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)
  - Police Troop
    - Y Squadron
      (Electronic Warfare specialists)
  - Logistics Squadron
    - Motor Transport Troop
    - Catering Troop
    - Stores Troop
    - Equipment Support Troop

- **40 Commando** (based at Norton Manor Barracks, Taunton, Somerset)
  - Command Company
  - Logistics Company
  - B “Bravo” Company (Stand-Off Company) [http://www.bfbs.com/news/marine-dies-adventurous-training-64294.html](http://www.bfbs.com/news/marine-dies-adventurous-training-64294.html) [http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=vJklQnJV8rIC&pg=PA9&lpg=PA9&dq=%22Stand+Off%22+%22B+Company%22&source=bl&ots=uXwvIglQk2&sig=cLfNiOxtRYXbZrItHtL6xp0GM&hl=en&sa=X&ei=0nGCUt-3Kc-p0AXSk4DIBA&ved=0CEUQ6AEwBg#v=onepage&q=%22Stand%20Off%22%20%22B%20Company%22&f=false](http://books.google.co.uk/books?id=vJklQnJV8rIC&pg=PA9&lpg=PA9&dq=%22Stand+Off%22+%22B+Company%22&source=bl&ots=uXwvIglQk2&sig=cLfNiOxtRYXbZrItHtL6xp0GM&hl=en&sa=X&ei=0nGCUt-3Kc-p0AXSk4DIBA&ved=0CEUQ6AEwBg#v=onepage&q=%22Stand%20Off%22%20%22B%20Company%22&f=false) (info says Stand Off Company) or see [http://web202.ssvc.com/news/articles/navy/2407](http://web202.ssvc.com/news/articles/navy/2407)
o D “Delta” Company (Stand-Off Company)  
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)  
o Logistics Company  

  o Command Company  
  o Logistics Company  
  o J “Juliet” Company (formerly Close Combat Company) absorbs S Squadron, 43 Commando, now board and search specialists – the teams which join RN ships to conduct boarding operations, chiefly east of Suez  
  o K “Kilo” Company (formerly Stand-Off Company) L “Lima” Company (formerly Close Combat Company), now Joint Personnel Recovery company, QEC carrier  
  o M “Mike” Company - Ship’s Force Protection Team (formerly Stand-Off Company), now provide force protection teams to RN and RFA ships passing through high threat areas around the globe.

  o HQ Squadron  
  o O Rifle Squadron—Guarding Nuclear Deterrent  
  o R Rifle Squadron—Guarding Nuclear Deterrent  

- **45 Commando** (based at Condor Barracks, Arbroath, Angus, Scotland)  
  o Command Company  
  o Logistics Company  
    http://www.eliteukforces.info/royal-marines/45-commando/ )
Each Commando (40, 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/](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/](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/](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)
- Fire Support Group (taken from Command Company? See https://navynews.co.uk/archive/news/item/13785)

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 (Possible only, see http://www.eliteukforces.info/royal-marines/armoured-support-group/ under 539 Assault Squadron., may not part of stand-off companies; those have WMIK/RWMIK Landrover may be from the Commando Logistics Regiment, see below)
  - 1/1st Armoured Support Troop (see https://navynews.co.uk/archive/news/item/8405)

1 Assault Group RM see 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) – active, HMS Albion’s ASRM
- 6 Assault Squadron Royal Marines (6 ASRM) (attached to the Bay LSD(A)s as landing craft personnel see these tweets https://twitter.com/_JMBP_/status/992761722057478144 https://twitter.com/_JMBP_/status/986364396619403265)
- 9 Assault Squadron Royal Marines (9 ASRM) (no longer active as HMS Ocean is decommissioned; personnel redistributed)
- 10 Landing Craft Training Squadron
• Commando Logistics Regiment led by a full Colonel
  o Headquarters Squadron
    (http://www.acoy.co.uk/royalmarineshistorytraditionalfactsprecispack1.pdf)
  o Equipment Support Squadron (see
    http://www.northdevonjournal.co.uk/comfortable-hotel-active-service-
    Afghanistan/story-12161198-detail/story.html)
  o Logistic Support Squadron
    (https://www.facebook.com/RHQTheRoyalLogisticCorps/posts/71959260147
    1652 and http://www.royallogisticcorps.co.uk/ls-sqn-visit/)
  o Medical Squadron (see https://www.gov.uk/government/news/commando-
    logistic-regiment-receives-afghanistan-medals or Combat Forward Surgical
    Group Medical Squadron)
  o Landing Force Support Squadron (see
    http://www.northdevonjournal.co.uk/Duke-honour-returning-troops/story-
    13872404-detail/story.html)
  o Viking Squadron (see http://www.bovington-garrison.co.uk/Bovington-
    Garrison/Royal-Marines-Viking-Squadron-23082016.htm, “The
    Specialisation is formed into a Squadron of four independent VIKING
    Troops to support fast moving, lightly armoured expeditionary warfare for the
    Lead Commando Group. A VIKING Troop consists of 16 VIKING ATV
    and can be augmented by mortar and fire support sections. In addition to
    the four deployable Troops the Squadron has its own Trials & Training
    Wing and a Support Troop with Vehicle Mechanics, Signallers, Stores
    Accountants and Clerical Staff. For Lead Commando Group operations, the
    Lead Commando CO will have two Viking Troops attached to his Unit,
    which enables him to lift two Rifle Companies (Coy's) under protected
    mobility. For formation level operations the second manoeuvre Unit will
    also be allocated two Troops to provide the same capability. The Squadron is
    manned with 162 personnel and has Two Troops at five days notice to move
    and another at 28 days notice to move, 365 days a year.”)
    ▪ Troop
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  o Logistic Task Group (see https://uk.linkedin.com/pub/farard-
    darver/a0/889/265 and http://www.northdevonjournal.co.uk/Ex-RAF-
    roots/story-16106498-detail/story.html)
  o 383 Commando Petroleum Troop, Plymouth (Army Reserve) (subordinate to
    Royal Marines 3 Commando Brigade, still exists???)

Attached Army units:
- 24 Commando Engineer Regiment (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](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](http://www.sappers.co.uk/squadrons/59-squadron))
    - Troop
  - 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 Ordinances Disposal (EOD)) (see [http://www.eliteukforces.info/eod/army-eod/](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](http://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/The-Fleet/The-Royal-Marines/3-Commando-Brigade/Attached-Army-Units/29-Commando-Regiment-Royal-Artillery))
  - 23 (Gibraltar 1779-83) Commando Headquarters Battery
  - 7 (Sphinx) Commando Battery TAC with gun group (see [http://www.commandogunner.co.uk/page7.html](http://www.commandogunner.co.uk/page7.html) “Physically this will see the gun group relocate to Plymouth after Easter [2018?] leaving the Tac Group in RM Condor, remaining as 7 (Sphinx) Commando Battery, continuing to
support 45 Commando Royal Marines. The Gun Group will be parented by 79 (Kirkee) Commando Battery until such time as the situation allows us to reform as a complete gun battery.”)

- 8 (Alma) Commando Battery 'Black Eight' 6 x105 mm – to lose its guns?
- 79 (Kirkee) Commando Battery 6 x105 mm
- 148 (Meiktila) Commando Forward Observation Battery Naval Gunfire Support (eight 6-man Fire Support Teams)
- Reserve Artillery Troop, Plymouth (see http://www.plymouthherald.co.uk/City-new-Army-reserves-unit/story-22073534-detail/story.html)
- REME Workshop/Light Aid Detachment

**Commando Helicopter Force** (See Royal Navy Orbat)

- **845 NAS** Merlin (transport version) Commando Helicopter Force (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 or http://www.janes.com/images/assets/240/73240/Rotary_role_Exploring_QECs_LPH_utility.pdf) 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 12 Merlin.Mk4 in 845 and 9 in 846, 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, a total of 12 Merlin Mk4s. 846 NAS will have the Operational Conversion Flight, Maritime Counter Terrorism Flight, and a deployable flight to bolster 845 NAS if required, 9 Merlin MK4s. 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).

- B Flight
- C Flight


- Operational Conversion Flight (may swap with C Flight, 845 NAS see above)
- Maritime Counter Terrorist Flight
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=PLhrc1XfcNWwkQVFTPDOyb0Hn4j4AjSa6e  8 x crews see http://www.janes.com/article/50150/royal-navy-begins-transferring-ex-raf-merlins-to-yeovilton )

Joint Helicopter Command my also provide additional troop  transport helicopters (Chinook or Puma) or attack helicopters  (Apache) or surveillance aircraft (Defender)