



# **161 TRANSPORT/AMBULANCE** **REGIMENT RCT/RLC [V]**

## **THE HISTORY OF THE REGIMENT**

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## INTRODUCTION

Articles written by officers who served with 161 Transport Regt RCT[V], later becoming 161 Ambulance Regt RCT[V] and finally 161 Ambulance Regt RLC[V], recording activities with which the authors were associated, have been published in various military publications in the past. This compilation of documents and photographs has been assembled in order to provide a single point of reference to the Regiment's 30-year existence.

The Regiment was formed in 1972 as a unit under the command of Central Volunteer Headquarters RCT at Grange Camp, Kempston, Bedford. It was one of the Sponsored units of the Territorial Army that were recruited on a UK-wide basis, as distinct from Independent Territorial Army units that were based in each county and recruited locally.

The Regiment's principal mobilisation role was to be responsible for the transport of military casualties across a wide area of West Germany between RAMC Field Hospitals in the Forward Combat Zone [FCZ] to RAMC General Hospitals in the rear area and for the evacuation of casualties through ports and airports in Europe for onward movement to the UK. This would have involved moving casualties by road ambulances between military hospitals and military ambulance trains to other hospitals or to railheads and airheads for evacuation. During the Cold War the mobilisation location of the RHQ was at Dortmund while the squadrons and their troops were to be deployed to RAMC hospitals throughout the Rear Combat Zone [RCZ].

The Regiment formed up as part of the Royal Corps of Transport [RCT] before becoming part of the Royal Logistic Corps [RLC] in 1993.

In 2002 the Regiment was disbanded at Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham, the home of HQ RLC TA, as a consequence of the reorganisation of the Territorial Army following implementation of the 1998 Strategic Defence Review proposals.

Throughout its existence the Regiment was always commanded by a volunteer officer of the Territorial Army.



## **1972-1977 COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col JOHN SMITH TD**

### **1972 161 Tpt Regt RCT[V] – Formation**

Nov 161 Tpt Regt RCT[V] was formed under the command of Lt Col John Smith TD.

Upon formation the establishment of the regiment comprised:

- 260 Amb Sqn RCT[V] The sqn in its entirety was posted into the regiment from 160 Tpt Regt RCT[V].
- HQ 264 Amb Sqn RCT[V] The Sqn HQ was formed but personnel for the sqn's 4 troops had yet to be recruited.

### **1973**

May RHQ 161 Tpt Regt RCT[V] and its squadrons trained separately that year.

260 Amb Sqn's Annual Camp comprised Week 1 in Stanford PTA concentrating on individual training. Week 2 was a road rally in 4 ton vehicles from the training pool, completing the circuit Bedford, York, Warcop [Cumbria], Cannock and back to Kempston, Bedford.

### **1974**

Mar 161 Tpt Regt's annual camp was in BAOR on Ex Loadex.

RHQ commanded 2 Tps from 260 Sqn, 2 Tps from 263 Sqn [of 160 Regt] and all 11 members of 264 Sqn in BAOR. Base camp was at Minden. Ex Loadex involved the transportation of live ammunition stocks between the forward amn depot at Pomsen in the Corps area and the Base Amn Depot at Bracht, west of the River Rhine.

June A Tp 260 Amb Sqn camped in BAOR. During the first week the Tp supported the RAMC on a medical exercise at Olen near Antwerp in Belgium. Sqn HQ exercised the Tp during the second week. This included a demonstration day set up by 4 Fd Amb RAMC around the Mohnesee [the Dambuster's target] in 432 tracked ambulances.

### **1975**

The Regiment's annual camp was held on Salisbury Plain.

Oct An ad hoc sqn was formed to train in BAOR on Ex Spearpoint, the major Corps FTX which was trialling a new resupply system. This ad hoc sqn included elements from 260, 264 and 263 [160 Tpt Regt] Sqns who could double camp. This provided an excellent opportunity to participate in a major 1 BR Corps FTX and to observe regular units operating under field conditions.

. The return flight was overloaded – either 10 PAX or the personal weapons had to be off-loaded. Because of the volunteers' civilian work commitments the decision was taken to unload the arms. The squadron sergeant major [SSM] with the PSI [permanent staff instructor] were off-loaded to guard them. The arms, the SSM and the PSI were returned to the UK 48 hours later.

### **1976**

Oct HQ RCT TA and all units under its command, including 161 Amb Regt, moved from Grange Camp Kempston to Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham, Lincolnshire.

## 1977

- Jan The Regiment was told it was to be given a specific war role from 1 Apr 1977 - to provide casualty evacuation transport in BAOR in support of the Army Medical Services [AMS].
- Feb Ex Wintex 77. The RHQ was attached to HQ Dortmund Area, which provided an opportunity for the Regiment to study its new war role in a secure bunker. The exercise locations were at HQ [BR] Log Sup Comd, Rheindahlen, and the Joint Medical Cell [JMC] at HQ Rhine Area, Dusseldorf. It was the Regiment's first contact with the JMC, a tri-service unit, and it formed a relationship that was to be fostered and developed over future years.

The new war role was to provide and control casevac tpt:

- From Field [Fd] and General [Gen] Hospitals in the Corps Area to hospitals in the Dortmund Area {DA}.
- To unload casualties from ambulance trains in the Dortmund Area into Gen Hosps in the DA.
- To provide zonal casevac tpt within the Forward Maintenance Area and the Rear Maint Area [later RCZ] into Gen Hosps in the DA.
- Casevac tpt from Gen Hosps in the DA to airheads or railheads in the FMA/RMA or by road to the Comm Z for evacuation to UK.

As a result of the Post Exercise Report a case was submitted to increase the Regt's War Establishment. The Establishment of 161 Regt was subsequently amended to:

### Peace:

2 x Land Rover Amb Sqns [260 & 264] and 2 x Coach Sqn Cadres [290 & 291].

### War

Give up 260, 264 & 290 Sqns to come under command of 152 Ulster Regt RCT{V}.

Retain 291 Coach Sqn and gain 2 x Land Rover Amb Sqns - 626 & 627 MCTG [Mobile Civilian Tpt Groups].

The Regt's task vehicle war establishment: 132 x L/R ambs, 40 x 4-ton TCVs [troop carrying vehicles], 48 x 55-seater coaches, 156 x 12-stretcher coaches & 13 x minibuses.

The Coach Sqn's top-up manpower was to be provided from the general army reserve.

The Ex Wintex PXR [post exercise report] formed the basis of regiment's future war planning and training.



## **1977-1981 COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col BRIAN EMERY TD**

### **1977 [Continued]**

Apr Lt Col Brian Emery TD assumed comd vice Lt Col John Smith TD.

Within 3 weeks of assuming command Col Brian took the Regt on Annual Camp in BAOR. 260 and 264 Sqns were exercised by 152 Regt while RHQ devoted it's time to briefings on the new war role and recces of relevant HQs, hospitals, airheads and railheads.

### **1978**

Annual Camp was held at Crowborough Training Camp in Sussex. In support of the CO were Maj David Coates the 2 i/c and Capt Roger Laing the adjutant. Commanding 260 Sqn was Maj John Lynch while Maj Eric Mitchell commanded 264 Sqn.

Maj Arthur Potton was OC 290 Sqn, Lt Chris Duffell Ops Officer plus a cadre of around 10 Senior & Junior NCOs.

### **1979**

Annual Camp was in BAOR in May. The Regt participated in Ex Folding Bed.

290 Sqn's Camp in BAOR was liaising with the two MCTGs on coach operations. A trial conversion of a Bedford coach (the type with a rounded front similar to an RL) revealed immediate difficulties. No1 was finding all the right equipment for the stretcher conversion and No 2 was that the coaches were somewhat ancient and had never had the seating removed since they were built. Most were rusted solid to the floor! We were not allowed to play with their more modern coaches!

### **1980**

The Regt participated in Ex Crusader 80 in BAOR. This was the largest multi-national reinforcement FTX since 1945. 260/264/290 Sqns were under command of 152 Ulster Amb Regt commanded by Lt Col Ned Falloon.

### **1981**

Mar Lt Col Rick Ahern had been selected in January to be the next CO of the regt. In March he attended Ex Wintex in his then war role with 495 Movement Control Liaison Unit [MCLU]. However, half way through Ex Wintex he was directed by Comd RMA [Brig Brian Ridley] to spend the remainder of the exercise liaising with the Medics and to concentrate on Joint Medical Cell ops because changes in the med op plan were expected to materially affect 161 Regt's future methods of operation.

## **1981-1984 COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col RICK AHERN TD**

### **1981**

Apr Lt Col Rick Ahern assumed command of 161 Tpt Regt RCT[V] vice Lt Col Brian Emery.

Col Rick counted himself very fortunate in inheriting a first-class team that included:

RHQ	Maj John Lynch	2i/c, who later became CO 160 Regt
	Maj Clem Brown RAMC	RMO, a cancer specialist
	Capt Maurice Morley	QM, formerly his SSM in 260 Sqn
260 Sqn	Maj John Astbury	who became CO 160 Regt, and subsequently Colonel of Volunteers
264 Sqn	Maj Roger Laing	who later became CO 161 Regt
290 Sqn	Maj Tony Davies	who later became CO 161 Regt
291 Sqn	Maj Roger Dobson	who later became an LO to JMC

The Regt's new establishment was: Peace 35 Officers + 522 R&F

War 25 Officers + 887 R&F

Annual camp for 260 & 290 Sqns was in BAOR on Ex Folding Bed under comd 152 Regt.

The CO and his 2i/c visited the sqns in BAOR. This visit also included an R&R weekend liaison visit to 62 Sqn RCT at Spandau in West Berlin, travelling both ways on the Berliner Military Train and it included the military tour to the Soviet controlled Eastern Sector of Berlin.

Oct RHQ participated in the CPX Ex Plain Sailing in BAOR. This identified a need for 3 LOs [liaison officers] to be added to the regiment's establishment to run JMC tpt ops. These LOs were required to run tpt ops at both JMC Main [JHQ Rheindahlen] and JMC Alternate [Dusseldorf] and to liaise with RHQ 161 Regt at Dortmund.

### **1982**

Apr The Regiment's title was changed to 161 Ambulance Regt RCT[V].

At the start of the Falklands War.264 Sqn was mistaken for reinforcements while it was en route to Marchwood! The Sqn had no direct involvement except for the impact on the Regt due to a total lack of tentage.

A consistent annual trg pattern was established:

Complete regiment:

2 x trg weekends at Grantham – 1. Military Standards and 2. Unit trg – usually a mini field exercise [FTX].

1 x Study weekend – this always included a Ladies Dinner Night.

1 x CCT weekend – a computer-based exercise on the Command & Control Trainer at Grantham.

1 x adventurous trg weekend [Ex Rick's Yomp] at locations including Capel Curig [Snowdonia], Sennybridge [Brecon Beacons] and Leek [Derbyshire Peak District]. The purpose of the Yomp was to "bond" the RHQ and Sqn management teams.

RHQ [supplemented by limited sqn representation]:

Year 1: BAOR CPXs - Ex Wintex in February and Ex Plain Sailing in Sept.

Year 2: BAOR CPXs - Ex Fastbuck in February and Ex Jog Trot in Oct.

All 4 CPXs concentrated upon military and political decision making in the event of an attack from the East [Orange Forces].

Squadrons:

Annual camp was either in BAOR or UK - heavy demands were made by BAOR for the sqns to support both Div and Corps FTXs.

Sqns also provided occasional weekend support on UK med FTXs.



Ex Rick's Yomp 1

Capel Curig,  
Snowdonia,  
North Wales.

Sgt Hayes, Maj  
Limmer, Capt Norton,  
Maj Kier & Maj Laing



Ex Rick's  
Yomp1

Capel Curig,  
Snowdonia,  
North Wales

Col Colin Brice  
ERD TD [Hon  
Col] in white  
sweater

L-R Maj Rob Walters, Maj John Kier, Lt Col Rick Ahern, Capt Fred Shiel REME, Col Colin Brice [Hon Col], Capt Mark Melaugh, Capt Graham Smith, Lt Richard O'Keefe, Lt Dick Baker-Munton, Lt Alan Curtis, Maj John Lynch.

**1983**

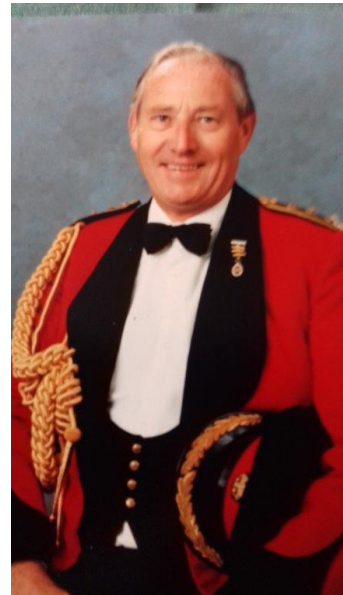
The pattern of training based upon the outline above continued during the year.

The Regt adopted the following policy:

1. The regiment's principal aim must be "to satisfy the customer" – in the case of 161 Amb Regt this meant taking over all of the casevac tpt responsibilities [and problems] behind the Corps rear boundary from the Army Medical Services/Joint Medical Cell.
2. To ensure that the deployment plan was flexible and not set in concrete until the medical plan has been proved in realistic trials. Past experience had shown that the med plot was liable to change considerably after being thoroughly tested.
3. To make good friends with the medical services; they are very influential allies who "punch well above their weight" in any representations up the chain of command.



Colonel C J (Rick) Ahern TD ADC TA





## 1984--1987 COMMANDING OFFICER Lt Col ROB WALTERS

**1984** Lt Col Rob Walters succeeded Lt Col Rick Ahern as CO. Starting with Ex Crusader in 1980, there had been a succession of major Corps level exercises in BAOR which reflected the heightened international tension between the Warsaw Pact and NATO.

Following the death of President Breznev, the leader of the Soviet Union, in Nov 1982 exercises such as Red Claymore, Spearpoint and Javelin were followed by Ex Lionheart in 1984. This was another large scale multi-national reinforcement exercise. RHQ was again based in the cellars of Block 26 in West Riding Barracks, Dortmund. The two Coach Amb Sqns, 290 and 291 together with 260 Amb Sqn were under command, while 264 Amb Sqn once again came under command of 152 (U) Amb Regt RCT, its wartime chain of command.

Other, regimental activities included the highly successful "Rick's Yomp" annual leadership weekends. The Regt deployed to locations right across England and Wales for all of these exercises.

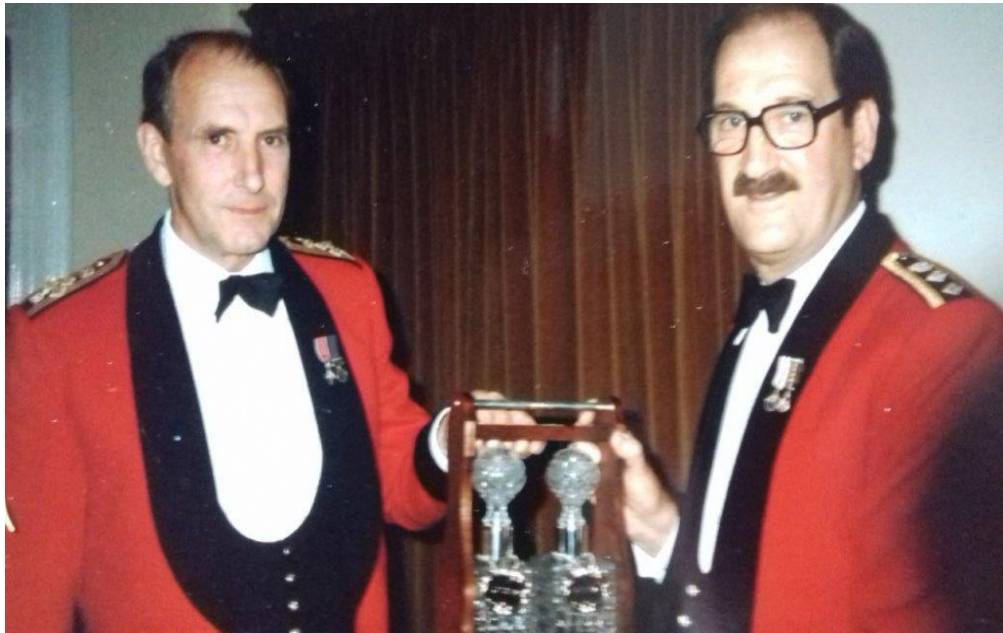


1984 – Lt Col Rick Ahern's Dining Out – above and below



**1985**

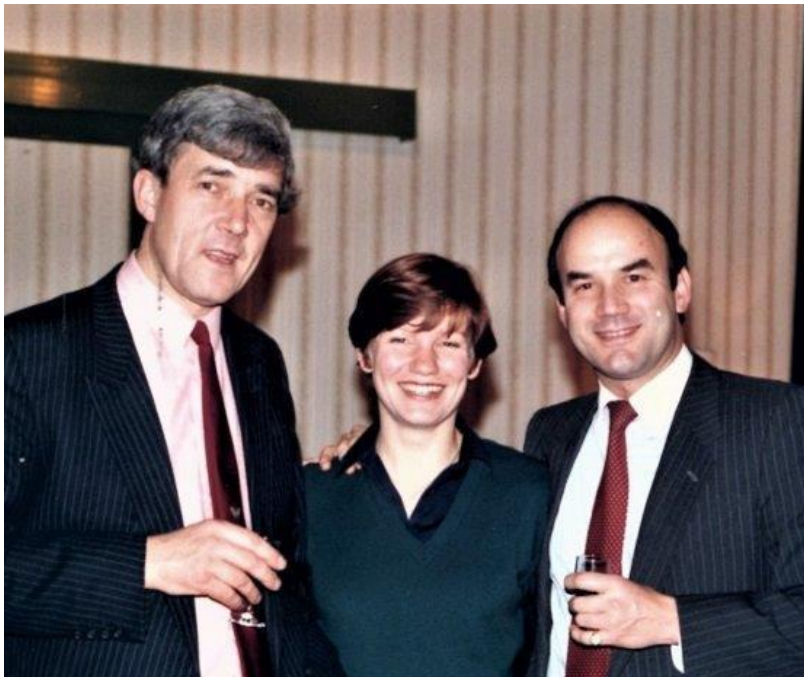
Annual Camp was in BAOR in Oct on Ex Quarter Final. Rick's Yomp 3 was held in the Peak District.



Brig Aubrey Evans at Col Brian Emery's Dining Out upon his retirement from the TA in 1985

**1986**

Annual Camp was held in October and was based at Ripon, in North Yorkshire. Ex Rick's Yomp was held as was the usual pattern of week end training.



L – R; Maj Roger Dobson,  
Capt Sue Joyner and  
Maj Roger Laing



## 1987--1990 COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL DAVID MEAD TD

### 1987

Apr Lt Col David Mead assumed command vice Lt Col Rob Walters.

Col David had Maj Tony Davies as 2ic and Maj Roger Laing as Ops Major. Annual Camp was based in BAOR at Dortmund.

260 (Maj Andrew Boulton & 264 Maj David Montgomery exercised on Salisbury Plain with 152 Regt.

The highly successful series of "Rick's Yomp" leadership exercises continued and was supplemented by the "Warm Front" series of weekend deployment exercises in role, utilizing real locations such as railheads and seaports.

The Regt continued to work closely with AMS [Army Medical Services] for planning and joint training at hospitals/dressing stations/railheads and over this period a series of presentations were delivered to major RAMC locations around the UK on the logistics of the BAOR model of casevac.

### 1988

264 Sqn trained in BAOR Firstly, the LSL taking its vehicles refused to take the Sqn's WRACs, which meant they had to fly out. Secondly, spare parts for its then ancient series IIa Land Rover Ambulances were no longer scaled in BAOR and the L/Rs had a rash of half shaft failures. The OC spent much of the exercise visiting most of the ordnance depots sourcing spares. Thirdly, the exercise (along with the whole of northern Germany came to a complete halt because of snow and temperatures as low as -30deg C.

July The Regt's Annual Camp was based at Penally in South Pembrokeshire . Joint presentations were made by CO and Ops Maj to Field and Gen Hosps RAMC around the country. Ex Rick's Yomp was held in the Peak District. Ex Warm Front was based in Boston (Lincs) docks to practice casevac from an SPOD [Sea Port of Departure].



161 Regt Personnel  
visiting the Panzers  
at Castle Martin,  
July 1988





161 Regt Personnel  
visiting the Panzers  
at Castle Martin,  
July 1988



A jovial moment at  
Swinerton  
Training area July  
1988

## 1989

260 Sqn was supposed to go to BAOR but it was cancelled at the last minute. At that point the OC was able to find accommodation at WETC's [Week End Training Camps] during the week but as nothing was available for the middle weekend he took the squadron home to his Peak District Farm for the Weekend! Adventure training and map-reading was the order of the day. The squadron camped in one of his fields with a cook house set up in a cowshed. The officers slept in a hay loft except for the WRAC who were in the farmhouse and the OC - who slept in his own bed!

In Dec 1989, just before Op Granby (Gulf War One), the Regt was tasked to brief the hastily assembled Regular Casevac Regt RCT prior to its deployment to the Gulf. The 2ic and Ops Major delivered a series of briefings to the command element of this hybrid

unit on the BAOR system of casevac, so that they could adopt and adapt it to suit the conditions in theatre.

The MOD had directed that no reservists could be deployed for this purpose and 150 drivers/NCOs were assigned from The Gurkha Transport Regt in Hong Kong to drive the ambulances. Fortunately, in the event, the expected number of casualties did not occur.

The Hon Col was Col John Smith, the first CO of the Regt – until his death in 1989. He was succeeded by Col Rick Ahern.

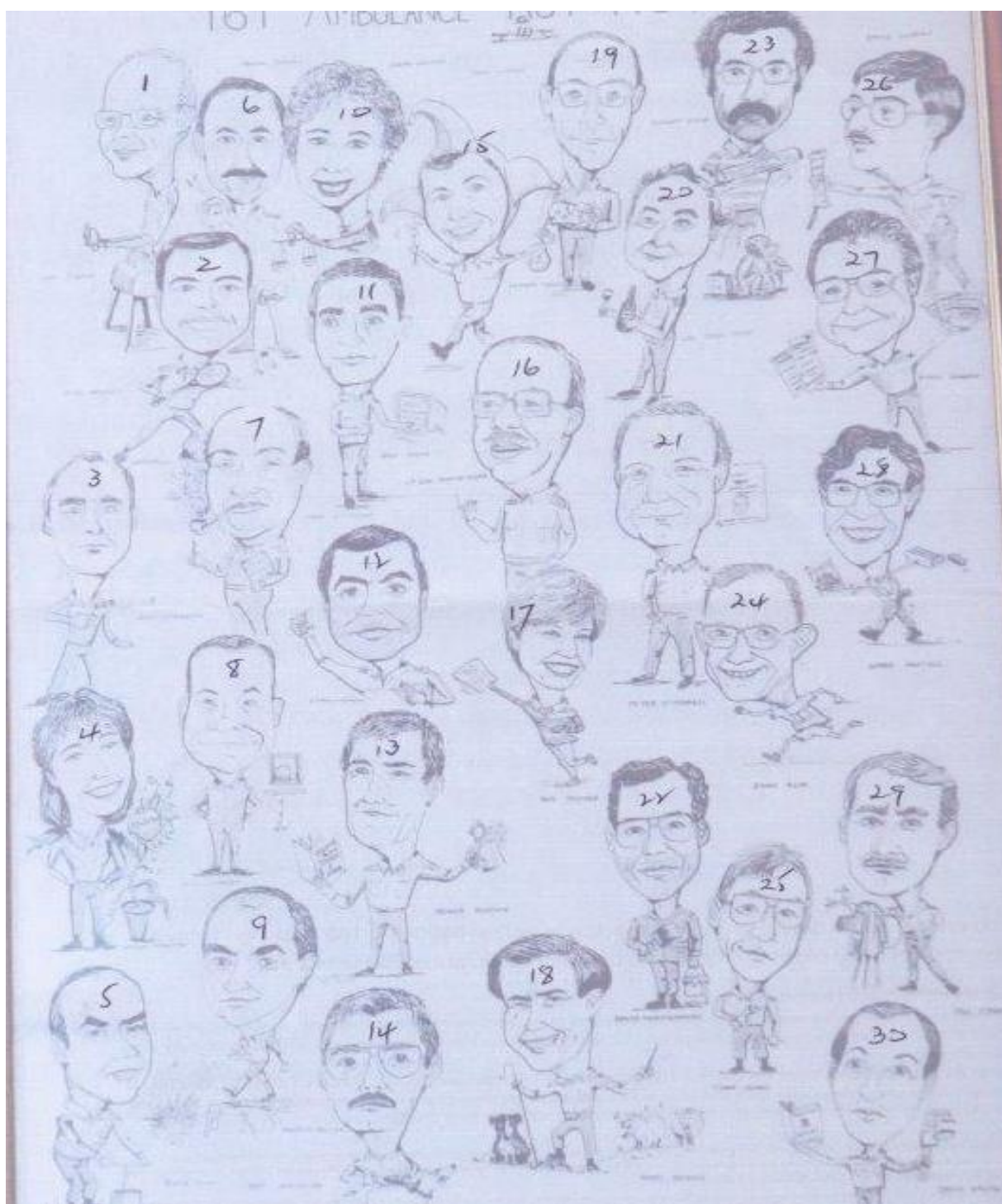


Lt Col David Mead with Major Chris Duffell





Regimental Cartoon



Key to caricature identity numbers.

See Annex A for the names of the officers depicted in the cartoon.



## **1990-1993    COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL TONY DAVIES TD**

**1990** Lt Col Tony Davies succeeded Lt Col David Mead as CO with Maj Roger Laing as 2ic. Col Rick Ahern continued as Hon Col. The Regt's Staff List is in Appendix D.

There were no regimental annual camps in BAOR during this period, but joint training increased with AMS TA units. A limited number of personnel began to deploy to Cyprus and Bosnia as individual reinforcements.

There were also major structural changes to the orbat of the RCT TA and a number of regiments were disbanded. 161 Amb Regt was due to be disbanded but, fortunately, was given a last-minute reprieve.

Ex Winter Saviour with 254 (Cambridge) Fd Ambulance – 24/25 March  
Ex Warm Front at Retford – 19/20 May

Ex Ricks Yomp in the Brecon Beacons based at Crickhowell Trg. Centre – 08/09Sept

260 Sqn's Annual camp was at Nescliffe. 264 and 291 Sqns trained on Ex Starlight Ride at Seighton Camp, Chester – 06/07 October

23 June/07 July Annual Camp, less 260 Sqn, undertook Individual Military Training.

In the summer of 1990 Maj Gen Colin Carrington convened a briefing of Honorary Colonels of TA Regiments and Squadrons at HQ RCT TA, Grantham.



### **Honorary Colonels' Briefing – Col Ahern represented 161 Amb Regt**

Back Row Brig Ridley, Viscount Downe, Col Ahern, Brig Evans, Brig Winn, Brig Tweedy, Sir Peter Bowness, Sir Kenneth Oxford & Mr Irwin

Front Row Col Wallis, Brig Barker, Col Creaney, Col Spackman [Col of Vols], Gen Carrington, Col Gardiner, Col Stormer, Brig Starling.

## 1991

Annual Camp (RHQ, 290,291, 264,260, REME Wksp.) - 29 June/14 July. The Regt deployed initially to Swinerton Training Area (originally the old ordinance factory, still complete with 20MM cannon shells and some very suspect and potentially dangerous buildings!) The Regt ran special to role and military training on the training area and surrounds. Recovery to Grantham was staged through Seighton Camp, Chester.

Ex Rick's Yomp was held in October.

The Regt used 260 Sqn OC's farm as a base for adventure training with the Squadrons rotating though it for an overnight stay.

Routine standards and military training weekends continued.

In December the government announced a reorganisation of the Territorial Army. Under the initial plans the effects on the Regt and its sqns of the reorganisation were:

1. RHQ – Future yet to be decided
2. HQ Sqn, 260 Sqn & 264 Sqn – to be disbanded
3. 290 Sqn & 291 Sqn – to be retained at increased strength.



Major Roger Laing with Lt Col Tony Davies

## 1992

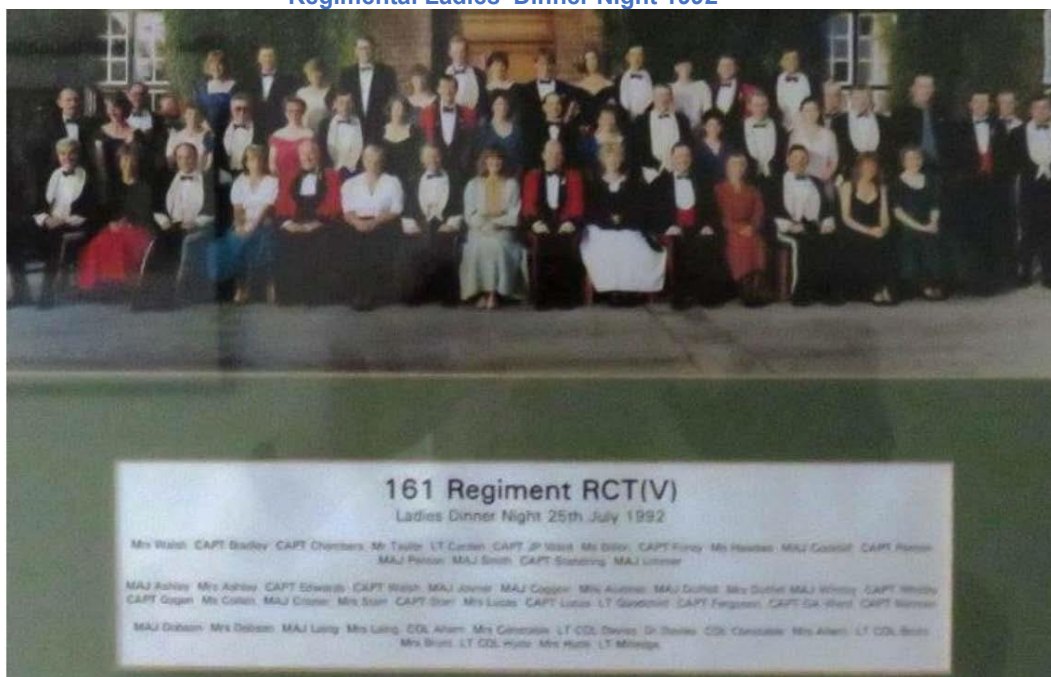
In 1992 the Regt took part in The RCT Silver Jubilee parade at Grantham.

The "Rick's Yomp" and "Warm Front" series of weekend exercises continued.

In May the Regt deployed to Devon on in its final annual camp as an RCT Cap Badged Regt. 260 Sqn were at Penhale Trg Camp, then at Willsworthy. 264 Sqn were at Willsworthy (Dartmoor) and then at Penhale, 290 Sqn were at Tregantle Fort (Plymouth), 291 Sqn were at Willsworthy, then Fremington. The training was a mix of ranges, driver training and adventure training, culminating in a night exercise on

Dartmoor mounted from Oakhampton. The RHQ deployed initially to Willsworthy, then to the Tavistock TA Training Centre. The REME workshop provided support to the Commando Logistic Regt Workshops at Plymouth servicing their Snow Cats!

#### Regimental Ladies' Dinner Night 1992



#### 161 REGT LADIES NIGHT 1992

##### GROUP PHOTOGRAPH IDENTIFICATION

Back Row	Mrs Walsh, Capt Bradley, Capt Chambers, Mr Taylor, Lt Carden, Capt Ward, Ms Dillon, Capt Furney, Mrs Packenham, Maj Cockbill, Capt Sarah Panton, Maj Panton [Green Howards], Maj Smith, Capt Standring, Maj Lorrimer.
Centre Row	Maj Ashley, Mrs Ashley, Capt Edwards, Capt Walsh, Maj Joyner, Maj Coggan, Maj Audinet, Maj Duffell, Mrs Duffell, Maj Whitby, Capt Gagan, Mrs Collett, Maj Crozier, Mrs Starr, Capt Starr, Mrs Lucas, Capt Lucas, Lt Goodchild, Capt Ferguson, Capt Ward, Capt Norman.
Front Row	Maj Dobson, Mrs Dobson, Maj Laing, Mrs Laing, Col Ahern, Mrs Constable, Lt Col Davies, Dr Davies, Col Constable, Mrs Ahern, Lt Col Brunt, Mrs Brunt, Lt Col Hyde, Mrs Hyde, Lt Milligan.



## **1993-1996 COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL ROGER LAING TD**

**1993** On 1<sup>st</sup> April 1993 Lt Col Roger Laing assumed command vice Lt Col Tony Davies.

Col Roger had Maj Roger Hood as 2ic. Lt Col Laing was the last RCT CO of the Regt, with the shortest tenure – just 4 days! With effect from 05 April 1993, the Regt rebadged to the Royal Logistic Corps and became part of the CSSG (Combat Services Support Group) UK.

Some 25 coach ambulances were issued from disbanding BAOR units and the RAF. This enabled the Regt to carry out an intensive passenger service vehicle (PSV) training programme to qualify drivers to the full civilian (bus driver) standard. During annual camp in 1993, the Regt became fully operational in this respect.

A small but growing number of personnel were deployed to Bosnia in support of NATO operations in that theatre.

HRH The Duke of Gloucester visited the Regt at Grantham and toured a fully equipped 12 stretcher ambulance coach.

Annual Camp was in UK to assimilate personnel from the disbanded 160 Tpt Regt and introduce them to coach amb ops and procedures. An FTX was held at Ollerton. The Regt established firm links with CSSG UK, based at Tidworth, and charitable links with the Lincolnshire Air Ambulance.

### **1994**

Rick's Yomp was based at Capel Curig, North Wales.. The Annual Camp was in UK based at Wyke Regis, Dorset with adventure trg and individual skills practise.

### **1995**

In 1995 Col Tony Stormer succeed Col Rick Ahern as Hon Col.

A small but growing number of personnel were deployed to Bosnia in support of NATO operations in that theatre. Four officers mobilised as part of Op GRAPPLE, the United Nations Protection Force (UNPROFOR) in Bosnia and Croatia. All continued in post as part of Op RESOLUTE, the NATO Peace Implementation Force (IFOR) which came into force on 20 December 1995. Those involved were:

Major George Stanford -Sector Liaison Officer based in Zenica, 4 Armd Bde-3 Bosnian Army - UN Turkish Bn, then Liaison UK 3 Div - Croat Div based in Vitez.

Major Matt Limb - HQ Split.

Major Mick Roche - QM Split.

Captain Simon Egan - British Liaison Officer to the French Army, Mostar.

Rick's Yomp was based at Leek Camp in the Peak District.

The Regt provided casevac cover for the International Air Fair at Fairford, Gloucestershire. The Annual Camp was in October.

The RSM was WO1 Alvin Ward – a future Captain.



Lt Col Laing, Col Ahern & Maj Dobson



Lt Col Roger Laing and Col Rick Ahern



Major Roger Hood and Lt Col Roger Laing

## **1996-1999      COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL ROGER HOOD TD**

### **1996**

April    Lt Col Roger Hood TD assumed command of 161 Amb Regt RLC(V) vice Lt Col Roger Laing TD.

Col Roger had Maj Gary Evanson as 2ic and Maj George Stanford as Ops Major.

The vibrant, 90% manned, effective regiment was operationally ready and an asset of CCSG(UK) a 5,000 strong brigade based in Aldershot commanded by Brig Tim Cross CBE of both regular and reserve units. CO 161 Regt was the Comd Med's casevac adviser within HQ CSSG(UK) which itself has a global Ace Rapid Reaction Corps role, ARRC. [\*a Combat Service Support Group with a mirror group based in Germany, CSSG(G) supported by 152 Amb Regt(V) in Belfast]

161 Regt had an establishment of 136 coach ambulances and regularly practised with about 24 based in Grantham, either with stretcher fits or seats for its 290 and 291 Sqns plus some 30 Land Rover ambulances used for exercises. The Regt's establishment was 335 with 284 soldiers – a manning ratio of 90%.

161 Amb Regt RLC is acknowledged by the MOD., 4 Div and CSSG as the mass casualty evacuation experts.

Aug     Officers Ladies Dinner night in the Grantham Officers Mess with Hon Col (Col Tony Stormer) and Col Vols (Col Mike Woodford) with 17 regimental officers and guests among the 53 attendees.

Regiment's Officers:

CO Lt Col Roger Hood (future Brig, Asst Comd 4 Div)

2IC Major Gary Evanson

RMO Lt Col John Hedges TD OStJ RAMC(V)

Ops Offr Maj George Stanford (future CO 161 Regt)

QM Maj Mike Bradley

Adj Capt Nick Battersby

OC 290 Sqn Maj Matt Limb (future Col of Vols)

OC 291 Sqn Maj Simon Bennett (future Col, Army Manning)

RSM WO1 Duggie Cross

Sep     Annual Trg Camp was at AMS Saughton with 212 Fd Hosp RAMC(V). Also, real support to 205 Fd Hosp at Farnborough International Air Show.

4 Offrs and 10 Sldrs deployed to Bosnia on Op RESOLUTE and Iraq Op GRANBY.



Lt Col R A Hood TD

## 1997

Jun Ex Petit Mash was with the AMS at Saughton Camp, Chester. Training for Germany was supported by all of 161 Regt.

Jul Ex Rhino Replen at Chilwell and at Grantham areas in prep for Sep FTX.

Sep CSSG(UK) Ex RHINO REPLEN in Germany used 'Rhino Tp' a composite troop from 290/291 Sqns of 20 coaches and 50 soldiers led by Capt Ian Roberts.

The RSM was WO1 Peter Holden [1997-1999]



1998 Barry Buddon Camp - TD bar presentation  
Col Woodford & Lt Col Hood

## 1998

A series of CPXs on the Command & Control Trainer had been developed over several years by the then OC of 260 Sqn in cooperation with the CO of 254 Field Ambulance Lt Col John Hedges RAMC[V].



The first joint CPX exercise with 254 Fd Amb was Exercise **Duffells Coat** which was a UN Humanitarian relief deployment in Ethiopia. 260 Squadron was tasked to evacuate 254 Field Hospital along some very interesting terrain.

**Ex Duffells Coat** was developed and expanded into Ex **Duffells Revenge** which was a Nato Relief deployment into Azerbaijan and Armenia. At that point in time those countries were arguing over Nagorno Karabagh. The exercise was played with 254 Fd Hosp and the Staff of the Military Evacuation Train TA.

**Ex Duffells Revenge** was later developed into a major ARRC deployment exercise complete with shipping and aircraft arrival details called **Express Delivery**. It was played with the ARRC staff in the CCT at Grantham.

Aug Ex Caucasian Refuge was war gamed in the Grantham Command & Control Trainer by Regt 2IC, Maj Evanson and RMO Lt Col Hedges

Oct Annual Camp was training at Barry Buddon Trg Camp, Carnoustie, Scotland and convoy moved to Swynnerton Trg Camp, Stafford.

The annual Ex Rick's Yomp occurred each year and tested endurance, planning, map reading and helped camaraderie across all ranks.



**161 Regt Officers**

Front L-R Maj Matt Limb, Capt Nick Battersby, Lt Col John Hedges, Lt Col Roger Hood, Maj Gary Evanson, Maj George Stanford, Maj Mike Bradley

Rear L-R Capt Mike Wright REME, Capt Duncan Lucas, Capt Caroline Simpson MBE, Capt Ian Roberts, Capt(QM) Paul Walsh, Lt Marshall, 2Lt Davenhill, Capt Jenny [not known] AGC



**Coach Ambulances and Landrover Ambulances**

## **1999-2002     COMMANDING OFFICER LT COL GEORGE STANFORD TD**

### **1999**

Apr     Lt Col George Stanford assumed command vice Lt Col Roger Hood.

Col George had Maj Matt Limb as 2ic and Maj Tom Liddle as Ops Major. Regimental Medical Officer was Lt Col John Hedges RAMC[V].

Annual Standards Training was conducted at Folkestone. It was the first year that the new requirements for BFT/CFT came into effect with a four-mile CFT. During this CFT the Regiment suffered the sad loss of Dvr George Humphreys who succumbed to a heart attack. A full enquiry ensued and the loss was put down to a sad accident. A military funeral held in Middleborough attended by Lt Col Stanford and Major Matt Limb.

Petit Mash exercises continued as in previous years at Saighton Camp, Chester.

Adventurous Training (Battlefield Tour) was conducted in France (Ex Ricks Yomp).

The Regiment decided that the term "Annual Camp" would cease to be used and instead a more military phrase "Annual Deployment Exercise – ADE" would be used. The ADE was held at Penhale Camp, Cornwall. During this 15day period a combined exercise was held with the Newquay Coast Guard (Ex SANDCLIFF) involving the casevac and treatment of injured walkers/climbers.

A selection of documents relating to service in the Regt at this time is attached at Appendix B

### **2000**

Annual Standards Training was conducted at Strensall.

The normal 3 x Petit Mash Exercises were conducted at Saighton Camp in support of the RAMC.

A Staff Ride (Battlefield Tour) to Ypres, Belgium was undertaken. Dr Peter Caddick-Adams from the Cranfield Institute was hired as our historian and staff ride leader.

The Annual Deployment Exercises were held in support Ex STRONG VIRGINIAN, a 2 Log Sp Gp exercise.

The second, and main ex, was Ex AUTUMN AMBULANCE. This was preceded by a Command Post Exercise [CPX] in Grantham's CCT [computer] trainer. The aim of the main ADE was to exercise C<sup>3</sup> of the deployed Evacuation Control Centre (ECC) and ASG during mobilisation, FTXs and redeployment. The Ex was intended to simulate the sp of a UK Div deployed in sp of a NATO multi-national war fighting operation. Multiple sites were selected to enable the build and collapse of the ECC (161 RHQ). As we were self-supporting, the Regt deployed with UBRE for fuel resupply. This was during the fuel strikes with commercial trucks queuing by fuel stations to refuel. Just next to them was 161 Regt with thousands of litres of fuel. Luckily, we didn't lose any of our stock!!!

Ex Ricks Yomp, Adv Trg, was conducted at Capel Curig, North Wales.

Ex CELTIC HAVEN provided the Regiment with the opportunity to assist 152 (Ulster) Ambulance Regiment with their CCT Exercise. The Regiment provided G4 sp to the exercise. Other units involved were 202 Fd Hosp, Amb Train Gp, 831 Med Sp Sqn, 165 Port Regt, 168 Pnr Regt, RMP and 4626 AES RAF.

A second staff ride was conducted, Ex AMBULANCE GARDEN, in Arnhem. We were lucky enough to take with us Mr B Jenkins, a veteran of the battle. A dinner was held in Arnhem with Mr Jenkins and the Dutch family of people he met during the original operation. Mr Peter Caddick-Adams continued his role as our historian and staff ride leader.

## **2001**

Annual Standards Training was conducted at Grantham.

The normal 3xPetit Mash Ex were conducted at Saughton Camp in sp of the RAMC.

Ex Ricks Yomp, Adv Trg, was conducted at Halton.

Staff Ride (Battlefield Tour), Ex AMBULANCE OVERLORD, was to Normandy and surrounding area. Dr Peter Caddick-Adams was our historian and staff ride leader.

The Annual Deployment Exercise was conducted at Swynnerton Camp. The object of the exercise was to upgrade driving licences, plus individual and military skills. Also, with the impending disbandment of the Regiment, the identification of personnel and their proposed future units was carried out to ensure every member of the unit who wished to stay in the TA had a new unit to receive them. The ADE took place from 8 to 22 September. As people would know there was the catastrophic event on 11 September in New York with the attack on the World Trade Centre. This caused the security level to be raised at the camp - a very interesting period. Little did we know, however, that as a result of the WTC attack quite a few of the Regiment, albeit in their new units, would be deployed to hot spots such as Afghanistan, Kuwait, Iraq and Pakistan.

## **2002**

A Staff Ride (Battlefield Tour), Ex SHARPES OVERLORD, was made to Salamanca and the surrounding area. Dr Peter Caddick-Adams, a historian, was the staff ride leader.

Most of the year was focused on ensuring personnel were received by their new units.

The Regt held a Disbandment Parade at HQ RLC, Grantham on 19 October 2002.

The Regt was disbanded on 20 October 2002.

As a footnote to the three years of my command I cannot complete this entry without mention of the RMO, Col John. Throughout my time he helped plan some innovative exercises both in the field and in the Grantham CCT. These exercises enabled the Regiment to think "outside the box" on many occasions and ensured the officers and soldiers were able to tackle many problems that would not normally be thought of as being in the pure ambulance role. I feel strongly that this grounding and training helped members in the Regiment on their many operational deployments from 2003 to 2012 and, who knows, what beyond.



The following photographs were taken at the disbandment parade









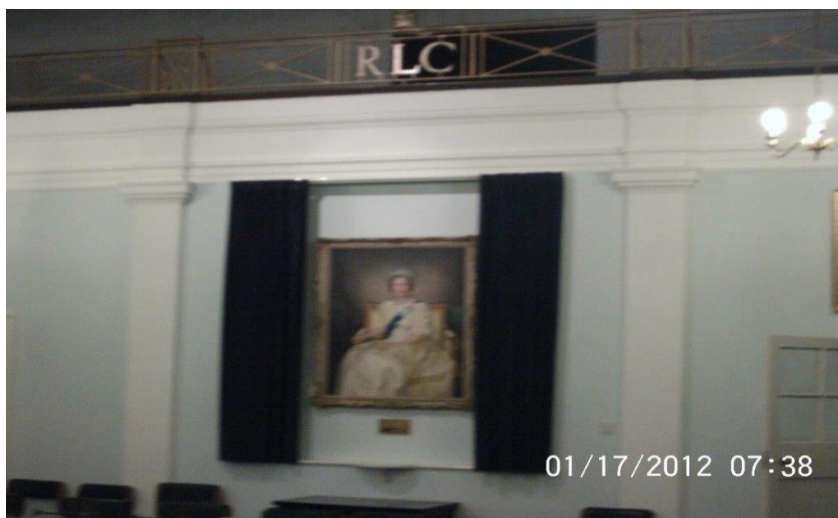






## HQ RCT/RLC TA OFFICERS MESS PICTURES

These photographs were taken in 2012 of pictures hanging on the walls of the Officers Mess.



Portrait of HM The Queen  
situated in Dining Room  
of Officers' Mess HQ RLC  
TA



Portrait of HM The Queen  
situated in Dining Room  
of Officers' Mess HQ RCT  
TA





HRH Princess Alice, Duchess of Gloucester,  
Colonel in Chief of the RCT, as situated in the Officers' Mess, HQ RCT TA

## **SQUADRON HISTORIES**

### **260 SQUADRON**

The squadron was formed shortly after the start of WW1 as 260 MT Coy ASC. Its role was as an ammunition carrier for the British Expeditionary Force [BEF] in France and Belgium.

260 Sqn reformed during WW2 in April 1940 as a Motor Ambulance Coy RAMC before transferring to the RASC in 1942 where it served in N Africa and Italy.

### **264 SQUADRON**

The squadron was formed during WW1 on 4 March 1916 as 264 MT Coy ASC. It served with the BEF in France and Belgium.

During WW2 it was tasked as a Station Maintenance Coy.

### **290 SQUADRON**

The squadron was formed during WW1 on 6 March 1915 as 290 Horse Tpt Coy ASC. It served with the BEF in France and Belgium.

During WW2 the squadron was reformed and attached to 21 Army Group,

### **291 SQUADRON**

The squadron was formed during WW1 on 6 March 1915 as 291 Horse Tpt Coy ASC. It served with the BEF in France and Belgium.

During WW2 the squadron was reformed as 291 Coy and served with 16 Div Pet.

*The squadron histories have been taken from records held by the RLC Museum.*



# **161 TPT/AMB REGIMENT 1972-2002**

## **PERSONALITIES**

### **HONORARY COLONELS**

1973 – 1978	Maj Gen Peter Benson CBE
1978 – 1983	Col Colin Brice ERD TD
1983 – 1989	Col John Smith TD
1989 – 1994	Col Rick Ahern TD
1994 – 2002	Col Tony Stormer

### **COMMANDING OFFICERS**

1972 – 1977	Lt Col John Smith TD
1977 - 1981	Lt Col Brian Emery TD
1981 – 1984	Lt Col Rick Ahern TD
1984 – 1987	Lt Col Rob Walters
1987 – 1990	Lt Col David Mead TD
1990 – 1993	Lt Col Tony Davies TD
1993 - 1996	Lt Col Roger Laing TD
1996 – 1999	Lt Col Roger Hood TD
1999 – 2002	Lt Col George Stanford TD

### **OFFICERS COMMANDING**

	<b>HQ SQN</b>	<b>260 SQN</b>	<b>264 SQN</b>	<b>290 SQN</b>	<b>291 SQN</b>
1972		Maj Ahern	Maj Kinsley		
1973		Maj Ahern			
1974		Maj Ahern			
1975		Maj Lynch	Maj Mitchell		
1976		Maj Lynch	Maj Mitchell		
1977					
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1980		Maj Lunch	Maj Laing		
1981		Maj Astbury	Maj Laing	Maj Davies	Maj Dobson

### OFFICERS COMMANDING [Cont]

	HQ SQN	260 SQN	264 SQN	290 SQN	291 SQN
1982		Maj Astbury	Maj Hyde	Maj Davies	Maj Siebert
1983	Maj Limmer	Maj Astbury	Maj Hyde	Maj Davies	Maj Siebert
1984	Maj Limmer	Maj Astbury	Maj Hyde	Maj Davies	Maj Siebert
1985					
1986					
1987		Maj Boulton	Maj Montgomery		
1988					
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1990		Maj Duffell	Maj Crozier	Maj Cockbill	Maj Clark
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### REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJORS [RSMs]

1972	WO1 [RSM]
1973	
1974	
1975	
1976	
1977	
1978	WO1 [RSM] Defty
1979	

## REGIMENTAL SERGEANT-MAJORS [RSMs] [Cont]

1980	
1981	
1982	
1983	WO1 [RSM] Broadhurst
1984	
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1986	WO1 [RSM] Ramsey
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1996	WO1 [RSM] Cross
1997	WO1 [RSM] Holden
1998	WO1 [RSM] Holden
1999	WO1 [RSM] Holden
2000	
2001	
2002	

## SQUADRON SERGEANT-MAJORS [SSMs]

	HQ SQN	260 SQN	264 SQN	290 SQN	291 SQN
1972		WO 2 Morley			
1973		WO 2 Morley			
1974		WO 2 Morley			
1975					
1976					
1977					

## SQUADRON SERGEANT-MAJORS [SSMs] [Cont]

	HQ SQN	260 SQN	264 SQN	290 SQN	291 SQN
1978					
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1990	WO2 Mycock	WO2 Maguire	WO2 McDonald	WO2 Cook	WO2 Smith
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Any reader able to provide further details is requested to contact Lt Col R A Pow TD (Ret'd) at [robertpow@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:robertpow@blueyonder.co.uk) tel: 01732 364110.



## **Annexes**

Annex A to 161 Regt History - Key to Regimental Cartoon Characters

Annex B to 161 Regt History – Documents circa 1999/2000

Annex C to 161 Regt History – Regimental photographs.

Annex D to 161 Regt History – 1990 Staff List

Annex E to 161 Regt History – List of Col Ahern's documents that have been donated to, and are held by, the RLC Museum.  
The Museum's reference numbers are: 2003.0006.01, 2003.0006.02 and 2003.0006.03 (The RLC Museum).

## **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

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Lt Col Roger Laing

Lt Col George Stanford

Maj Mike Bradley

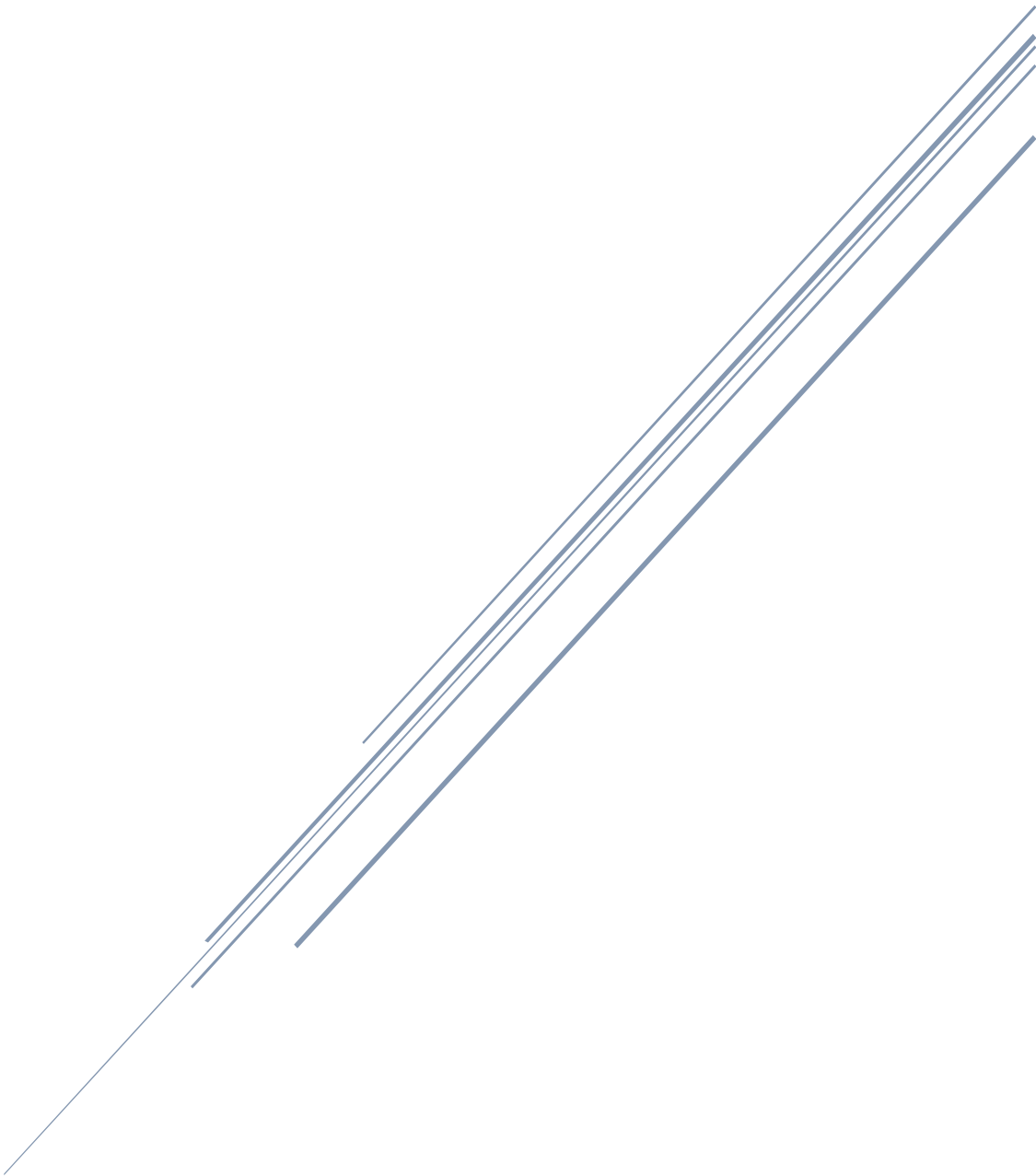
Maj Chris Duffell

and to Lt Col Bob Pow for his advice on technical publication matters.

## **EDITOR/COMPILER**

Col Rick Ahern TD

09 March 2021



Col C J Ahern TD  
161

## **161 REGT CARTOON IDS**

### **Column A**

1. Bob Pigram
2. Mike Bradley
3. Guy Standing
4. Sarah Panton
5. Roger Laing

### **Column B**

6. Frank Ashley
7. Henry Bottomley
8. Mike Siebert
9. Andrew Bolton

### **Column C**

10. Sarah Whitby
11. Rich Smith
12. Jimmy Norman
13. Roger Dobson
14. Andy Anderson

### **Column D**

15. Duncan Lucas
16. Lt Col David Mead [CO]
17. Sue Joyner
18. Tony Davies

### **Column E**

19. John Limmer
20. Col John Smith [Hon Col]
21. Peter O'Farrell
22. David Montgomery

### **Column F**

23. Vincent Mifsud
24. John Kier
25. John Berry

### **Column G**

26. David Clark
27. Steve Coggan
28. Chris Duffell

### **Column G**

29. Paul Starr
30. David Gagan [REME]

## **KEY**

The names have been listed in columns from left to right of the cartoon portraits.



## **Annex B**

**161 Tpt/Amb Regt RCT/RLC (V)**

## FOREWORD BY THE COMMANDING OFFICER

It is with pleasure that I write the foreword to this booklet. It is a novel idea to place, in one central document the majority of the information required by the soldier of our Regiment. It is the culmination of some hard work and good ideas from members of the Regiment who have produced this booklet.

We are entering a fascinating and exciting time with Strategic Defence Review (SDR). The Regiment will continue to function in its current format for the next few years. All eligible members of the Regiment will be employable even if the unthinkable happens and the Regiment disbands in two years time. The commander RLC TA is currently working tirelessly along with members of the Regiment to ensure we survive. Take heart.

The Regiments ORBAT has also changed with new officers, SNCO's, JNCO's and soldiers joining from other Regiments. It is in all our interests to ensure that they are welcomed and integrated into 161 Ambulance Regiment RLC(V).

Having looked at our Regimental credo, devised by my predecessor Lt Col Hood, I see no reason to change. Therefore 161 Regiment is "...to be the best...". This relates to everything we organise or conduct, whether in exercise or even operationally. The mission for the Regiment is to provide 2nd/3rd Line Ambulance Support to CSSG (UK) and CSSG (G). I implore you to read and digest. If you do not understand then seek clarification.

We have another full training year to complete. The emphasis this year is on individual training. This means the individual will be able to conduct driver training and licence acquisition. The location for camp will be Penhale in Devon. Maximum attendance will be expected. In addition, we will offer the full support expected of 161 Regiment to the medical units within CSSG(UK) and CSSG(G).

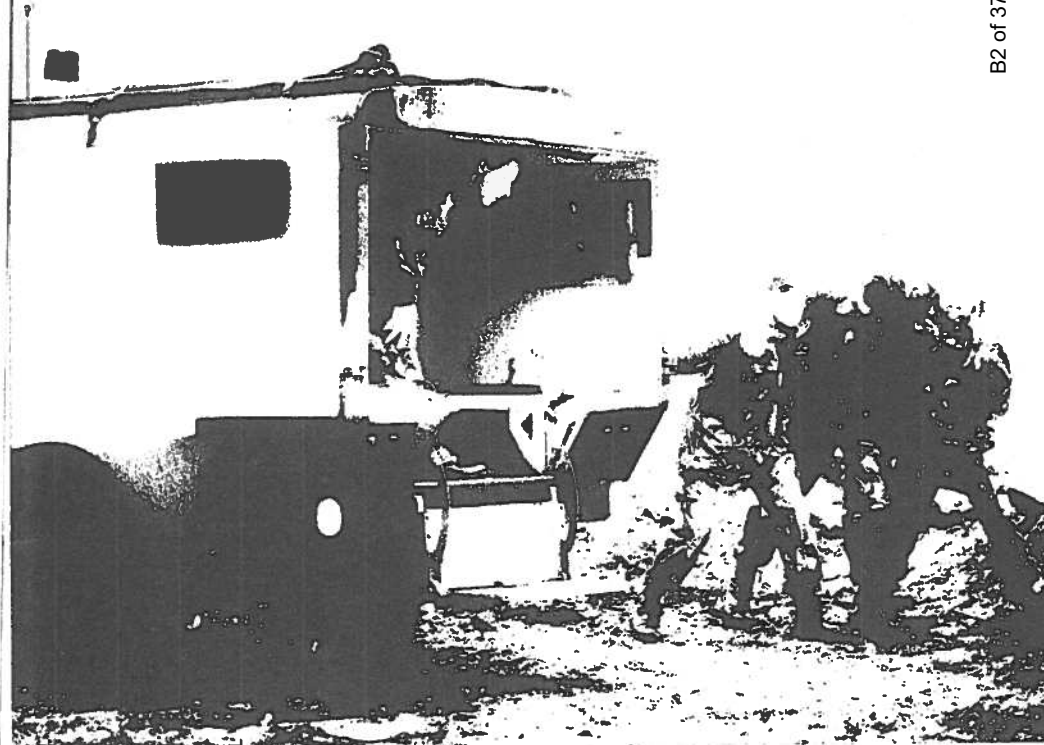
I am sure with the continued support and hard work of all members of the Regiment we will continue to move from strength to strength.



G Stanford  
Lt Col  
CO

# 161 Ambulance Regiment Royal Logistic Corps Volunteers

## Soldiers Training Guide Training Year 1999/00



## REGIMENTAL PERSONALITIES

Commanding Officer ..... Lt Col G STANFORD TD RLC  
 Regimental Second in Command ..... Maj M LIMB RLC  
 Regimental Medical Officer ..... Lt Col J HEDGES TD RAMC  
 Regimental Operations Officer ..... Maj T LIDDLE RLC  
 Regimental Quartermaster ..... Maj P WALSH RLC  
 Regimental Chief Clerk ..... WO2 A JONES

### 290 Squadron

Officer Commanding ..... Maj M BRADLEY TD RLC  
 Squadron Sergeant Major ..... WO2 R JACKSON

### 291 Squadron

Officer Commanding ..... Maj D LUCAS TD RLC  
 Squadron Sergeant Major ..... WO2 N GAUNTLET

## REGIMENTAL PROGRAMME TRAINING YEAR 99/00

Ser	Date	Event	Persons	Location	Remarks
a	b	c	d	e	f
1	24-25 Apr 99	<b>Standards</b>	All persons	Napier Barracks Folkstone	
2	8-9 May 99	JNCO Training	All JNCOs	PWOG Grantham	
3	15-16 May 99	Petit Mash	Selected 290	Strensall Camp York	207 Fd Hospital
4	3-4 July 99	<b>290 Sqn Ex</b>	<b>All 290 Sqn</b>	Grantham area	<i>Ex Nightingale</i>
5	4-5 Sept 99	Ricks Yomp	Selected persons	France	Somme Battlefield Tour
6	18-19 Sep 99	Petit Mash	Selected 291	Strensall Camp York	306 Fd Hospital
7	25 Sept - 9 Oct 99	<b>Annual Camp</b>	<b>All persons</b>	<b>Penhale Camp Devon</b>	<b>Courses/ Individual training</b>
8	20-21 Nov 99	CCT Ex	Selected persons	Grantham	
9	4-5 Dec 99	<b>291 Sqn Ex</b>	<b>All 291 Sqn</b>	Grantham area	
10	12-13 Feb 00	Study Day	Offs/SNCOs	Grantham	(to be confirmed)
11	26-27 Feb 00	CMT Trg	All CMT	(to be arranged)	
12	18-19 Mar 00	CO Trg Conf	Selected persons	(to be arranged)	
13	25-26 Mar 00	Petit Mash	Selected 291	Strensall Camp York	212 Fd Hospital

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Events in bold are bounty earning and failure to attend these could affect your efficiency and bounty payment.

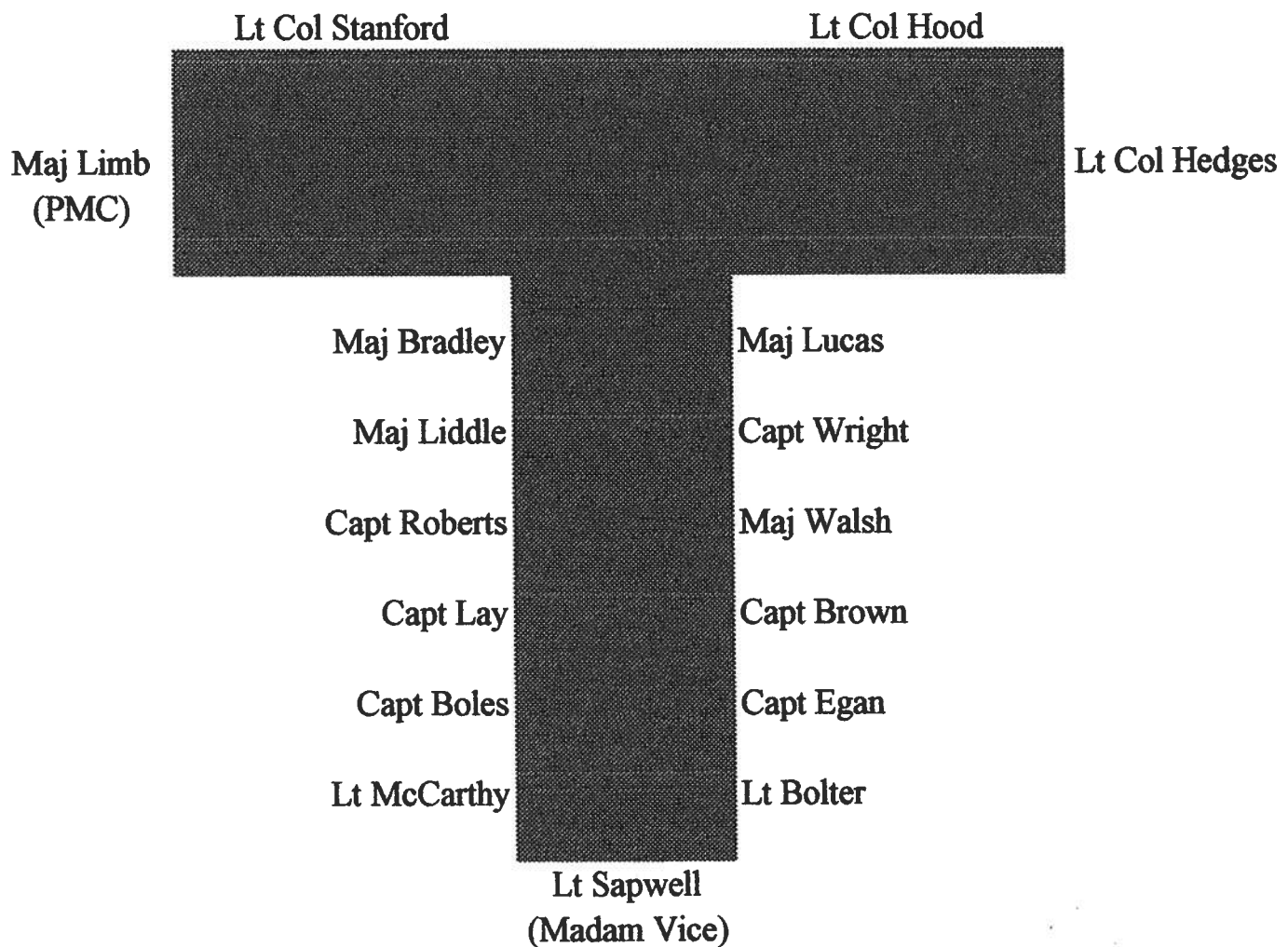


***161 Ambulance Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers)***

***Regimental Dinner Night***

***Saturday 2 October 1999***

***Penhale Training Camp***





# MAJ. M. BRADLEY

## RICKS YOMP 20-221198 ANZIO CAMP LEEK

19.30 FOR 20.00 SATURDAY 21<sup>st</sup>. NOVEMBER 1998.

PLEASE INDICATE YOUR CHOICE ON THE MENU,

AND RETURN A.S.A.P TO WO1 HOLDEN

2 SANDBY DRIVE, SHEFFIELD, SA14 1DF.

NIL RETURN WILL INDICATE NON ATTENDANCE.

COST £20.00 PER HEAD

### *STARTER*

VEGETABLE SOUP

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### MAIN COURSE PLEASE MAKE A CHOICE

ROAST TOP SIDE OF BEEF

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ROAST TURKEY

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LEEK & POTATO BAKE

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VEGATABLE LASAGNE

♦

SPINACH & RICOTTA CHEESE CANELLONI

♦

BROCCOLI & CREAM CHEESE BAKE

♦

APPLE PIE OR GATEAU

DOUGHES  
CHOICE

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CHEESE & BISCUITS FOLLOWED BY COFFEE

RED & WHITE WINE TO BE SERVED DURING DINNER

RED LION THORNCLIFFE, Nr LEEK, STAFFORDSHIRE

**PROGRAMME FOR OFFICERS' AND**  
**WOs/SNCOs'**  
**161 AMBULANCE REGIMENT STUDY PERIOD**  
**27 FEBRUARY 1999**

**Saturday 27 Feb 99 - Venue McMurdo Theatre**

0850 hrs	<i>Admin and Security</i>	Adj/RSM
0900 hrs	<i>CO's Opening Address</i>	Lt Col Hood
0910 hrs	EX LOG LEAP LESSONS LEARNED	Maj Bradley
1020 hrs	<i>COFFEE and BISCUITS (Adjoining Room)</i>	
<del>1040 hrs</del>	TA post SDR/TA Matters	Capt Hannan - SO3 G3 Ops (C&D)
1115 hrs	MISSION COMMAND	Maj Limb
1215 hrs - 1330 hrs <i>LUNCH in respective Messes with guests (ladies welcome)</i>		
1340 hrs	OFFICER PROMOTIONS	Maj Evanson (RSM Seminar for SNCOs)
1445 hrs	FORWARD MARCH	Maj Stanford (CO 161 Regt Des)
1520 hrs	<i>TEA and BISCUITS (Adjoining Room)</i>	
1550 hrs	COMD HQ RLC TA ADDRESS	Col Murray
1610 hrs	MEDICAL OVERVIEW	Lt Col Hedges (RMO)
1700 hrs	<i>CO's Closing Address</i>	Lt Col Hood
1705 hrs	OPEN FORUM	

**PROGRAMME FOR OFFICERS' AND WOs/SNCOs**  
**161 AMBULANCE REGIMENT STUDY PERIOD**  
**31 JANUARY 1998**

**Saturday 31 Jan 98 - Venue McMurdo Theatre**

0850 hrs	<i>Admin and Sy</i>	2IC / Adjt
0900 hrs	<i>Opening Address</i>	CO
0910 hrs	COMD HQ RLC	Col A R M Smith
0925 hrs	MEDIC MASH	Lt Col Hedges (RMO) and team
1020 hrs - COFFEE (CC to organise) - View Wolf Ambulance - Ssgt Drinkwater)		
1040 hrs	COS	Lt Col P Firth
1100 hrs	RIAT	Maj M Limb and team
1145 hrs	FORWARD MARCH	Major Stanford
	(The year ahead)	
1215 hrs - 1330 hrs <i>LUNCH in Messes with guests (ladies welcome)</i>		
1340 hrs	Ex RHINO REPLEN	Capt Roberts/team
1445 hrs	UK EMERGENCY PLANNING	Supt Roger Kember
1530 hrs - TEA		
1550 hrs	CSSG Med Overview	Capt Alan Dale
	{CSSG(UK) - MEDEVAC needs}	
1630 hrs	QUICK THINKING	Mr Andrew H Hershey
1700 hrs	<i>Closing Address</i>	CO
1705 hrs (approx)	OPEN FORUM	

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Capt	S W BENNETT	519507	"	160 Tpt Regt RCT(V)	"	"	Adj't	7777 1199						"
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Capt	M J ROBINSON	526489	"	261 Sqn RCT(V)	"	"	2IC 290 Sqn	7777 6400						"
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Lt	R A POTTON	526727	"	264 Amb Sqn RCT(V)	"	"	"	"						"
Maj	G F STANFORD	518581	"	263 Sqn RCT(V)	"	"	OC 291 Sqn	7777 4847						"
Capt (QM)	M BRADLEY	528452	"	291 Amb Coach Sqn RCT (V)	"	"	TCO/Recce Offr 291 Sqn	7777 7159						"
Lt	R C MILLER	537159	"	262 Sqn RCT(V)	"	"	Ip Comd 291 Sqn	7777 6679						"
Lt	S B EGAN	532983	"	261 Sqn RCT(V)	"	"	"	"						"
Lt	C J WALSH	531454	"	262 Sqn RCT(V)	"	"	"	"						"

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2. Special Instructions:

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**OFFICERS RECORDS**  
**HQ RCT TA**  
**10 MAR 1993**  
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**for Lieutenant General**  
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Lt Col Stanford

Maj Roberts

Capt Brown





## 161 AMBULANCE REGIMENT

Royal Corps of Transport (V)

Prince William of Gloucester Barracks, Grantham, Lincs., NG31 7TJ

TO: Captain (QM) M Bradley RCT(V)  
Plot 110  
Ynysdaw Farm  
Llantrisant Rd  
Pontyclus CF7 9DP

FROM: Second in Command  
Maj R M Laing, TD RCT(V)  
23 Syke Cluan  
Richings Park,  
Iwer, Bucks., SL0 9EL  
Tel: 0753 654885

DATE: 8 Jan 1993

Dear Mike

I am delighted that you have been selected for an appointment in 161 Ambulance Regiment RLC(V) on its re-formation on 5 April 1993. I congratulate you on your selection and look forward to serving with you in our new Regiment.

As you know, I will be taking over command of the Regiment on 1st April and as such, I would like you to note the following training dates for the year commencing 1st April 1993:

1. Saturday 3 April: key personnel planning conference in RHQ conference room, commencing 0900. Your attendance is/is not required. Please note that there may well be an RCT drawdown parade on Sunday 4 April on the main square. We may be invited to join in: details TBN as required.
2. Saturday 12 June: Officers and SNCOs Study Day, McMurdo Theatre, commencing 0900. All Officers and SNCOs to attend. Ladies Dinner Nights to follow in respective Messes.
3. Sunday 13 June: pre-camp conference for key personnel in RHQ conference room, commencing 0900.
4. Annual Camp, 10 - 24 July. Grantham based, but Sqns will rotate to Deverell Barracks, Ripon.
5. 2/3 October, Ex Ricks Yomp XI, based at Capel Curig in Snowdonia.
6. 8/9 October, Lamb Trophy Competition for all RLC TA units at the Depot. Details TBN.
7. 13/14 November, Standards Weekend.
8. 26/27 February 1994, Special-to-role weekend.

yours  
Roger

**Queen Elizabeth Military Hospital  
Stadium Road Woolwich SE18 4QH**

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Captain M BRADLEY RCT(V)  
OC 291 Amb Coach Sqn RCT(V)  
C/O TA RCT  
GRANTHAM  
Lincs

12 October 1989

*Dear Captain Bradley*

Now that we are safely returned home from Exercise Plain Sailing, I write to you on behalf of the Commanding Officer and all ranks QEMH to thank you for your help and support to us.

Movement of casualties at the Railhead was a new experience for us, and one fraught with many problems, the foremost being severe shortage of stretcher bearers. It was therefore of considerable importance that you fulfilled your commitment to us with such alacrity. Of note also were the several other occasions when you responded so promptly to our requests.

We look forward to working with you in the future.

*Yours sincerely*

*Bernadette Hammond*



**161 AMBULANCE REGIMENT**  
**Royal Corps of Transport (V)**

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Please reply to:- Top Lodge,  
St. Donat's Castle,  
Llantwit Major,  
South Glamorgan,  
CF6 9WF,

Your reference

Date 24th July, 1986

161 Ambulance Regiment RCT(V)  
Annual Camp 4-18th October, 1986

Administrative Instruction

Action

1. General

161 Ambulance Regiment's annual camp for 1986 will take place from Saturday, 4th October to Saturday, 18th October as part of a Regimental Training year. The camp will be divided into two phases:

Phase 1 Week 1 5/10th October  
Individual to arm and role training based on barrack accommodation at Depot RCT TA.

Phase 2 Week 2 12/17th October  
Ranges, based on the Beckingham training area and ranges and a FTX, Ex Warm Front 1986, based on the Ripon and Catterick training areas, all administered in the field under squadron arrangements.

2. Aims & Objectives

- a) The aim is to provide a period of stimulating and enjoyable training with an element of competitiveness to enhance the common 'esprit de corps' within the Regiment.
- b) The objectives are to :
  - i) improve the battlefield survival skills of all ranks;
  - ii) improve and develop the Command and Control skills at all levels of command within the regiment but with particular emphasis at troop and section level;
  - iii) practice, revise and re-evaluate the operational procedures specific to the individual squadron roles within the BAOR orbat.

3. Pre Camp Conference

The pre camp conference will take place on 6/7th September. All officers and SNCOs are to attend. A separate programme is attached at Annex C.

Depot RCT T  
161 Amb. Reg

4. Programme

- a) A general programme is attached at Annex A and a detailed programme for Week 1 at Annex B.
- b) A detailed range programme will be published by the Regimental Shooting Officer, Capt. Standring, and issued at the pre-camp conference on Sept. 6/7th.
- c) The FTX admin order will be published by the Regimental Ops Officer, Maj. Laing, and issued down to squadron level before the pre-camp conference (Sept. 6/7th).

Capt. Standring

Ops Major

5. Advance Party

- a) A small advance party consisting of 1 SNCO + 2 from each Sqn, RSM and RQMS will be required to assist in the setting up and manning of reception.
- b) The advance party is to report by 23.59 hours on Friday, 3rd October.
- c) Nominations for the advance party are to be made to the Depot by not later than 6/7th Sept. 1986.

OCs  
RSM  
rqms

OCs

6. Rear Party

A small rear party under the command of the RQMS will remain at the Depot during Week 2.

RQMS

7. Reception

- a) The main reception will open at 12.00 on Saturday, 4th October, and close at approx. 15.00. A skeleton staff will remain until 16.30 to process late arrivals.
- b) Full NBC personal protective clothing, respirators and webbing is to be issued at reception.
- c) It is requested also that the clothing stores is open for exchanges from 14.00 to 16.30.
- d) Squadron desks are to be manned throughout the reception period to compile squad lists. HQ Sqn is to be responsible for all RHQ and attached personnel.
- e) A regimental muster parade will take place at 18.00 hours.

Depot RCT TA  
OCs  
RSMDepot RCT TA  
RQMS

Depot RCT TA

OCs

Adjt.  
RSM8. Command and Control

- a) The normal Regimental chain of command will operate for the whole period of the Camp.
- b) In addition, the following personnel will have specific responsibilities as detailed below.

Week 1

- a) Adjutant Capt. Joiner/WRAC/RSM WO1 Ramsey  
In camp admin and security  
Sports afternoon/Drill competition.

Adjt.  
RSM

- |   |                                     |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| b) Regimental Training Officer, Depot Adjutant<br>Capt. Newis-Edwards<br>All aspects of command and control, and<br>management training.  | Adjut<br>Depot RCT TA               |
| c) HQ Sqn Capt, Capt Abbott WRAC<br>Training Liaison Officer - to man the<br>liaison desk in the SI's office during<br>Week 1. BATCO training to liaise with<br>Depot Signals Wing. | Capt Abbott<br>WRAC<br>S1 Depot RCT |
| d) OC HQ Sqn Maj. Limmer<br>Regimental Competition  | OC HQ Sqn                           |
| e) OC 260 Sqn Maj. Bolton<br>MT and driving skills, inter squad<br>competition.   | OC 260                              |
| f) OC 264 Sqn Maj Hyde<br>All aspects of aircraft and vehicle<br>recognition. Fieldcraft demonstration.   | OC 264                              |
| g) RHQ LO Maj. Keir/Depot PTI S/Sgt. Mills<br>PT/Orienteering   | Maj Keir<br>Depot PTI               |
| h) RHQ LO Maj Dobson<br>CCT Exercise  | Maj Dobson                          |
| i) PMC Officers Mess Maj Keir PMC Sgts<br>Mess WO1 Ramsey<br>Individual and joint mess functions  | PMC's<br>Depot RCT TA               |

Week 2

- |  |                |
|--|----------------|
| a) Regimental Ops Officer - Maj Laing<br>FTX - Exercise Warm Front 86 Controller | Ops Major      |
| b) OC HQ Sqn - Maj Limmer<br>Range liaison and Beckingham Ex D.S.                | OC HQ Sqn      |
| c) Regimental Shooting Officer -<br>Capt Standring<br>Ranges and range programme | Capt Standring |

9. Visitors

A visitors programme will be published at the beginning of camp. So far the only confirmed outside visitor is Lt.Col. Whysman, TD, REME(V) SO1 Maint(V) sponsored units, on Wednesday, 8th October, who will be visiting the Regimental Workshops.

OC Workshops

10. Dressa) Week 1

Basic working dress - combat jacket, light-weight green trousers, combat boots and beret; Coveralls, NBC clothing and webbing will be worn appropriate to the training programme.

Adjut  
RSMb) Week 2

- i) 260, 264, 290, 291 Sqns and 260 and 264 Sqn workshops and attached personnel :-  
Combat kit, webbing - to include respirator haversack with respirator, and NBC clothing, combat boots and beret.

Ops Maj  
Sqn OCs

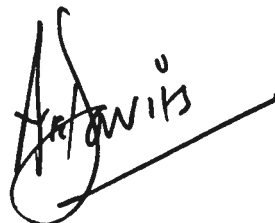
ii) Exercise DS and range staff as for Week 1 with Ex DS wearing white arm bands.  c) All ranks are to be in possession of PT and swimming kit.	Ops Maj RQMS  161 Amb Regt.
11. <u>Vehicles</u>	
a) A vehicle bid has been made and allocations to squadrons will be confirmed subject to final availability at the pre camp conference  b) All Depot Signals Wing FFRs are allocated to the FTX in Week 2.  c) Scrim nets, water containers and tow bars are to be issued in appropriate quantities for Week 2.	Depot RCT TA  Depot RCT TA  Depot RCT TA
12. <u>Rations</u>	
a) <u>Week 1</u>  All ranks will feed in their respective cook house and messes.	Depot RCT TA
b) <u>Week 2</u>  All ranks with the exception of a small rear party will feed in the field on a mixture of "compo" and fresh rations.	Depot RCT TA
c) The RQMS will be responsible for all rationing and the completion of AF 7751 and AF 7764.	RQMS
13. <u>Stores &amp; Equipment</u>	
Sqn. OCs are reminded that in accordance with the Ex. Warm Front warning order dated 8th May, they should already have submitted proformas to the Depot QM for the issue of AFG 1098 stores, tentage and equipment for Week 2. In any event they must be submitted by 6th Sept. at the latest.	Sqn OCs Depot RCT TA
14. <u>Weapons</u>	
a) A limited number of weapons may be required in Week 1 for specific training as detailed by Sqn OCs.	Depot RCT TA Sqn OCs
b) All ranks participating in the FTX and ranges are to draw weapons on Sunday, 12th. Weapons will be returned at end of Ex. on Friday, 17th.	Depot RCT TA Ops Maj
c) The RQMS is to arrange for the issue of all weapons as detailed by the Ops Major, Regimental Shooting Officer and Sqn OCs.	RQMS Ops Maj Sqn OCs Capt Standrin
15. <u>Recces and O Groups</u>	
a) There will be a Regimental 'O' Group immediately after the Regimental Muster Parade at 18.00 on Saturday, 4th	Adjt
c) A range recce will take place during the pre camp conference on 6/7th Sept.	Sqn OCs



5.

- c) Initial Ex Recces will take place as detailed by the Regimental Ops Officer Maj. Laing

Ops Maj



A.E. Davies, TD

Major

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161 Ambulance Regiment RCT(V)

Annexures

- A - General Programme
- B - Detailed programme for Week 1
- C - Pre-camp Conference Programme

Distribution :

Depot RCT TA	X 3
CO 161 Regt	
Ops Major 161 Regt	
OCs Sqns 260	X 2
264	X 2
290	X 2
291	X 2
HQ	
OC REME	X 3
SO2 RLOs	X 3
Adj Depot RCT	
Adj 161 Regt	
RSM 161 Regt	
RQMs 161 Regt	
CC 161 Regt	

ANNEX A

to 161 Ambulance Regiment Annual Camp 1986 Admin Instruction

Sheet 1 - General Programme

Sheet 2 - Allocation of Instructors  
and Training Facilities

Annual Camp 161 Ambulance Regiment

GENERAL PROGRAMME

Allocation of Instructors and Training Facilities

1. Week 1

- |    |   |  |
|----|---|--|
| a) | Command and Control and man<br>management   | Depot Adjt<br>Capt Newis-Edwards                                 |
| b) | Aircraft and Vehicle<br>Recognition         | 161 Regt OC 264 Sqn<br>Maj Hyde                                  |
| c) | The Threat (Lecture)                        | 161 Regt Cpl Wharton   |
| d) | MT Management X 2                           | 161 Regt Ops Capt 260 Sqn<br>Capt Montgomery +<br>Cpl Wharton    |
| e) | NBC X 2                                     | Depot PSIs Cpl Smith<br>Cpl Morris                               |
| f) | MR X 2                                      | 161 Regt   |
| g) | First Aid X 2                               | Depot PSI + 161 Regt<br>Sgt Butterworth<br>S/Sgt Carmichael      |
| h) | Drill                                       | 161 Regt RSM   |
| i) | MO1 X 2                                     | Depot PSIs WO1 Movements Wing<br>+ Cpl Wood                      |
| j) | Fault Finding X 2                           | 161 Regt REME  |
| k) | PT  | Depot PSI S/Sgt Mills + 1  |
| l) | BATCO + CCT X 2                             | Depot Signals Wing PSI<br>Sgt Card, Cpl Agutter<br>Cpl McCluskie |
| m) | Road Safety Film and<br>Main Film Programme | 161 Regt S/Sgt Angell  |

2. Week 2

- |    |        |   |   |
|----|--------|---|---|
| a) | Ranges | - | Regimental Shooting Officer Capt Standring<br>+ WO1 Rees (Depot PSI TA) + Sqn PSIs      |
| b) | FTX    | - | 2 X NBC DS Depot PSIs Cpl Smith, Cpl Morris<br>+ Depot Signals Wing PSIs + 161 Regt DS. |

3. All test results are to be submitted to OC HQ Sqn for entry into the Regimental Competition.
4. All syllabus details and training aids are to be provided by Depot RCT TA. 161 Regiment instructors are to liaise with WO1 Training.
5. WO1 Training Depot RCT TA will allocate classrooms and training areas for Week 1.

## 290 AMBULANCE COACH SQUADRON

ESTABLISHMENT

	<u>PEACE</u>	<u>WAR</u>
OFFICERS	5	10 (5 FROM RARO)
WO	1	1
SGTS		
SQMS	1	1
TP NCO	5	5
RECCE NCO W/KEEPER		1
SGTS		
C/CLERK	1	1
TP ADMIN	5	5
TP SGT	5	5
CPL		
CLERK	1	1
LMG	1	1
SECT	20	20
STMN	1	1
DVR/OP	1	1
L/CPL		
CLERK	1	1
LMG	1	1
DVR TASK VEHICLE		111
STOREMAN	3	3
DVR/OP	1	1
DVRS		
CLERK	1	1
DVR TP HQ	5	5
DVR TASK		333
LMG	2	2
M/C	2	2
STOREMAN	1	1
RAPC		
SGT	1	1
ACC		
SGT	1	1
CPL	4	4
L/CPL	6	6
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TOTALS:		
RCT		
OFFICERS	5	10
SOLDIERS	59	504
RAPC		
SOLDIERS	1	1
ACC		
SOLDIERS	11	11



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290 AMBULANCE COACH SQUADRON

VEHICLE ESTABLISHMENT

WEF JUNE 83

DOMESTIC

4 X 1/2 TON L/R  
3 X 1/2 TON FFR  
4 X 1/2 TON TRAILER

TASK

144 X 39 SEAT (12 STRETCHER) COACHES  
78 X 55 SEAT (27/30 CASUALTY) COACHES

RESTRICTED

Establishment No 6/1052/3(P)(W)  
Effective date 1 Jun 83

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Amendments Issued SHEET  
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TITLE 161 AMBULANCE REGIMENT RCT(V)

Line Serial		OFC	Parent Arm	Officers - Appointment Soldiers - Army Trade/Qualification Vehicle/Weapon Type	Rank	Upper Rank When range of rank applies	UNIT TOTAL		RIHQ		HQ Sqn		260 Amb Sqn RCT(V)	264 Amb Sqn RCT(V)	290 Amb/Coach Sqn RCT(V)	291 Amb/Coach Sqn RCT(V)	Regular Personnel	Establishments Superseded As sheet 1	REMARKS							
Para	Sub	EQPT CODE					Peace	War	Peace	War	Peace	War	Peace	War	Peace	War	Peace	War								
a	b	c	d	e	f(1)	f(2)	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z
WEAPONS																										
Personal																										
9910		WA1054		Pistol 9mm L9A1 (Pers)				4				4														
9920		WA0601		Rifle 7.62 L1 (Pers)			1166			4		26		132		132		132		125						
9930		WA0901		SMG 9mm L2 (Pers)			216			14		18		40		40		52		52						
9940		WA1201		Unit			608	122				2		23		23		32		32						
		WB2202		M1 7.62 LMG L4				122				2		23		23		32		32						
TRANSPORT																										
Domestic																										
		VB1010		Motor Cycle				42			2			20		20										
		VB1620		Truck Utility GS 1 ton 4x4				19			2		5		1		1		4		4					
		VB1625		Truck Utility GS FFR 1 ton 4x4				2						4		4		3		3						
		VB1720		Truck Utility FFR 2 ton 4x4				14						5		5										
		VB2025		Truck Cargo 4 ton 4x4				13				3		3		3										
		VB2204		Truck Cargo Bulk Fuel 4ton 4x4				6						3		3		4		4						
		VB2823		Tlr Cargo 2 tne 2WD				20			2		4		3		3									
		VB2970		Tlr Cargo 12 tne 2WD				9				1		4		4										
Task																										
		VB1040		Amb Med Mob 2-4 Stretcher 4x4				88						44		44										
		VB1144		Car Utility Large 4x2				13																		
		VB1182		Motor Coach Large w/A role 4x2				300										144		156						
		VB1184		Motor Coach Large 4x2				126										78		48						
		VB2025		Truck Cargo 4 ton 4x4				44						22		22										
		VB2074		Truck F/Plat w/ST crane 4x4				2						1		1										

## NOTES

## 1. Unit Organization - War

RIHQ (8.10)

HQ Sqn (8.42) 291 Amb/Coach Sqn (10.504)

626 MCTO RCT

(Separate

Enth - 2.3 Mil  
178 CWG)

636 MCTO RCT

(Separate

Enth - 1.1 Mil  
219 CWG)

IP	IP	IP	IP	IP
Sect	Sect	Sect	Sect	Sect

A	B	C
Sub	Sub	Sub
Gp	Gp	Gp

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Sub	Sub	Sub
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## **161 AMBULANCE REGIMENT RLC(V)**

161 Ambulance Regiment, Royal Logistic Corps (Volunteers) plays a vital role in the medical orbat within the CSSG (UK). Originally raised in 1973 as a Specialist Regiment of the Royal Corps of Transport TA, it fulfilled the 4th line casevac role in the RCZ, in what was BAOR.

Re-formed in April 1993, on the inception of the Royal Logistic Corps and based at HQ RLC TA in Grantham, the Regiment is tasked with the movement of casualties from Field Hospitals in both the FSG and RSG areas of operations, either to railheads or airheads for rearward evacuation to the UK base, or directly by road to field hospitals with specialist facilities in CSSG (UK) or CSSG (A).

The Regiment consists of RHQ with workshops detachment and two ambulance squadrons; 290 Squadron and 291, each with an establishment of 177 all ranks, capable of manning 45 x 10 metre coaches and 23 x 12 metre coaches. Each coach can be converted to carry stretcher bound patients in two tiers along each side of the coach.

Though being primarily an ambulance coach regiment, 161 Ambulance Regiment RLC(V) personnel have retained the skills necessary for the provision of 2nd line casualty evacuation using landrover ambulances in more demanding field conditions.

Furthermore 161 Ambulance Regiment is also able to undertake the evacuation of persons considered at risk in stations and territories overseas, or assist in onward evacuation and transfer of casualties repatriated within the home base.

# UNIT CHARTER

## TITLE PAGE

Unit Title	161 Ambulance Regiment RLC(V)
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Address	Prince William of Gloucester Barracks
	Grantham, Lincolnshire NG31 7TJ

Estb No/Date	06/4052 1 Apr 95 wksp: 06/6063 1 Apr 95 stores sect: 06/1357 1 Apr 95	UIN	A4295A wksp: A3043A stores sect: A7716A
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Estb Totals	Manpower	(W)	(P)
		(WE) Offrs: 19+5 att Sldrs: 344+71 att	(PE) Offrs: 18+5 att Sldrs: 284+66 att
	Main Equip by type/no	(WE): Motor coach large W/A/R 12m - 46 Motor coach large W/A/R - 90	

ROLE
<p>Peace:</p> <p>161 Amb Regt RLC(V) will train and prepare to provide 2nd/3rd line amb sp to CSSG(UK)/CSSG(G) on ops.</p> <p>War:</p> <p>161 Amb Regt RLC(V) will provide 2nd/3rd line amb sp to CSSG(UK)/CSSG(G).</p>

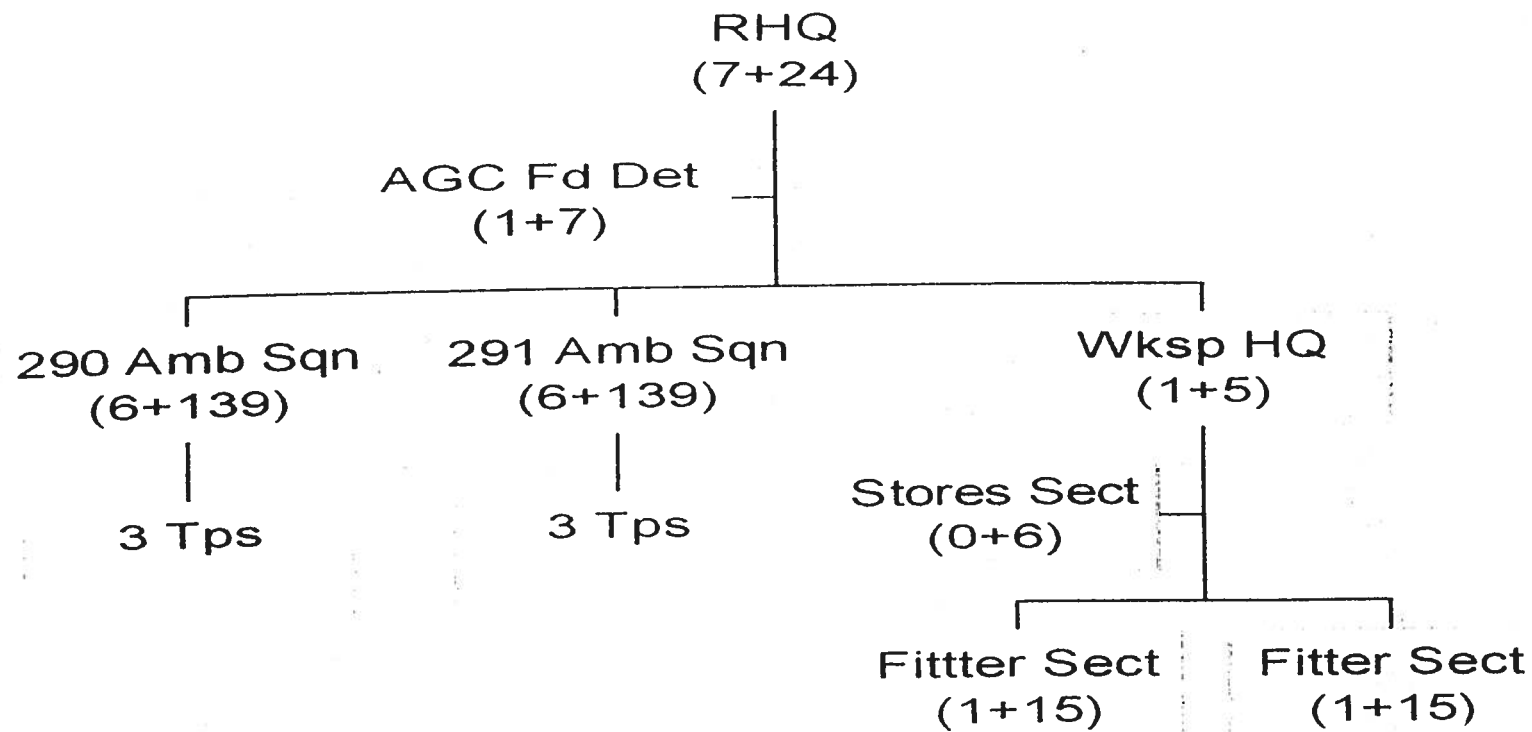
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**DATED 1 SEP 95**

**RLC UNITS - COMMAND AND CONTROL TEMPLATE**

**UNIT TITLE: 161 AMB REGT RLC(V)**

<b>Serial</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Responsible Superior Headquarters/Appointment</b>
(a)	(b)	(c)
1	<u>Military Secretary</u> Initiator of CO CR First SRO Second SRO Head of Service	Col of Vols Comd RLC TA Comd Log Sp LAND N/A
2	<u>Command</u> Functional command in peace Operational command in war	HQ RLC TA CSSG
3	<u>Inspections</u> OPEVAL Functional Standards	tbc tbc
4	<u>Training Directive</u>	Comd RLC TA via COS
5	<u>Technical Directive</u>	Comd RLC TA via DCOS
6	<u>Administration</u> Discipline/Personal Services G2 Security in peace Admin (G4 Ops/Log sp/ES/SPS) Local Admin G4 Qtg	HQ RLC TA HQ RLC TA HQ RLC TA HQ RLC TA N/A
7	<u>Budgets</u> TLB HLB BLB	HQ LAND 2 DIV HQ RLC TA

# 161 Amb Regt RLC(V)

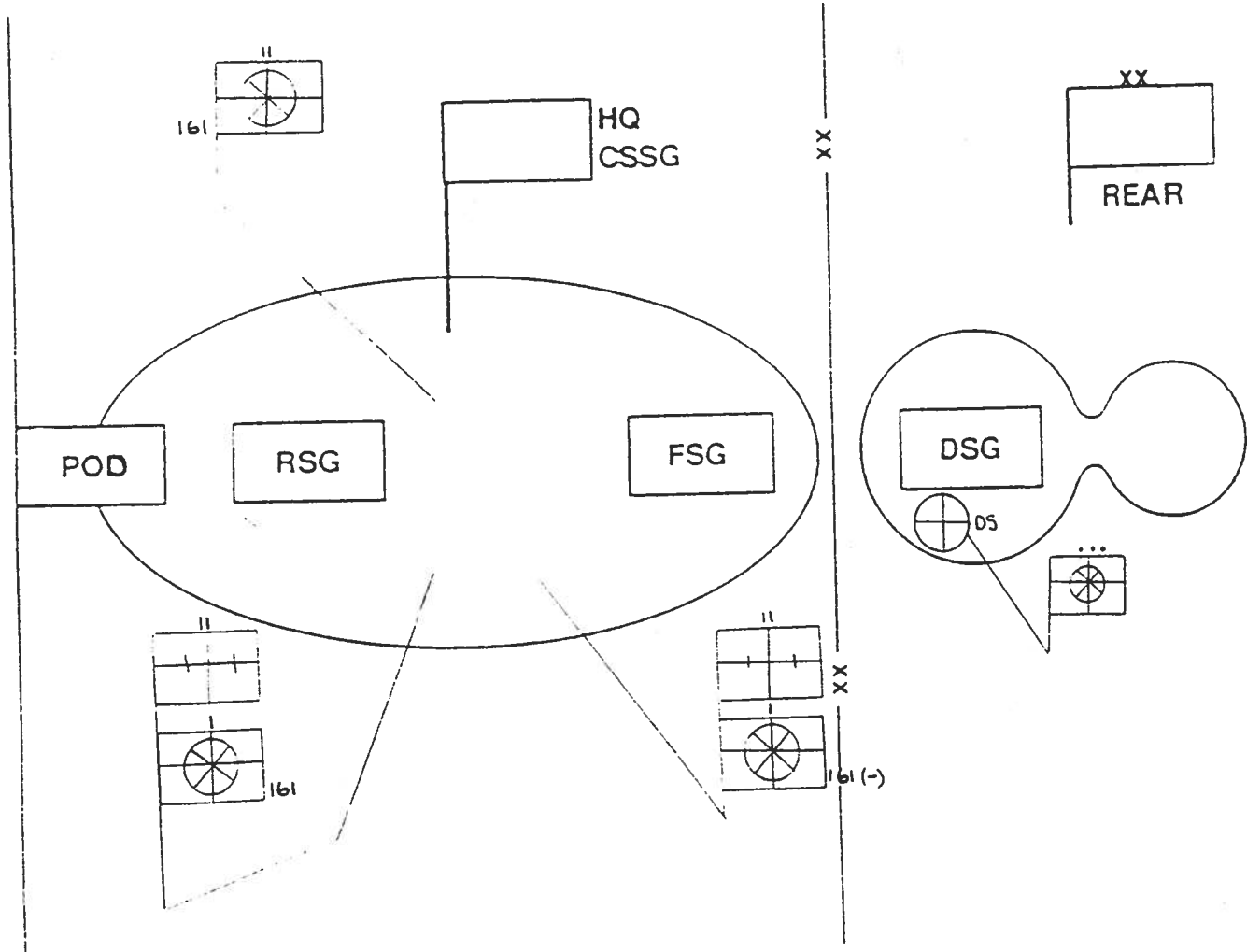


Peacetime Establishment Wiring Diagram

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Organisational Diagram (Battlefield)

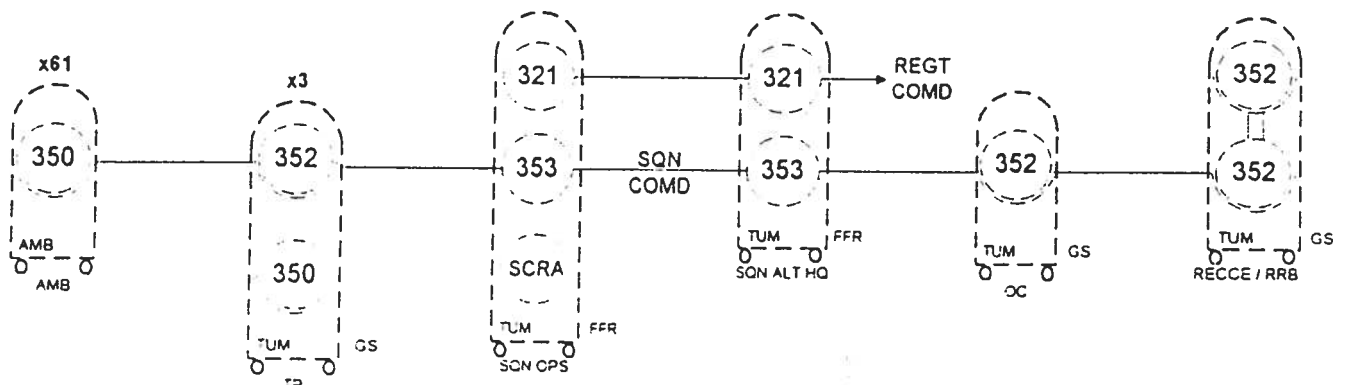


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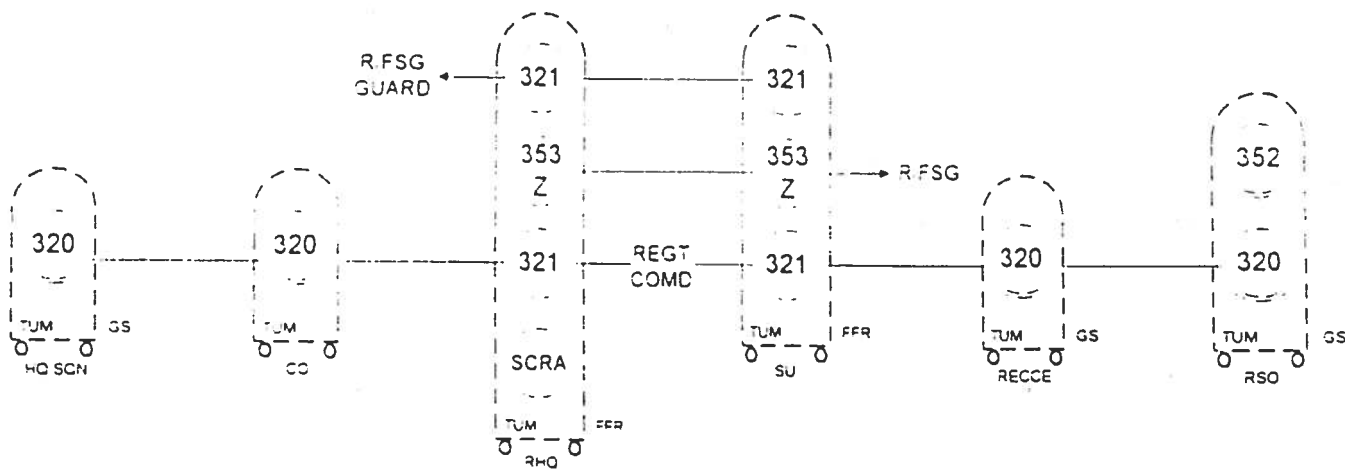
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## 161 AMB REGT RLC (V) (S)

CLANSMAN RADIO DIAGRAM



THIRD LINE AMBULANCE SQN x2



RHQ

**Note:**

1. Comms details extracted from HQ Land's LAND/Log Sp/1511 dated 16 May 96.

GENERAL INFORMATION (TO INCLUDE BRIEF HISTORY; MISC POINTS)

161 Amb Regt RLC(V)

161 Amb Regt RLC(V) was originally formed in 1973 as a specialist unit of the RCT TA. As such, it had the 4th line casevac role in the RCZ of the former BAOR.

The Regiment was reconstructed in April 1993 with the formation of the RLC, and is now tasked with the evacuation of casualties from Field Hospitals to rail or airheads within the FSG area. Tasking may also involve movement of casualties between hospitals by road directly back from the FSG to the RSG area.

161 Amb Regt is the only dedicated coach ambulance regiment in the British Army. On operations, it may exchange one of its two task squadrons with a squadron of Land Rover ambulances from 152 (Ulster) Amb Regt RLC(V), giving it the flexibility to fulfil its role as required by the operational situation.

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b. Ambulance Support Groups (ASG). Up to 8 ASGs equipped with coach ambulances in support of evacuation from any medical facility. The unit can be task organised, by swapping assets with 152 Amb Regt, to give a balanced capability controlling both Ambulance Coaches and BattleField Ambulances.

### CAPABILITIES

4. The Regiment is well recruited to 80% of its UE, is well trained and highly motivated. It provides its capability from the following established structure :

	RLC	RAMC	REME	AGC	Total
RHQ	6 + 14	1 + 10			7 + 24
290 Amb Sqn	6 + 135	0 + 4			6 + 139
291 Amb Sqn	6 + 135	0 + 4			6 + 139
Stores Sect	0 + 6				0 + 6
Wksp	0 + 1		3 + 32	0 + 2	3 + 35
AGC Fd Det				1 + 7	1 + 7
Total	18 + 291	1 + 18	3 + 32	1 + 9	23 + 350

### CONCERNS

5. I have 4 principal concerns regarding 161 Regt that could have an impact on the operational output delivered to LAND.

6. War Establishment Reserve (WER) Capability.

a. It is not clear from where the WER will be found for those RLC Regular and TA personnel engaged in operational evacuation. The SDR TA process required the RLC to identify a WER element for most trades from its allocated TA headroom. e.g. 160 Transport Regt RLC(V) is a WER pool of 405 DROPS drivers.

b. The War Fighting Increment (WFI) i.e. the difference between Unit Establishment (UE) and War Fighting Establishment (WFE) for 152 Amb Regt RLC(V) alone is 90 RLC soldiers. We estimate there is a requirement for a further WFI of 354 RLC personnel for Regular AMS units and a further 38 for TA AMS units. This makes a total of 482 WFI personnel required. The easy answer is that they could be found from individual reservists but there would be no guarantee that they would have any experience in the role. However, individuals in 161 Amb Regt are trained and experienced in the role and would be ideally suited to fill a proportion of these posts on mobilisation.

c. Reference C highlights the need for Ambulance Crewmen to be trained to a higher standard than at present which adds weight to having at least some WER capability in the TA who are trained and focused on the role.

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7. **Evacuation Troops for Independent TA Units.** There is some concern<sup>2</sup> that there will be difficulty in recruiting sufficient RLC Independent TA drivers to fill posts on the establishments of the Evacuation Squadrons in 4, 5 and 6 GS Med Regts especially as these units will, in some areas of the country, be in direct recruiting competition with RLC Independent Transport Regiments. 161 Regt, being a Specialist RLC TA unit, recruits from a nation-wide perspective and offers the flexibility of a reduced commitment and is therefore able to target a far wider population. There is an opportunity here to cover the shortfall for this capability either in the short term or long term with the formed capability in 161 Regt. There is scope to cadreize a number of the RLC driver posts within the Independent GS Med Regt Evacuation Sqns into 161 Amb Regt. These individuals would be held against the strength of the GS Med Regt and would train with them on exercises and deployments but would be part of the Specialist RLC TA based in Grantham.

8. **Command and Control for the ARRC Amb Gp.** Reference C and the ARRC CSS Force Proposal 2000 both articulate a requirement for an Ambulance Group HQ within the Medical Group. We assume that RHQ 152 Ambulance Regt will be allocated in support of the UK NSE (either on the **first** or **second** LOC or **both!**) and therefore it is not clear where the C2 and the Ambulance assets of the ARRC Amb Gp will come from. 161 Amb Regt is ideally suited and trained for this role.

9. **3<sup>rd</sup> Line Medical Study.** As the 3<sup>rd</sup> Line Medical Study is not yet complete, it is not clear what level of ambulance support will be required behind the divisional rear boundary and from where the support will be provided. As logisticians we have some concerns:

- a. C2 of the evacuation process is already a complex business. The only organisation dedicated to this task is 152 Amb Regt who appear to be triple earmarked.
- b. The new Medical Concept increases that complexity by placing a greater reliance on dispersed specialised medical facilities that will increase the lateral movement of casualties around the rear area.
- c. Heavy reliance on Support Helicopter and by Tac Air may be false lessons drawn from PSO etc. This may not be sound for operations at a large scale of effort.

10. Does it make sense to disband this key capability before the conclusions from this Study have been drawn?

## **SUMMARY AND PROPOSAL**

11. 161 Amb Regt RLC(V) exists, is well recruited and occupies a key position in the operational evacuation business. The complete capability that allowed for 161 Regt to be disbanded is not yet in place and the way ahead in this key area is not yet clear. Whilst the AMS is understandably reluctant to forgo TA headroom that they have allocated to surgical

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<sup>2</sup> Comd 15 (NE) Bde letter 3000 dated 28 Sep 99 on the Formation of 5 GS Med Regt.

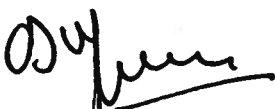
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capability to 'buy back' operational evacuation capability (both RLC/RAMC), they are nevertheless severely under recruited and are likely to remain so for some years.

**12. It is therefore proposed that the disbandment of 161 Amb Regt be postponed for a period of 3 years until Apr 2004 and until Phase 3 of the HQ LAND 3<sup>rd</sup> Line Medical Study is delivered and its findings endorsed. The modest MTD funding for this highly capable unit could be found from the AMS under-recruited strength. In the interim the Army would retain a capability to:**

- a. Support newly formed but undermanned AMS TA units that have been unable to recruit evacuation troops.
- b. Support UK AMS sponsored exercises with a trained manpower, a proven Amb Gp C2 structure and a trained Evacuation Control Cell.
- c. Provide a robust and readily deployable WER capability containing RLC and RAMC personnel trained in evacuation.
- d. Continue to provide evacuation 'expertise'. (e.g. It was 161 Amb Regt that LAND called on to carry out the recent stretcher restraint trials).

**13. There is a real danger that the disbandment of 161 Amb Regt will result in the loss of a highly trained and motivated organisation that provides a cost effective but real operational utility to LAND Command. It would be very difficult to regenerate the capability provided by the Regiment after the unit has disbanded.**

  
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Comd AMS TA  
CO 161 Amb Regt RLC(V)

# UNIT KEY CHARACTERISTICS AND CONCERNS-161 AMBULANCE SP REGT RLC(V).

## 1. Established v actual strength.

Component	Officers		WOs		SNCOs		JNCOs		ORs		Total strengths		
	A	E	A	E	A	E	A	E	A	E	A	E	%
RHQ		7		4		4		6		1		22	
MED		1				5		4		1		11	
STORES						2		2		2		6	
WKSPS		1		1		1		3		1		7	
Total RHQ		9		5		12		15		5		46	
290 SQN		6		1		9		48		83		147	
290 WKSPS		1				3		8		5		17	
291 SQN		6		1		9		48		83		147	
291 SQN WKSPS		1				3		8		5		17	
REGT TOTAL		23		7		36		127		181		374	

## 2. Training overview.

RANK	Pte	%	L/cpl	%	Cpl	%	Sgt	%	Ssgt	%	Wo	%	Total	%
Strength %	128		56		28		14		10		5		241	
CL 3	36	28	11	19	2	7	1	7					50	20
CL 2	21	16	30	53	7	25	2	14	1	10			61	25
CL 1	4	3	7	12	8	28	3	21	8	80	3	60	33	13
C	30	23	14	25	9	32	6	42	4	40	2	40	65	26
C+E	32	25	30	53	13	46	4	28	5	50			86	35
D	42	32	36	64	14	50	2	14	3	30	1	20	97	40
DROPS	1		4	7	2	7	1	7	2	20	1	20	11	4
HAZMAT	5	3	3	5	2	7	2	14	1	10			13	5
UBRE/TTF	6	4	12	21	4	14							22	9
RAD OP					4	14	2	14	1	10			7	2
RSI														
WO/CSE							1	7	1	10	5	100	7	2
JCB	4	3	2		3	10	1	7			1	20	11	4

## Training State Against Mission Essential Training Targets as at 04 April 00

COURSES	TY 00/01	ACTUAL AS AT 04 APRIL 00
DVR CLASS 3	60% (PTE/LCPL)	25%
DVR CLASS 1	70% (CPL & BELOW)	9%
DVR LIC CAT D	40% (CPL & BELOW)	43%
DVR LIC CAT C+E	35% (CPL % BELOW)	35%
DVR LIC CAT C	65%	62%
Combat Med Tech		
HAZMAT Driver	10% (CPL & BELOW)	4%
HAZMAT Supervisor	1 SNCO per Sqn	NIL
HAZMAT Operator	1 SNCO per Sqn	NIL
RLC TA WO Cse	All Wos in Regtl Appts	180%= 9 in Regt qualified

# 290 TRAINING NEWS

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## THE TRAINING YEAR CONTINUES

Despite the intense activity in the early part of the training year caused by the reduced commitment required for exercise Rhino Replen there remains a considerable amount of training events which the Sqn. and the Regiment have undertaken.

If a reduced camp is an option exercise Second Chance 6-13 Sept. provides an opportunity to develop driving skills, practice operational moves and prepare for Rhino Replen which takes place 13-27 Sept. Bids to the Second In Command.

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**Many opportunities for 161 to demonstrate fitness for role through standards and complete 19 days.**

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On the weekend of 27/28 Sept. 291 Sqn. are taking part in a Petit Mash which has become a Grand Mash because of the numbers involved. Anybody doing a reduced camp or who requires additional days should volunteer to assist. Bids directly to

Major Limb.

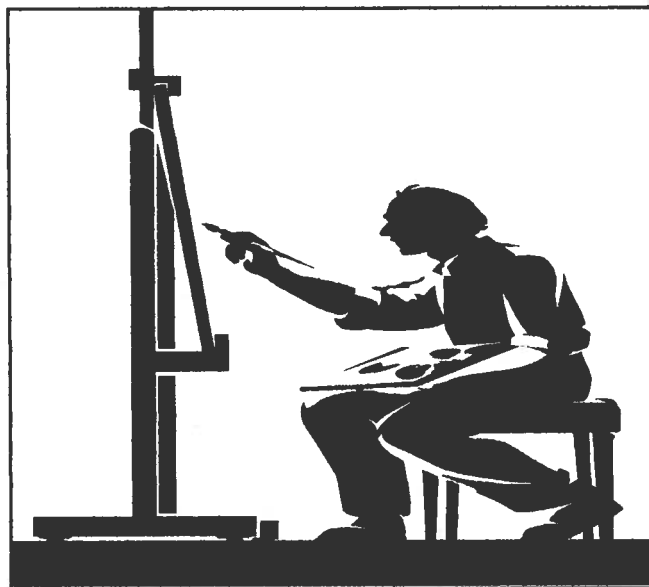
290 Sqn. have their own Petit Mash on 11/12 Oct. and volunteers will be required for both the advance party and the main event. Bids to Capt. Lucas.

There will be a requirement for drivers and Junior NCO's to take part in the Regimental CPX which takes place in the command and control trainer. This will be a very useful piece of training for anyone wishing to understand the new concept of Operations and practice the operational role.

Junior NCO's will take part in Matt's Scramble which is a hill walking exercise. Call in will be issued by 291 Sqn. based on bids from 290 for their personnel.

There is a need for drivers and LCpls. to assist on the Officers and Snr. NCO's weekend 23/24 Aug. It is acknowledged that this is a Bank Holiday but anyone who can assist should contact the TPT PSI, WO2 Lockwood.

Standards for the Rhino Replen Trp. and any member of the Regiment requiring them will take place at Rolleston 22/23 Nov. Again there will be a requirement for an advance party, volunteers to the PSI.



*Too many soldiers just fail to qualify for Bounty.*

## Bounty qualification

Far too many members of the Sqn. and of the Regiment fail to demonstrate their efficiency when in fact the cause was a failure to complete the required number of days or to complete the full range of standards tests. The bare minimum is 19 days and all standards must be completed in order to qualify for the CO's certificate of efficiency. It is a personal responsibility to keep track of standards completed and no member of the Sqn. has any excuse as in 96/97 at least two reminders were sent to those requiring either days or standards. It is everyone's interest for you to make sure that your full commitment is achieved. There are ample opportunities to complete that target before the end of 1997.

Any member of the Sqn. who does not know when they will complete camp or a course should clarify their situation through the chain of command.

M Bradley Major Officer Commanding 290 Sqn.



## THE REGIMENT'S HISTORY 1972 – 2002 PHOTOGRAPH IDENTIFICATION



Officers of 291 Sqn - 1993

**Reserved for future Regimental and Squadron photographs**

## 161 TRANSPORT/AMBULANCE REGIMENT RCT[V]

SOURCE	PIC No	YEAR	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	NAME[S]	COMMENTS
Brig Roger Hood	1a	1998	Barry Buddon Camp	TD bar presentation	Top L Col Woodford & Lt Col Hood	Col Vols visit to camp
	1b	1997	Crowborough Camp	TD presentation	Low L Maj (QM) Mike Bradley	OC 290 Sqn
					Lt Col Roger Hood	CO
					Capt Nick Battersby	Adjutant
	1c	1996	CO's home	Lt Col on promotion	Lt Col Roger Hood	RLC Service Dress
	2	1998	HQ RLC TA	161 Regt Officers	Front L-R Maj Matt Limb, Capt Nick Battersby, Lt Col John Hedges, Lt Col Roger Hood, Maj Gary Evanson, Maj George Stanford, Maj Mike Bradley	
				Rear L-R	Capt Mike Wright REME, Capt Duncan Lucas, Capt Caroline Simpson MBE, Capt Ian Roberts, Capt(QM) Paul Walsh, Lt Marshall, 2Lt Davenhill, Capt Jenny [not known] AGC	
	3.	1998	Farnborough	Field Hospital support	Top	12 & 14m Bedford Coach Ambulances
					Low	110 Land Rover UN Ambulance at Farnborough Air Show
Lt Col Roger Laing	4	1988	Grantham	Small Arms Range	L-R	Maj Roger Laing & Col Rick Ahern
	5	1992	Grantham	Veh Park	L-R	Major Roger Laing & Lt Col Tony Davies

SOURCE	PIC No	YEAR	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	NAME[S]	COMMENTS
Lt Col Bob Pow	6	1982	Capel Curig, Snowdonia	Rick's Yomp 1	L-R	Sgt Hayes, Maj John Limmer, Capt Des Norton, Maj John Kier & Maj Roger Laing
	7.	1986	Grantham	Officers Mess	L-R	Maj Roger Dobson, Capt Sue Joyner & Maj Roger Laing
	8.	1989	Grantham	Parade Square	L-R	Lt Col David Mead, Maj Chris Duffel & Maj Tony Davies
	9a	1989	Grantham	Cartoon		
	9b			Cartoon numbers [Word]		
Col Rick Ahern	9c			Cartoon Identification [Word]		
	10	1992	Grantham	Ladies Night		
	10b			Picture Identification [Word]		
	11.	1995	Grantham Square		L-R	Maj Hood & Lt Col Laing 2i/c with CO
	12.	2012	Grantham Officers Mess			HM the Queen The TA's Royal Portrait.
	13.	2012	Grantham Officers Mess			HM the Queen The TA's Royal Portrait.
	14.	2012	Grantham Square	Taking the Salute at the Anniversary Parade		The Duchess of Gloucester
	15.	19989	Grantham SA Range			Lt Col Laing, Col Ahern & Maj Dobson
Lt Col Bob Pow	16.	2002	Grantham Square	Disbandment Parade		The Regt on Parade
	17.	2002	Grantham Square	Disbandment Parade		The CO takes over the Parade
	18.	2002	Grantham Square	Disbandment Parade		The March Past
	19.	2002	Grantham Square	Disbandment Parade		Taking the Salute

SOURCE	PIC No	YEAR	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	NAME[S]	COMMENTS
Lt Col Bob Pow	20.	2002	Grantham Square	Disbandment Parade		The Band March Past
	21.	2002	Grantham Square	Disbandment Parade		The Saluting Dias
	22.	2002	Grantham Square	Disbandment Parade		The Band
	23.	2002	Grantham Square	Disbandment Parade		Permission to March Off?
	24.	2002	Grantham Square	Disbandment Parade		The Padre says a Final Prayer
	25.	2002	Grantham Square	Disbandment Parade		The Regt Marches Off Parade
	26.	1988	Home	Royal Appointment	Col Rick Ahern	Appointed ADC [TA] to
Lt Col Tony Davies	27.	1988	Home	Royal Appointment	Col Rick Ahern	HM the Queen
	28.	1988	Castle Martin	Infantry trg		House clearance ex
	29.	1988	Castle Martin	Infantry trg		House clearance ex
	30.	1991	Swinerton		Col Ahern & Lt Col Davies	
	31.	1993	Veh Park, Grantham	L/R Ambs		
	32.	1993	Veh Park, Grantham	Coach Ambs		
	33.	1991	Swinerton	House clearance trg		
	34.	1991	Swinerton	House clearance trg		
	35.	1974	Minden trg area	Heli casevac trg	SSM Morley	SSM Morley recruits pen pals for his daughter
	36.	1974	Minden trg area	PR Interview	Maj Rick Ahern	with BAOR Public Relations officer
Col Rick Ahern	37.	1982	Brecon Beacons	Ex Rick's Yomp	L-R Maj Rob Walters, Maj John Kier, Lt Col Rick Ahern, Capt Fred Shiel REME, Col Colin Brice [Hon Col], Capt Mark Melaugh, Capt Graham Smith, Lt Richard O'Keefe, Lt Dick Baker-Munton, Lt Alan Curtis, Maj John Lynch,	

SOURCE		PIC No	YEAR	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	NAME[S]	COMMENTS
						Maj Mike Hyde, Maj Roger Laing, Capt Maurice Morley.	
39.	1984	Grantham		Ladies Dinner Night	Lt Col Rob Walters, Lt Col Rick Ahern		Col Rick's Dining Out
					& Col Colin Brice [Hon Col]		
40.	1990	Grantham		Hon Colonels Briefing	Back Brig Ridley, Viscount Downe, Col Ahern, Brig Evans, Brig Wynn,		
					Brig Tweedy, Sir Peter Bowness, Sir Kenneth Oxford, Mr Irwin.		
					Front Col Wallis, Brig Barker, Col Creaney, Col Spackman, Maj Gen Carrington,		
					Col Gardiner, Col Stormer, Brig Starling.		
41.	1990	Grantham		Ladies Dinner Night			
42.	1989	Brecon Beacons		<i>Ex Lams Gambol recce</i>	Col Rick Ahern		Snow scene
43.	1989	Brecon Beacons		<i>Ex Lams Gambol</i>	Col Rick Ahern		2 weeks later – weather contrast
44.	1985	Grantham		Ladies Dinner Night	Brig Evans & Col Emery		Col Brian's Dining Out
45/46.	1984	Grantham		NATO Dinner Night	Front Lt Col Bradbrooke, Lt Col Reavil RA, Capt Honega [BE],		
					Lt Col von Gaudecker [GE], Lt Col Peterson [NL], Col Klink [GE], Brig Bromby,		
					Col Emery, Brig Blakey, Brig Evans, Col Smidt [NL], Lt Col Hendricks [BE],		
					Maj Strobbe [BE], Lt Col Berry & Lt Col Wrathall.		

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161 TRANSPORT/AMBULANCE REGIMENT RCT[V]						
SOURCE	PIC No	YEAR	LOCATION	ACTIVITY	NAME[S]	COMMENTS
Lt Col Stanford	45	1993	Grantham	291 Sqn group photo	L-R Capt Starr, Lt Walsh, Maj Stanford, Lt Turkington, Maj Bradley & Lt Egan	

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**DOCUMENTS**

**161 Ambulance Regiment RCT Officers and SNCOs 1990**

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<b><u>RHQ</u></b>		<b><u>260 Ambulance Sqn</u></b>		<b><u>264 Ambulance Sqn</u></b>	<b><u>290 Coach Ambulance Sqn</u></b>			<b><u>291 Coach Ambulance Sqn</u></b>	
CO	LtCol A E Davies TD (Tony)	oc	Maj C J Duffell TD (Chris)	oc	Maj A Crozier TD (Alan)	oc	Mj P J Cockbill (Phil)	oc	Maj D P T Clark (David)
RMO	Lt Col R J Hedges RAMC (John)	2IC	Capt S M Joiner (Sue)	2IC	Capt D M Gagen (David)	2IC	Capt J Norman TD (Jimmy)	2IC	Capt (QM) M Bradley (Mike)
2IC	Maj R M Laing TD (Roger)	Capt Ops	Capt S L Whitby (Sarah)	Admin Capt	Capt J D Lucas (Duncan)	Capt Ops	Capt R H Pigram (Robert)	Capt Ops	Capt G R Hogan (Garry)
Ops Maj	Maj S H Coggan TD (Steve)	TCO/R ecce	Capt (QM) P Walsh (Paul)	TCO/Recce	Capt T S Liddle (Tom)	Admin Offr	Capt (QM) A Edwards (Alan)	Admin Offr	Capt K Chambers (Karen)
Adjt	Capt P N Starr (Paul)								
LO	Maj R H Dobson TD (Roger)	Tp			Lt S I Panton (Sarah) <sup>3</sup> .	Tp		Tp	
LO	Maj J Limmer TD (John)	Comd	Lt C Carden (Carol)	Tp Comd	Lt R A Potton (Robert)	Comd		Comd	
OC	Maj F A Ashley REME (Frank) <sup>1</sup> .	Tp	Lt J P Ward (Jonathan)	Tp Comd	<i>Lt K Milledge (Kate)</i>	Tp		Tp	
Wksp	Capt (QM) M J Roche (Mike)	Comd	2Lt C Vaughn - Arbuckle (Claire)	Tp Comd		Comd		Comd	
QM	Capt G A Ward RAPC (Geoff)								
Pmr Spec Cat Offr	Capt P C Furey ACC (Paul)	OC Wksp	2Lt Leston REME <sup>2</sup> .	OC Wksp		OC Wksp	WO1 Knight REME <sup>4</sup> .	OC Wksp	Capt C Bone REME (Colin)
RSM	WO1 A Ward	SSM	WO2 Maguire	SSM	WO2 Donald	SSM	WO2 Cook	SSM	WO2 Smith
CC	WO2 Hayes	SQMS	S/Sgt Holden	SQMS	S/Sgt Durkin	SQM S	S/Sgt Lungley	SQM S	
RQMS	WO2 Durrant								
TQMS	S/Sgt Hope								

**HQ**

**SQN**

OC HQ	Maj R J Smith
Sqn	(Richard)
HQ	Capt G L
Capt	Standring (Guy)
SSM	WO2 Mycock
HQ	
SSgt	S/Sgt Williams

**Notes**

1. Succeeded by Maj G Huxford REME (George)
2. Succeeded by Capt F Laska REME (Frank)
3. Became Capt Ops on promotion to Captain.
4. Succeeded by Lt G Abraham REME (Gary)



## **Annex E to 161 Regt History**



**161 TPT/AMB REGIMENT HISTORY**  
**SCHEDULE OF COL RICK AHERN'S PAPERS HELD BY THE RLC**  
**MUSUEM**

<b><u>ENVELOPE No</u></b>	<b><u>YEAR[S]</u></b>	<b><u>UNIT</u></b>
<b>1.</b>	<b>1960-1970</b>	<b>160 Regt RCT[V]</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>1972</b>	<b>260 Amb Sqn</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>1973</b>	<b>260 Amb Sqn</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>1974</b>	<b>260 Amb Sqn</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>495 MCLU RCT{V}</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>1975</b>	<b>161 Regt RCT[V]</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>1977</b>	<b>161 Regt RCT[V]</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>1978-1980</b>	<b>495 MCLU RCT{V}</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>495 MCLU RCT{V}</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>1981</b>	<b>495 MCLU RCT{V}</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>1981</b>	<b>161 Regt RCT[V]</b>
<b>12</b>	<b>1981-1982</b>	<b>161 Regt RCT[V]</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>1982</b>	<b>161 Regt RCT[V]</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>161 Regt RCT[V]</b>
<b>15</b>	<b>1983</b>	<b>161 Regt RCT[V]</b>
<b>16</b>	<b>1983-1984</b>	<b>161 Regt RCT[V]</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>1984</b>	<b>BRSC L&amp;MS TA</b>
<b>18</b>	<b>1985-1987</b>	<b>BRSC L&amp;MS TA</b>
<b>19</b>	<b>1987</b>	<b>BRSC L&amp;MS TA</b>
<b>20</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>BRSC L&amp;MS TA</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>BRSC L&amp;MS TA</b>
<b>22</b>	<b>1988</b>	<b>BRSC L&amp;MS TA</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>BRSC L&amp;MS TA</b>
<b>24</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>BRSC L&amp;MS TA</b>
<b>25</b>	<b>1989</b>	<b>BRSC L&amp;MS TA</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>1986-1989</b>	<b>BRSC L&amp;MS TA</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>1983-1989</b>	<b>161 Regt RCT[V]</b>
<b>28</b>		<b>Maps of BAOR</b>
<b>29</b>		<b>Maps of BAOR</b>
<b>30</b>		<b>Maps of BAOR</b>

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