

**British Support Groups
1939-1942**

Part I - Basic Organization

- No. I - September 1939 Consisted of HQ Support Group, 2 Regiments RHA; 1 Field Park Squadron, RE (included Field Park Troop, RE); & two motor battalions.
- No. II - December 1939 Consisted of HQ Support Group, 2 Regiments RHA; 1 LAA/AT Regiment; 1 Field Park Squadron, RE; 1 Field Park Troop, RE; & two motor battalions.
- No. III - April 1940 The RE units became divisional troops and were deleted from the support group.
- No. IV - October 1940 Consisted of HQ Support Group, 1 Regiment RHA, One AT Regiment, 1 LAA Regiment and 1 Lorried Infantry Battalion. The 2 motorized battalions were transferred one each to the armored brigades of the division.
- No. V - February 1942 In the UK the support groups remained unchanged, but in the Middle East they were abolished.
- No. VI - May 1942 Support Groups were abolished in the UK.

Part II - Elemental Assignments

Guards Support Group

- 9/15/41 - Formed in UK. HQ formed by the redesignation of the HQ 7th (Guards) Infantry Brigade.
- 6/1/42 - Disbanded in UK. HQ formed HQ RA Guards Armored Division.

Assigned Units

153rd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery	10/10/41-5/31/42
21st Anti-tank Regiment, Royal Artillery	10/10/41-5/31/42
94th Light AA Regiment, Royal Artillery	1/27/42-5/31/42
1st Welsh Guards	9/15/41-5/31/42

1st Support Group

- 9/39 - A regular formation in the 1st Armored Division in the UK.
- 2/11/42 - Group dispersed and HQ disbanded in the Middle East.

Assigned Units

1st Royal Horse Artillery	9/3/39-10/20/39
2nd Royal Horse Artillery	9/3/39-10/20/39
	1/31/42-2/11/42
60th Anti-tank Regiment	12/22/39-2/14/40
101st Light AA/AT Regiment	2/15/40-10/31/40
11th Royal Horse Artillery	8/9/40-1/29/42
61st Light AA Regiment	11/1/40-1/26/42
76th Light AA Regiment	11/1/40-2/19/42
102nd Northumberland Hussar AT Regt	1/29/42-2/11/42
1st Field Squadron, RE	9/3/39-1/31/40
1st Field Park Troop	9/3/39-1/31/40
1st Rifle Brigade	9/3/39-4/24/40
2nd Kings Royal Rifle Corps	9/3/39-4/24/40
9th Foresters	1/29/41-8/2/41
2nd Kings Royal Rifle Corps	8/2/41-2/11/42

2nd Support Group

2/5/40 - HQ formed in UK.
4/41 - On 17 April HQ returned to Egypt and was disbanded on 18 May.

Assigned Units

102nd Northumberland Hussars LAA/AT Regiment	3/1/40-2/6/41
12th Royal Horse Artillery	4/19/40-8/7/40
2nd Royal Horse Artillery	7/11/40-2/25/41
102nd Northumberland Hussars AT Regiment	2/7/41-2/23/41
15th Light AA Regiment	2/9/41-2/21/41
104th Royal Horse Artillery	3/26/41-4/4/41
3rd Field Squadron, RE	3/1/40-6/9/40
142nd Field Park Troop, RE	3/30/40-6/9/40
1st Ranger Regiment	3/1/40-2/25/41
1st Tower Hamlets Rifles	3/1/40-2/19/41
	3/22/41-5/15/41

3rd, 4th & 5th Support Groups

Not formed.

6th Support Group

11/2/40 - Formed in UK.
6/1/42 - Disbanded in UK. HQ became HQ RA 6th Armored Division.

Assigned Units

12th Royal Horse Artillery	11/2/40-5/31/42
72nd Anti-Tank Regiment	11/2/40-5/31/42
51st Light AA Regiment	1/15/41-5/31/42
9th Royal Welsh Fusiliers	3/2/41-4/24/42

7th Support Group

1/22/40 - Formed in Middle East.
2/9/42 - Redesignated as 7th Motor Brigade Group.

Assigned Units

"M" Battery, 3rd Royal Horse Artillery	1/22/40-2/28/41
"C" Battery, 4th Royal Horse Artillery	1/22/40-4/6/41
1st Light AA Battery	1/4/41-2/18/41
3rd Royal Horse Artillery	3/1/41-2/8/42
4th Royal Horse Artillery	4/6/41-2/8/42
38th Light AA Battery	4/12/41-5/17/41
1st Light AA Battery	5/13/41-1/19/42
1st Kings Royal Rifle Corps	1/22/40-3/29/41
	4/16/41-11/25/41
2nd Rifle Brigade	1/22/40-4/12/41
	5/3/41-2/8/42

8th Support Group

11/7/40 - HQ formed in UK.
7/25/42 - Disbanded in Middle East.

Assigned Units

73rd Anti-tank Regiment	11/8/40-7/12/42
5th Royal Horse Artillery	12/18/40-7/17/42
56th Light AA Regiment	1/24/41-7/22/42
14th Foresters	11/30/40-7/22/42

9th Support Group

12/4/40 - Formed in the UK.
6/12/42 - Disbanded in UK. HQ became HQ RA 9th Armored Division.

Assigned Units

6th Royal Horse Artillery	12/4/40-6/11/42
74th Anti-tank Regiment	12/12/40-6/11/42
54th Light AA Regiment	3/10/41-6/11/42
11th Worcester Rifles	12/18/40-6/11/42

10th Support Group

Not formed.

11th Support Group

3/9/41 - Formed in UK.

6/1/42 - Disbanded in UK. HQ became HQ RA 11th Armored Division.

Units Assigned

13th Royal Horse Artillery	3/9/41-5/31/42
75th Anti-tank Regiment	3/9/41-5/31/42
58th Light AA Regiment	5/7/41-5/31/42
8th Royal Ulster Rifles	3/9/41-5/31/42
12th Green Howards	5/9/41-5/31/42

12th to 41st Support Groups

Not formed.

42nd Support Group

11/1/41 - HQ formed in UK by redesignation of HQ 127th Infantry Brigade.

6/1/42 - Disbanded in UK. HQ became HQ RA 42nd Armored Division.

Assigned Units

147th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery	11/1/41-5/31/42
53rd Anti-tank Regiment	11/1/41-5/31/42
93rd Light AA Regiment	1/26/42-5/31/42
1st East Lancashire Rifles	11/1/41-5/31/42

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