

NEW TERRITORIAL YEOMANRY AND INFANTRY TITLES

The Revd RA McDowall has kindly provided the following list of the new TA units forming the TA Yeomanry and Infantry under the Strategic Defence Review (SDR). They were due to form with effect from 1 July 1999, and former cap badges will be worn into the foreseeable future. Also given are the official abbreviations; those for the Yeomanry are fairly long standing, but those for the Infantry were effective wef 4 May 1999.

TA Royal Armoured Corps Squadron Titles

Regimental Titles	Squadron Titles
The Royal Yeomanry (RY)	A (Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry) Squadron B (Leicestershire and Derbyshire Yeomanry) Squadron C (Kent and Sharpshooters Yeomanry) Squadron S (Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry) Squadron W (Westminster Dragoons) Squadron Band-badged to Inns of Court and City Yeomanry
The Royal Wessex Yeomanry (R WX Y)	A (Dorset Yeomanry) Armour Replacement Squadron B (Royal Wiltshire Yeomanry) Squadron C (Royal Gloucestershire Hussars) Squadron D (Royal Devon Yeomanry) Squadron
The Royal Mercian and Lancastrian Yeomanry (RMLY)	A (Staffordshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire Yeomanry) Squadron B (Shropshire Yeomanry) Squadron C (Cheshire Yeomanry) Squadron D (Duke of Lancaster's Own Yeomanry) Squadron
The Queen's Own Yeomanry (QOY)	Y (Yorkshire) Squadron A (Ayrshire (Earl of Carrick's Own) Yeomanry) Squadron B (North Irish Horse) Squadron C (Fife and Forfar Yeomanry/Scottish Horse) Squadron D (Northumberland Hussars) Squadron

- Notes: a) The Scottish Yeomanry, formed in 1992, has disappeared, having given two of its Sqns to QOY. This means that the titles of B (Lanarkshire and Queen's Own Royal Glasgow Yeomanry) Sqn and HQ (Lothians and Border Horse) Sqn have gone.
- b) North Irish Horse Sqn (previously somewhat independent) also joins QOY.
- c) The Dorset Yeomanry (formed 1 April 1997) is reduced to a Sqn and joins R WX Y.
- d) KOYY(LI) has been absorbed back into the Infantry, being part of the new E and WR Regt (see Infantry below).

THE TA INFANTRY

It is noted that:

- a) In all but two instances “(V)” is omitted from the new titles.
- b) Some of the forming units are “supplying” only a platoon or a company to the new regiment, the remaining sub-units going elsewhere.
- c) The King's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry (LI), formed from 8 (Yorkshire) LI (V) on 3 August 1996, now reverts to infantry being part of the new E and WRR.
- d) There is liable to be confusion between “The Royal Rifle Volunteers” and “The Rifle Volunteers”!
- e) There appears to be inconsistency in using “WM REGT” as an abbreviation and “RWR”.

Former Battalion titles	New Regimental titles
The Lowland Volunteers 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Highland Fusiliers (Princess Margaret's Own Glasgow and Ayrshire Regiment)	52nd Lowland Regiment (LOWLAND)
5th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires) 6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires)	3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires) (3 PWRR(V))
6th/7th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Princess of Wales's Royal Regiment (Queen's and Royal Hampshires) 2nd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment 5th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets	The Royal Rifle Volunteers (RRV)
The London Regiment 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets	The London Regiment (LONDONS)

<p>4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The King's Own Royal Border Regiment 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Queen's Lancashire Regiment</p>	<p>The Lancastrian and Cumbrian Volunteers (LCV)</p>
<p>6th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers 4th/5th Battalion, The Green Howards (Alexandra, Princess of Wales's Own Yorkshire Regiment) (Yorkshire Volunteers) 7th Battalion, The (Durham) Light Infantry (Volunteers)</p>	<p>The Tyne-Tees Regiment (TYNE-TEES)</p>
<p>5th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Staffordshire Regiment (The Prince of Wales's) 5th Battalion, The (Shropshire and Herefordshire) Light Infantry (Volunteers) 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot)</p>	<p>The West Midlands Regiment (WM REGT)</p>
<p>5th/8th (Volunteer) Battalion, The King's Regiment 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Cheshire Regiment</p>	<p>The King's and Cheshire Regiment (KCR)</p>
<p>6th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment 7th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Anglian Regiment 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters Regiment (29th/45th Foot)</p>	<p>The East of England Regiment (EER)</p>
<p>4th Battalion, The Devonshire and Dorset Regiment (The 1st Rifle Volunteers) 6th Battalion, The (Somerset and Cornwall) Light Infantry (Volunteers) 2nd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal</p>	<p>The Rifle Volunteers (RIFLE VOL)</p>

Gloucestershire, Berkshire and Wiltshire Regiment	
3rd Battalion The Prince of Wales's Own Regiment of Yorkshire (Yorkshire Volunteers) 3rd The Duke of Wellington's Regiment (West Riding) (Yorkshire Volunteers) The King's Own Yorkshire Yeomanry (Light Infantry)	The East and West Riding Regiment (E and WRR)
3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Welch Fusiliers 2nd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Regiment of Wales (24th/41st Foot)	The Royal Welsh Regiment (RWR)
4th/5th Battalion, The Royal Irish Rangers (Volunteers)	The Royal Irish Rangers (RANGERS)
3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Black Watch (The Royal Highland Regiment) 3rd (Volunteer) Battalion, The Highlanders (Seaforth, Gordons and Camerons) 7th/8th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise's)	51st Highland Regiment (HIGHLAND)
4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment 10th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment	4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Parachute Regiment (4PARA(V))