

PART IV

British Army Training Generally

20. The British Army may continue battle group training at Canadian Forces Base Suffield, Alberta, in addition to special training in Canada as explained below.

Special Training

21. The British Army may continue training in the major Canadian military training areas on a scale of up to three exercises at battalion level, plus one at engineer squadron level annually, and one Special Air Services squadron exercise every two years. The actual number of battalions to be exercised is to be the subject of annual negotiation for training two years in advance in order to take into account varying Canadian training commitments. The terms and conditions under which facilities for training exercises, other than those mentioned in this paragraph, may be made available by Canada shall be the subject of negotiation between the Ministry of Defence (Army) and National Defence Headquarters in the event that a requirement is reported by the United Kingdom.

Battle Group Training at Suffield, Alberta

22. The United Kingdom may have the use of the land and facilities described below at the Canadian defence establishment at Canadian Forces Base Suffield, Alberta, as a training area for battle groups. This training may involve the live firing of all conventional and training natures of tank artillery, guided weapons, infantry types of ammunition, the firing from helicopters, and the overflying of aircraft. This training may include a variety of battle runs each of maximum length commensurate with safety. The United Kingdom may have access to, but not necessarily exclusive use of, the area shown at Annex B. This area is subject to annual modification in order to allow for recovery of oil and gas and to provide grazing areas as considered essential by the Federal Government of Canada. British Forces training shall be conducted within mutually agreed, defined and marked areas and impact zones in order to assure public safety. The requirements of Canadian safety regulations shall be met. Training shall normally take place annually between 1 May and 30 November.

23. The United Kingdom may train up to ten full strength battle groups annually. Not more than one full British battle group shall train at Suffield at any one time without prior agreement between the Ministry of Defence (Army) and National Defence Headquarters.

24. The United Kingdom may station a permanent military staff at Canadian Forces Base Suffield in support of the British Forces training programme. Details of the proposed staff shall be made available annually to National Defence Headquarters. It may be increased in size during the training season and shall be commanded by a British army officer; he shall be responsible for the direction of British training