup> Assault Tps RE and 26 Nov 1943 as 6<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE). Redesignated 22 Apr 1945 as **82<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engr Sqn RE** (and regiment redesignated 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Regt). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 87<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE** Formed ca. Apr 1943 by conversion of 87<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE, part of 6<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE (that unit redesignated 6 Jun 1943 as 6<sup>th</sup> Assault Tps RE and 26 Nov 1943 as 6<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE). Reorganized ca. 1 Mar 1945 as **87<sup>th</sup> Assault Dozer Sqn RE** and transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Brigade RE 1 Mar 1945; relieved 22 Apr 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 97<sup>th</sup> Armoured Corps Field Survey Sqn RE** Formed Jan 1942. No other details available.

- 141<sup>st</sup> Field Park Sqn RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA, formed ca. 1939 as *141<sup>st</sup> Field Park Trp*; 3 Sep 1939: Liverpool (Mobile Division RE). Embodied 3 Sep 1939. Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Cav Division 10 Nov 1939; relieved 19 May 1940. Served in western desert with 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division (regarded as permanently attached from 30 Jun 1940 to May 1941, but never actually assigned). Expanded early 1941 as 141<sup>st</sup> Field Park Sqn. Assigned XIII Corps Troops RE for a period beginning May 1941; possibly redesignated as 141<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE during that time. Assigned 10<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 20 Nov 1941; relieved 1 Apr 1944. Absorbed into 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Regt RAC/RE autumn 1944, or survived until 5 Jan 1945 and absorbed into 'B' Assault Brigade RAC/RE.
- 142<sup>nd</sup> Field Park Sqn RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA, formed ca. 1939 as *142<sup>nd</sup> Field Park Trp*. 3 Sep 1939: ? Embodied 3 Sep 1939. As 142<sup>nd</sup> Field Park Trp RE assigned 2<sup>nd</sup> Support Group 30 Mar 1940; directly assigned 2<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division 10 Jun 1940. Expanded 7 Feb 1941 as 142<sup>nd</sup> Field Park Sqn RE. Relieved 26 Feb 1941. Assigned 50<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 24 Jun to 24 Aug 1942. Apparently disbanded later.<sup>45</sup>
- 143<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Sqn RE** Formed Apr 1940 as *143<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Trp* (slated for 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division) and arrived in N Africa Nov 1940; later expanded as squadron. (In Tobruk Fortress in Apr 1941; still a field troop.) Assigned 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 17 May 1941.
- 144<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE** Assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 19 Nov 1940. (Division redesignated Jul 1946 as 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division.)
- 145<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE** Assigned 8<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 27 Nov 1940; relieved 9 Nov 1942 with X Corps at Alamein Oct 1942]. Under Cyrenaica District in Jun 1943. *Later redesignated 145<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE.*
- 146<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE** Assigned 9<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 16 Mar 1941; relieved 25 Jul 1944. Disbanded later.
- 147<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE** Assigned 11<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 16 Mar 1941. Disbanded 1946 in Germany.
- 148<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE** Assigned Guards Armoured Division 4 Aug 1941. (Guards Armoured Division redesignated Guards Division 12 Jun 1945.) Redesignated field park company before being disbanded 1946.
- 149<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE** Formed 3 Nov 1941 (by conversion of 203<sup>rd</sup> (East Lancashire) Field Park Coy RE) and assigned 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division; relieved 17 Sep 1943. Assigned 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 19 Sep 1943. Reorganized 29 Sep 1943 as **149<sup>th</sup> Assault Park Sqn RE**. Relieved 10 May 1944 and combined with HQ 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Brigade RE. Separated as 149<sup>th</sup> Assault Park Sqn RE 18 Jan 1945 and assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Brigade RE. Redesignated 23 Apr 1945 as **149<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Park Sqn RE**; (brigade redesignated as 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Engineer Brigade); relieved 12 Jul 1945. Redesignated ca. 1946 as 203<sup>rd</sup> Armoured Park Sqn RE, and assigned 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engr Regt.
- 222<sup>nd</sup> Assault Sqn RE** Formed ca. Oct 1943 by conversion of 222<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE and assigned 42<sup>nd</sup> Assault Tps RE (that unit redesignated 26 Nov 1943 as 42<sup>nd</sup> Assault Regt RE). Redesignated 22 Apr 1945 as **222<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engr Sqn** (and regiment redesignated 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engr Regt). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 284<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE** Formed ca. Oct 1943 by conversion of 284<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE and assigned 6<sup>th</sup> GHQ Troops RE (that unit redesignated 26 Nov 1943 as 6<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE). Redesignated 22 Apr 1945 as **284<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Sqn RE** (and regiment redesignated 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Regt). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 508<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE** [Presumably a redesignation of 508<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE] Assigned 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 10 Sep 1942; relieved 12 Feb 1943. *Converted back to 508<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE ca. 1943.*
- 557<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE** Formed ca. Oct 1943 by conversion of 557<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE and assigned 42<sup>nd</sup> Assault Regt RE. Later reorganized as **557<sup>th</sup> Assault Training Sqn RE**. Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Brigade RE 8 Jan 1945. Redesignated 24 Apr 1945 as **557<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Training and Experimental Establishment** (and brigade redesignated as 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Engr Brigade); relieved 12 Jul 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

<sup>45</sup> Possibly used to reform 235<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Field Park Coy RE for 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Infantry Division; the 235<sup>th</sup> rejoined the division 1 Sep 1942.

- 611<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** 11<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE, assigned 9<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division, renumbered 1 Mar 1943 as 611<sup>th</sup>; relieved 24 Jul 1944. Disbanded later.
- 612<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** 12<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE, assigned 11<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division, renumbered 1 Jan 1943 as 612<sup>th</sup>. Disbanded 1946 in Germany.
- 615<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** 15<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE, assigned Guards Armoured Division, renumbered 1 Mar 1943 as 615<sup>th</sup>. (Division redesignated Guards Division 12 Jun 1945.) Redesignated as field company before being disbanded 1946.
- 617<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** 17<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE, assigned 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division, renumbered 1 Mar 1943 as 617<sup>th</sup>; relieved 17 Sep 1943. Converted Sep 1943 as **617<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE** (42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Division RE redesignated 28 Sep 1943 as 42<sup>nd</sup> Assault Tps RE; redesignated 26 Nov 1943 as 42<sup>nd</sup> Assault Regt RE). Redesignated 22 Apr 1945 as **617<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Sqn** (and regiment redesignated 42<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engr Regt). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 621<sup>st</sup> Field Sqn RE** 21<sup>st</sup> Field Sqn RE, assigned 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division, renumbered 14 Aug 1943 as 621<sup>st</sup>.
- 622<sup>nd</sup> (Cheshire) Field Sqn RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> (Cheshire) Field Sqn RE, assigned 10<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division, renumbered 11 Jun 1943 as 622<sup>nd</sup>; relieved 31 May 1944. Attached 6<sup>th</sup> South African Armoured Division 30 Jun 1944 to 5 Jan 1945, when absorbed into what became 25<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engineer Brigade.
- 625<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** 5<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE, assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division, renumbered 7 Mar 1944 as 625<sup>th</sup>. (Division redesignated Jul 1946 as 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division.)
- 626<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** 626<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE redesignated as a field squadron when attached to 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division in 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 627<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** 7<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE, assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division, renumbered 21 Aug 1944 as 627<sup>th</sup>; relieved 29 Sep 1944. Absorbed 5 Jan 1945 into 'B' Armoured Regt RE.
- 629<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE** 9<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE (formerly with 8<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division) renumbered ca.. 1943 as 629<sup>th</sup>. With Eighth Army in Jun 1943. Attached to HQ 5<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE at Normandy. Possibly redesignated as 629<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE. Disbanded later.
- 631<sup>st</sup> Field Park Sqn RE** 1<sup>st</sup> Field Park Sqn RE, assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division, renumbered 26 Aug 1944 as 631<sup>st</sup>. Relieved 29 Sep 1944. Later redesignated as **631<sup>st</sup> Armoured Engr Park Sqn** and assigned 25<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Brigade 6 Apr 1945; relieved 19 Aug 1945<sup>46</sup>. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 'C' Armoured Park Sqn RE** Assigned 25<sup>th</sup> Armoured Engr Brigade 5 Jan 1945; relieved 5 Apr 1945.<sup>47</sup>
- 'D' Assault Sqn RE** Formed autumn 1944 and assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Regt RAC/RE.<sup>48</sup>  
Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 'E' Assault Sqn RE** Formed autumn 1944 and assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Regt RAC/RE.  
Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 'F' (Cheshire) Assault Sqn RE** Formed autumn 1944 from 3<sup>rd</sup> (Cheshire) Field Sqn RE and assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Assault Regt RAC/RE. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 'G' Assault Sqn RE** Formed 5 Jan 1945 in 'B' Armoured Regt RE (later 2<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engr Regt).<sup>49</sup> Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 'H' Assault Sqn RE** Formed 5 Jan 1945 in 'B' Armoured Regt RE (later 2<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engr Regt). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 'I' Assault Sqn RE** Formed 5 Jan 1945 in 'B' Armoured Regt RE (later 2<sup>nd</sup> Armoured Engr Regt). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

<sup>46</sup> It is fairly likely that this unit was redesignated 5 Jan 1945 as 'C' Armoured Park Sqn RE, and then resumed its former number and new title on 6 Apr 1945.

<sup>47</sup> This almost has to be a temporary designation for what would become 631<sup>st</sup> Armoured Engr Park Sqn and assigned on the very next day.

<sup>48</sup> 'D', 'E' and 'F' (Cheshire) Assault Sqns RE formed in part from 10<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division RE and 1<sup>st</sup> Scorpion Regt RAC.

<sup>49</sup> 'G', 'H' and 'I' Assault Sqns RE formed in part from 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division RE.

## PARACHUTE AND AIRBORNE SQUADRONS

- 1<sup>st</sup> Para Sqn RE** Formed 3 Nov 1941 as 1<sup>st</sup> Air Trp RE and attached to 1<sup>st</sup> Parachute Brigade. Expanded 16 Feb 1942 as 1<sup>st</sup> Para Sqn RE. Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division 19 Jun 1942; relieved 3 Sep 1942. Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Parachute Brigade 23 Sep 1942; relieved 6 May 1943 and assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division 7 May 1943. Redesignated 25 Mar 1945 as **1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Sqn RE**. Transferred to 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division ca. Nov 1945.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Para Sqn RE** Formed from Holding Coy, Kent Corps Troops RE. Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division 11 Nov 1942; relieved 16 Nov 1943 and assigned 2<sup>nd</sup> Parachute Brigade 17 Nov 1943. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Para Sqn RE** Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division 19 Jan 1943; relieved 11 Apr 1943. Assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division 7 Jun 1943. Redesignated 28 May 1945 as **3<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Sqn RE**. Relieved 19 Jul 1945 and assigned 20 Jul 1945 to 5<sup>th</sup> Parachute Brigade Group. Transferred to 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division 1946.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Para Sqn RE** Attached to 4<sup>th</sup> Parachute Brigade 23 Mar 1943. Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division 9 Jun 1943; relieved 30 Oct 1944 (and presumably disbanded).
- 9<sup>th</sup> Airborne Sqn RE** 9<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE, assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, redesignated 25 Mar 1945 as 9<sup>th</sup> Airborne Sqn RE. Relieved 1 Jun 1945 and assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Para Sqn RE** Formed May 1945 by conversion of 12<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE, remaining assigned to 44<sup>th</sup> Indian Airborne Division. Redesignated **12<sup>th</sup> Abn Sqn RE** and transferred to 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division by 1946 (and then amalgamated into 3<sup>rd</sup> Abn Sqn RE).
- 261<sup>st</sup> Airborne Park Sqn RE** 261<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE, assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division, redesignated 26 Mar 1945 as 261<sup>st</sup> Airborne Park Sqn RE. Disbanded Nov 1945.
- 286<sup>th</sup> Airborne Park Sqn RE** 286<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE, assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division, redesignated summer 1945 as 286<sup>th</sup> Airborne Park Sqn RE. Disbanded ca. 1946.
- 591<sup>st</sup> (Antrim) Para Sqn RE** Formed ca. Jun 1943 by conversion of 591<sup>st</sup> (Antrim) Field Coy RE and assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division 7 Jun 1943. Redesignated 28 May 1945 as **591<sup>st</sup> (Antrim) Airborne Sqn RE**. Relieved 1 Jun 1945 and transferred to 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. Disbanded ca. Nov 1945.

## BATTALIONS

**Survey Bn RE** Unit of assignment for serving RE personnel detailed to the Ordnance Survey. Stationed at Southampton, with detachments at London, Edinburgh and Bristol. The unit also handled training for personnel for survey units (until a Survey Training Centre was formed in Apr 1940) and was the source for the 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Survey Coys RE on the outbreak of war. The Survey Bn RE lapsed during the war and was not reformed.

- 1<sup>st</sup> Stevedores Bn RE** Under No. 1 Docks Group RE with BEF 1940. No other details available.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Stevedores Bn RE** Under No. 2 Docks Group RE with BEF 1940. No other details available.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Stevedores Bn RE** Under No. 3 Docks Group RE with BEF 1940. No other details available.

**Movement Control (TT and D) Bn** Formed Sep 1942 at Longmoor. No other details available.

**Levant Engineer Bn** HQ in Italy 1943-45, with 1216<sup>th</sup>, 1226<sup>th</sup> and 1227<sup>th</sup> (Levant) Road Cons Coys RE (the two latter originally artisan works companies).

- 1<sup>st</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Gibraltar. Served at Gibraltar throughout the war.
- 1<sup>st</sup> (Palestinian) Camouflage Coy RE** Served under Eighth Army Troops in Oct 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45 [and dropped “(Palestinian)”?]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Mersa Matruh; mobilized with 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, transferred to 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 3 Nov 1939; relieved 13 Jun 1940. Came under Command Troops, Egypt 30 Jun 1940 and then XIII Corps 31 Jan 1941. Assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Division 19 Feb to 30 Apr 1941. Returned to 6<sup>th</sup> [later 70<sup>th</sup>] Infantry Division 29 Jun 1941 to 21 Feb 1942. Served with 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade on Ceylon and India (26 Feb 1942 to 1 Mar 1943) and then with 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade in the Arakan from 7 May 1943. Assigned 70<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 27 Jun to 24 Oct 1943. Assigned to Special Force from Oct 1943 and moved to Jhansi; reorganized into eight commando platoons 7 Nov 1943 for LRP role. (Platoons moved into Burma with 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade 20 Jan 1944 and returned to India between 12 and 28 May 1944.) Redesignated 2 Jul 1944 as 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy (Special); reconstituted 9 Aug 1944 in Bangalore. (Four platoons allotted to infantry battalions.) Relieved from Special Force 15 Jan 1945, redesignated 2<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE, and reorganized as a normal field company. Assigned 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 22 Jun 1945 in Poona. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- [Number 3 not used after 3<sup>rd</sup> Fortress Coy RE disbanded 1933]
- [4<sup>th</sup> Fortress Coy RE: number used by 45<sup>th</sup> Fortress Coy RE to 1938; sometimes still so shown in 1939]
- 5<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Aldershot; mobilized with 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. (Detached with 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade in the Arakan 1942-43.)
- 6<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Aldershot; mobilized with 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.
- 7<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Shorncliffe; mobilized with 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Railway Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Longmoor (GHQ); detachment Lydda Area, Palestine. Mobilized 3 Sep 1939, served with BEF 1939-40 as **8<sup>th</sup> Railway Cons and Op Coy RE**. (Detachment in Palestine active until as late as 31 Jan 1940.) Company with BTNI by Sep 1940 and still there Dec 1941. Served in NW Africa ca. 1943. In Germany ca. 1946.
- 9<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Shorncliffe; mobilized with 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division; relieved 16 Feb 1940 and assigned 48<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Infantry Division; relieved 12 Nov 1941. Assigned 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade Group 8 Dec 1941 (brigade redesignated 10 Dec 1941 as 1<sup>st</sup> AL Brigade); relieved 18 Jun 1942 and assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division 19 Jun 1942. Redesignated as **9<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE (Airborne)**. *Redesignated 26 Mar 1945 as 9<sup>th</sup> Airborne Sqn RE.*
- 10<sup>th</sup> Railway Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Longmoor (GHQ). Mobilized 3 Sep 1939, served with BEF 1939-40. Located at El Daba in Egypt by Oct 1940, when it was replaced and moved to the Sudan. Later designated **10<sup>th</sup> Railway Cons and Op Coy RE** and later (by 1943) **10<sup>th</sup> Railway Cons Coy RE**. Sent to Italy mid Oct 1943 [under 1212 RW Cons Group]. Remained in Italy to ca. 1946, then relocated to Egypt.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Aldershot; mobilized with 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division; relieved 4 May 1940 and assigned 44<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Infantry Division; relieved 26 Nov 1942 and assigned XXX CTRE. Disbanded Aug 1946.

<sup>50</sup> In 1939-40 (and probably somewhat later), field companies were restyled army field companies if with corps troops or various GHQ troops, and field park companies were corps field park companies if with corps troops. (They would then drop the “army” or “corps” appellation if assigned to a division or brigade.) This practice seems to have abated by 1943, and in 1944-45 it appears that most such companies were simply field companies and field park companies. This is generally reflected in the details for each company, but all such changes may not be noted, especially as to date.

- 12<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Palestine; mobilized with 8<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division; relieved 8 Feb 1940. Assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 20 May to 7 Jun 1940. With XIII Corps Dec 1940. Assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 5 Mar to 6 Apr 1941. Supported 22<sup>nd</sup> Guards Brigade 15-17 May 1941 in Operation BATTLEAXE (less section under 4<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade). Returned to 6<sup>th</sup> [later 70<sup>th</sup>] Infantry Division 10 Jul 1941 to 29 Apr 1943. Served with 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade in the Arakan 30 Apr to 14 Jun 1943, moving at the end to Bangalore. Reassigned to 70<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 15 Jun to 24 Oct 1943. Assigned to Special Force from Oct 1943 and moved to Jhansi. Reorganized 27 Oct 1945 into commando platoons for LRP role. (Platoons moved into Burma 1 Apr 1944 with 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade; returned to India 31 Jul 1944.) Moved to Jhansi 2 Dec 1944 and relieved from Special Force ca. Jan 1945. Assigned 25 Mar 1945 to 44<sup>th</sup> Indian Airborne Division, at Rawalpindi. *Converted May 1945 as 12<sup>th</sup> Para Sqn RE.*
- 13<sup>th</sup> [Corps] Field Survey Coy RE** Raised on the outbreak of war from the Survey Bn. Served with I Corps 1939-40 in BEF. Northern Command Sep 1940. With BTNI in Dec 1941. In Egypt by May 1942 (dropped "Corps" by then). With Ninth Army in Jun 1943. With 15<sup>th</sup> Army Group 1943 - Mar 1944, AFHQ from Mar 1944 (serving in Italy 1943-45). Sent to Palestine.
- 14<sup>th</sup> [Corps] Field Survey Coy RE** Raised on the outbreak of war from the Survey Bn. Served with II Corps 1939-40 in BEF. Relieved after withdrawal from France, and in Eastern Command by Sep 1940. Later dropped "Corps". Assigned First Army 22 Jul 1942 (but did not go to NW Africa?). Assigned Second Army 1944-45. Remained in Germany 1946.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Bulford; mobilized with 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Malta. Stationed on Malta to 28 Nov 1943 when returned to UK. No other information available.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Aldershot; mobilized 3 Sep 1939 with 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division; relieved 2 Nov 1939 and assigned 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.
- 18<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Colchester; mobilized with 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.
- 19<sup>th</sup> [Army] Field Survey Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Fort Southwick, Fareham (GHQ). Mobilized 3 Sep 1939 and served with BEF 1939-40 (LoFC Troops). Served in Iceland Jul 1940 – spring 1941. In Egypt by May 1942 (dropped "Army" by then). 15<sup>th</sup> Army Group from 1943. In the Middle East following the war (reformed?).
- 19<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Served with I Corps from ca. Jul 1943<sup>51</sup>. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 20<sup>th</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Aden. (Detachment worked in Berbera, British Somaliland in Feb 1941 after its capture.) Redesignated by Mar 1943 as **20<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE**<sup>52</sup>. Assigned 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Division 26 Mar 1943. Disbanded 1946.
- 21<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Aldershot; mobilized with 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Hong Kong. Served in Hong Kong until lost there 25 Dec 1941.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Aldershot; mobilized with 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.
- 24<sup>th</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Tigne, Malta. Served in Malta. Redesignated 20 Jan 1943 as **24<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE**. Moved to N Africa Aug 1943. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- [Number 25 not used or unknown]
- 26<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Aldershot; mobilized with 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division; relieved 28 Feb 1940 and assigned 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division; relieved 12 Jun 1940 when lost in France. Reformed by Sep 1940. Assigned 24<sup>th</sup> Guards Brigade Group 21 Nov 1940; relieved 29 Oct 1942. Assigned 33<sup>rd</sup> Guards Brigade Group 10 Nov 1942; relieved 27 Sep 1943. *Converted ca. Oct 1943 as 26<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE.*
- 27<sup>th</sup> Railway Coy RE** Formed ca. 1939 and served with BEF. Later **27<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE**. With 24<sup>th</sup> AGRE in 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+?
- [Number 28 not used or unknown]

<sup>51</sup> It is not clear if the 19<sup>th</sup> Field Survey Coy RE was placed in suspended animation or converted to a normal field company; otherwise, the duplication of numbers is unexplainable. However, I CTRE is shown in the RE History as having the 19<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE from 1943.

<sup>52</sup> Joslen shows the 20<sup>th</sup> Fortress Coy RE remaining in Aden throughout the war, but also shows a 20<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE assigned 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division 26 Mar 1943. This is another duplication of numbers that makes no sense, and it seems more likely that the company in Aden was disbanded or converted.

- 29<sup>th</sup> Railway Survey Coy RE** Regular, at Longmoor as 29<sup>th</sup> RW Survey Section. Expanded to company after mobilization. Served with BEF 1939-40. Under WO Reserve in Dec 1941. With First Army by Feb 1943. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 30<sup>th</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Singapore Fortress. Served in Malaya until lost there 15 Feb 1942.
- 31<sup>st</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Ceylon. Served in Ceylon until disbanded there 15 May 1941.
- 32<sup>nd</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Gibraltar. Served in Gibraltar throughout the war.  
[Number 33 not used or unknown]
- 34<sup>th</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Singapore Fortress. Served in Malaya until lost there 15 Feb 1942.
- 35<sup>th</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Singapore Fortress. Served in Malaya until lost there 15 Feb 1942. Reformed ca. 1946 in Gold Coast as a cadre.
- 36<sup>th</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Penang, Malaya. Served in Malaya until lost there 15 Feb 1942. Reformed in Nigeria ca. 1945 and disbanded 1946.
- 37<sup>th</sup> Mechanical Equipment Coy RE** With First Army in Feb 1943; no other details available.
- 38<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Aldershot; mobilized with 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division; relieved 29 Jan 1940 and assigned 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division; relieved 7 Apr 1942. (Served with 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade.) Returned to 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 30 Jun 1942.
- 39<sup>th</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Sierra Leone. Remained there throughout the war.
- 40<sup>th</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Hong Kong. Served in Hong Kong until lost there 25 Dec 1941.
- 41<sup>st</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Singapore Fortress. Lost in Malaya 15 Feb 1942.
- 42<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: The Delta, Egypt. Mobilized 3 Sep 1939 in Egypt. Moved to Mersa Matruh Mar 1940 and formed part of garrison there. Arrived in Crete 6 Nov 1940 (with 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade); came under HQ Creforce 31 Jan 1941. Bulk lost in fighting in Crete 1 Jun 1941. Later reformed, and at Aleppo, Syria by Mar 1942 when relieved. With Eighth Army in Jun 1943. Assigned 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Division 9 Jul 1943; relieved 3 Jan 1944. Served in Italy 1943-45 (with 23<sup>rd</sup> Armoured Brigade Group; X Corps in early 1944; later LofC and Army Troops; V Corps and 2<sup>nd</sup> Commando Brigade from ca. Apr 1945). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 43<sup>rd</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Mauritius. Served in Mauritius until disbanded there 1 Oct 1942.
- 44<sup>th</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Jamaica. Served in Jamaica until disbanded there 31 Oct 1942.
- 45<sup>th</sup> Fortress Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: The Delta, Egypt (ex Haifa, Palestine). Mobilized 3 Sep 1939 in Egypt. Base Engineer Command Dec 1940. In Jan 1941 under Canal LofC Area, Egypt. Presumably remained in Egypt, but no other information available.  
[Numbers 46 to 53 not used or unknown]
- 54<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: The Delta, Egypt (serving as Fortress Coy?). Mobilized 3 Sep 1939 in Egypt. At El Daba (under Command Troops, Delta from 30 Sep 1939). (Alerted for movement to Rumania Oct 1939 but did not go.) Sailed to Kilia in Dardanelles May 1940, but back in Egypt Jun 1940. Under XIII Corps Jan 1941. Assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 6 Mar to 7 Apr 1941. Returned to 6<sup>th</sup> [later 70<sup>th</sup>] Infantry Division 11 Aug 1941 to 24 Oct 1943. Moved to Jhansi Sep 1943 and assigned to Special Force Oct 1943 [reorganized 10 Sep 1943 into commando platoons for LRP role]. (Platoons moved into Burma Mar 1944 with 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade; all back in Bangalore, India Sep 1944.) Presumably relieved from Special Force ca. Jan 1945 when it was officially dissolved. Moved to Calcutta 14 Apr 1945 and Rangoon 14 May 1945; embarked for India 2 Jun 1945. Arrived in Poona and assigned 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 22 Jun 1945. Disbanded ca. 1946.
- 55<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Catterick Camp; mobilized 3 Sep 1939 in UK as GHQ unit. Sent to Norway 4 Apr 1940 (serving at Aandalsnes and Namsos); withdrawn 3 Jun 1940. Assigned 55<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 18 Jul 1940; relieved 22 Jan 1943. No other information available.

**56<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Lydda Area, Palestine (GHQ; had been under 7<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division to 31 Aug 1939). Mobilized as GHQ unit in Palestine. In Lydda Area through at least 31 Jan 1940; later under Command Troops, Palestine and Force Troops, Palestine. With Tenth Army ca. 1942. With XIII Corps in Italy 1943-45 (possibly as 56<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Number 57 not used or unknown]

**58<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Regular at Porton Down, as 58<sup>th</sup> (*Chem Defence*) Coy RE; mobilized 3 Sep 1939 and retitled. With BEF 1939-40 and then Home Forces (assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Arrived in India 11 Jun 1942. Arrived at Deolali; moved to Madras 6 Oct 1942 (u/c Madras District), to Deolali 15 Nov 1942, and Chittagong 24 Jan 1943 (with 1<sup>st</sup> Chem Warfare Group again). Converted 1 May 1943 as **58<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE**. Moved to Ranchi 11 Jun 1943 (u/c CRE XV Indian Corps), to Golaghnat, Assam 4 Jul 1943 (u/c CRE GREF Troops), to Palel 19 Oct 1943, to Shillong 31 May 1944 (came u/c CRE 458<sup>th</sup> GHQ Tps IE 5 Oct 1944). Absorbed personnel 62<sup>nd</sup> Field Sqn RE Nov 1944 and reorganized as **58<sup>th</sup> Mech Equipt Coy RE**. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**59<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Regular; 3 Sep 1939: Canterbury; mobilized with 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

[Number 60 not used or unknown]

**61<sup>st</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** With BEF and then Home Forces 1940 (assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Relieved sometime after Dec 1941. Converted later as **61<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE**. Assigned 55<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 30 Oct 1943; relieved 7 Jul 1944. Any further service unknown; presumably disbanded later.

**62<sup>nd</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** With BEF and then Home Forces 1940 (assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Arrived in India 11 Jun 1942. Arrived at Deolali; moved to Bombay 20 Oct 1942, Madras 25 Jan 1943 (u/c 25<sup>th</sup> Indian Infantry Division 6 Mar 1943; u/c 164<sup>th</sup> LofC Sub Area 16 Mar 1943). *Converted 1 May 1943 as 62<sup>nd</sup> Field Sqn RE.*

[Number 63 not used or unknown]

**64<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 (assigned 2<sup>nd</sup> Chem Warfare Group). Converted later as **64<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** With No 25 AF Cons Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**65<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 (assigned 2<sup>nd</sup> Chem Warfare Group). With Eighth Army in Jun 1943. Converted later as **65<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Normandy Jun 1944 (with 102<sup>nd</sup> Beach Sub-Area). Presumably continued to serve with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**66<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 (assigned 2<sup>nd</sup> Chem Warfare Group). With Eighth Army in 1942 (XXX Corps at El Alamein).<sup>53</sup> Converted later as **66<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE**. Assigned 231<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade Group 1 May to 5 Aug 1943. Any further service unknown; presumably disbanded later.

**67<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 (assigned 2<sup>nd</sup> Chem Warfare Group). Transferred by Dec 1941 to 1<sup>st</sup> Chem Warfare Group. Arrived in India 11 Jun 1942. Arrived Deolali; moved to Thana, Bombay area 25 Sep 1942, to Deolali 20 Oct 1942, to Madras 15 Nov 1942, and to Deolali Dec 1942. Converted 1 May 1943 as **67<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** (and moved then or later to Chittagong). Moved to Ranchi area 11 Jun 1943, to Rowriah, Assam 28 Jun 1943 (u/c CRE 108 Works). Moved to Budni, Central Province, India 24 Sep 1943 and assigned 52<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**68<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 (assigned 3<sup>rd</sup> Chem Warfare Group). With First Army in Dec 1942. (Later a field company?) Any further service unknown; presumably disbanded later.

**69<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 (assigned 3<sup>rd</sup> Chem Warfare Group). Converted later as **69<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Served with 6<sup>th</sup> ATRE 1944-45; Normandy landing [104 Beach Sub-Area]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**70<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 (assigned 3<sup>rd</sup> Chem Warfare Group). Converted later as **70<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Served with 6<sup>th</sup> ATRE 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**71<sup>st</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 4<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group). Converted later as **71<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE**. Served with 7<sup>th</sup> ATRE 1944-45; Normandy landing (under 5<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

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<sup>53</sup> Possibly redesignated by this point as 66<sup>th</sup> Mortar Coy RE.



- 72<sup>nd</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 4<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group). Converted later as **72<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE**. Served with 7<sup>th</sup> ATRE 1944-45 (at Normandy landing). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 73<sup>rd</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 4<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group). Converted later as **73<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy RE**. Served with 7<sup>th</sup> ATRE 1944-45; Normandy landing (under 6<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 74<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 when assigned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE. With British Troops Egypt in Jun 1943. Converted later as **74<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE**. Served in defence of Cos 3-4 Oct 1943. Assigned 18<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE by 1944. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 75<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 3<sup>rd</sup> Chem Warfare Group). Converted later as **75<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE**. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 76<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 4<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group). Converted later as **76<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE**. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 77<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 5<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Converted later as **77<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** (and group reorganized as 5<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE). *Converted ca.. Apr 1943 as 77<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE*.
- 78<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 5<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Converted later as **78<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE**. Served with 16<sup>th</sup> AF Cons Group, 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group, 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 79<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 5<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Converted later as **79<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** (and group reorganized as 5<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE). *Converted ca.. Apr 1943 as 79<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE*
- 80<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 5<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Converted later as **80<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** (and group reorganized as 5<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE). (May have been absent from group summer 1942.) *Converted ca.. Apr 1943 as 80<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE*.
- 81<sup>st</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Converted later as **81<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE** (and group reorganized as 6<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE). *Converted ca.. Apr 1943 as 81<sup>st</sup> Assault Sqn RE*
- 82<sup>nd</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Converted later as **82<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE** (and group reorganized as 6<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE). *Converted ca.. Apr 1943 as 82<sup>nd</sup> Assault Sqn RE*
- 82<sup>nd</sup> WS & Park Coy RE** Presumably formed 1943 or later; with 170 CE Works, Italy, in 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 83<sup>rd</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 7<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). With First Army in Dec 1942. No other known service; disbanded later.
- 84<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 7<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Converted later as **84<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE**. Served with 18<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE 1944-45 (at Normandy landing). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 85<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 7<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Converted later as **85<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE**. Served with 7<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE 1944-45 ( at Normandy landing). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 86<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 5<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). With Eighth Army in 1942. With First Army in Dec 1942. Converted later as **86<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE**. Served with No 23 AF Cons Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 87<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 5<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Probably transferred to 6<sup>th</sup> CW Group by Jul 1942. Converted later as **87<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** (and group redesignated as 6<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE). *Converted ca. Apr 1943 as 87<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE*.
- 88<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 5<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Converted later as **88<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** [type unknown; road construction?]. Served with 23<sup>rd</sup> AF Cons Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 89<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed 1940 (assigned 8<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Converted 1943 as **89<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** (and group reorganized as 8<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE) [Normandy landing (104 Beach Sub-Area)]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 90<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed 1940 (assigned 8<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Converted 1943 as **90<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** (and group reorganized as 8<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE) [Normandy landing (104 Beach Sub-Area)]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

- 91<sup>st</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed 1940 (assigned 8<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Converted 1943 as **91<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE** (and group reorganized as 8<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE) [Normandy landing]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 92<sup>nd</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 9<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). No other details of service known. Disbanded later.
- 93<sup>rd</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 9<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). Converted later as **93<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy RE**. Assigned 47<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Division 20 Apr 1944; relieved 30 Jul 1944. No other details of service known.
- 94<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Coy RE** Formed by Dec 1941 (assigned 9<sup>th</sup> Chem Warfare Group RE). No other details of service known. Disbanded later.
- [Numbers 95 and 96 not used or unknown]
- [Number 97 used by 97<sup>th</sup> Armoured Corps Field Survey Sqn RE. Number later (ca. 1946) given to a company in Palestine, type unknown.]
- [Numbers 98 and 99 not used or unknown]
- 100<sup>th</sup> (Monmouthshire) Army Troops Coy RE** SR (Western Command); 3 Sep 1939: Monmouth (GHQ). Embodied 3 Sep 1939 and redesignated **100<sup>th</sup> (Monmouthshire) Army Field Coy RE**. Served with BEF 1940. Reforming under WO control Sep 1940. Under London Defence Troops RE (redesignated London District Troops RE) Dec 1941. Converted as **100<sup>th</sup> (Monmouthshire) Field Coy RE** and assigned 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 1 Dec 1941; relieved 26 Dec 1942. Served with VIII Corps 1944-45. Transferred to 29<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers 1946.
- 101<sup>st</sup> (Monmouthshire) Army Troops Coy RE** SR (Western Command); 3 Sep 1939: Monmouth (GHQ). Embodied 3 Sep 1939 and redesignated **101<sup>st</sup> (Monmouthshire) Army Field Coy RE**. Served with BEF 1940. Reforming under WO control Sep 1940. Under London Defence Troops RE (redesignated London District Troops RE) Dec 1941. Converted as **101<sup>st</sup> (Monmouthshire) Field Coy RE** and assigned 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 1 Dec 1941; relieved 26 Dec 1942. Served with VIII Corps 1944-45. Transferred to 29<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers 1946.
- 102<sup>nd</sup> (London) Army Tps Coy RE** SR (London District); 3 Sep 1939: Bethnal Green (GHQ). Embodied 3 Sep 1939 and redesignated **102<sup>nd</sup> (London) Army Field Coy RE**. Assigned I Corps by 1940. Relieved ca. Jul 1943, becoming **102<sup>nd</sup> (London) Field Coy RE**; landed in Sicily Jul 1943; served in Italy from 1943, with V Corps 1944; and with 1210<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 103<sup>rd</sup> (Glasgow) Army Tps Coy RE** SR (Scottish Command); 3 Sep 1939: Maryhill, Glasgow (GHQ). Embodied 3 Sep 1939. Served with LofC Troops, BEF 1940. Under Scottish Command in May 1940 and Northern Command in Sep 1940. Under WO Reserve in Dec 1941. Served with First Army 1942-43. With 15<sup>th</sup> Army Group in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 104<sup>th</sup> (East Lancashire) Army Tps Coy RE** SR (Western Command); 3 Sep 1939: Manchester (GHQ). Embodied 3 Sep 1939. Served with LofC Troops, BEF 1940. With Northern Command in Sep 1940. Under WO Reserve in Dec 1941 (temporarily u/c GHQ Reserve, allotted to Northern Command). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 105<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Army Tps Coy RE** SR (Western Command); 3 Sep 1939: Liverpool (GHQ). Embodied 3 Sep 1939. Reorganized as **105<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Corps Field Park Coy RE**; assigned I Corps 1940 and remained with it. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 106<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Army Tps Coy RE** SR (Northern Command); 3 Sep 1939: Doncaster (GHQ). Embodied 3 Sep 1939. Served with LofC Troops BEF 1940. Reforming under WO control Sep 1940. Sent to Middle East by end of Dec 1941. (Worked on Alamein Line in early 1942 as the main unit located there.) Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 107<sup>th</sup> (North Riding) Army Tps Coy RE** SR (Northern Command); 3 Sep 1939: Middlesbrough (GHQ). Embodied 3 Sep 1939. Reorganized as **107<sup>th</sup> (North Riding) Army Field Coy RE**. Assigned I Corps 1940. Relieved, serving in NW African and becoming **107<sup>th</sup> (North Riding) Field Coy RE** with 1210<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 108<sup>th</sup> (Essex) E&M Coy RE** SR; 3 Sep 1939: Chelmsford (GHQ). Embodied 3 Sep 1939. Reorganized as **108<sup>th</sup> (Essex) Corps Field Park Coy RE**. Assigned II Corps 1940; II CTRE disbanded Jul 1943. Converted later as **108<sup>th</sup> (Essex) Field Park Coy RE**. Assigned 55<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 30 Aug 1944. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

- 109th (Glasgow) WS & Park Coy RE** SR (Scottish Command); 3 Sep 1939: Glasgow (GHQ). Embodied 3 Sep 1939. Served with LofC Troops BEF 1940. With BTNI in Sep 1940 and Dec 1941. Served with First Army 1942-43. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 110th (East Lancashire) Army Tps Coy RE** SR (Western Command); 3 Sep 1939 Manchester?; (GHQ). Embodied 3 Sep 1939. Served with LofC Troops BEF 1940. Under Scottish Command in Sep 1940. Under WO Reserve Dec 1941 (allotted to Scottish Command). Later **110th Fd Coy RE**. Served with First Army 1942-43. Served in Italy 1943-44 and in Greece 1944-45 (under III Corps in Greece). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 111th WS & Park Coy RE** Served in Greece Jan 1941. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 112th WS & Park Coy RE** Served in Lebanon from early 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 113th Road Cons Coy RE** Served with LofC Troops BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 114th Road Cons Coy RE** Served with LofC Troops BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). Later converted as **114th WS & Park Coy RE** and also **114th ME WS & Park Coy RE** Detachment with Eighth Army Oct 1942 at Alamein [where shown as 114<sup>th</sup> ME Coy RE]. No other details of service known.
- 115th Road Cons Coy RE** Served with LofC Troops BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). No other details of service known
- 116th Road Cons Coy RE** Served with LofC Troops BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 117th Road Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 118th Road Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). No other details of service known
- 119th Road Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). With First Army in Dec 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45 (was under V Corps in Aug 1944). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 120th Road Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (BTNI). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 121st Road Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). Served in Greece spring 1941 (I Australian Corps). Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 122nd Road Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- [Numbers 123 and 124 not used or unknown]
- 125th E&M Coy RE** Served in Middle East 1941. No other details of service known.
- 126th E&M Coy RE** In Egypt in Jan 1941 (under No. 1 LofC District in Delta, less section under Canal LofC Area). [Also shown as 126<sup>th</sup> ME Co RE in Egypt.] No other details of service known.
- 127th E&M Coy RE** Served in Greece spring 1941. No other details of service known.
- 128th E&M Coy RE (Tyne Electrical Engineers)** Tyne Electrical Engineers converted by Dec 1941 as 128<sup>th</sup> E&M Coy RE (WO Reserve; relieved 1 Jan 1942). No other details of service known.
- 129th Forestry Coy RE** Served with LofC Troops BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 130th Forestry Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). No other details of service known.
- 131st Forestry Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 132nd Forestry Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). No other details of service known.
- [Numbers 133 and 134 not used or unknown]
- 135th Excavator Coy RE** Formed in BEF by early 1940. Later designated **135th ME Coy RE** and with Home Forces by Sep 1940. Under 1<sup>st</sup> ME Unit (WO Reserve) in Dec 1941. With First Army Jul 1942. Served in NW Africa 1942-43. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 136th ME Coy RE** Under BTNI in Dec 1941. With First Army Jul 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 137th ME Coy RE** Under 1<sup>st</sup> ME Unit (WO Reserve) in Dec 1941. With First Army Jul 1942. Served in NW Africa 1942-43. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

- 138<sup>th</sup> ME Coy RE** Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 139<sup>th</sup> ME Coy RE** Under 1<sup>st</sup> ME Unit (WO Reserve) in Dec 1941. Section served in Madagascar May 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45 (with 24<sup>th</sup> AGRE in 1945). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 140<sup>th</sup> ME Workshop & Park Co RE** Under GHQ MEF by Dec 1941. No other details of service known.
- [Numbers 141—144 utilized by field park squadrons RE]
- 145<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE** Formed ca. 1943 by redesignation of 145<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE. With BNAF or 15<sup>th</sup> Army Group in Dec 1943. Disbanded later.
- [Numbers 146—149 utilized by field park squadrons RE]
- 150<sup>th</sup> (London & N.E.) Railway Cons Coy RE** SR; 3 Sep 1939: Cambridge (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Served with BEF 1940. GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. Served in NW Africa 1943 and Italy 1943-45 [No 1 RW Cons & Maint Group]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 151<sup>st</sup> (Great Western) Railway Cons Coy RE** SR; 3 Sep 1939: Paddington Station (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Served with BEF 1940. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 152<sup>nd</sup> (Great Western) Railway Cons Coy RE** SR; 3 Sep 1939: Paddington Station (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Served with BEF 1940. GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. Landed in Sicily Jul 1943. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 153<sup>rd</sup> (London & N.E.) Railway Op Coy RE** SR; 3 Sep 1939: Cambridge (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Served with BEF 1940. Arrived in Persia Feb 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 154<sup>th</sup> (Great Western) Railway Op Coy RE** SR; 3 Sep 1939: Newport (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Served with BEF 1940. With Coastal Defences in South-Eastern Command in Dec 1941. GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. Disembarked in NW Africa 29 Oct 1942; served with First Army under RW Operating Group HQ. In Austria in 1946.
- 155<sup>th</sup> (London, Midland and Scottish) Railway WS Coy RE** SR; 3 Sep 1939: Derby (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Served with BEF 1940. No other information available.
- 156<sup>th</sup> (Southern) Transportation Stores Coy RE** SR; 3 Sep 1939: Lambeth (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Served with BEF 1940. GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 157<sup>th</sup> Railway Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 158<sup>th</sup> Railway Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 159<sup>th</sup> Railway Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Served in Italy from mid Oct 1943 (under 1212 RW Cons Gp). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 160<sup>th</sup> Railway Cons Coy RE** GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. Served with No 1 RW Cons & Maint Group in NW Africa 1942-43 and in Italy 1943-45 (121 RW Cons Gp). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 161<sup>st</sup> Railway Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Served with No 1 RW Cons & Maint Group in NW Africa 1942-43 and in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 162<sup>nd</sup> Railway Cons Coy RE** GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 163<sup>rd</sup> Railway Workshop Coy RE** With First Army in Dec 1942 and served with CMF (probably Italy). Later **163<sup>rd</sup> Railway Cons Coy RE**. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 164<sup>th</sup> Railway Op Coy RE** GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 165<sup>th</sup> Railway Survey Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 166<sup>th</sup> Railway Survey Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 167<sup>th</sup> Railway Bridging Coy RE** GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942.. Later **167<sup>th</sup> Railway Cons Coy RE**. Served in Italy 1943-45?. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 168<sup>th</sup> Railway Cons Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 169<sup>th</sup> Railway Cons Coy RE** Served in Italy 1943-45. Relocated to Egypt following the war, as 169<sup>th</sup> RW Workshop Coy RE.

- 170<sup>th</sup> Tunnelling Coy RE** With BEF 1940 (possibly as railway tunnelling company)<sup>54</sup>. Sep 1940 under Eastern Command. Gibraltar 1941 - ca. 1944. Disbanded later.
- 171<sup>st</sup> Tunnelling Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (Aldershot District). To Malta Feb 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45 (under 156<sup>th</sup> CRE Works in 1945). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 172<sup>nd</sup> Tunnelling Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (Western Command). Gibraltar from summer 1940.
- 173<sup>rd</sup> Railway Tunnelling Coy RE** With BEF 1940 With II Corps Sep 1940. Arrived in Malta Aug 1941. Served in Italy 1943-early 1945. Converted to **173<sup>rd</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE**<sup>55</sup>. Served with 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE in Italy to Jun 1945 and then 20<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE in Greece. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 174<sup>th</sup> WS & Park Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 175<sup>th</sup> WS & Park Coy RE** Landed in Sicily Jul 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45. *Reorganized later as 8<sup>th</sup> Engr Stores Depot [or 8<sup>th</sup> Stores Base Depot]*.
- 176<sup>th</sup> WS & Park Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group [at Normandy (102<sup>nd</sup> Beach Sub-Area)]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- [Number 177 not used or unknown]
- 178<sup>th</sup> Tunnelling Coy RE** Gibraltar summer 1940 - ca. 1944 [or 1941?]. Disbanded later.
- 179<sup>th</sup> Tunnelling Coy RE** Gibraltar summer 1940 - ca. 1941. Returned to the UK and converted later as **179<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE**. Assigned 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 8 Feb 1943; relieved 22 Sep 1943. Presumably disbanded later.
- 180<sup>th</sup> Tunnelling Coy RE** Gibraltar summer 1940 - ca. 1941. Returned to UK and converted later as **180<sup>th</sup> WS & Park Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 181<sup>st</sup> Railway Op Coy RE** GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. No other details on service known.
- 182<sup>nd</sup> Railway Op Coy RE** Served under RW Op Group in NW Africa 1942-43. No other details on service known.
- 183<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45; Normandy landing [104 Beach Sub-Area]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 184<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** With 7<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE [at Normandy landing] and 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- [Number 185 not used or unknown]
- 186<sup>th</sup> Transportation Cons Coy RE** With BEF 1940. [ME Coy in UK summer 1944.] Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 187<sup>th</sup> ME Coy RE** GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- [Number 188 not used or unknown]
- 189<sup>th</sup> Railway Op Coy RE** GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. With First Army by Feb 1943. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 190<sup>th</sup> Railway Op Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Served in Persia (Basra) from Dec 1941 to Jan 1945. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- [Number 191 not used or unknown]
- 192<sup>nd</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- [Numbers 193-195 not used or unknown during the war; however, by 1946 there was a 193<sup>rd</sup> RW Op Coy RE in Palestine]
- 196<sup>th</sup> Transportation Stores Coy RE** With BEF 1940. No other details on service known.
- 197<sup>th</sup> Transportation Stores Coy RE** GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. With 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- [Numbers 198 and 199 not used or unknown]
- 200<sup>th</sup> (East Lancashire) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Manchester; embodied with 42<sup>nd</sup> (East Lancashire) Infantry Division; relieved 18 Oct 1939. Returned to 42<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division 27 Apr 1940; relieved 31 Oct 1941. *Converted 3 Nov 1941 as 16<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE*.
- 201<sup>st</sup> (East Lancashire) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Manchester; embodied with 42<sup>nd</sup> (East Lancashire) Infantry Division; relieved 31 Oct 1941. *Converted 3 Nov 1941 as 17<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE*.

<sup>54</sup> All of the RE tunnelling companies wore a plain red letter 'T' in addition to any other formation sign.

<sup>55</sup> There are also references to this unit as a WS and park company RE and army field park company RE.

- 202<sup>nd</sup> (East Lancashire) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Manchester; embodied with 42<sup>nd</sup> (East Lancashire) Infantry Division; relieved 11 Apr 1940. Assigned 52<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division 7 Jun 1940. Transferred Aug 1946 to 30<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers.
- 203<sup>rd</sup> (East Lancashire) Field Park Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Smethwick; embodied with 42<sup>nd</sup> (East Lancashire) Infantry Division; relieved 31 Oct 1941. *Converted 3 Nov 1941 as 149<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE.* [That unit resumed number 203, as a squadron still, in 1946.]
- 204<sup>th</sup> (Wessex) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Bath; embodied with 43<sup>rd</sup> (Wessex) Infantry Division. Transferred 1946 to 29<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers.
- 205<sup>th</sup> (Wessex) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; Jul 1938: Sep 1939: Weston-super-Mare; embodied (45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division became operational 7 Sep 1939); relieved 15 Dec 1942. Returned to 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 26 Sep 1943; relieved 31 Jul 1944. Assigned 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Infantry Division 1 Aug 1944. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- [206<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE (assigned 43<sup>rd</sup> (Wessex) Division Jul 1938) became No. 2 (206<sup>th</sup>) (EL & Works) Coy, Hampshire Fortress Engineers later that year.]
- 207<sup>th</sup> (Wessex) Field Park Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Bath; embodied with 43<sup>rd</sup> (Wessex) Infantry Division. Transferred 1946 to 29<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers.
- 208<sup>th</sup> (Sussex) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Eastbourne; embodied with 44<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Infantry Division; relieved 4 May 1940 and assigned 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division.
- 209<sup>th</sup> (Sussex) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Brighton; embodied with 44<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Infantry Division; relieved 26 Nov 1942. Assigned Nov 1942 to XXX Corps. Disbanded Aug 1946.
- 210<sup>th</sup> (Sussex) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; Jul 1938: 44<sup>th</sup> Division] 3 Sep 1939: Seaford; embodied with 44<sup>th</sup> (Home Counties) Infantry Division; relieved 26 Nov 1942. Assigned Nov 1942 to XXX Corps. Disbanded Aug 1946.
- 211<sup>th</sup> (Sussex) Field Park Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Worthing; embodied with 44<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division; relieved 26 Nov 1942. With BNAF or 15<sup>th</sup> Army Group in Dec 1943 (as 211<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE). Assigned Nov 1942 to XXX Corps. Disbanded Aug 1946.
- 212<sup>th</sup> (North Midland) Army Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Smethwick; embodied with 46<sup>th</sup> (South Staffordshire) Corps Troops RE). Redesignated **212<sup>th</sup> (North Midland) Army Tps Coy RE**. Served with BEF LofC 1940. Scottish Command Sep 1940 (OSDEF). Under WO Reserve Dec 1941 (attached Western Command). Later **212<sup>th</sup> (North Midland) Field Coy RE**. Served with First Army 1942-43. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 213<sup>th</sup> (North Midland) Army Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Cannock; embodied with 46<sup>th</sup> (North Staffordshire) Corps Troops RE. Assigned III Corps Apr 1940. [Detached May 1940 to 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division and then to Arkforce 9-15 Jun 1940.] Assigned I Corps ca.. Jul 1940; left ca.. Jul 1943. Later served in Italy 1943-45 (under 14<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> GHQ TRE). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 214<sup>th</sup> (North Midland) Army Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Tunstall; embodied with 46<sup>th</sup> (North Staffordshire) Corps Troops RE. Assigned III Corps Apr 1940. Relieved by Dec 1941 (WO Reserve). Converted later as **214<sup>th</sup> (North Midland) Field Coy RE**. With 1<sup>st</sup> Guards Brigade 11 Apr to 7 Aug 1942. Assigned 78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 28 Jun 1942<sup>56</sup>. Disbanded 1946.
- 215<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Smethwick; embodied with 46<sup>th</sup> (South Staffordshire) Corps Troops RE). Northern Command May 1940 (as **215<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE**). Assigned V Corps by Sep 1940 and remained. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 216<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> London) Army Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Bethnal Green; embodied with 1<sup>st</sup> London Corps Troops Engineers. With BEF GHQ Troops 1939-40. Assigned III Corps ca.. Jul 1940. (III CTRE disbanded in Middle East Apr 1942; no details on company.)
- 217<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> London) Army Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Bethnal Green 1<sup>st</sup> London Corps Troops Engineers. Assigned III Apr Corps 1940. (III CTRE disbanded in Middle East Apr 1942; no details on company.)

<sup>56</sup> Note the conflict in dates; however, 1<sup>st</sup> Guards Brigade became part of 78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.

- 218<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> London) Army Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Bethnal Green; embodied with 1<sup>st</sup> London Corps Troops Engineers). Served with BEF LofC 1940 as **218<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> London) Army Tps Coy RE**. With BTNI in Sep 1940 and Dec 1941. At Gibraltar ca.. 1942-44. Arrived in India from UK 21 Apr 1945 and moved to Ranchi area 4 May 1945 (under 101<sup>st</sup> LofC Area). Moved to Gibraltar by 1946.
- 219<sup>th</sup> (London) Field Park Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Bethnal Green; embodied with 1<sup>st</sup> London Corps Troops Engineers). London Area May 1940 (as **219<sup>th</sup> (London) Corps Field Park Coy RE**). Assigned IV Corps ca. Jun 1940. Later again **219<sup>th</sup> (London) Field Park Coy RE**. Assigned 6<sup>th</sup> [later 70<sup>th</sup>] Infantry Division 29 Jul 1941; relieved 24 Oct 1943. Served with Special Force from Nov 1943; redesignated 1 Jan 1944 as 219<sup>th</sup> Special Field Park Coy [dropped "Special" from title 15 Mar 1945]. Arrived in Ranchi area under command of Army Troops. Assigned 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division at Poona 22 Jun 1945. Disbanded 1946.
- 220<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Chelsea; embodied with 1<sup>st</sup> London [later 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry] Division. Disbanded 1946.
- 221<sup>st</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Chelsea (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. As **221<sup>st</sup> Army Field Coy RE** assigned I Corps 1940. Reverted to **221<sup>st</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) Field Coy RE**; assigned 1<sup>st</sup> London [later 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry] Division 3 Jul 1940<sup>57</sup>. Disbanded 1946.
- 222<sup>nd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Chelsea (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. As **222<sup>nd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) Army Field Coy RE** assigned II Corps 1940. Later **222<sup>nd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) Field Coy RE** Assigned 2<sup>nd</sup> London Division [later 47<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Division] 16 Jul 1940; relieved 2 Oct 1943. *Converted ca. Oct 1943 as 222<sup>nd</sup> Assault Sqn RE*.
- 223<sup>rd</sup> (London) Field Park Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Chelsea; embodied with 1<sup>st</sup> London Division; relieved 30 Sep 1939. Served with BEF GHQ Troops 1940. London Defence [later London District] Tps RE Sep 1940 and Dec 1941. Disbanded May 1942.
- 224<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Bristol; embodied with 48<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Infantry Division; relieved 13 Ma 1943. Assigned VIII Corps Troops RE Mar 1943. Disbanded 1946.
- 225<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Birmingham; embodied with 48<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Infantry Division; relieved 16 Feb 1940 and assigned. 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division.
- 226<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Reading; embodied with 48<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Infantry Division. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 227<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Field Park Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Birmingham; embodied with 48<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Infantry Division; relieved 13 Dec 1941. With 6<sup>th</sup> ATRE by 1944. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 228<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Sheffield; embodied with 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Infantry Division; relieved 30 Sep 1939. Served with BEF GHQ Troops 1940. Assigned XI Corps Jun 1940 (as **228<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Army Field Coy RE**). Assigned Jul 1942 to 2<sup>nd</sup> GHQTRE; later with 20<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 229<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Sheffield; embodied with 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Infantry Division; relieved 4 Apr 1940. Served in Norway spring 1940 (left Apr 1940, landed Harstad 15 Apr 1940, evacuated 8 Jun 1940). Assigned XI Corps Jun 1940 (as **229<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Army Field Coy RE**). Assigned Jul 1942 to 2<sup>nd</sup> GHQTRE [with V CTRE in 1944]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 230<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Sheffield; embodied with 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Infantry Division; relieved 4 Apr 1940. Norway spring 1940 (left Apr 1940, landed Harstad 15 Apr 1940, evacuated 8 Jun 1940). Assigned XI Corps Jun 1940 (as **230<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Army Field Coy RE**). Assigned Jul 1942 to 2<sup>nd</sup> GHQTRE. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 231<sup>st</sup> (West Riding) Field Park Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Sheffield; embodied with 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Infantry Division; relieved 4 Apr 1940. (Detachment to Harstad, Norway spring 1940.) Assigned XI Corps by Sep 1940 (as **231<sup>st</sup> (West Riding) Corps Field Park Coy RE**). Assigned Jul 1942 to 2<sup>nd</sup> GHQTRE. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

<sup>57</sup> May have served with V CTRE in 1945, although still officially assigned to 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Division.

- 232<sup>nd</sup> (Northumbrian) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Newcastle-on-Tyne; embodied with 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Division; relieved 20 Jul 1941. Assigned 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Infantry Division 14 Aug 1941; relieved 27 Nov 1941. With 150<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade 27 Nov 1941 to 21 Feb 1942. Assigned 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Infantry Division 22 Feb 1942; destroyed 1 Jun 1942 in North Africa and relieved.
- 233<sup>rd</sup> (Northumbrian) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Jarrow-on-Tyne; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (23<sup>rd</sup> (Northumbrian) Division became operational 21 Oct 1939); relieved 29 Jun 1940. Assigned 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Infantry Division 23 Jun 1940; relieved 30 Nov 1944. 50<sup>th</sup> Division RE became 50<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 234<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Army Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Gateshead-on-Tyne (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Assigned II Corps 1940. (II Corps RE disbanded Jul 1943.) Assigned I Corps ca. Jul 1943. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 235<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Field Park Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA, formed ca. 1939]. 3 Sep 1939: Gateshead-on-Tyne; embodied with 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Infantry Division; relieved 1 Jun 1942<sup>58</sup>. Returned to 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Infantry Division 1 Sep 1942; relieved 30 Nov 1944. 50<sup>th</sup> Division RE became 50<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 236<sup>th</sup> Highland (City of Aberdeen) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Aberdeen; embodied with 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division; relieved 12 Jun 1940 when destroyed in France<sup>59</sup>. Later reformed. Assigned 29<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Group 16 Jul 1940; relieved 25 Jan 1943 and assigned 26 Jan 1943 to 36<sup>th</sup> Indian Division [division redesignated 36<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 1 Sep 1944]. Disbanded 1946.
- 237<sup>th</sup> Highland (City of Dundee) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; Jul 1938: 51<sup>st</sup> Division] 3 Sep 1939: Dundee; embodied with 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division; relieved 12 Jun 1940 when destroyed in France<sup>60</sup>. Later reformed. Assigned 31<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade Group 20 Jul 1940; relieved 5 Aug 1941. Assigned WO Reserve 20 Dec 1941. Assigned 78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 22 Jun 1942. Disbanded 1946.
- 238<sup>th</sup> Highland (Coy. of Renfrew) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Paisley; embodied with 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division; relieved 29 Feb 1940 and assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.
- 239<sup>th</sup> (Highland) Field Park Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Aberdeen; embodied with 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division; relieved 12 Jun 1940 when lost in France<sup>61</sup>. Reformed by 7 Aug 1940 and assigned 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division. Disbanded 1946.
- 240<sup>th</sup> (Lowland) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Coatbridge; embodied with 52<sup>nd</sup> (Lowland) Infantry Division; relieved 20 Sep 1939. As **240<sup>th</sup> (Lowland) Army Field Coy RE** assigned II Corps 1940. (II Corps RE disbanded Jul 1943.) Later **240<sup>th</sup> (Lowland) Field Coy RE**. Assigned I Corps ca. Jul 1943. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 241<sup>st</sup> (Lowland) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Motherwell; embodied with 52<sup>nd</sup> (Lowland) Infantry Division. Transferred Aug 1946 to 30<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers.
- 242<sup>nd</sup> (Lowland) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Rutherglen; embodied with 52<sup>nd</sup> (Lowland) Infantry Division; relieved 19 Oct 1939. With BEF GHQ Troops 1940. Assigned X Corps ca. Jun 1940 (as 242<sup>nd</sup> Army Field Coy RE). (X CTRE became IX CTRE 4 Apr 1941; IX CTRE became 16<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE, and in early 1945 served as X CTRE). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 243<sup>rd</sup> (Lowland) Field Park Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Rutherglen; embodied with 52<sup>nd</sup> (Lowland) Infantry Division. Transferred Aug 1946 to 30<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Engineers.
- 244<sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; Jul 1938: 53<sup>rd</sup> Division] 3 Sep 1939: Swansea; embodied with 53<sup>rd</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division.
- 245<sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Neath; embodied with 53<sup>rd</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division; relieved 8 Oct 1939 and sent to France as part of Force 'X'. Assigned 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 29 Dec 1939.
- 246<sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Cardiff (GHQ, intended for 38<sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division, but attached 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division). Embodied 3 Sep 1939 and assigned 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.

<sup>58</sup> By inference, company lost with 150<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade during Gazala battles and reformed.

<sup>59</sup> Or transferred 9 Jun 1940 to Arkforce and withdrawn later that month from France?

<sup>60</sup> Or transferred 9 Jun 1940 to Arkforce and withdrawn later that month from France?

<sup>61</sup> Or transferred 9 Jun 1940 to Arkforce and withdrawn later that month from France?



- 247<sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Field Park Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Goreinon; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (38<sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division became operational 18 Sep 1939); relieved 12 Dec 1941. Assigned V Corps Dec 1941. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 248<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Bedford; embodied with 54<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Infantry Division; relieved 16 Sep 1939 and assigned 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division; relieved 2 Nov 1939 and assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division.
- 249<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Luton; embodied with 54<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Infantry Division; relieved 20 May 1943. Assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division 7 Jun 1943 and redesignated **249<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Field Coy RE (Airborne)**. Disbanded ca. 1946.
- 250<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Cambridge (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Assigned 54<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Infantry Division 20 Sep to 20 Oct 1939. Assigned 42<sup>nd</sup> (East Lancashire) Infantry Division 14 May 1940; relieved 14 Oct 1941. Under Northern Command Nov 1941 to 5 Dec 1941; at Catterick 31 Dec 1941. Assigned 76<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 6 Feb 1942; relieved 18 Aug 1944. Assigned 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Res) Division 1 Sep 1944. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 251<sup>st</sup> (East Anglian) Field Park Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Norwich; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division became operational 30 Sep 1939). Lost in Malaya 15 Feb 1942.
- 252<sup>nd</sup> (West Lancashire) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: St. Helens (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Assigned 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 29 Dec 1939.
- 253<sup>rd</sup> (West Lancashire) Field Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: St. Helens (GHQ, but attached 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division). Embodied 3 Sep 1939 and assigned 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.
- 254<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Field Park Coy RE** 1<sup>st</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Liverpool (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Assigned 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 29 Dec 1939.
- 255<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Manchester; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (66<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division became operational 27 Sep 1939); relieved 23 Jun 1940. Assigned X Corps ca. Jun 1940 (as 255<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE). (X CTRE became IX CTRE 4 Apr 1941; IX CTRE became 16<sup>th</sup> GHQ TRE, and in early 1945 served as X CTRE). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 256<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Manchester; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (66<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division became operational 27 Sep 1939); relieved 23 Jun 1940. Assigned X Corps by Sep 1940 (as 256<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE); relieved ca. Apr 1941. In WO Reserve in Dec 1941. Assigned 78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 22 Jun 1942. Disbanded 1946.
- 257<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Manchester (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Assigned 66<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 19 Dec 1939; relieved 23 Jun 1940 and assigned 59<sup>th</sup> (Staffordshire) Infantry Division. Relieved 22 Aug 1944. 59<sup>th</sup> Div RE became 59<sup>th</sup> GHQ TRE. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 258<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Manchester; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (66<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division became operational 27 Sep 1939); relieved 23 Jun 1940. Later reorganized as **258<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE**. Assigned X Corps ca. Jun 1940; relieved by Jun 1941. (X CTRE became IX CTRE 4 Apr 1941; IX CTRE became 16<sup>th</sup> GHQ TRE, and in early 1945 served as X CTRE). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 259<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Uffculme; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division became operational 7 Sep 1939); relieved 22 Dec 1943. Assigned 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 25 Apr 1944; relieved 21 Jul 1944. Assigned 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Infantry Division 1 Aug 1944; relieved 22 Aug 1944. Assigned 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Infantry Division 15 Aug 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 260<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Chippenham; embodied with 43<sup>rd</sup> (Wessex) Infantry Division. Disbanded 1946.
- 261<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Uffculme; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division became operational 7 Sep 1939); relieved 6 Jan 1942 (?). Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division 15 Dec 1941 (?)<sup>62</sup> and redesignated **261<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE (Airborne)**. *Redesignated 26 Mar 1945 as 261<sup>st</sup> Airborne Park Sqn RE.*
- 262<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Hastings; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (12<sup>th</sup> (Eastern) Infantry Division became operational 7 Oct 1939); relieved 10 Jul 1940. (Sent 100 men to defence of Boulogne 22-23 May 1940.) Relieved 10 Jul 1940. Assigned XII Corps by Sep 1940 and remained [at Normandy landing (under 3<sup>rd</sup> Canadian Division)]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

<sup>62</sup> The conflict in dates cannot be reconciled as it exists in Joslen.

- 263<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Eastbourne; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (12<sup>th</sup> (Eastern) Infantry Division became operational 7 Oct 1939); relieved 10 Jul 1940. Assigned XII Corps by Sep 1940 and remained [at Normandy landing (under 5<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE)]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 264<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Lewes; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (12<sup>th</sup> (Eastern) Infantry Division became operational 7 Oct 1939); relieved 10 Jul 1940. Assigned XII Corps by Sep 1940. Transferred Dec 1941 to VIII Corps and Jul 1942 to 2<sup>nd</sup> GHQ TRE. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 265<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Eastbourne; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (12<sup>th</sup> (Eastern) Infantry Division became operational 7 Oct 1939); relieved 10 Jul 1940. Assigned XII Corps by Sep 1940 and remained (initially as 265<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 266<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Olton; embodied with 61<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 267<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Olton; embodied with 61<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 268<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Olton (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Assigned 61<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division 31 Dec 1939. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 269<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Olton (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Assigned 61<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division 18 Jan 1940. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 270<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Sheffield; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division became operational 2 Oct 1939). Disbanded 1946.
- 271<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Sheffield; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division became operational 2 Oct 1939). Disbanded 1946.
- 272<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Sheffield; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division became operational 2 Oct 1939). Disbanded 1946.
- 273<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Sheffield; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division became operational 2 Oct 1939). Disbanded 1946.
- 274<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Alness; embodied with 9<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division; relieved 7 Aug 1940 and assigned 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division. Disbanded 1946.
- 275<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Stromness; embodied with 9<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division; relieved 7 Aug 1940 and assigned 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division. Disbanded 1946.
- 276<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Paisley; embodied with 9<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division; relieved 7 Aug 1940 and assigned 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division. Disbanded 1946.
- 277<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Dundee; embodied with 9<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division; relieved 6 Aug 1940. BTNI by Sep 1940. Assigned I Corps 13 Dec 1941. Later transferred to 7<sup>th</sup> ATRE. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 278<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Ballieston; embodied with 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division. Disbanded 1946.
- 279<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Bellshill; embodied with 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division; relieved 9 Feb 1940. (Sent to Orkneys/Shetlands, or to France?) Assigned 15<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 12 Jul 1940. Disbanded 1946.
- 280<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Bishopbriggs; embodied with (Scottish) 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division; relieved 15 Dec 1942. Assigned XII Corps ca. Dec 1942 [at Normandy landing (under 6<sup>th</sup> Assault Regt RE)]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 281<sup>st</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Rutherglen; embodied with 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division; relieved 12 Jan 1942. Assigned 78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 28 Jun 1942. Disbanded 1946.
- 282<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Port Talbot; embodied with 53<sup>rd</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division.
- 283<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Barry; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (38<sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division became operational 18 Sep 1939); relieved 2 Feb 1944. Assigned 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Infantry Division 25 Aug 1944. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 284<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Cardiff; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (38<sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division became operational 18 Sep 1939); relieved 6 Oct 1943. *Converted Oct 1943 as 284<sup>th</sup> Assault Sqn RE.*

- 285<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Goreinon; embodied with 53<sup>rd</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division.
- 286<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Bedford; embodied 3 Sep 1939 and assigned 54<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Infantry Division 4 Sep 1939; relieved 20 May 1943. Reorganized as **286<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE (Airborne)** and assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Airborne Division 7 Jun 1943. *Redesignated 286<sup>th</sup> Airborne Park Sqn summer 1945.*
- 287<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Cambridge; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division became operational 30 Sep 1939). Lost in Malaya 15 Feb 1942.
- 288<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Norwich; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division became operational 30 Sep 1939). Lost in Malaya 15 Feb 1942.
- 289<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Luton; embodied 3 Sep 1939 and assigned 54<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Infantry Division 4 Sep 1939; relieved 2 Mar 1942. Assigned 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Infantry Division 26 Apr 1942. Disbanded 1946.
- 290<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Rowley Regis; embodied with 46<sup>th</sup> (South Staffordshire) CTRE. To BEF 1940 as **290<sup>th</sup> (Staffordshire) Army Tps Coy RE**. Aldershot Command by Sep 1940. In the Middle East by Dec 1941. With Ninth Army in Jun 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 291<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Walsall; embodied with 46<sup>th</sup> (South Staffordshire) CTRE. To BEF 1940 as **291<sup>st</sup> (South Staffordshire) Army Tps Coy RE**. Northern Command by Sep 1940. In WO Reserve (attached London District) in Dec 1941. With First Army in Dec 1942 and AFHQ Feb 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 292<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: The Potteries; embodied with 46<sup>th</sup> (North Staffordshire) CTRE. Western Command by May 1940 (as **292<sup>nd</sup> Army Field Coy RE**). Arrived in N Africa late 1940. To Greece Nov 1941. No other information available.
- 293<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Stafford (GHQ); embodied with 46<sup>th</sup> (North Staffordshire) CTRE. Assigned III Corps Apr 1940 as **293<sup>rd</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE**. (III Corps RE disbanded Apr 1942 in the Middle East; no other information on company.)
- 294<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Barnett; embodied with 2<sup>nd</sup> London Corps Troops RE. London Area May 1940 (as **294<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE**). Later again **294<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE**. Iceland (Alabaster Force) 23 Jun 1940 to Apr 1942. Assigned 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Infantry Division 26 Apr 1942. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 295<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Barnett; embodied with 2<sup>nd</sup> London Corps Troops RE. London Area May 1940 (as **295<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE**). Assigned IV Corps ca. Jun 1940. Later **295<sup>th</sup> Army Tps Coy RE**. Arrived in N Africa ca. Dec 1940. In Egypt by Jan 1941. Later **295<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** and sent to N Africa; under Cairo Base Sub-Area end of Jan 1941. Under Tobruk Fortress Apr-Nov 1941. In Cyprus in Dec 1941. With Eighth Army 1942. (Two sub-sections under Force 'A' in Tobruk Raid 13 Sep-13 Nov 1942.) Assigned 231<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade Group 7 Aug 1942;<sup>63</sup> relieved 22 Sep 1943 and assigned 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Infantry Division 23 Sep 1943; relieved 30 Nov 1944. 50<sup>th</sup> Division RE became 50<sup>th</sup> GHQ TRE. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 296<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Barnett; embodied with 2<sup>nd</sup> London Corps Troops RE. London Area May 1940 (as **296<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE**). Arrived in N Africa ca. Dec 1940. To Cyprus May 1941. With Eighth Army Troops for Operation CRUSADER Nov 1941 and Gazala May 1942. (One sub-section under Force 'A' in Tobruk Raid 13 Sep-13 Nov 1942.) No other information available.
- 297<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; embodied with 2<sup>nd</sup> London Corps Troops RE. London Area May 1940 (as **297<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE**). Later again **297<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** and with Kent CTRE by Sep 1940. (Kent CTRE became III (Kent) CTRE, then 1<sup>st</sup> (Kent) GHQ TRE and finally 15<sup>th</sup> (Kent) GHQ TRE [at Normandy landing (102<sup>nd</sup> Beach Sub-Area)]). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 298 and 299 not used or unknown]

[Companies numbered from 300-469 were AA searchlight units; many were AA companies RE, others were companies in converted infantry battalions (still retaining their infantry designations), and some were searchlight batteries RA. All of these were numbered in one sequence, and all were transferred 1 Aug 1940

<sup>63</sup> However, also shown as attached 23<sup>rd</sup> Armoured Brigade at Alamein, Oct 1942, as an army field company.

to the RA as searchlight batteries. Numbers 470-472 seem not to have been used for searchlight units either by the RE or RA.]

[Numbers 473-500 were not used or unknown]

**501<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Chelsea; embodied with 2<sup>nd</sup> London Division; relieved 7 Sep 1939 and assigned 1<sup>st</sup> London [later 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry] Division; relieved 18 Mar 1943. With 168<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Brigade 9 Apr 1943, then assigned 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Infantry Division 27 Apr 1943; relieved 10 Oct 1943. Assigned 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Division 13 Oct 1943. Disbanded 1946.

**502<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: New Barnett; embodied with 2<sup>nd</sup> London [later 47<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry] Division; relieved 4 Jan 1943. Assigned 80<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Res) Division 6 Jan 1943; relieved 31 Aug 1944 and assigned 1 Sep 1944 to 38<sup>th</sup> (Res) Infantry Division. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**503<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: New Barnett; embodied with 2<sup>nd</sup> London [later 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry] Division; relieved 29 Nov 1941. Under London District RE in Dec 1941. Later **503<sup>rd</sup> Army Field Coy RE**. Later assigned 14<sup>th</sup> GHTRE. Later converted as **503<sup>rd</sup> WS Coy RE**. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**504<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: New Barnett; embodied with 2<sup>nd</sup> London [later 47<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry] Division; relieved 31 Jan 1942. Disbanded later.

**505<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Newcastle-on-Tyne; embodied with 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Division; relieved 30 Nov 1944. 50<sup>th</sup> Division RE became 50<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**506<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Newcastle-on-Tyne (GHQ); embodied 3 Sep 1939. Assigned 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 29 Dec 1939; relieved 29 Jan 1940 and assigned 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division. (Considered assigned to 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Group 1 Nov 1942 to 1 Jun 1943.) Relieved 18 Apr 1945 and assigned next day to 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade. (Brigade and the company later returned to 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Division.)

**507<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Newcastle-on-Tyne; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (23<sup>rd</sup> (Northumbrian) Division became operational 2 Oct 1939); relieved 29 Jun 1940. Under London Defence Tps RE Sep 1940. Assigned 148<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade Group 29 Nov 1940; relieved 24 Jul 1942. Assigned 47<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry Division 24 Sep 1943; relieved 30 Jul 1944. Assigned 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Res) Division 29 Jan 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**508<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; [TA, formed ca. 1939]. 3 Sep 1939: Newcastle-on-Tyne; embodied 3 Sep 1939 (23<sup>rd</sup> (Northumbrian) Division became operational 2 Oct 1939); relieved 29 Jun 1940. London Defence Tps RE Sep 1940. Assigned VIII Corps by Feb 1941. *Converted 10 Sep 1942 as 508<sup>th</sup> Field Park Sqn RE*. That unit converted back to 508<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE 1943 and returned to VIII Corps. Disbanded 1946.

**509<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: Liverpool; embodied with 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Division; relieved 10 Jan 1940 and assigned 59<sup>th</sup> (Staffordshire) Infantry Division 11 Jan 1940; relieved 22 Aug 1944. 59<sup>th</sup> Division RE became 59<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE [operated in support of commandos Nov 1944 at Walcheren]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**510<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; [TA, formed ca. 1939]. 3 Sep 1939: (location?); embodied with 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Division; relieved 1 Mar 1940 and assigned 59<sup>th</sup> (Staffordshire) Infantry Division 2 Mar 1940; relieved 22 Aug 1944. 59<sup>th</sup> Division RE became 59<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE [operated in support of commandos Nov 1944 at Walcheren]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**511<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** 2<sup>nd</sup> line TA; 3 Sep 1939: (location?); embodied with 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Division; relieved 30 Dec 1939 and assigned 59<sup>th</sup> (Staffordshire) Infantry Division; relieved 22 Aug 1944. 59<sup>th</sup> Division RE became 59<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**512<sup>th</sup> [Army] Field Survey Coy RE** In Egypt Mar 1940. Detachment served in Greece 1941. Under Tenth Army in 1942. Later dropped "Army". No other details on service.

[Number 513 not used or unknown]

**514<sup>th</sup> [Corps] Field Survey Coy RE** Served with III Corps spring 1940. In Sudan ca. Jan 1941. Later dropped "Corps". With Eighth Army Troops for Operation CRUSADER Nov 1941. Western Desert 1941-42 (Eighth Army to Jul 1942, then GHQ ME). With Ninth Army in Jun 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45 (Eighth Army Dec 1943; AFHQ from summer 1944). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**515<sup>th</sup> [Corps] Field Survey Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (BTNI); still there Dec 1941. Later dropped "Corps". Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

- 516<sup>th</sup> [Corps] Field Survey Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (Southern Command) still there Dec 1941. Later dropped "Corps". With First Army 1942-43. Served in Italy 1943-45 (AFHQ). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 517<sup>th</sup> [Corps] Field Survey Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (Western Command). Served in Greece spring 1941 (I Australian Corps). With Ninth Army 1941. Later dropped "Corps". Served with Eighth Army 1942-Dec 1943 and 15<sup>th</sup> Army Group from Dec 1943 [attached U.S. Fifth Army in 1944]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 518<sup>th</sup> [Corps] Field Survey Coy RE** With Scottish Command in Dec 1941. Served with First Army 1942-43. Later dropped "Corps". Served in Italy 1943-45 (AFHQ; Eighth Army from summer 1944). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 519<sup>th</sup> [Corps] Field Survey Coy RE** With Scottish Command Dec 1941. Later dropped "Corps". Served with Second Army 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 520<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Survey Coy RE** With Western Command Dec 1941. No other details on service.
- 521<sup>st</sup> [Corps] Field Survey Coy RE** With Northern Command Aug 1941 and Dec 1941. Later dropped "Corps". Served with Second Army 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- [Numbers 522 and 523 not used or unknown]
- 524<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Survey Coy RE** Under British Troops Egypt in Jun 1943. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded.
- [Numbers 525-529 not used or unknown]
- 530<sup>th</sup> Army Tps Coy RE** No further information.
- [Numbers 531-539 not used or unknown]
- 540<sup>th</sup> (Renfrewshire) E&M Coy RE** Formed 5 Dec 1941 from Renfrewshire Fortress Engineers (WO Reserve). Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 541<sup>st</sup> E&M Coy RE** Formed 13 Dec 1941 from North Riding Fortress Engineers (WO Reserve). With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 542<sup>nd</sup> E&M Coy RE** Formed after Dec 1941 East Riding Fortress Engineers. With First Army in Dec 1942 and AFHQ in Feb 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 543<sup>rd</sup> E&M Coy RE** Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 544<sup>th</sup> (Palestinian) E&M Coy RE** Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 545<sup>th</sup> E&M Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- [Numbers 546-548 not used or unknown]
- 549<sup>th</sup> E&M Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 550<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Coy RE** Listed in Middle East 1941; no other information.
- 551<sup>st</sup> Army Tps Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 when nominated for overseas service. Arrived in N Africa ca. Dec 1940. In Egypt by Jan 1941 (under Cairo Base Sub-Area by end of month). As corps unit destroyed installations in retreat to Egyptian frontier. With Tobruk Fortress Apr –Nov 1941. With Eighth Army at Gazala May 1942, and again in Feb 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 552<sup>nd</sup> Army Tps Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 when nominated for overseas service. As corps unit destroyed installations in retreat to Egyptian frontier. With Eighth Army Troops for Operation CRUSADER Nov 1941. Served in N Africa 1942-43. (Helped repair Tripoli port Jan 1943 under Eighth Army.) No other details on service.
- 553<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 43<sup>rd</sup> (Wessex) Infantry Division 13 Jan 1940. Disbanded 1946.
- 554<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 52<sup>nd</sup> (Lowland) Infantry Division 7 Dec 1939. Disbanded 1946.
- 555<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 53<sup>rd</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division 30 Dec 1939.
- 556<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 54<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Infantry Division 4 Jan 1940; relieved 29 Dec 1941 and assigned 30 Dec 1941 to 76<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division; relieved 10 Jan 1943 and assigned 11 Jan 1943 to 77<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division; relieved 18 Oct 1943. Disbanded later.
- 557<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Infantry Division 27 Dec 1939; relieved 4 Oct 1943. *Converted Oct 1943 as 557th Assault Sqn RE.*
- 558<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Infantry Division 27 Dec 1939; relieved 7 Dec 1941). Assigned IX Corps by Jul 1942. (IX CTRE became 16<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE, and in early 1945 served as X CTRE). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 559<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** It would seem that this should be the number of the company assigned 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Infantry Division 27 Dec 1939; relieved 7 Dec 1941) [see 599<sup>th</sup>].

- 560<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 18<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 15 Dec 1939. Lost in Malaya 15 Feb 1942.
- 561<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 38<sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division 30 Dec 1939; relieved 24 Nov 1941. Later reorganized as **561<sup>st</sup> Army Field Coy RE**. Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> ATRE Jul 1942. (1<sup>st</sup> redesignated 1943 as 8<sup>th</sup> ATRE.) Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 562<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 45<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 1 Jan 1940; relieved 8 Dec 1941. Later **562<sup>nd</sup> Army Field Coy RE**. Served with 20<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE in Italy to Jun 1945 and then in Greece. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 563<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE** Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> London [later 56<sup>th</sup> (London) Infantry] Division 15 Jan 1940. Disbanded 1946.
- 564<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE** With V Corps Jun 1940, and remained through 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 565<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE** With V Corps Jun 1940, and remained through 1945 Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 566<sup>th</sup> Army Tps Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (Western Command). In the Middle East by Dec 1941. With Eighth Army Troops for Operation CRUSADER Nov 1941 and Gazala May 1942. With Eighth Army in Oct 1942 and Jun 1943. (On Sicily in Nov 1943.) Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 567<sup>th</sup> Army Tps Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (Western Command). In the Middle East by Dec 1941 (Ninth Army). Served in Italy 1943-45 (with "E" GHQTRE, later 156<sup>th</sup> CRE Works in 1945; also had service with 20<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 568<sup>th</sup> Army Tps Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (Eastern Command). Under GHQ Reserve in Dec 1941 (attached to Western Command, then shifted to SE Command). With First Army in Dec 1942, AFHQ in Feb 1943 and BNAF in Jul 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 569<sup>th</sup> Army Tps Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (Eastern Command). Under WO Reserve in Dec 1941 (temporary attached to GHQ Reserve). With BNAF in Jul 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 570<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE** Formed by Jun 1940 from Devon and Cornwall Fortress Engineers and assigned VIII Corps Jun 1940 (became X Corps RE Feb 1941 [served with XXX Corps in 1941]). With Eighth Army Troops for Operation CRUSADER Nov 1941. Also with Eighth Army in Jun 1943. Sent to 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group early 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 571<sup>st</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Formed by Jun 1940 from Devon and Cornwall Fortress Engineers and assigned VIII Corps Jun 1940 (became X Corps RE Feb 1941). (With Eighth Army Troops for Operation CRUSADER Nov 1941.) [Attached 10<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division at El Alamein] ). Sent to 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group early 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 572<sup>nd</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Formed by Jun 1940 from Devon and Cornwall Fortress Engineers and assigned VIII Corps Jun 1940 (became X Corps RE Feb 1941). (With Eighth Army Troops for Operation CRUSADER Nov 1941.) [Attached 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division at El Alamein]. Sent to 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group early 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 573<sup>rd</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Formed by Jun 1940 from Devon and Cornwall Fortress Engineers. Assigned VIII Corps Jun 1940 (became X Corps RE Feb 1941). (With Eighth Army Troops for Operation CRUSADER Nov 1941.) Sent to 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group early 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- [Number 574 not used or unknown]
- 575<sup>th</sup> Army Tps Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 when under training (WO Reserve). Worked on tunnels in Gibraltar 1941 – 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 576<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 from Hampshire Fortress RE as part of Hampshire CTRE. (Hampshire CTRE became IV CTRE Dec 1941; sent to Middle East 1942 to become XIII CTRE.) Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 577<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 from Hampshire Fortress RE as part of Hampshire CTRE. (Hampshire CTRE became IV CTRE Dec 1941; sent to Middle East 1942 to become XIII CTRE.) Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 578<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 from Hampshire Fortress RE as part of Hampshire CTRE. (Hampshire CTRE became IV CTRE Dec 1941; sent to Middle East 1942 to become XIII CTRE.) Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**579<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 from Cinque Ports Fortress RE; under Hampshire Corps Troops RE. (Hampshire CTRE became IV CTRE Dec 1941.) Shifted to VIII Corps in Dec 1941. Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> ATRE Jul 1942. With First Army in Feb 1943. Later reorganized as **579<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE**. Did not shift to 8<sup>th</sup> ATRE; served in Italy from Sep 1943. Served under 14<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE. Served under Land Forces Adriatic Jun 1944, then 20<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE in Italy. From Jun 1945 in Greece with 20<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**580<sup>th</sup> Army Tps Coy RE** Formed from Lancashire Fortress Engineers in Sep 1940 when under training (WO Reserve). Served in Greece spring 1941 as **580<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** (I Australian Corps). In Middle East in Dec 1941. With Eighth Army at Gazala May 1942. No other details on service available.

[Number 581 not used or unknown]

**582<sup>nd</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 from Kent Fortress RE as part of Kent CTRE. (Kent CTRE became III (Kent) CTRE, then 1<sup>st</sup> GHQTRE, and finally 15<sup>th</sup> (Kent) GHQTRE.) Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**583<sup>rd</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 from Kent Fortress RE as part of Kent CTRE. (Kent CTRE became III (Kent) CTRE, then 1<sup>st</sup> GHQTRE, and finally 15<sup>th</sup> (Kent) GHQTRE.) Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**584<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 from Suffolk Fortress RE as part of Kent CTRE. (Kent CTRE became III (Kent) CTRE, then 1<sup>st</sup> GHQTRE, and finally 15<sup>th</sup> (Kent) GHQTRE.) Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**585<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 from Edinburgh Fortress RE as part of Edinburgh CTRE. With Scottish Command in Dec 1941. Later **585<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park Coy RE**. (Edinburgh CTRE became 1<sup>st</sup> ATRE Jul 1942 and 8<sup>th</sup> ATRE 1943.) Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**586<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 from Edinburgh Fortress RE as part of Edinburgh CTRE. (Edinburgh CTRE became 1<sup>st</sup> ATRE Jul 1942 and 8<sup>th</sup> ATRE 1943.) Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**587<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Formed by Sep 1940 from Edinburgh Fortress RE as part of Edinburgh CTRE. (Edinburgh CTRE became 1<sup>st</sup> ATRE Jul 1942 and 8<sup>th</sup> ATRE 1943.) Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**588<sup>th</sup> Army Tps Coy RE** Glamorgan Fortress RE converted by Sep 1940 to 588<sup>th</sup> Army Tps Coy RE (WO Reserve). In the Middle East by Dec 1941 (Canal Area, BTE). With Eighth Army from 1942 on. (On Sicily in Nov 1943.)

**591<sup>st</sup> (Antrim) Field Coy RE** Formed from Antrim Fortress Coy RE. Assigned 76<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 18 Nov 1941; relieved 29 Dec 1941. Assigned 54<sup>th</sup> (East Anglian) Infantry Division 1 Jan 1942; relieved 20 May 1943. *Converted Jun 1943 as 591<sup>st</sup> (Antrim) Para Field Sqn RE*.

**592<sup>nd</sup> Army Tps Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (Southern Command). Under WO Reserve in Dec 1941 (attached to Southern Command). Landed in Sicily Jul 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**593<sup>rd</sup> Army Tps Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (Southern Command). With OSDEF Dec 1941; relieved late that month. No other details on service available.

**594<sup>th</sup> WS & Park Coy RE** Under WO Reserve in Dec 1941 (attached OSDEF). Served with First Army 1942-43. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**595<sup>th</sup> WS & Park Coy RE** Served in N Africa 1942-43. No other details on service available.

[Numbers 596-598 not used or unknown]

**599<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** Assigned 55<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 27 Dec 1939; relieved 7 Dec 1941.<sup>64</sup>

**600<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 601 and 602 not used or unknown]

**603<sup>rd</sup> Field Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Number later used (ca. 1946) by 603<sup>rd</sup> RW Cons Coy RE; either redesignation or new unit.

[Numbers 604-605 not used or unknown]

**606<sup>th</sup> (Palestinian) Pioneer Coy RE** Served in Crete 1941. No other details on service available.

**607<sup>th</sup> Railway Cons Coy RE** GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. Later **607<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE**. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 608 and 609 not used or unknown]

**610<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 5 Feb 1943; relieved 30 Jul 1944. Disbanded later.

<sup>64</sup> It would seem that this should have been the 559<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE.

[Numbers 611 and 612 used by former 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Field Sqns RE]

**613<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Infantry Division 28 Jan 1943; relieved 7 Jul 1944. Disbanded later.

**614<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Number 615 used by former 15<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE]

**616<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 38<sup>th</sup> (Welsh) Infantry Division 18 Feb 1943; relieved 14 Aug 1944. Disbanded later.

[Number 617 used by former 17<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE]

[Number 618 not used or unknown]

**619<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** Served under 4<sup>th</sup> GHQ TRE in NW Europe 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**620<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 621 and 622 used by former 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> Field Sqns RE]

**623<sup>rd</sup> Field Park Coy RE** Served with 8<sup>th</sup> GHQ TRE in NW Europe 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**624<sup>th</sup> Field Park Coy RE** Assigned 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Infantry Division 14 Jan 1943. Disbanded 1946.

[Number 625 used by former 25<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE]

**626<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 23<sup>rd</sup> Armoured Brigade Group 27 Sep 1942; relieved 1 Nov 1942. Under GHQ Palestine Area in Jun 1943. With BNAF or 15<sup>th</sup> Army Group in Dec 1943. *Redesignated 1945 as 626<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE when serving with 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division.*

[Number 627 used by former 27<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE]

[Number 628 not used or unknown]

**629<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** See 629<sup>th</sup> Field Sqn RE

[Number 630 not used or unknown]

[Number 631 used by former 1<sup>st</sup> Field Park Sqn RE]

[Numbers 632-642 not used or unknown]

**643<sup>rd</sup> (Palestine) Field Coy RE** Assigned Jewish Infantry Brigade 8 Jan 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 644-648 not used or unknown]

**649<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Res) Division 29 Jan 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Number 650 not used or unknown]

**651<sup>st</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** Served with LofC Troops BEF 1940. In WO Reserve Sep 1940. No other details on service available.

**652<sup>nd</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** Served with LofC Troops BEF 1940. In WO Reserve Sep 1940. No other details on service available.

**653<sup>rd</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with LofC Troops BEF 1940. Served in Middle East as **653<sup>rd</sup> Excavating Coy RE**. Under First Army Jul 1942 as **653<sup>rd</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Sent to Palestine ca. 1946 as 653<sup>rd</sup> Road Cons Coy RE.

**654<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with LofC Troops BEF 1940. Egypt by 1942 (worked on Alamein line), as **654<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [Normandy landing (101<sup>st</sup> Beach Sub-Area)]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**655<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** With Eighth Army by Oct 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy).

**656<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with LofC Troops BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (HQ Cons Group RE in Scottish Command). Later **656<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**657<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **657<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. With First Army from Jul 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**658<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **658<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**659<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Served in Iceland by Sep 1940-1943. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Sent to Palestine ca. 1946 as 659<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE.

**660<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (HQ Cons Group RE in Scottish Command). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**661<sup>st</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (HQ Cons Group RE in Scottish Command). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.



**662<sup>nd</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **662<sup>nd</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**663<sup>rd</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. By Sep 1940 **663<sup>rd</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** (WO Reserve). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**664<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **664<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. Landed in Sicily Jul 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**665<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (HQ Cons Group RE in Scottish Command). GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**666<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**667<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (HQ Cons Group RE in Scottish Command). No other details on service available.

**668<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Sep 1940 (HQ Cons Group RE in Scottish Command). No other details on service available.

**669<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** By Sep 1940 **669<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** (WO Reserve). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**670<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. By Sep 1940 **670<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** (WO Reserve). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [Normandy landing (102<sup>nd</sup> Beach Sub-Area)]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**671<sup>st</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. No other details on service available.

**672<sup>nd</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**673<sup>rd</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. By Sep 1940 **673<sup>rd</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** (WO Reserve). No other details on service available.

**674<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. By Sep 1940 **674<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** (WO Reserve). GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. No other details on service available.

**675<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. By Sep 1940 **675<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** (WO Reserve). Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**676<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. No other details on service available.

**677<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **677<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. Under First Army in Jul 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**678<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. No other details on service available.

**679<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. By Sep 1940 **679<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** (WO Reserve). Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**680<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. No other details on service available.

**681<sup>st</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **681<sup>st</sup> Road Cons Coy RE**. Served in NW Europe (25 AF Cons Group 1944). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**682<sup>nd</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **682<sup>nd</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. Served in Sicily Jul 1943 (under 69 AF Cons Gp). Served in Italy 1943-45 (No. 69 AF Cons Group). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**683<sup>rd</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (HQ Cons Group RE in Scottish Command). No other details on service available.

**684<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. No other details on service available.

**685<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. By Sep 1940 **685<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** (WO Reserve). No other details on service available.

**686<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **686<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. Arrived in Iceland Jul 1940. [Possibly designated a Cons Coy while in Iceland.] Returned to UK between Jul 1941 and Jul 1942; assigned First Army Jul 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**687<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** Arrived in Iceland Jul 1940 [may have been formed as a Gen Cons Coy]. Returned to the UK between Jul 1941 and Apr 1943. Disbanded later.

**688<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** Arrived in Iceland May 1940. Returned to UK between Jul 1941 and Jul 1942; assigned First Army Jul 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

- 689<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **689<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. Assigned First Army Jul 1942. Assigned 16<sup>th</sup> AF Cons Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 690<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Assigned First Army Jul 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 691<sup>st</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. In UK 1941 (served in London Jan 1941 during Battle of Britain). No other details on service available.
- 692<sup>nd</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. No other details on service available.
- 693<sup>rd</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. By Sep 1940 **693<sup>rd</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** (WO Reserve). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 694<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. By Sep 1940 **694<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** (WO Reserve). With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 695<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **695<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 696<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (Scottish Command). Assigned First Army Jul 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 697<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **697<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 698<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **698<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942, AFHQ Feb 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 699<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 700<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **700<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. Assigned First Army Jul 1942; served with it in NW Africa 1942-43. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 701<sup>st</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (HQ Cons Group RE in Scottish Command). With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942 [as Artizan Works Coy]. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 702<sup>nd</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **702<sup>nd</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942; 14 AF Cons Gp Feb 1943. Served in NW Africa 1942-43 and Italy 1943-45 (under 14 AF Cons Group). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- [Number 703 not used or unknown]
- 704<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. No other details on service available.
- 705<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. No other details on service available.
- 706<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **706<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 707<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **707<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 708<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served in Greece Spring 1941 (I Australian Corps). No other details on service available.
- 709<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **709<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942; 3 AF Cons Gp in Feb 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45 (3 AF Cons Group). Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 710<sup>th</sup> Air Component Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940 (as general construction company?). Later **710<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group [Normandy landing (102<sup>nd</sup> Beach Sub-Area)]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 711<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** Arrived in Gibraltar 1939-40 for work on the fortress. Later **711<sup>th</sup> Army Tps Coy RE**; so designated on arrival in India (from the UK) 23 Feb 1945. Crossed into Burma 10 Apr 1945, arriving in Monywa (under Fourteenth Army) 14 Apr 1945. Moved to Meiktila 30 Apr 1945 and Rangoon 1 Jun 1945 (under No. 1 Area, SEAC). Embarked at Rangoon for Singapore 19 Aug 1945. Moved to Gibraltar by 1946.
- 712<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.
- 713<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **713<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**714<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **714<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**716<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Later **715<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**716<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with BEF 1940. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**717<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** Served in Italy 1943-45. Relocated to East Africa following the war.

**718<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (Southern Command). No other details on service available.

**719<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 when with Home Forces. No other details on service available.

**720<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 when with Home Forces. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 (No. 23 AF Cons Group). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**721<sup>st</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). Served in NW Africa ca. 1943. Landed in Sicily Jul 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**722<sup>nd</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). Served with CMF (probably Italy). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [Normandy landing (101<sup>st</sup> Beach Sub-Area)]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**723<sup>rd</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). Served in Italy 1943-45 (under HQ Oil and Pipeline Cons Group RE, under 24<sup>th</sup> AGRE in 1945). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**724<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 when with Home Forces. No other details on service available.

**725<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). Later **725<sup>th</sup> Artizan Works Coy RE**. With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942. Served in Sicily Jul 1943 (under 15 AF Cons Gp). Served in Italy 1943-45 (landed at Salerno 9 Sep 1943; later under No. 15 AF Cons Group). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**726<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). No other details on service available.

**727<sup>th</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). Collected in Apr 1943 for dispatch to the Falklands; advanced party set sail 19 May 1942. Worked on port and other facilities at Port Stanley. Returned to UK May 1943 after three weeks in Montevideo, Uruguay. Disbanded later.

[Numbers 728-731 not used or unknown]

**732<sup>nd</sup> Gen Cons Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 733-737 not used or unknown]

**738<sup>th</sup> (Palestinian) Army Tps Coy RE** Served in Greece spring 1941 (I Australian Corps). In Egypt 1942 (worked on the Alamein lines at times). [Has also been shown as an artisan works company.] Served in Italy (156<sup>th</sup> CRE Works in 1945) Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**739<sup>th</sup> (Palestinian) Artizan Works Coy RE** Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 740-742 not used or unknown]

**743<sup>rd</sup> (Palestinian) Artizan Works Coy RE** With BNAF or 15<sup>th</sup> Army Group in Dec 1943. No other details on service available.

[Number 744 not used or unknown]

**745<sup>th</sup> (Palestinian) Artizan Works Coy RE** Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 746-750 not used or unknown]

**751<sup>st</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Assigned V Corps by Sep 1940, and remained. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**752<sup>nd</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Under VIII Corps on 13 Dec 1941, when relieved. No other information available.

**753<sup>rd</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Under GHQ Reserve in Dec 1941 (attached to Yorkshire Division; relieved 13 Dec 1941). No other information available.

**754<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Under GHQ Reserve in Dec 1941 (attached to Lincolnshire Division; relieved 13 Dec 1941). Served in Italy 1943-45 (1210<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE in 1945). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**755<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE** Under GHQ Reserve in Dec 1941 (attached to Hampshire Division; relieved 13 Dec 1941). No other information available.

**756<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Under GHQ Reserve in Dec 1941 (attached to Dorset Division; relieved 13 Dec 1941). Assigned 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Infantry Division 26 Apr 1942. Disbanded 1946.

**757<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Under GHQ Reserve in Dec 1941 (attached to II Corps). Assigned 76<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 18 Nov 1941; relieved 2 Mar 1942 (3 Feb 1942?). Assigned 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Infantry Division 26 Apr 1942. Disbanded 1946.

**758<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**759<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**760<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**761<sup>st</sup> Field Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 762-768 not used or unknown]

**769<sup>th</sup> Forestry Coy RE** Served in Italy 1943-45. *Reorganized later as No. 2 Forestry Group RE.*

[Number 770 not used or unknown]

**771<sup>st</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served with CMF (probably Italy).

**772<sup>nd</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served with CMF (probably Italy).

**773<sup>rd</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served with CMF (probably Italy).

**774<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served with CMF (probably Italy).

[Numbers 775-791 not used or unknown]

**792<sup>nd</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 48<sup>th</sup> Infantry (Res) Division 30 May 1945. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 793-795 not used or unknown]

**796<sup>th</sup> ME Coy RE** Under HQ 1<sup>st</sup> ME Unit (WO control) in Dec 1941. Later converted as **796<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 797-799 not used or unknown]

**800<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). No other details of service known.

**801<sup>st</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). By 1942 under LofC, PAIC. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**802<sup>nd</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). No other details of service known.

**803<sup>rd</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45 (24<sup>th</sup> AGRE in 1945). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**804<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). No other details of service known.

**805<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**806<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (BTNI). No other details of service known.

**807<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (BTNI). Assigned First Army Jul 1942. At Gibraltar 1942-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**808<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). No other details of service known.

**809<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** Active by Sep 1940 (WO Reserve). With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942 and Feb 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**810<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**811<sup>th</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 812-850 not used or unknown]

**851<sup>st</sup> Quarrying Coy RE** With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Number 852 not used or unknown]

**853<sup>rd</sup> Road Cons Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**854<sup>th</sup> Quarrying Coy RE** With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942 and Feb 1943. Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**855<sup>th</sup> Quarrying Coy RE** Gibraltar from early to late 1942. Served in N Africa 1942-43. No other details on service known.

**856<sup>th</sup> Quarrying Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**857<sup>th</sup> Quarrying Coy RE** Served in Italy 1944-45 (24<sup>th</sup> AGRE in 1945). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**858<sup>th</sup> Quarrying Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Number 859 not used or unknown]

**860<sup>th</sup> Mech Equipt Coy RE** Under HQ 1<sup>st</sup> ME Unit (WO Reserve) in Dec 1941. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**861<sup>st</sup> Mech Equipt Coy RE** Under HQ 1<sup>st</sup> ME Unit (WO Reserve) in Dec 1941. Under Tenth Army in 1942. Served in Italy 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**862<sup>nd</sup> ME Workshop & Park Coy RE** Active by Dec 1941 when under WO Reserve. With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942, AFHQ in Feb 1943. No other details on service known.

**863<sup>rd</sup> Mech Equipt Coy RE** Active by Dec 1941 when under WO Reserve (under HQ 1<sup>st</sup> ME Unit from 5 Dec 1941). With First Army in Jul and Dec 1942. Served in NW Africa 1943 (No 1 RW Cons & Maint Group; as 863<sup>rd</sup> ME Coy (Train) RE). Served in Italy 1943-45 (24<sup>th</sup> AGRE in 1945). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**864<sup>th</sup> Mech Equipt Coy RE** Served under GREF in SEAC 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**866<sup>th</sup> Mech Equipt Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [Normandy landing]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**867<sup>th</sup> Mech Equipt Park Coy RE** Served in Italy 1943-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**868<sup>th</sup> Mech Equipt Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**869<sup>th</sup> Mech Equipt Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 870-872 not used or unknown]

**873<sup>rd</sup> Mech Equipt Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. May have relocated to East Africa following the war.

[Numbers 874-876 not used or unknown]

**877<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown, served with CMF (probably Italy).

**878<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown, served with CMF (probably Italy).

**879<sup>th</sup> Mech Equipt Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Number 880 not used or unknown]

**881<sup>st</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown, served with CMF (probably Italy).

[Number 882 not used or unknown]

**883<sup>rd</sup> Mech Equipt Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**884<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown, served with CMF (probably Italy).

[Numbers 885-921 not used or unknown during the war; an 887<sup>th</sup> E&M Coy RE was active in Palestine ca. 1946]

**922<sup>nd</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown, served with CMF (probably Italy).

**923<sup>rd</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**924<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**925<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**926<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**927<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 928 and 929 not used or unknown]

**930<sup>th</sup> Port Cons & Repair Coy RE** With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Later **930<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE**. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**931<sup>st</sup> Port Cons & Repair Coy RE** GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. Later **931<sup>st</sup> IWT Coy RE**. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**932<sup>nd</sup> Port Cons & Repair Coy RE** Landed in Sicily Jul 1943. Served in Italy from Sep 1943 (under No. 3 Port Cons and Repair Group). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Number 933 not used or unknown]

**934<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**935<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**936<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**937<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 938 and 939 not used or unknown]

**940<sup>th</sup> IWT Op Coy RE** Under LofC, PAIC ca. 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [18<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE then 9<sup>th</sup> Port Operating Group at Normandy landing]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 941-943 not used or unknown]

**944<sup>th</sup> IWT Op Coy RE** Under LofC, PAIC ca. 1942. No other details on service available.

**945<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded.

[Number 946 not used or unknown]

**947<sup>th</sup> Port Cons & Repair Coy RE** Landed in Sicily Jul 1943. Served with CMF (probably Italy).

[Numbers 948-950 not used or unknown]

**951<sup>st</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**952<sup>nd</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**953<sup>rd</sup> IWT Op Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [104<sup>th</sup> Beach Sub-Area at Normandy landing]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**954<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**955<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**956<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
 [Numbers 957-960 not used or unknown]  
**961<sup>st</sup> IWT Op Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [04<sup>th</sup> Beach Sub-Area at Normandy landing]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**962<sup>nd</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**963<sup>rd</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**964<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**965<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**966<sup>th</sup> IWT Op Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [7<sup>th</sup> GHQTRE then 11<sup>th</sup> Port Operating Group at Normandy landing]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
 [Number 967 not used or unknown]  
**968<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**969<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**970<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**971<sup>st</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**972<sup>nd</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**973<sup>rd</sup> IWT WS Coy RE** Under LofC, PAIC ca.. 1942. No other details on service available.  
 [Number 974 not used or unknown]  
**975<sup>th</sup> Port Repair Ship "Progress" RE** Served in NW Africa ca.. 1943. Served in Sicily Jul 1943 (under 3 Port Cons and Repair Gp). Served in Italy 1943-45 (3 Port Cons and Repair Gp). Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**976<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**977<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**978<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**979<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
 [Number 980 not used or unknown during the war; a 980<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Coy RE active in Austria ca.. 1946.]  
**981<sup>st</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**982<sup>nd</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**983<sup>rd</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
 [Numbers 984 and 985 not used or unknown]  
**986<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**987<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
 [Numbers 988 and 989 not used or unknown]  
**990<sup>th</sup> Port Maint Coy RE** With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**991<sup>st</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** Detachment served on Madagascar May 1942. With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**992<sup>nd</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**993<sup>rd</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**994<sup>th</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**995<sup>th</sup> Port Maint Coy RE** With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Later **995<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE**. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**996<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE** Served in NW Africa ca.. 1943. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**997<sup>th</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**998<sup>th</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** With First Army in Dec 1942. Later **998<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE**. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
**999<sup>th</sup> Port Optng Coy RE** GHQ unit in the UK in summer 1942. Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [Normandy landing (101<sup>st</sup> Beach Sub-Area, later 9<sup>th</sup> Port Operating Group)]; later **999<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE**. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1000<sup>th</sup> Docks Maint Coy RE** Served in Greece spring 1941. No other details on service available.

**1001<sup>st</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** Served in Greece spring 1941. No other details on service available.  
[Number 1002 not used or unknown]

**1003<sup>rd</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** Served in Greece spring 1941. Crete May 1941. No other details on service available.

**1004<sup>th</sup> (Cypriot) Pioneer Coy RE** Served in Crete 1941. No other details on service available.

**1005<sup>th</sup> (Cypriot) Pioneer Coy RE** Served in Crete 1941. Later served with CMF (probably Italy); possibly as a different type of company.

**1006<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served with CMF (probably Italy).

**1007<sup>th</sup> (Cypriot) Pioneer Coy RE** Served in Crete 1941. Later reorganized as **1007<sup>th</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE**. Landed in Sicily Jul 1943. Later served with CMF (probably Italy).

**1008<sup>th</sup> (Cypriot) Pioneer Coy RE** Served in Crete 1941. No other details on service available.  
[Number 1009 not used or unknown]

**1010<sup>th</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
[Numbers 1011-1012 not used or unknown]

**1013<sup>th</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1014<sup>th</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1015<sup>th</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** With First Army in Dec 1942. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
[Number 1016 not used or unknown]

**1017<sup>th</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** Served in Crete May 1941. Served with CMF (probably Italy). Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
[Number 1018 not used or unknown]

**1019<sup>th</sup> Port Maint Coy RE** Served in NW Africa; landed in Sicily Jul 1943; and served with CMF (probably Italy).  
[Number 1020 not used or unknown]

**1021<sup>st</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** Served in NW Africa; landed in Sicily Jul 1943; and served with CMF (probably Italy).

**1022<sup>nd</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1023<sup>rd</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** Landed in Sicily Jul 1943; no other details available.

**1024<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company; served in NW Africa and then with CMF (probably Italy), later with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1025<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1026<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1027<sup>th</sup> Docks Optng Coy RE** Served in NW Africa; landed in Sicily Jul 1943; and served with CMF (probably Italy).

**1028<sup>th</sup> Port Optng & Cons Coy RE** 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [Normandy landing (101<sup>st</sup> Beach Sub-Area, later 9<sup>th</sup> Port Operating Group)]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.  
[Number 1029 not used or unknown]

**1030<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served in NW Africa and served with CMF (probably Italy).

**1031<sup>st</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served in NW Africa.

**1032<sup>nd</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1033<sup>rd</sup> Port Optng & Cons Coy RE** 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [Normandy landing (102<sup>nd</sup> Beach Sub-Area)]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1034<sup>th</sup> Port Optng & Cons Coy RE** 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [Normandy landing (102<sup>nd</sup> Beach Sub-Area, later 11<sup>th</sup> Port Operating Group)]. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1035<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1036<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1037<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served in NW Africa and served with CMF (probably Italy).

**1038<sup>th</sup> Arab Stevedore Coy RE** Crete May 1941. No other details on service available.

**1039<sup>th</sup> Port Optng Coy RE** Greece spring 1941. No other details on service available.  
[Number 1040 not used or unknown]

**1041<sup>st</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served with CMF (probably Italy).

[Number 1042 not used or unknown]

**1043<sup>rd</sup> Port Optng Coy RE** Served with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45 [Normandy landing (104<sup>th</sup> Beach Sub Area)].

**1044<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1045<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1046<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1047<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1048<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1049<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1050<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1051<sup>st</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1052<sup>nd</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1053<sup>rd</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Number 1054 not used or unknown]

**1055<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company; served with CMF (Italy) and with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1056<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company; served with CMF (Italy) and with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1057<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Dock or Port company; served with CMF (Italy) and with 21<sup>st</sup> Army Group 1944-45. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 1058 and 1059 not used or unknown]

**1060<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served with CMF (probably Italy).

[Number 1061 not used or unknown]

**1062<sup>nd</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served with CMF (probably Italy).

**1063<sup>rd</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served with CMF (probably Italy).

**1064<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served with CMF (probably Italy).

**1065<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served with CMF (probably Italy).

**1069<sup>th</sup> Coy RE** Type unknown; served with CMF (probably Italy).

[Numbers 1070-1225 not used or unknown during the war; a 1207<sup>th</sup> IWT Coy RE was in Palestine ca.. 1946]

**1216<sup>th</sup> (Levant) Road Cons Coy RE** Served in Italy 1943-45 (under HQ Levant Engineer Bn). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1226<sup>th</sup> (Levant) Artizan Works Coy RE** Served in Italy 1943-45 (later as Road Cons Coy, under HQ Levant Engineer Bn). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**1227<sup>th</sup> (Levant) Artizan Works Coy RE** Served in Italy 1943-45 (later as Road Cons Coy, under HQ Levant Engineer Bn). Disbanded Sep 1945+.

[Numbers 1228-1237 not used or unknown]

**1238<sup>th</sup> Field Coy RE** Assigned 23<sup>rd</sup> Armoured Brigade Group 3 Oct 1944; relieved 2 Apr 1945. No other details on service known.

[Numbers 1239-1244 not used or unknown]

**1245<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Coy RE** Active in PAIC ca. 1942. No other details on service known.

**‘A’ Artizan Works Coy RE** Served in CMF (probably Italy); no other details known.

**‘A’ Docks Coy RE** Served in CMF (probably Italy); no other details known.

**‘B’ Docks Coy RE** Served in CMF (probably Italy); no other details known.

**‘Q’ ME Coy RE** Served in CMF (probably Italy); no other details known.

#### BRIDGING UNITS RE

**1<sup>st</sup> Bridging Pln RE** Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Division 18 Oct 1943. Disbanded ca.. 1946.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Bridging Pln RE** Assigned 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division 31 Oct 1943. Disbanded ca.. 1946.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Bridging Pln RE** Assigned 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 18 Oct 1943. Disbanded ca.. 1946.

[Numbers 4 and 5 not used or unknown]



**6<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE** Assigned 10<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 20 Nov 1943 to 1 Apr 1944. Disbanded then or later.

**7<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE** Assigned 7<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 6 Dec 1943. Disbanded ca.. 1946.

**8<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE** Assigned 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 25 Dec 1943. Disbanded ca.. 1946.

**9<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE** Assigned 9<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 1 Oct 1943 to 25 Jul 1944. Redesignated later as **9<sup>th</sup> Bridging Pln RE** and assigned 55<sup>th</sup> (West Lancashire) Division 20 Aug 1944. Disbanded Sep 1945+.

**10<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE** Assigned 11<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division 1 Oct 1943. Disbanded 1946.

**11<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE** Assigned Guards Armoured Division 1 Oct 1943 [division redesignated Guards Division 12 Jun 1945]. Disbanded 1946.

[Number 12 not used or unknown]

**13<sup>th</sup> Bridging Pln RE** Assigned 43<sup>rd</sup> (Wessex) Division 1 Oct 1943. Disbanded ca.. 1946.

**15<sup>th</sup> Bridging Pln RE** Assigned 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Division 5 Aug 1943. Disbanded ca.. 1945.

**16<sup>th</sup> Bridging Pln RE** Assigned 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Division 19 Dec 1943.

**17<sup>th</sup> Bridging Pln RE** Assigned 52<sup>nd</sup> (Lowland) Division 1 Oct 1943. Disbanded ca.. 1946.

**18<sup>th</sup> Bridging Pln RE** Assigned 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 16 Mar 1944. Disbanded ca.. 1946.

[Numbers 19 and 20 not used or unknown]

**21<sup>st</sup> Bridging Pln RE** Assigned 78<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 18 May 1944. Disbanded ca.. 1946.

**22<sup>nd</sup> Bridging Pln RE** Assigned 53<sup>rd</sup> (Welsh) Division Disbanded ca.. 1946.

**23<sup>rd</sup> Bridging Pln RE** Assigned 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Division 1 Oct 1943. Disbanded ca.. 1946.

**24<sup>th</sup> Bridging Pln RE** Assigned 59<sup>th</sup> (Staffordshire) Division 1 Oct 1943. to 22 Aug 1944.

[Number 25 not used or unknown]

**26<sup>th</sup> Bridging Pln RE** Assigned 15<sup>th</sup> (Scottish) Division 1 Oct 1943. Disbanded ca.. 1946.

**27<sup>th</sup> Bridging Trp RE** Assigned 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division 18 Oct 1943 to 25 Aug 1944. Disbanded then or later.

**201<sup>st</sup> Bridging Pln RE** <sup>65</sup> Assigned 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division 4 Apr 1944. Disbanded ca.. 1946.

#### **FORTRESS AND ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS<sup>66</sup>**

**Antrim Fortress Company RE** Supplementary Reserve unit at Belfast. *Converted after mobilization to 591<sup>st</sup> (Antrim) Field Coy RE.*

**Carmarthenshire Fortress Engineers** [3 Sep 1939: HQ Llanelly]; with Milford Haven Coast Defences Sep 1939. No other details available.  
 No. 1 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Carmarthen.]  
 No. 2 (AA) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Llanelly]

**Cinque Ports Fortress Engineers** [3 Sep 1939: HQ Dover]. *Converted by Sep 1940 as 579<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE.*  
 No. 1 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Dover] Embodied with Dover Coast Defences.

**Devonshire and Cornwall Fortress Engineers** [3 Sep 1939: HQ Plymouth]; with Plymouth Defences. *By Jun 1940, Devon and Cornwall Fortress RE formed 570<sup>th</sup> Corps Field Park and 571<sup>st</sup>, 572<sup>nd</sup>, and 573<sup>rd</sup> Army Field Coys RE.*  
 No. 1 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Plymouth]  
 No. 2 (EL) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Plymouth]  
 No. 3 (EL) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Plymouth]  
 No. 4 (AA) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Falmouth]

<sup>65</sup> It is unclear why this has such a high (and otherwise unexplainable) number.

<sup>66</sup> Fortress Engineers are also shown as (Fortress) RE.

**Dorsetshire Fortress Engineers** [3 Sep 1939: HQ Weymouth] With Portland Coast Defences Sep 1939. No other details available.

No. 1 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Weymouth]

No. 2 (AA Coy) [3 Sep 1939: Weymouth]

**City of Edinburgh Fortress Engineers** [3 Sep 1939: HQ Edinburgh] With Forth Coast Defences Sep 1939. *Converted by Sep 1940 as Edinburgh Corps Troops RE (585<sup>th</sup>-587<sup>th</sup> Coys).*

No. 1 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Edinburgh]

**Glamorgan Fortress Engineers** [3 Sep 1939: HQ Burry] With Cardiff Coast Defences Sep 1939. *Converted by Sep 1940 as 588<sup>th</sup> Army Troops Coy RE.*

No. 1 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Burry]

**Hampshire Fortress Engineers** [3 Sep 1939: HQ Portsmouth] With Portsmouth Coast Defences Sep 1939. *Hampshire Corps Troops RE formed by Sep 1940 (576<sup>th</sup>-579<sup>th</sup> Coys).*

No. 1 (EL and Works) [3 Sep 1939: Portsmouth]

No. 2 (206<sup>th</sup>) (EL & Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Portsmouth]

**Kent Fortress Engineers** [3 Sep 1939: HQ Northfleet] *Converted by Sep 1940 as Kent Corps Troops RE (582<sup>nd</sup>-584<sup>th</sup> Coys); later 15<sup>th</sup> (Kent) GHQ TRE.*

No. 1 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Northfleet]

No. 2 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Northfleet]

No. 3 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Northfleet]

**Lancashire Fortress Engineers** [3 Sep 1939: HQ Liverpool] With Barrow Coast Defences Sep 1939. *Formed 580<sup>th</sup> Army Tps Coy RE Sep 1940.*

No. 1 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Liverpool.]

**Orkney Fortress Coy RE** [3 Sep 1939: Kirkwall] Part of Scapa Flow Coast Defences Sep 1939. No other details available.

**Renfrewshire Fortress Engineers** [3 Sep 1939: HQ Greenock] With Clyde Coast Defences. *Converted 5 Dec 1941 as 540<sup>th</sup> E&M Coy RE.*

No. 1 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Greenock]

No. 2 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Greenock]

**East Riding Fortress Engineers** [3 Sep 1939: HQ Hull] With Humber Coast Defences Sep 1939. *Became 542<sup>nd</sup> E&M Coy RE after Dec 1941.*

No. 1 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Hull]

**North Riding Fortress Engineers** [3 Sep 1939: HQ Middlesbrough] With Sunderland Coast Defences Sep 1939. *Converted 13 Dec 1941 as 541<sup>st</sup> E&M Coy RE.*

No. 1 (EL and Works) Coy. [3 Sep 1939: Middlesbrough]

**Suffolk Fortress Engineers** [3 Sep 1939: HQ Ipswich] With Yarmouth Coast Defences Sep 1939. *Converted as 584<sup>th</sup> Army Field Coy RE by Sep 1940.*

No. 1 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Ipswich]

**Tyne Electrical Engineers** [3 Sep 1939: HQ Tynemouth] *Converted by Dec 1941 as 128<sup>th</sup> E&M Coy RE.*

No. 1 (EL and Works) Coy [3 Sep 1939: Tynemouth]

## BOMB DISPOSAL UNITS

The first bomb disposal parties were formed in Nov 1939 from men trained by some field companies. By order of 17 May 1940, independent bomb disposal sections (1 officer and 15 other ranks) were created; these numbered 109 by the end of Jun 1940. The number soon increased to 120, and these bomb disposal sections were under the control of various home defence battalions. In Jul 1940, all sections came under the Director of Bomb Disposal. The number of sections doubled in Aug 1940, and bomb disposal companies were created (each with 12 sections). Seven general construction and four quarrying companies were converted to help find the necessary personnel. Some additional companies were formed at Halifax.

Regrettably, the authors have been unable to locate any list of these companies. The two World War II volumes from the Corps' History only contains references to the 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> BD Coys RE, along with 1<sup>st</sup> BD Group RE. The 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> BD Coys RE were GHQ units in the UK in summer 1942. The 8<sup>th</sup> BD Coy served in NW Africa. The 8<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> BD Coys RE served with CMF, probably in Italy. The 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> BD Coys RE may have survived past 1946. The current 21 and 22 EOD Sqns RE were both BD companies in World War II.

## TRAINING UNITS RE

The **RE Depot** was located at Chatham (forming the major component of Chatham Area, Eastern Command).<sup>67</sup> A **Depot Bn RE** existed at the Depot. In Feb 1941 the Depot was moved to Halifax. The Depot expanded to four battalions during the war; on the termination of hostilities in 1945 a fifth battalion was added to deal with men on release. By summer 1946 the Depot was reduced to three battalions and moved to Barton Stacey, near Winchester. Another battalion was disbanded later 1946, leaving two.

- Training Bn RE** Regular, at Chatham. Numbered 3 Sep 1939 as **No. 1 Training Bn RE**. Moved to Shorncliffe upon mobilization. Moved to Clithero 1940.
- No. 2 Training Bn RE** Formed Oct 1939 at Newark. Disbanded Sep 1942.
- No. 3 Training Bn RE** Formed Jun 1939 at Newark as Militia training unit (Training Bn RE, duplicating the designation of Regular unit?). Mobilized 3 Sep 1939 and numbered.
- No. 4 Training Bn RE** Formed Sep 1939 at Colchester. Moved to Yorkshire 1940 and Preston 1942. Disbanded 1943.
- No. 5 Training Bn RE** Formed Oct 1939 at Chester. Disbanded Oct 1943.
- No. 6 Training Bn RE** Formed Oct 1939 at Elgin. Disbanded 1946.
- No. 7 Training Bn RE** Formed Aug 1942 at Chatham. Disbanded Sep 1945 (absorbed into School of Military Engineering).
- No. 8 Training Bn RE** Formed Jun 1940 as 5 Training Centre RE; redesignated later as 22 (L of C) Training Centre RE. Finally redesignated Mar 1945 at Cleethorpe as No. 8 Training Bn RE.
- No. 9 Training Bn RE** Formed Mar 1945 at Portland.
- No. 10 Training Bn RE** Formed May 1945 at Pangbourne. Disbanded May 1946.

- M.T. Training Depot** Regular, located at Aldershot. Redesignated Sep 1939 as **No. 1 M.T. Training Depot**.
- No. 2 M.T. Training Depot** Formed Sep 1939 at York. Moved later to Halifax. Disbanded Oct 1943.
- No. 3 M.T. Training Depot** Formed Dec 1942. Disbanded Jan 1946.
- No. 4 M.T. Training Depot** Formed Nov 1940 at Haydock Park. Disbanded Aug 1942.

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<sup>67</sup> The permanent staff of the Depot adopted a formation sign a red bar with two royal blue stripes, set on a dark blue diamond, edged in red. The School of Military Engineering also existed at Chatham.

**Railway Training Centre** Regular, located at Longmoor. Numbered Nov 1939 as **No. 1 Railway Training Centre**. Gradually looked to the formation of units, with initial training at No. 2 Centre. Also functioned as Transportation Training Centre<sup>68</sup>. From Jul 1941 conducted initial training and unit formation, then sent the units to Derby. In May 1941 Movement Control was separated and established nearby as Movement Control Depot and Technical Training Establishment. Docks, port and IWT training handled initially at Longmoor, then in 1943 personnel sent to No. 6 Docks Group at Penarth Docks. When that unit was mobilized for Operation OVERLORD, a Port Operating Technical Training Wing was established.

**No. 2 Railway Training Centre** Formed Nov 1939 at Derby. Closed down Jul 1941. (However, the facility became a wing of Longmoor, and new units went to Derby to continue training.)

**Railway Training Coy RE** Served with BEF LofC 1940; no other details known.

**Survey Training Centre** Initially, small Survey Training Unit (part of 19<sup>th</sup> Field Survey Coy RE) used for survey training; moved from Fort Southwick to Fort Widley (both near Fareham) on mobilization. Survey Training Centre authorized Apr 1940 and established using both forts. At the beginning of 1941, it moved to Wynnstay Hall, near Ruabon in North Wales<sup>69</sup>. Renamed after the war as School of Military Survey and situated at Hermitage, near Newbury.

**No 140 RE OCTU** Formed Nov 1942 by amalgamation of Nos 141 and 142 RE OCTUs and moved to Newark-on-Trent. Redesignated Mar 1946 as **RE OCTU and Pioneer Wing**.

**No 141 RE OCTU** Formed Sep 1939 at Shorncliffe as No 1 RE OCTU and soon renumbered as 141. Amalgamated Nov 1942 with No 142 to form No 140 RE OCTU.

**No 142 RE OCTU** Formed ca. 1939 at Aldershot. Amalgamated Nov 1942 with No 141 to form No 140 RE OCTU.

**No 143 RE OCTU** Formed autumn 1940 at Hamilton (near Glasgow) to train officers for LofC units. Abolished after Jun 1943.

Three chemical warfare training battalions were formed Sep 1939 and disbanded Jul 1943; designations unknown.

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<sup>68</sup> The Transportation Training Centre adopted as a formation sign a cross section of a railway track in royal blue, on a red diamond edged with a narrow royal blue border.

<sup>69</sup> While the old Survey Training Unit had been under the Director of Ordnance Survey; the new Survey Training Centre was under the Director of Military Survey at the War Office.