

ARMoured REPLACEMENT GROUP

The purpose of an Armoured Replacement Group is to supply tanks, armoured cars and self propelled guns complete with crews to Royal Armoured Corps and Royal Artillery Regiments.

It has its own REME and RAOC elements, and still performs the same services on a reduced scale as it did in the later stage of the Second World War.

44 COMPANY RASC (TANK TRANSPORTER)

44 Company RASC (Tank Transporter) originated as 101 Company RASC (Amphibian) in the early days of the Second World War. In 1944 it proceeded overseas with the British Liberation Army and took part in the crossing of the Rhine when 2 Military Medals were awarded to members of the Company.

The Company then moved to Sarafan in Palestine early in 1946 as a General Transport Company. In 1947 it moved from Palestine to the Canal Zone, where it once again assumed its amphibious role with DUKW's and "Neptunes". Early in 1948 it was joined by two Tank Transporter platoons from 962 Company RASC (Tank Transporter). Thus 101 Company became both an Amphibious Company and a Tank Transporter Company, in view of which the Company's designation was changed to 101 Company RASC (General Transport) Special.

At present the Company has a number of amphibians, but its predominate roll is tank transporting, and in view of this the unit has lately changed its designation once more to 44 Company RASC (Tank Transporter),