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Dear

Thank you for your email of 18 July in which you requested the following:

In FOI2017/08135/79325/21/06, you answered that the following British Army brigades are regionally aligned with the following regions:

4th Infantry Brigade - Northern Africa
7th Infantry Brigade - Western Africa
102 Logistic Brigade - Southern Africa
11th Infantry Brigade - Eastern Africa
51st Infantry Brigade - Gulf Region
8th Engineer Brigade - South Asia
160th Infantry Brigade - Europe and Central Asia
Assistant Chief of the General Staff - Southeast Asia

Is the above alignment still accurate as of July 2019, or if not, what changes have been made?

I am treating your correspondence as a request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (the Act).

A search for the information has now been completed within the Ministry of Defence, and I can advise that there have been some changes to the geographical alignment by responsible organisation since FOI2017/08135 referred to above. The below table indicates a breakdown of geographical alignment, as at the time of your request.

Responsible Organisation	Alignment
4 th Infantry Brigade	Northern Africa
7 th Infantry Brigade	Western Africa
11th Infantry Brigade	Southern and Eastern Africa
51st Infantry Brigade	Gulf Region
8 th Engineer Brigade	South Asia
160 th Infantry Brigade	Eastern Europe and Central Asia
HQ Allied Rapid Reaction Corps	Europe
HQ 38 th Infantry Brigade	Republic of Ireland
HQ London District	Caribbean

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Yours sincerely,

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