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primary role in defence would re-role and reconfigure into infantry, in support of the RUC. Each Brigade had their own AOR under the Brigade Commander; these would then be further subdivided into Unit and Sub-Unit areas commanded by a Lt Col and Major respectively.

Command structure

	GOC (3*) HQNI (Lisburn)	
	CLF (2*) HQNI (Lisburn)	
39 Brigade (1*) (Lisburn)	8 Brigade (1*) (Londonderry)	3 Brigade (1*) (Armagh)
3-4 Battalions (Lt Col)	3-4 Battalions (Lt Col)	3-4 Battalions (Lt Col)
12-16 Companies (Major)	12-16 Companies (Major)	12-16 Companies (Major)
48-64 Platoons (Lt)	48-64 Platoons (Lt)	48-64 Platoons (Lt)
144-192 Sections (Cpl)	144-192 Sections (Cpl)	144-192 Sections (Cpl)
288-384 Bricks (L./Cpl)	288-384 Bricks (L./Cpl)	288-384 Bricks (L./Cpl)
Total strength of the security forces in Northern Ireland in 1998 = c10,260		

- 6-2.** The following Units and HQ were in Northern Ireland during the period 01 Dec 97 – 15 Aug 98:

Headquarters

NI and 15 Signals Regiment: staff to support the Brigade HQs and provide the communications structure throughout Northern Ireland:

HQ 39 Infantry Brigade and Signal Squadron - Lisburn

HQ 3 Infantry Brigade and Signals Squadron – Armagh

HQ 8 Infantry Brigade and Signal Squadron – Londonderry

Resident Battalions: A 2-year deployment, based in permanent locations across the province:

Hollywood Resident Battalion (HWD) – 2 Light Infantry Battalion

Omagh Resident Battalion (OMA) – 1 Queens Lancashire Regiment

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