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Army Training Centre, Pirbright

The **Army Training Centre (ATC)** at Pirbright in Surrey provides Phase 1 military training for elements of the British Army.

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History

In 1875, the War Office acquired 3,070 acres (12.4 km²) of Pirbright's heath which is the southern end of the north-south range of sand hills in Surrey heath, known as Chobham Ridges. It established rifle ranges, a training depot and an 'encampment' for the Brigade of Guards here.^[1] Many of the current buildings date from the 1950s, with significant expansion in the 1970s. There are separate barracks in the complex: **Alexander Barracks**^{[2][3][4]} is the home of the Army Training Regiment, Pirbright,^[5] **Elizabeth Barracks** was^[6] the base of 1st Battalion the Welsh Guards,^[7] whilst Household Division and Parachute Regiment Centralised Courses (HDPRCC) are based at **Brunswick Lines**.^[8]

Scope

The ATC provides Phase 1 military training for all recruits for the Army Air Corps, the Royal Regiment of Artillery, Royal Corps of Signals, the Royal Logistic Corps, the Adjutant General's Corps, the Royal Army Medical Corps, the Royal Engineers, the Royal Armoured

Army Training Centre, Pirbright	
Pirbright	
 <div>Pirbright Camp entrance</div>	
 <div>Location within Surrey</div>	
Coordinates	51°18′13″N 00°39′50″W﻿ / ﻿
Type	Training Centre
Site information	
Owner	Ministry of Defence
Operator	 British Army
Site history	
Built	1875
Built for	War Office
In use	1875-Present

Corps and the Intelligence Corps.^[9]

Organisation

The centre is organized into two regiments and a separate group;^[9]

- Centre Headquarters at Alexander Barracks, Pirbright
- 1st Army Training Regiment (Pirbright)
 - Jackson Company, Adjutant General's Corps
 - 59 (Asten) Battery, Royal Artillery
 - 96 (Duke of Gloucester's) Squadron, Royal Logistic Corps (focused on combat)
 - Chavasee Company, Royal Army Medical Corps
- 2nd Army Training Regiment (Pirbright)
 - 1 (Fowler) Signal Squadron, Royal Corps of Signals (part of wider 11th (RSS) Signal Regiment)^[10]
 - Caen Squadron, Royal Armoured Corps (administered by the RAC training regiment)^[11]
 - D Company (training Army Reservists)
 - 28 Squadron, Royal Engineers
 - 108 (Princess Royal's) Squadron, Royal Logistic Corps
- Household Division and Parachute Regiment Centralised Course Group (HD&PCCG) at Brunswick Lines, Pirbright

In media

Pirbright was the filming location for *British Army Girls*, a three-part television documentary first shown on Channel 4 in April 2016.^{[12][13]}

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