The Royal Marine Commandos
The primary fighting elements of the Royal Marines are the battalion-sized Commando units.

*3 Commando Brigade HQ* 1* deployable Brigade HQ

  - CSG Headquarters Troop
  - Communications Squadron
    - Two HQ Satcomm Troops
  - Surveillance and Reconnaissance Squadron (SR Sqn)
    - Tactical Air Control Parties
    - Police Troop
  - Y Squadron (Electronic Warfare specialists)
  - Logistics Squadron
    - Motor Transport Troop
    - Catering Troop
    - Stores Troop
    - Equipment Support Troop

- **40 Commando** (Lead Commando Group from May 2014 onwards)
(based at Norton Manor Barracks, Taunton, Somerset)
  - Command Company
  - D “Delta” Company (Stand-Off Company) [http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/sitecore/content/home/news-and-events/latest-](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/sitecore/content/home/news-and-events/latest-)
news/2013/february/14/130214-first-royal-marines-return-early
http://www.eliteukforces.info/gallery/royal-marines/delta-company-40-commando.php (info says Stand Off Company)

- Logistics Company

- **42 Commando** (current Lead Commando Group until May 2014)
  (based at Bickleigh Barracks, Plymouth, Devon)
  - Command Company
  - J “Juliet” Company (Close Combat Company)
  - K “Kilo” Company (Stand-Off Company)
    http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/News-and-Events/Latest-News/2012/November/14/121114-Black-Alligator
    http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/sitecore/content/home/news-and-events/latest-news/2012/november/16/121116-medics-test-battlefield-skills-in-desert (info suggest Stand-Off Company, medics)
  - L “Lima” Company (Close Combat Company)
    https://navynews.co.uk/archive/news/item/6445
  - M “Mike” Company (Stand-Off Company)
    http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/News-and-Events/Latest-News/2013/September/30/130930-RM-live-firing and
    http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=Ei6R11vPEw4C&pg=PA115&lpg=PA115&dq=%22Stand+Off+Company%22+%2242+Commando%22&source=bl&ots=OCIY85GE5D&sig=Lhe2NblwVGTY-LmaKI1ueBKnZ2bo&hl=en&sa=X&ei=8m2CUs3LAsew0AWe3YC4CA&ved=0CDQQ6AEwAw#v=onepage&q=%22Stand%20Off%20Company%22%20%2242+Commando%22&f=false (info says Stand Off Company)
  - Logistics Company

  - HQ Squadron
  - O Rifle Squadron
  - R Rifle Squadron
  - S Rifle Squadron

- **45 Commando** (Whiskey Company on exercise in Africa,
  http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/News-and-Events/Latest-
(based at Condor Barracks, Arbroath, Angus, Scotland)

- Command Company
- Logistics Company
- X “X-Ray” Company (Stand Off Company)
- Z “Zulu” Company (Stand Off Company)
  https://navynews.co.uk/archive/news/item/3931

Each Commando (40, 42, 45) is organised into 6 companies. Each company is made up of platoon-sized Troops (Composition could have changed, post SDSR 2010):

- 1 Command Company:
  - Main HQ
  - Tactical HQ
  - Reconnaissance Troop (includes a sniper section) see http://www.eliteukforces.info/royal-marines/recce-troop/
  - Signals Troop
  - Mortar Troop
    (9 x 81mm mortars + 4 Mortar Fire Control parties) see http://www.eliteukforces.info/weapons/mortar/
  - Anti-Tank (AT) Troop
  - Medium Machine Gun Troop
    (6 x GPMG (SF mode) see http://www.eliteukforces.info/weapons/GPMG/
1 Logistic Company:
- A Echelon 1 (A Ech1)
- A Echelon 2 (A Ech2)
- Forward Repair Team (FRT)
- Regimental Aid Post (RAP)
- B Echelon (B Ech)

2 Close Combat Companies:
- Company Headquarters (Coy HQ)
- 3 Close Combat Troops (Troop HQ, 3 Rifle Sections, Manoeuvre Support Section)

2 Stand Off Companies
(1 tracked - Viking APCs, 1 wheeled - MWMIKs)
- Company Headquarters (Coy HQ)
- Heavy Machine Gun Troop (6 x HMG / GMG)
- AT Troop (6 x Javelin)
- 1x Close Combat Troop (5 officers + 78 other ranks)

- Armoured Support Group see [http://www.eliteukforces.info/royal-marines/armoured-support-group/](http://www.eliteukforces.info/royal-marines/armoured-support-group/) (under 539 Assault Squadron.) (not part of stand-off companies; those have WMIK/RWMIK Landrover) (company sized ???)
  - 1/1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Support Troop (see [https://navynews.co.uk/archive/news/item/8405](https://navynews.co.uk/archive/news/item/8405)

1 Assault Group RM see [http://www.eliteukforces.info/royal-marines/1AGRM/](http://www.eliteukforces.info/royal-marines/1AGRM/) (no operational control over 539 ASRM but trains them) led by a full Colonel
- 4 Assault Squadron Royal Marines (4 ASRM)
  - operating Landing Craft Utility (LCU) Mk10 craft from HMS Bulwark

- 9 Assault Squadron Royal Marines (9 ASRM) operating Landing Craft Vehicle Personnel (LCVP) craft from HMS Ocean
- 2 Raiding Troop RMR, Bristol (Reserve)

- **Commando Logistics Regiment** led by a full Colonel
  - Headquarters Squadron ([http://www.acoy.co.uk/royalmarineshistorytraditionalfactsprecispack1.pdf](http://www.acoy.co.uk/royalmarineshistorytraditionalfactsprecispack1.pdf))
  - Logistic Support Squadron ([https://www.facebook.com/RHQTheRoyalLogisticCorps/posts/719592601471652](https://www.facebook.com/RHQTheRoyalLogisticCorps/posts/719592601471652) and [http://www.royallogisticcorps.co.uk/ls-sqn-visit/](http://www.royallogisticcorps.co.uk/ls-sqn-visit/))
  - Logistic Task Group (see [https://uk.linkedin.com/pub/farard-darver/a0/889/265](https://uk.linkedin.com/pub/farard-darver/a0/889/265) and [http://www.northdevonjournal.co.uk/Marines-roots/story-16106498-detail/story.html](http://www.northdevonjournal.co.uk/Marines-roots/story-16106498-detail/story.html))
  - 383 Commando Petroleum Troop, Plymouth (Army Reserve) (subordinate to Royal Marines 3 Commando Brigade, still exists???)

**Attached Army units:**

- 24 Commando Engineer Regiment (will not disband! See [http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140410/wmstext/140410m0001.htm#14041078000003](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140410/wmstext/140410m0001.htm#14041078000003))
  - 54 Commando HQ & Support Squadron
    - reconnaissance troop
    - support troop
    - signals troop
    - motor transport section
    - resource cell
    - training team
    - construction supervision cell.
  - 59 Independent Commando Squadron Royal Engineers, Chivenor (subordinate to Royal Marines 3 Commando Brigade)
• Condor Troop (see https://www.facebook.com/24CdoEngineerRegiment/photos/a.817459154984974.1073741826.198269936903902/827041164026773/?type=1&theater)

• Malta Troop (?? See http://www.sappers.co.uk/squadrons/59-squadron)

• # Troop

• Support Troop (see http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/our-organisation/the-fighting-arms/royal-marines/3-commando-brigade/24-commando)
  o 131 Commando Field Squadron Royal Engineers, formerly 131 Independent Commando Field Squadron Royal Engineers (Army Reserve), London, Plymouth and Bath (subordinate to 32 Engineer Regiment working with Royal Marines 3 Commando Brigade)
    • HQ & Support Troop
    • 300 Troop
    • 301 Troop
    • 302 Troop

• * Troop, 821 Squadron, 33 Engineer Regiment (Commando-trained Explosive Ordnances Disposal (EOD)) (see http://www.eliteukforces.info/eod/army-eod/)

• 29th Commando Regiment Royal Artillery, Plymouth (subordinate to Royal Marines 3 Commando Brigade) (no announcement yet of restructuring but website says 12 guns. http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/The-Fleet/The-Royal-Marines/3-Commando-Brigade/Attached-Army-Units/29-Commando-Regiment-Royal-Artillery)
  o 23 (Gibraltar 1779-83) Commando Headquarters Battery
  o 7 (Sphinx) Commando Battery TAC (see http://www.commandogunner.co.uk/page7.html)
  o 8 (Alma) Commando Battery 'Black Eight' 6 x105 mm
  o 79 (Kirkee) Commando Battery 6 x105 mm (Website says 8 and 79 functional and on different operations as of 2013 http://www.army.mod.uk/artillery/regiments/24825.aspx)
  o REME Workshop/Light Aid Detachment

Commando Helicopter Force (See Royal Navy Orbat)

• 845 NAS Merlin (transport version) Commando Helicopter Force 9/10/12 x Merlin HC4 Helicopters (from RAF) (from 2015, also will be Merlin Mk4 OCU http://www.globalaviationresource.com/v2/2015/02/18/aviation-news-the-fleet-air-
arm-in-transition/ ) Final ORBAT: 3 x deployable flights, “each flight deploying with four Merlins” (see http://www.janes.com/article/50150/royal-navy-begins-transferring-ex-raf-merlins-to-yeovilton so 12 not 10 in total. Or see “847 NAS operating 6 x AW159 Wildcat AH1 aircraft (not HMA1 and they are just known as Wildcat now not Lynx Wildcat); 845 NAS and 846 NAS each operating 9 x Merlin HC4 each, with 4 aircraft in deep maintenance and 3 in interim maintenance packages (although IMP will be carried out within the front line making the front line 21 aircraft in total).

Each squadron will operate three flights. 845 NAS will have three deployable, go-anywhere flights, with each flight deploying with up to 4 Merlins. 846 NAS will have the Operational Conversion Flight, Maritime Counter Terrorism Flight, and a deployable flight to bolster 845 NAS if required. There is consideration to balance the Squadrons by swapping one of the deployable flights (C Flight) with the Operational Conversion Flight. Therefore making 845 and 846 NAS consist of 2 deployable "Op" flights each and one other (M Flt/OCF).

  - Operational Conversion Flight (may swap with C Flight, 845 NAS see above)
  - Maritime Counter Terrorist Flight
  - Deployable flight (to bolster 845 NAS if required) (D Flight???
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- **847 NAS** Lynx Wildcat Commando Helicopter Force Support (Reconnaissance/Light Support) 6 x Lynx Wildcat Helicopters (https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ko8H-XKzwkc&feature=youtu.be&list=PLhrc1XfcNWwkQVFTPD0yb0Hn4j4AjSa6e 8 x crews see http://www.janes.com/article/50150/royal-navy-begins-transferring-ex-raf-merlins-to-yeovilton)

The Royal Marines 3 Commando Brigade will no longer have 1st Battalion. The Rifles under its operational control. This battalion will move to 160th Brigade under the Army 2020 plan (See http://www.army.mod.uk/documents/general/Army2020_Report.pdf)
Joint Helicopter Command may also provide additional troop transport helicopters (Chinook or Puma) or attack helicopters (Apache) or surveillance aircraft (Defender).