

What We Do | The British Army

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Protect the UK

Protecting the nation and its dependent territories will always be our first role. Highly trained soldiers are ready to deploy anywhere at any time to meet a variety of challenges. Ranging from support to the Police following a terrorist attack, to specialist capabilities such as bomb disposal and intelligence experts, 24 hours a day 365 days a year, we are always ready to serve.



Troops in support of the NHS during the Covid-19 Pandemic

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One of the most highly regarded and best equipped armies in the world, the British Army is proud of its heritage delivering success in combat through the courage and absolute commitment of its soldiers.

A standing Army provides depth; as well as conducting complex war fighting, it is the same highly trained soldier who helps support the NHS, deals with floods and trains partner forces abroad.

The British Army is your Army: in an uncertain world it is ever vigilant, always ready and steadfast in its commitment to the defence of the United Kingdom and its citizens.

IN PREPARATION FOR OPERATIONS, THE ARMY HAS GIVEN US A LOT OF TRAINING AND EXPERIENCE, WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO USE THEM NOW TO ASSIST OUR GOVERNMENT IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST COVID19
Sam, 4 Regiment RLC



Prevent Conflict

The British Army does not simply react to world events. We are persistently engaged around the world to help shape the environment and prevent conflict in the future. This may be by working with partner nations in Iraq and Afghanistan to deliver world class training and assistance, reassuring our allies with soldiers deployed forward in Eastern Europe, or supporting the fight against poaching in Africa.



Troops on Op SHADER training the Iraqi Army

Prevent Conflict

It is in the UK's interest to tackle the causes of instability, fragility and conflict, and to respond rapidly to prevent them – or deal with the instability and conflict that does emerge.

The British Army is currently deployed across the globe on numerous overseas operations and harnesses specialist experience and capabilities to tackle the multitude of problems.

Persistent engagement overseas enables an entry point for broader British interests, particularly in support of the National prosperity agenda.

It was great to know that the training we gave to the Iraqis would have a significant impact on the bigger picture in Iraq and the wider Middle East. Sam, Age 32, 4 Rifles



Iraq

The UK has a leading role in the 67-member Global Coalition committed to defeating Daesh.

Deal with disaster

Be it at home or overseas, we are always prepared to provide assistance in the event of a large scale emergency. From floods in the UK, to humanitarian assistance overseas in Africa following the Ebola outbreak, or the Caribbean after the hurricanes, we are ready to meet every challenge.



Deal with Disaster

We are the Nation's insurance policy able to respond to a wide range of tasks with Regulars and Reserves held at short notice, ready to respond to crises in the UK or overseas such as natural disasters.

Our training prepares us for disaster relief operations and we are well practiced working in support of UK Government Agencies and Local Government for emergencies in the UK, or the Department for International Development (DFID) for humanitarian operations globally.

Never did I think when I joined the Army that a visit aboard HMS OCEAN in the Mediterranean would turn into a two month disaster relief operation in the Caribbean. Jacob, Age 26, 1st Battalion Coldstream Guards



Troops provide vital aid to Caribbean islands

The British Army has deployed to the Caribbean to provide immediate assistance with the humanitarian aid and disaster relief efforts in response to Hurricane Irma.

Fight the nation's enemies

The British Army has many uses, though it is primarily a war-fighting organisation to protect the nation and, if required, fight the nation's enemies with absolute commitment. Within hours soldiers from the Air Assault Task Force can react to a potential adversary through to a full response from the Warfighting Division with thousands of soldiers and vehicles under command. Operations could be conducted independently, with NATO, or with key allies like the US and France.



Fight the Nation's Enemies

3rd (UK) Division forms the backbone of the British Army's response to any threat to the Nation or national interests and is comprised of over 27,000 soldiers and 3500 vehicles.

The Division is designed to overcome threats across the full spectrum of operations including all hybrid threats in the same time and space. Operations in the land environment cannot be conducted in isolation of the Air, Maritime and Cyber domains; the Division is the first and optimum level at which all these strands are pulled together.

I've only been in the Army for 3 years yet in that time I've travelled to Canada on a training exercise and then out to Estonia as part of NATO Enhanced Forward Presence. Steph, 23 Royal Engineers



Deployments

The British Army is actively engaged in operational duties across the globe.

Explore our current and ongoing operations
