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Dear Mr Lai

Thank you for your email of 12 August 2019 in which you requested the following information:

- *Has 1st and 6th Battalion the Rifles moved from 160th (Welsh) Brigade to 7th Infantry Brigade?*
- *Has 1st and 2nd Battalion the Royal Irish Regiment moved to 51st Infantry Brigade?*
- *What other Infantry Battalion movements have been made for the Field Army?*
- *Which battalions/units now remain under 38th and 160th (Welsh) Brigade?*

Which, for the third part of your request you clarified on 16 August as:

'I wish to know what battalion/regiment have been moved across the brigades of the Field Army and Regional Command since the restructuring on 1 August 2019'.

Which, given the context of your request, we have taken to mean infantry units.

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 confirm that information in scope of your request is held. I shall address each part of your request individually below:

Has 1st and 6th Battalion the Rifles moved from 160th (Welsh) Brigade to 7th Infantry Brigade?

Yes.

Has 1st and 2nd Battalion the Royal Irish Regiment moved to 51st Infantry Brigade?

No (see below).

What other Infantry Battalion movements have been moved across the brigades of the Field Army and Regional Command since the restructuring on 1 Aug?

In addition to the transfer of 1st and 6th Battalions The Rifles discussed above, the following are the other battalion transfers associated with the rebalancing of 1 August:

- 2nd and 8th Battalions The Rifles have transferred to 51st Infantry Brigade from 38th (Irish) Brigade
- 2nd and 6th Battalions The Royal Regiment of Scotland have transferred to 4th Infantry Brigade from 51st Infantry Brigade
- 1st and 2nd Battalions The Royal Irish Regiment have transferred to 11th Infantry Brigade from 160th (Welsh) Infantry Brigade
- 3rd Battalion The Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment transfers to 11th Infantry Brigade from 7th Infantry Brigade

Which battalions/units now remain under 38th and 160th (Welsh) Brigade?

No infantry battalions remain under 38th and 160th Brigade.

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Yours sincerely,

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