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SECURITY INFORMATION GROUP: THE BRITISH MILITARY GARRISON IN IRELAND

I attach a copy of a letter from the Rt Hon David Maclean, Minister of State at the Home Office, which enclosed some information on the security force deployment in Northern Ireland which is held on the Internet.

Sir John Wheeler's reply to David Maclean stated that he had asked SIG to explore the possibility of using the Internet to get the NIO message across. This item will therefore be added to the agenda for the next meeting of SIG which is to be held on 3 April 1996.

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David,

Thank you for copying to me your letter of 12 March to Nicholas Soames concerning information held on the Internet regarding security force deployment in Northern Ireland.

I also find it horrific that such propaganda is available on the Internet, particularly, detailed maps of all British forces in the various towns as well as helicopter bases.

I very much support your view that, as the Internet has 9 million American users and 1 million British users, we should use it effectively to get our own message across. To that end, I have asked officials to explore this issue at the next meeting of our Security and Information Group (SIG), which has a wide representation of officials from the NIO, including representatives of the police and army.

I am copying this letter to Nicholas Soames.

John Wheeler

THE RT HON SIR JOHN WHEELER DL MP
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The Rt Hon David Maclean MP

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any suggestions welcome
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Dear Sir,

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THE BRITISH MILITARY GARRISON IN IRELAND

I enclose a copy of some documents which are freely available on the internet. I was recently visiting a police Computer Crime Squad and amongst the unsavoury nasties on the Internet were these very professionally produced pages apparently, showing our complete deployment in Northern Ireland.

No doubt your security people are aware of this, but I thought I would draw it to Ministerial attention because it horrifies me to find such dangerous and nasty propaganda on the Internet. When we add the other crimes and child pornography the police have to deal with, then the time for some sort of control is fast approaching.

By the way, when I showed this to Timothy Kirkhope he switched on his small portable computer and within two minutes had the whole lot on his screen. If you "click" on the "clickable map" shown on the front page then you get good coloured detailed maps of all British Forces in the various towns as well as helicopter bases.

Since the Internet has 9 million American users and 1 million British users should we be putting our own counter-propaganda on the net?

I am copying this letter and enclosures to John Wheeler.

David Maclean

DAVID MACLEAN

The Hon Nicholas Soames MP

The British Military Garrison in Ireland

[Clickable Map of British Forces](#) | [British Army Forces](#) | [RUC Forces](#)



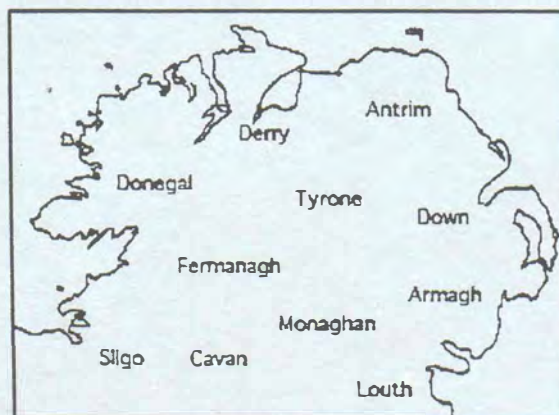
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SINCE THE British Government's enforced partition of Ireland in 1921, they have systematically created and sustained a military state in the six north-eastern counties of Ireland.

This garrison comprising the regular British army regiments, the locally recruited Royal Irish Regiment(RIR) and the militarised state police of the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC), currently hold the occupied area with a combined military strength of c. 32,085 personnel. The British army has a total of 135 installations within their control, while the RUC has a total of 161. In addition to these bases the British government have installed

throughout the North a massive network of security restrictions, which affect every aspect of civilian life. Add to this the surveillance capacity of these forces and one arrives at an appreciation of the overpowering nature of this military presence. It is time for this garrison to go.

Clickable Map of the British Garrison in Ireland



OUTLINED in these pages is a structural overview of the current levels of overt British militarisation in north eastern Ireland. Since the IRA initiative of August 31st 1994, deployment of British troops and the militarised state police force, the Royal Ulster Constabulary (RUC), has continued unabated.

The English militia garrison in Ireland is comprised of personnel from the regular British Army regiments, the locally recruited Royal Irish Regiment (RIR) and the RUC.

Queen's University lecturer Mike Tomlinson (*Irish Times*, 1 May 1993) estimated that 1994 troop levels would have risen to the extent where there is one British Army/RUC member for every 3.7 Catholic males between the ages of 16 and 44.

All matters pertaining to the military occupation of the Six Counties are directly controlled by a British cabinet committee. This committee is chaired by the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and is comprised of representatives from the British intelligence services, Northern Ireland civil service, and the heads of the British Army and the RUC.

Estimating the full costs to the British government of its garrison in Ireland is a difficult exercise. However one estimate commonly accepted is from *Costs of War and Dividends of Peace*, published by West Belfast Economic Forum. It produced a 25-year (1969-94) total cost figure of £18.205 billion (August 1994).

This includes army costs of £5.669 billion, compensation payments of £1.593 billion and prison/RUC costs of £10.943 billion.

[Clickable Map of British Forces](#) | [British Army Forces](#) | [RUC Forces](#)

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Objectives

Sinn Féin seeks an end to partition which is the cause of conflict, injustice and division in Ireland.

We seek the establishment of a new Ireland based on sustainable social and economic development; genuine democracy, participation, equality and justice at all levels of the economy and society; and a lasting and meaningful peace with unity of purpose and action.

This can only be achieved by:

- ☐ The ending of partition arising from British rule in six of Ireland's 32 counties;
- ☐ British disengagement from Ireland and the restoration to the Irish people of the right to exercise self-sovereignty, independence and national self-determination;
- ☐ The setting of a definite date within the lifetime of a British government for the completion of this withdrawal;
- ☐ The disarming and disbandment of the Royal Ulster Constabulary as part of the military withdrawal;
- ☐ The calling of a constitutional conference to determine the nature and composition of an emergent national police force and judiciary;
- ☐ The unconditional release of all political prisoners.

To achieve these objectives, Sinn Féin has committed itself to restoring the Irish Peace Process, initiated in dialogue begun almost three years ago.

Earlier efforts were rewarded by a cessation of the armed struggle by the Irish Republican Army, since ended, and discussions between Sinn Féin and other parties, including the Irish, British and US governments. Sinn Féin maintains its goal of a just and lasting peace, despite continuing unionist intransigence and British bad faith.

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NEW: Thatcher talk-a-thon pledge drive

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"Everyone, Republican or otherwise has their own particular part to play. No part is too great or too small, no one is too old or too young to do something."

Bobby Sands (1954-1981), on hunger strike in 1981

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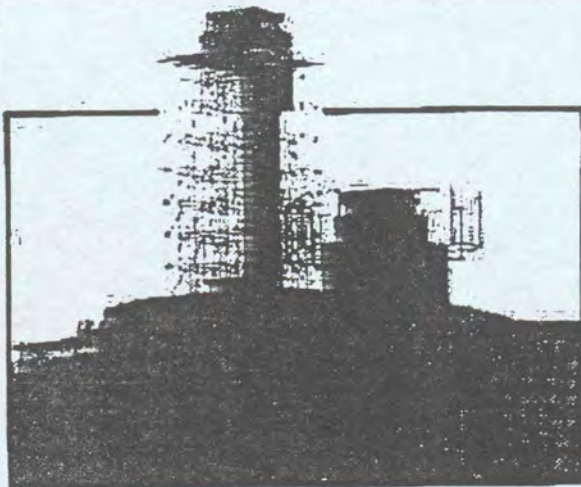
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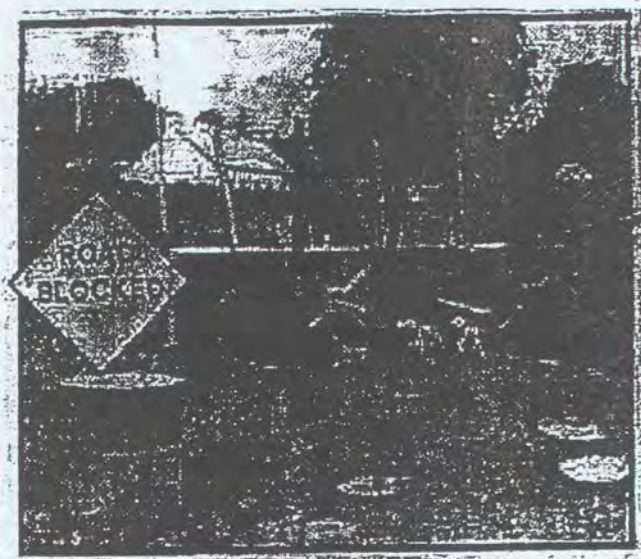
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COMMAND STRUCTURES & MILITARY INSTALLATIONS

The British Army, comprising regular English, Scottish and Welsh regiments and the locally-recruited RIR, maintains a massive garrison across the Six Counties. A British garrison has been in place in the Six Counties since the enforced partition of the island in 1921. It has regularly been reinforced to stand at its current level of circa 19,000 soldiers. Its operational division of the Six Counties is mirrored by the RUC command structure.

BRITISH ARMY NUMBERS

THE BRITISH ARMY has a total of 135 fixed military installations/structures throughout the Six Counties.

Accurate figures are difficult to calculate and are deliberately disguised, but according to official British sources, the current overt strength stands at 19,000.

The official British breakdown of these forces is as follows:

Royal Air Force	1,200
Royal Navy	250
RIR	5,500
RIR (Part-time)	3,000
Others	12,050
Total	19,000

BRITISH ARMY HEADQUARTERS

162. THIEPVAL BARRACKS, Lisburn: This barracks houses the:

- ☐ British Army Headquarters: Office of the General Officer Commanding Land Forces (GOC);
- ☐ 107 Ulster Brigade Territorial Army HQ;
- ☐ Belfast Regional Command;

- ☐ 39th Brigade, British Army HQ;
- ☐ British Army Press Office.

Other various covert units and departments of the British Army, including the SAS, various signals regiments and Special Military Intelligence Units are also administratively located within Thiepval Barracks.

REGIONAL COMMANDS

For operational purposes, the Six Counties is divided into three Regional Command Areas:

- ☐ Belfast Regional Command: Thiepval Barracks Lisburn (162).
- ☐ North Area Regional Command: Ebrington Barracks, Derry (163).
- ☐ South Area Regional Command: Drumadd Barracks, Armagh (164).

These command areas correspond to the RUC Regional Command Areas of: Belfast Region; Rural East; Rural West.

The British Army maintains a full operational presence in all of these and in the other Divisional and Subdivisional Commands, which are all in effect heavily-fortified military bases. Besides these joint operational bases, the British Army maintains a series of garrison and operational bases within their sole control.

BRITISH ARMY BARRACKS

- 163. EBRINGTON BARRACKS, Derry: HQ 8th Brigade, British Army.
- 164. DRUMADD BARRACKS, Armagh: HQ 3rd Brigade, British Army.
- 165. ABERCORN BARRACKS, Ballykinlar, County Down.
- 166. LISANELLY BARRACKS Omagh, County Tyrone.
- 167. PALACE BARRACKS, Hollywood, County Down.
- 168. ST PATRICK'S BARRACKS, Ballymena, County Antrim.
- 169. ALEXANDER BARRACKS, Aldergrove, County Antrim.
- 170. MAHON, Portadown, County Armagh.
- 171. SHACKLETON BARRACKS, Derry.
- 172. BISHOPS GATE (MASONIC HALL) BARRACKS, Derry.
- 173. NORTH HOWARD STREET BARRACKS, Belfast.
- 174. FORT JERICO, Belfast.
- 175. GIRWOOD BARRACKS, Belfast.
- 176. MUSGRAVE BARRACKS, Belfast.

BRITISH ARMY GARRISON CAMPS

- 177. BALLYKINLAR CAMP, County Down.
- 178. MAGILLIGAN CAMP, County Derry.
- 179. KINNEGAR CAMP, Hollywood, County Down.
- 180. LONG KESH CAMP, Lisburn.
- 181. MOSCOW CAMP, Belfast.

ROYAL IRISH REGIMENT BARRACKS

Many of these bases, although ostensibly belonging to specific regiments, are nonetheless used by units from different commands and by covert units of the British Army, including signals regiments and the Special Air Service (SAS).

- 182. JOINT OPERATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, Magheralave Road, Lisburn.
- 183. ROYAL IRISH REGIMENTAL HQ, Memorial Building, Waring Street, Belfast.
- 184. ROYAL IRISH RANGERS REGIMENTAL OFFICE, Sovereign House, the Mall, Armagh.
- 185. HOME HQ 5TH INNISKILLING DRAGOON GUARDS AND ROYAL IRISH HUSSARS Hydebank, Belfast.
- 186. STEEPLE ROAD BARRACKS, Antrim.
- 187. MAGHERAFELT RIR BARRACKS, County Derry.
- 188. ANDERSON CENTRE, Ballykinlar.
- 189. SAINT ANGELO BARRACKS, Enniskillen.
- 190. SAINT LUCIA BARRACKS, Omagh County Tyrone.
- 191. MALONE BARRACKS Windsor Park Belfast.
- 192. COOKSTOWN BARRACKS.

TERRITORIAL ARMY BASES

Many installations designated Territorial Army are in effect fully-operational bases for regular British Army regiments.

- 193. 'D' SQUADRON, THE ROYAL YEOMANRY TA CENTRE, Dunmore Park, Belfast.
- 194. 102TH ULSTER AIR DEFENCE REGIMENT, TA CENTRE, Crawfordsburn Road, Newtownards.
- 195. 40TH ULSTER SIGNAL REGIMENT TA CENTRE, Clonaver Park, Belfast.
- 196. 69TH SIGNAL SQUADRON, Clooney Park, Derry.
- 197. 4TH VOLUNTEER BATTALLION RIR TA CENTRE, Portadown, County Armagh.
- 198. 152TH ULSTER AMBULANCE REGIMENT/ROYAL CORPS OF TRANSPORT TA CENTRE, Sunnyside Street, Belfast.

199. 204TH GENERAL HOSPITAL ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS TA CENTRE, Fairmount, Antrim Road, Belfast.

200. 23RD SECURITY COMPANY TA CENTRE, Abbotscroft, Newtownabbey, County Antrim.

201. QUEEN'S UNIVERSITY OFFICER TRAINING CORPS, Tyrone House, Malone Road, Belfast.

BRITISH ARMY CADET FORCE (ACF) BASES

202. HQ ACF, Railway Street, Comber

203. 1ST CADET BATTALLION RIR, CAW CAMP, Derry.

BRITISH ARMY SURVEILLANCE TOWERS/BASES ON CIVILIAN PROPERTY

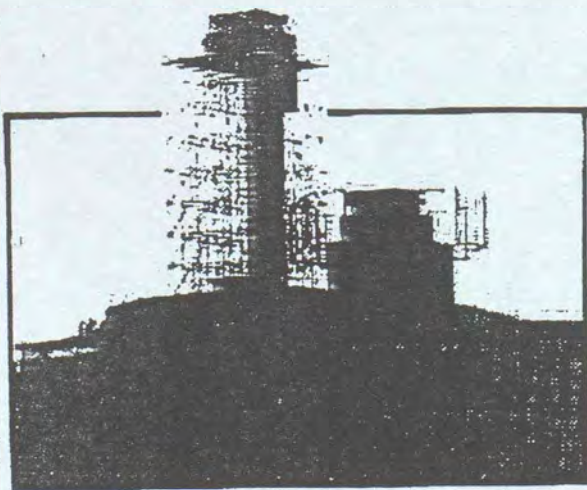
204. BROADWAY TOWER, Belfast.

205. DIVIS TOWER, Belfast.

206. TEMPLAR HOUSE, Belfast.

207. WARD 19, Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast.

PURPOSE-BUILT BRITISH ARMY SURVEILLANCE TOWER



From 1985 onwards the British Army have built a wall of surveillance towers with attached bunker and garrison facilities which dominate the South Armagh landscape. These are serviced by helicopter and also provide a patrol and ground-control function for the British Army.

208. CRIEVEKIERAN.

209. DRUMUCKNAVALL.

210. GLASSDRUMMOND.

211. FOXHALL MOUNTAIN.

- 212. SLIEVESRACK.
 - 213. CAMLOUGH.
 - 214. CROSSLIEVE(DROMINTEE).
 - 215. FAUGHILL MOUNTAIN.
 - 216, 217. SLIEVENABALA (2 POSTS).
 - 218. FATHOM MOUNTAIN.
 - 219. LISLEA.
 - 220. STURGEON MOUNTAIN.
 - 221. BELLEEKES.
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PURPOSE-BUILT PERMANENT CHECKPOINTS

Outside of South Armagh, the border is ringed with massive fortified military bases which serve as permanent vehicle checkpoints. These bases also have an operational role in terms of patrolling the border area.

- 222. LETTERKENNY ROAD, Derry.
- 223. COSHQUIN, Derry.
- 224. CULMORE ROAD, Derry.
- 225. CAMELS HUMP, Strabane, County Tyrone.
- 226. CLADY VILLAGE, County Tyrone.
- 227. AUGHNACLOY, County Tyrone.
- 228. CLOGHOGE, County Armagh.
- 229. MIDDLETOWN, County Armagh.
- 230. KILLYVILLY, County Fermanagh.
- 231. ANNAGHMARTIN, County Fermanagh.
- 232. MAGHERAVEELY, County Fermanagh.
- 233. KILTURK, County Fermanagh.
- 234. WATTLEBRIDGE, County Fermanagh.
- 235. KINAWLEY VILLAGE, County Fermanagh.
- 236. SWANLINBAR, County Fermanagh.
- 237. BOA ISLAND, County Fermanagh.
- 238. COOKSTOWN CENTRE.

263. LISDOO ROAD, Tyrone.
264. MAXWELL'S CROSSING, Tyrone.
265. CRAIG'S CROSSING, Tyrone.
266. LURGANBUOY ROAD, Tyrone.
267. FREUGHLUGH ROAD, Tyrone.
268. CASSEY BORDER, Tyrone.
269. GREEN ROAD, Tyrone.
270. PULLYERNAN ROAD, Tyrone.
271. CARN BORDER CROSSING, Tyrone.
272. CRONLAGHY ROAD Tyrone.
273. LAGHTMORRIS ROAD, Tyrone.
274. GARVAGHBLANE ROAD, Tyrone.
275. LAGHTFOGGY ROAD, Tyrone.
276. RED BRIDGE, Tyrone.
277. MEENREAGH BRIDGE, Tyrone.
278. CROAGH BRIDGE, Tyrone.
279. SRUANGARRE BRIDGE, Tyrone.
280. CORGARY ROAD, Tyrone.
281. TULNASHANE CROSSING, Tyrone.
282. TIEVENAMEETA CROSSING, Tyrone.
283. SEEGRONAN CROSSING, Tyrone.
284. CLOGHER CROSSING, Tyrone.
285. DRUMSKINNY CROSSING, Fermanagh.
286. INISCLIN CROSSING, Fermanagh.
287. LURGANBOY BRIDGE, Fermanagh.
288. BOOLAWATER ROAD, Fermanagh.
289. CURRAGHMORE ROAD, Fermanagh.
290. TAWNAWANNY ROAD, Fermanagh.
291. LETTERBRIDGE ROAD, Fermanagh.
292. TULLVOGY ROAD, Fermanagh.

293. CROAGHASHARRY ROAD, Fermanagh.
294. ROWANTREE HILL CROSSING, Fermanagh.
295. MANGER BEG CROSSING, Fermanagh.
296. LOUGHSIDE CROSSING, Lough Melvin, Femmanagh.
297. DOOARD BRIDGE, Fermanagh.
298. KILCOO ROAD, Fermanagh.
299. CASHEL CROSSROADS, Fermanagh.
300. AGHAVANNY CROSSING, Femmanagh.
301. STUMPY CROSSING, Fermanagh.
302. FARRELL Y's CROSSING, Fermanagh.
303. McAULEY's ROAD, Fermanagh.
304. AGHALANE BRIDGE, Fermanagh.
305. LEGAKELLY ROAD, Fermanagh.
306. CLONFAD, Fermanagh.
307. CLONKEE, Fermanagh.
308. LEITRIM BRIDGE, Femmanagh.
309. CLONALTY, Femlanagh.
310. CLONAGUN, Fermanagh.
311. COLEMAN ISLAND, Fermanagh.
312. MONILL Y, Femlanagh.
313. KNOCKBALLAMORE, Fermanagh.
314. LACKEY BRIDGE, (by-pass lane) Fermanagh.
315. LACKEY BRIDGE, Fermanagh.
316. DROMARD, Fermanagh.
317. CARRAVETRAGH, Fermanagh.
318. ANNACHULLION ONE, Fermanagh.
319. ANNACHULLION TWO, Fermanagh.
320. AGHAFIN, Fermanagh.
321. MULLINAHINCH, Fermanagh.
322. CLOGH (CLONES) ROAD. Fermanagh.
323. CLOGH (INISHAMMON) ROAO, Fermanagh.

- 324. REELAN, Fermanagh.
- 325. REELAN ROCK, Fermanagh.
- 326. ROUGHILL, Fermanagh.
- 327. DERRYVOLLEN BRIDGE, Fermanagh.
- 328. CORAGUNT BRIDGE, Fermanagh.
- 329. CORAGUNT, Fermanagh.
- 330. MULLAGHFAD, Fermanagh.
- 331. MICKEY'S BRIDGE, Fermanagh.
- 332. PEADAR FRANCIS' CROSSING, Tyrone.
- 333. JAMES CONNOLLY CROSSING, Tyrone.
- 334. GREAGH/MCCRYSTAL'S CROSSING, Tyrone.
- 335. MCMEEL'S CROSSING, Tyrone.
- 336. MATT THE BAKER/HANGMAN'S TREE CROSSING, Tyrone.
- 337. SLOAN'S BRIDGE, Tyrone.
- 338. BALLAGH BRIDGE, Tyrone.
- 339. KNOCKNAGINNY BRIDGE, Tyrone.
- 340. CALEDON BRIDGE, Tyrone.

PERMANENT BARRIERS IN URBAN AREAS

In addition to sealed border roads, the British Army/RUC have erected security barriers/blockages at every significant population centre within the Six Counties. These barriers/blockages are located in a total of 20 towns and cities (NIO figure). For purposes of clarity, these barriers which number several hundred are not specifically located on the map linked to this page.

INTELLIGENCE & GCHQ SUB STATIONS

- 341. LADAS DRIVE, Castlereagh, Belfast: The RIR and MI5 run an intelligence centre at this location. It also houses the main interrogation centre for the Six Counties. The intelligence centre was set up after the Hillsborough Agreement in 1985 to facilitate an intelligence role for the then UDR (now RIR).
 - 342. ISLAND HILL, Comber: Functions as a GCHQ (eavesdropping) sub-base.
 - 343. GILNAHIRK, Belfast: Functions as a GCHQ (eavesdropping) subbase.
 - 344. TORR HEAD, Ballycastle: British Army radio communications facility
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ROYAL AIR FORCE BASES

RAF flight staff operate at a large number of heliport facilities which are incorporated into operational British bases across the Six Counties.

345. RAF ALDERGROVE: The RAF's main operational base in the Six Counties. It sits adjacent to Alexander Barracks (169). A second RAF base currently in the process of decommissioning is RAF Bishopscourt.

ROYAL NAVY INSTALLATIONS

346. OXFORD ISLAND RADAR BASE: The main communications and radar facility for the Royal Navy. The Royal Navy also has facilities at several bases in the Derry, Antrim and Down areas.

347. CARLINGFORD LOUGH: The Royal Navy's permanent offshore battleship emplacement.

JUDICIAL FORTIFICATIONS

The British Army has erected fortifications of varying size, from barriers and observation posts to permanent barracks, at all judicial buildings in the Six Counties.

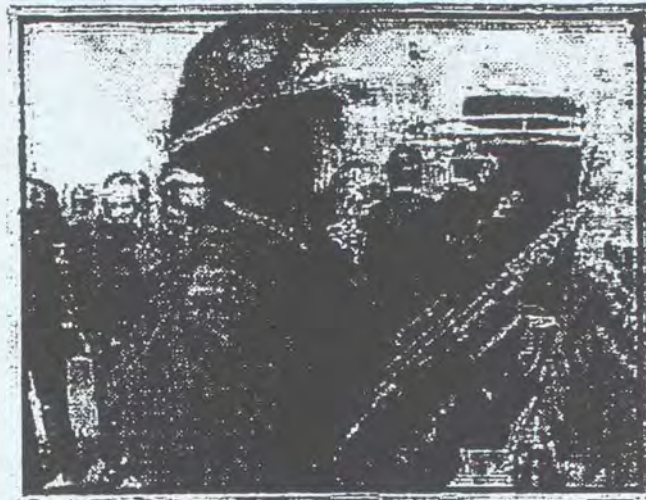
348. CHICHESTER STREET, Belfast High Courts, British Army barracks.

British Military Garrison in Ireland | RUC Forces

THE RUC (ROYAL ULSTER CONSTABULARY)

☐ OPERATIONAL COMMAND STRUCTURE

- ☐ RUC NUMBERS, SEPTEMBER 1994
- ☐ RUC HEADQUARTERS ('S' DIVISION)
- ☐ REGIONAL COMMANDS
- ☐ FORTIFICATION WORK ONGOING OR PLANNED



OPERATIONAL COMMAND STRUCTURE

THE RUC has a total of 161 installations throughout the Six Counties. Their operational division and use of installations replicates that of the British Army although both forces have numerous bases within their sole control. The entire RUC operation is overseen by a Headquarters Command Structure, designated 'S' Division. Below this there are three Regional Commands divided into 12 Divisional Commands and 38 Subdivisional Commands. Specialist and maintenance units are spread across many of the bases in the North.

Scenes of Crimes Office (SOCO)

This department comprises photographers, fingerprint and forensic specialists and topographers. Civilian staff work alongside RUC personnel. Within Belfast, this staff has personnel seconded to every barracks. The work of the department is administered out of Tennent Street (36), Queen Street (10) and Mountpottinger (13). All other SOCOs operate from Divisional Commands across the Six Counties.

Headquarters Mobile Support Units (HMSU)

HMSUs operate under the direct control of the Head of Special Branch. Any Divisional Command in the Six Counties can request that HMSUs be assigned to their operational area. The HMSUs are based primarily at Knock HQ (1) and Lisnasharragh (2). They are also based in: Rural East (South Region Command) at Gough (67), Drumadd (64) and Mahon Road (81); and in Rural West (North Region Command) at Eglinton (128), Strand Road (124) and Strabane (132).

Divisional Mobile Support Units (DMSU)

DMSUs operate under the control of headquarters in the respective 12 Divisional Command areas. In Belfast Region they have a central command located at Musgrave Street (9). All DMSUs receive additional training from RUC/British Army specialists at the Operations Training Unit based in Palace Barracks (167). Back-up for DMSUs is provided from within the RUC Reserve some of whom are formed into Shadow DMSUs.

Transport Radio & Telecommunications Workshops

The RUC have several workshops located across the Six Counties. These formerly operated out of Gough Barracks (67) and Lislea Drive in Belfast, but due to demand they opened new workshops at Maryfield, Enniskillen (103), Derry and South Antrim, and latterly within Antrim Road Barracks (26), Belfast.

Communications

The RUC operates seven hilltop repeater stations across the Six Counties, which are availed of by all the RUC's departments and units, as well as other government departments such as the Fire Authority, the Roads Executive, the Department of Agriculture and the Department of Forestry.

The Police Authority

The Police Authority which is situated at River House, High Street, Belfast, employs a total workforce estimated at over 3,000. Only 630 of these are employed directly by the Authority. The rest are recruited by the Northern Ireland Civil Service and seconded to the Authority.

RUC NUMBERS, SEPTEMBER 1994

	Male	Female	Total
Full-time	7,645	832	8,477
Reserve (Full-time)	3,076	135	3,211
Reserve (Part-time)	973	424	1,397
Total	11,694	1,391	13,085

RUC HEADQUARTERS ('S' DIVISION)

1. RUC HEADQUARTERS, KNOCK, Belfast: This base houses the following departments and specialist units:

- ☐ The Chief Constable's Office
- ☐ RUC Press Office
- ☐ HQ Staff

and administrative staffs for

- ☐ E4A squads
- ☐ Special Support Units (SSU)
- ☐ Headquarters Mobile Support Units (HMSU)
- ☐ Crime Department
- ☐ Special Military Intelligence Units (SMIU)

which are all coordinated and controlled by the Head of Special Branch (HSB) who liaises directly with the Director and Coordinator of Intelligence for Northern Ireland (DCOINI) based in 'The Department', Parliament Buildings, Stormont. These units' structure replicates that of the British Army's operational brigade areas and the RUC's Regional Command areas right down to Subdivisional Command level.

2. LISNASHARRAGH, Montgomery Road, Belfast: HMSU squads and a number of headquarters administrative staffs as well as the RUC Driving School and the Office of Traffic Control are based here.

3. ORMISTON, Hawthornden Road, Belfast: Houses the Complaints and Force Discipline section of headquarters administrative staff.

4. CONNSWATER, Newtownards Road, Belfast: The RUC Training Centre and Cadet Academic College is situated here.
5. GARNERVILLE, Garnerville Road, Belfast: Headquarters force control centre and the RUC Training Department are based here. The offices of the Police Federation are also located in Garnerville.
6. SPRUCEFIELD, Central Stores, Belfast: The RUC Central Stores were located at Sprucefield which is still operational but is due to transfer to Carrickfergus when Seapark (7) comes fully on stream.
7. SEAPARK, Carrickfergus: RUC Central Stores are currently transferring to this location.

REGIONAL COMMANDS

The three Regional Commanders have within them a number of Divisions, which are further divided into Subdivisional Command areas. These have a number of barracks under their charge and direction. The following are the three regions: Belfast Region comprising 'A', 'B', 'D' and 'E' Divisions; Rural East (South Region) comprising 'G', 'H', 'J' and 'P' Divisions; Rural West (North Region) comprising 'K', 'L', 'N' and 'O' Divisions.

Belfast Region

8. ALEXANDER ROAD, Castlereagh: The Belfast Region Headquarters (BRH) operates from here.

'A' DIVISION, (EAST BELFAST)

9. MUSGRAVE STREET: Divisional and Subdivisional Command.
10. QUEEN STREET: Barracks in Musgrave Street Subdivision.
11. DONEGALL PASS: Subdivisional Command.
12. BALLYNAFEIGH: Barracks in Donegall Pass Subdivision.
13. MOUNTPOTTINGER: Subdivisional Command.
14. WILLOWFIELD: Barracks in Mountpottinger Subdivision.
15. DUNMURRAY: Subdivisional Command.
16. LISBURN ROAD: Barracks in Dunmurray Subdivision.

'B' DIVISION, (WEST BELFAST)

17. GROSVENOR ROAD: Divisional and Subdivisional Command.
18. SPRINGFIELD ROAD: Barracks in Grosvenor Road Subdivision.
19. SPRINGFIELD PARADE: Barracks in Grosvenor Road Subdivision.
20. NEW BARNESLEY: Barracks in Grosvenor Road Subdivision.
21. WOODBOURNE: Subdivisional Command.
22. ANDERSONSTOWN: Barracks in Woodbourne Subdivision.
23. LISBURN: Subdivisional Command.

24. HILLSBOROUGH: Barracks in Lisburn Subdivision.

25. SPRUCEFIELD: Barracks in Lisburn Subdivision.

'D' DIVISION, (NORTH BELFAST)

26. ANTRIM ROAD: Divisional and Subdivisional Command.

27. OLDPARK: Barracks in Antrim Road Subdivision.

28. NEWTOWNABBEY: Subdivisional Command.

29. BALLYCLARE: Barracks in Newtownabbey Subdivision.

30. GLENGORMLEY: Barracks in Newtownabbey Subdivision.

31. NORTH QUEEN STREET: Subdivisional Command.

32. YORK ROAD: Barracks in North Queen Street Subdivision.

33. GREENCASTLE: Barracks in North Queen Street Subdivision.

34. CARRICKFERGUS: Subdivisional Command.

35. WHITEHEAD: Barracks in Carrickfergus Subdivision.

36. TENNENT STREET: Subdivisional Command.

37. ANTRIM: Subdivisional Command.

38. CRUMLIN: Barracks in Antrim Subdivision.

39. RANDALSTOWN: Barracks in Antrim Subdivision.

40. TEMPLEPATRICK: Barracks in Antrim Subdivision.

41. TOOMEBRIDGE: Barracks in Antrim Subdivision.

'E' DIVISION, (South Belfast)

42. STRANDTOWN: Division and Subdivisional Command.

43. DUNDONALD: Barracks in Strandtown Subdivision.

44. CASTLEREAGH: Subdivisional Command.

45. CARRYDUFF: Barracks in Castlereagh Subdivision.

46. BANGOR: Subdivisional Command.

47. HELEN'S BAY: Barracks in Bangor Subdivision.

48. HOLYWOOD: Barracks in Bangor Subdivision.

49. STORMONT: Subdivisional Command.

50. BROOKLYN: Barracks in Stormont Subdivision.

51. KNOCKNAGONEY: Barracks in Stormont Subdivision.

Other barracks in Stormont Subdivision: Lisnasharragh (2), Ormiston (3) Garnerville (5).

Rural East (South) Region

'G' DIVISION, (NEWTOWNARDS)

- 52. NEWTOWNARDS: Divisional and Subdivisional Command.
- 53. COMBER: Barracks in Newtownards Subdivision.
- 54. DONAGHADEE: Barracks in Newtownards Subdivision.
- 55. PORTAFERRY: Barracks in Newtownards Subdivision.
- 56. GREYABBEY: Barracks in Newtownards Subdivision.
- 57. DOWNPATRICK: Subdivisional Command.
- 58. BALLYNAHINCH: Barracks in Downpatrick Subdivision.
- 59. CROSSGAR: Barracks in Downpatrick Subdivision.
- 60. KILLYLEAGH: Barracks in Downpatrick Subdivision.
- 61. ARDGLASS: Barracks in Downpatrick Subdivision.
- 62. SAINTFIELD: Barracks in Downpatrick Newtownards Subdivision.
- 63. NEWCASTLE: Subdivisional Command.
- 64. CASTELWELLAN: Barracks in Newcastle Subdivision.
- 65. KILKEEL: Barracks in Newcastle Subdivision.

'H' DIVISION, (ARMAGH)

- 66. ARMAGH: Divisional and Subdivisional Command.
- 67. GOUGH: Barracks in Armagh Subdivision.
- 68. KEADY: Barracks in Armagh Subdivision.
- 69. MARKETHILL: Barracks in Armagh Subdivision.
- 70. LOUGHGALL: Barracks in Armagh Subdivision.
- 71. MIDDLETOWN: Barracks in Armagh Subdivision.
- 72. TANDRAGEE: Barracks in Armagh Subdivision.
- 73. NEWRY: Subdivisional Command.
- 74. EDWARD STREET, Newry: Barracks in Newry Subdivision.
- 75. DUBLIN ROAD, Newry: Barracks in Newry Subdivision.
- 76. BESSBROOK: Barracks in Newry Subdivision.
- 77. CROSSMAGLEN: Barracks in Newry Subdivision.
- 78. FORKHILL: Barracks in Newry Subdivision.

79. NEWTOWNHAMILTON: Barracks in Newry Subdivision.

80. WARRENPOINT: Barracks in Newry Subdivision.

'J' DIVISION, (PORTADOWN)

81. MAHON ROAD: Divisional Command and barracks in Portadown Subdivision.

82. PORTADOWN: Subdivisional Command.

83. LURGAN: Subdivisional Command.

84. MOIRA: Barracks in Lurgan Subdivision.

85. CRAIGAVON: Barracks in Lurgan Subdivision.

86. BANBRIDGE: Subdivisional Command.

87. DROMORE: Barracks in Banbridge Subdivision.

88. DROMARA: Barracks in Banbridge Subdivision.

89. GILFORD: Barracks in Banbridge Subdivision.

90. RATHFRILAND: Barracks in Banbridge Subdivision.

'K' DIVISION, (COOKSTOWN)

91. COOKSTOWN: Divisional and Subdivisional Command.

92. COAGH: Barracks in Cookstown Subdivision.

93. MONEYMORE: Barracks in Cookstown Subdivision.

94. POMEROY: Barracks in Cookstown Subdivision.

95. STEWARTSTOWN: Barracks in Cookstown Subdivision.

96. DUNGANNON: Subdivisional Command.

97. AUGHNACLOY: Barracks in Cookstown Subdivision.

98. BALLYGAWLEY: Barracks in Cookstown Subdivision.

99. BENBURB: Barracks in Cookstown Subdivision.

100. CALEDON: Barracks in Cookstown Subdivision.

101. COALISLAND: Barracks in Cookstown Subdivision.

102. MOY: Barracks in Cookstown Subdivision

Rural West (North) Region

'L' DIVISION, (ENNISKILLEN)

103. ENNISKILLEN: Divisional and Subdivisional Command.

104. KESH: Barracks in Enniskillen Subdivision.

105. IRVINESTOWN: Barracks in Enniskillen Subdivision.

- 106. BELLEEK: Barracks in Enniskillen Subdivision.
- 107. BELCOO: Barracks in Enniskillen Subdivision.
- 108. KINAWLEY: Barracks in Enniskillen Subdivision.
- 109. DERRYGONNELLY: Barracks in Enniskillen Subdivision.
- 110. BALLINAMALLARD: Barracks in Enniskillen Subdivision.
- 111. LISBELLAW: Barracks in Enniskillen Subdivision.
- 112. LISNASKEA: Subdivisional Command.
- 113. NEWTOWNBUTLER: Barracks in Lisnaskea Subdivision.
- 114. ROSSLEA: Barracks in Lisnaskea Subdivision.
- 115. TEMPO: Barracks in Lisnaskea Subdivision.
- 116. CLOGHER: Barracks in Lisnaskea Subdivision.
- 117. FIVEMILETOWN: Barracks in Lisnaskea Subdivision.
- 118. OMAGH: Subdivisional Command.
- 119. BERAGH: Barracks in Omagh Subdivision.
- 120. DROMORE: Barracks in Omagh Subdivision.
- 121. NEWTOWNSTEWART: Barracks in Omagh Subdivision.
- 122. FINTONA: Barracks in Omagh Subdivision.
- 123. CARRICKMORE: Barracks in Omagh Subdivision.

'N' DIVISION, (DERRY)

- 124. STRAND ROAD: Divisional and Subdivisional Command.
- 125. SHANTALLOW: Barracks in Strand Road Subdivision.
- 126. ROSEMOUNT: Barracks in Strand Road Subdivision.
- 127. WATERSIDE: Subdivisional Command.
- 128. EGLINTON: Barracks in Waterside Subdivision.
- 129. CLAUDY: Barracks in Waterside Subdivision.
- 130. BROWNING DRIVE: Barracks in Waterside Subdivision.
- 131. MAYDOWN: Barracks in Waterside Subdivision.
- 132. STRABANE: Subdivisional Command.
- 133. PLUMBRIDGE: Barracks in Strabane Subdivision.
- 134. DONNEMANAGH: Barracks in Strabane Subdivision.

135. CASTLEDERG: Barracks in Strabane Subdivision.

136. SION MILLS: Barracks in Strabane Subdivision.

'O' DIVISION, (COLERAINE)

137. COLERAINE: Divisional and Subdivisional Command.

138. PORTRUSH: Barracks in Coleraine Subdivisional Command.

139. PORTSTEWART: Barracks in Coleraine Subdivisional Command.

140. GARVAGH: Barracks in Coleraine Subdivisional Command.

141. KILREA: Barracks in Coleraine Subdivisional Command.

142. CASTLEROCK: Barracks in Coleraine Subdivisional Command.

143. LIMAVADY: Subdivisional Command.

14. DUNGIVEN: Barracks in Limavady Subdivisional Command.

145. MAGHERAFELT: Subdivisional Command.

146. MAGHER: Barracks in Magherafelt Subdivisional Command.

147. CASTLEDAWSON: Barracks in Magherafelt Subdivisional Command.

148. DRAPERSTOWN: Barracks in Magherafelt Subdivisional Command.

149. BELLAGHY: Barracks in Magherafelt Subdivisional Command.

'P' DIVISION, (BALLYMENA)

150. BALLYUENA: Divisional and Subdivisional Command.

151. PORTGLENONE: Barracks in Ballymena Subdivisional Command

152. CULLYBACKY: Barracks in Ballymena Subdivisional Command.

153. KELLS: Barracks in Ballymena Subdivisional Command.

154. BROUGHSHANE: Barracks in Ballymena Subdivisional Command.

155. LARNE: Subdivisional Command.

156. GLENARM: Barracks in Larne Subdivisional Command.

157. BALLYMONEY: Subdivisional Command.

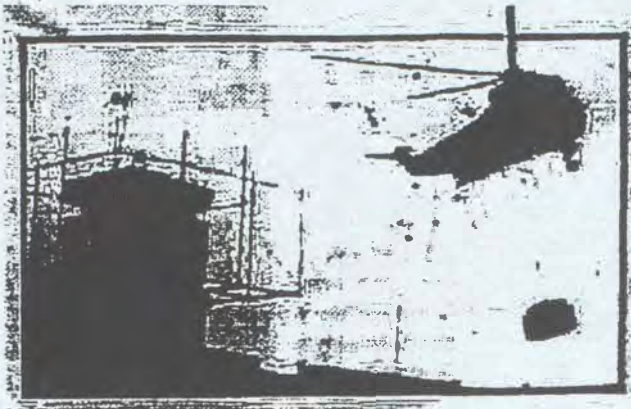
158. BALLYCASTLE: Barracks in Ballymoney Subdivisional Command.

159. BUSHMILLS: Barracks in Ballymoney Subdivisional Command.

160. CLOUGHMILLS: Barracks in Ballymoney Subdivisional Command.

161. CUSHENDALL: Barracks in Ballymoney Subdivisional Command.

FORTIFICATION WORK ONGOING OR PLANNED



size of the original barracks.

Grosvenor Road Barracks (17): Has been undergoing renovation and extension work for the past year. Additional fortifications and an extra have been erected to date.

New Barnsley Barracks (20): Perimeter and exterior security are being reinforced and up-graded.

Springfield Road Barracks (18): Perimeter and exterior security are being reinforced and up-graded.

Springfield Parade (19): Several acres of land dividing the Springfield Park and Springmartin estates have been requisitioned in preparation for the construction of what may prove to be the largest RUC barracks in Belfast, which is to replace the older Springfield Parade Barracks when it is decommissioned.

Lisburn (23): A huge new state-of-the-art fortress is planned for Lisburn with land requisitioning already completed.

There is continual upgrading and reinforcement work being carried out on most military bases or installations across the Six Counties. A number of RUC barracks are undergoing reconstruction/fortification work at present and other barracks have been earmarked for such work to begin within days. A number of new barracks have also been planned.

Lisburn Road Barracks (16): Is being rebuilt and is set to become three to four times the