



# Afghanistan Order of Battle 2007



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# Purpose

To inform deploying units, trainers and scenario writers of the current Order of Battle of the Afghan National Security Forces.

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# Overview

In January 2008, the Long War Journal published the first known post-Taliban Order of Battle (OOB) for Afghanistan.

The OOB was created from open-source documents such as official press briefings, official reports and news articles. Data included both macro- (overall size and structure) and micro- (individual unit) levels.

Criteria for data inclusion was:

- Consistency with the structure of known military organizations, and
- Internal consistency between macro- and micro-level data.

According to the author:

- Sources used were generally considered reliable, and official reports were used heavily.
- Most data points had multiple data sources.
- Macro- and micro-level data are generally consistent.
- The OOB is consistent with the general structure of known military organizations.
- Data were collected over time, so some lag and inconsistencies are unavoidable.



# Afghan National Security Forces

The Afghan National Security Forces (ANSF) consist of the following organizations:

**Afghan National Army (ANA)**

**Afghan National Air Corps (ANAC)**

**Afghan National Police (ANP)**

- Afghan Uniformed Police (AUP)
- Afghan Border Police (ABP)
- Afghan National Civil Order Police (ANCOP)
- Counter Narcotics Police of Afghanistan (CNPA)
- Afghan National Auxiliary Police (ANAP)



Afghan MI-17



First class of ANA graduates, 2002



# Afghan National Army



# Organization

**57,000 Soldiers as of December 2007**

- 2,300 – Ministry of Defense\*
- 1,300 – Sustaining Institutions\*
- 6,400 – Intermediate Commands\*
- 20,200 – ANA Combat Forces\*

**10 Brigades and 46 Battalions as of April 2007**

**Logistics and medical are weak**

**Plans exist to add**

- Medical
- Evacuation
- Intelligence for Targeting
- Artillery
- Fixed-wing Attack
- Engineers
- MP Companies
- Intel Companies

**Cycle for a 3-battalion brigade is**

- One battalion on operations
- One battalion in training/available for surge operations
- One battalion on leave



ANA Soldier

\* April 2007



# Equipment



Afghan BMP1



Afghan HMMWVs

## Large Shortfall of Equipment

### Organic Weapons

- Salvaged T55 and T62 tanks
- BMP1 Infantry Fighting Vehicles
- D30 122mm artillery
- 58 mortars
- 200 HMMWVs (Feb 2007) – Goal is 800

### Foreign Assistance

- US
  - 45 – M113 APCs
  - 16 – M577 command vehicles
  - 5,000 M16 rifles (Dec 2007), with 10,000 rifles per month until total number is 60,000
- Turkey
  - 24 – M114 (155mm towed) artillery pieces
- Greece
  - 13 – Leopard I tanks
- UK (pledged)
  - 150 new protected patrol vehicles
  - Extra Sea King helicopters



# Pre-December 2007 Goals

## Units

- 5 Corps Headquarters
- 14 Brigade Headquarters by 2008
- 70 Battalions
- 6 Commando Battalions (3,900 troops) by Sep 2008
- 6 Battalions for National Quick Reaction Force
  - 1 Battalion per Corps
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade / 201<sup>st</sup> Corps

## Manning

- Total – 70,000 (including 9,000 Officers)
- 201<sup>st</sup> Corps (Kabul) – 10,000
- Four Provincial Corps – 40,000
- Joint Staff and Ministry of Defense – 10,000
- Military Schools – 10,000

## Weapons

- Light Weapons – 50,000
- Armored Personnel Carriers – 110





# Post-December 2007 Goals

## Manning

- 70,000 by mid-2008
- Begin recruiting up to 12,000 additional soldiers

## Weapons

- M-16 Rifles – 60,000
- Armored Personnel Carriers – 110

## Afghan Defense Minister

- 19 Oct 2007 – “The army needed air mobility, more firepower, and more combat enablers and force multipliers to begin taking over from the NATO force.”
- 02 Dec 2007 – “We think that an army of 200,000 troops is in the best interest of both Afghanistan and the international community.”



# Training

## Knowledge and Experience

- 80% of Soldiers are illiterate
- 50% of Officers are illiterate
- 20% of Soldiers have professional military knowledge
- 80% of soldiers are either former militia fighters or young recruits

## Issues

- Leadership and NCO Training
  - Difficult to get NCOs to Kabul training facility
  - Using Afghan-led mobile training teams instead
    - Travelling to Corps
    - Two-week team/squad leader training
- 14% Attrition rate in 2007

## Current Status

- Recruiting is not a problem
- Training 3,000 Soldiers per month
- First Military Police Company in training (Apr 2007)



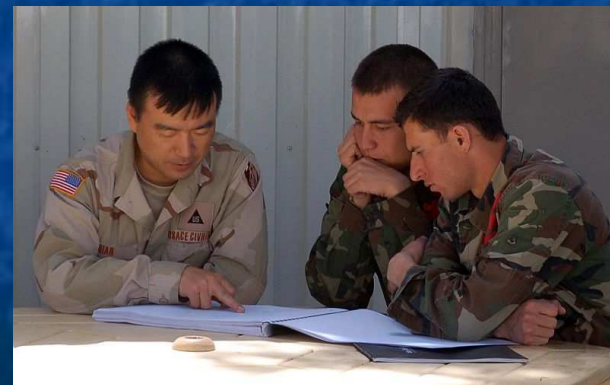
# Training (continued)

## Foreign Assistance

- 600 embedded US advisors
- NCO trainers for Commando School training in Jordan (Nov 2006)
- Indian Army Officers (12) and Soldiers (~30) to train ANA Officers (Apr 2007)
  - Officers mainly from Infantry and Army Education Corps
  - Will be based in Kabul
  - Main focus of training:
    - Language skills
    - Map reading
    - Basic Weapon handling



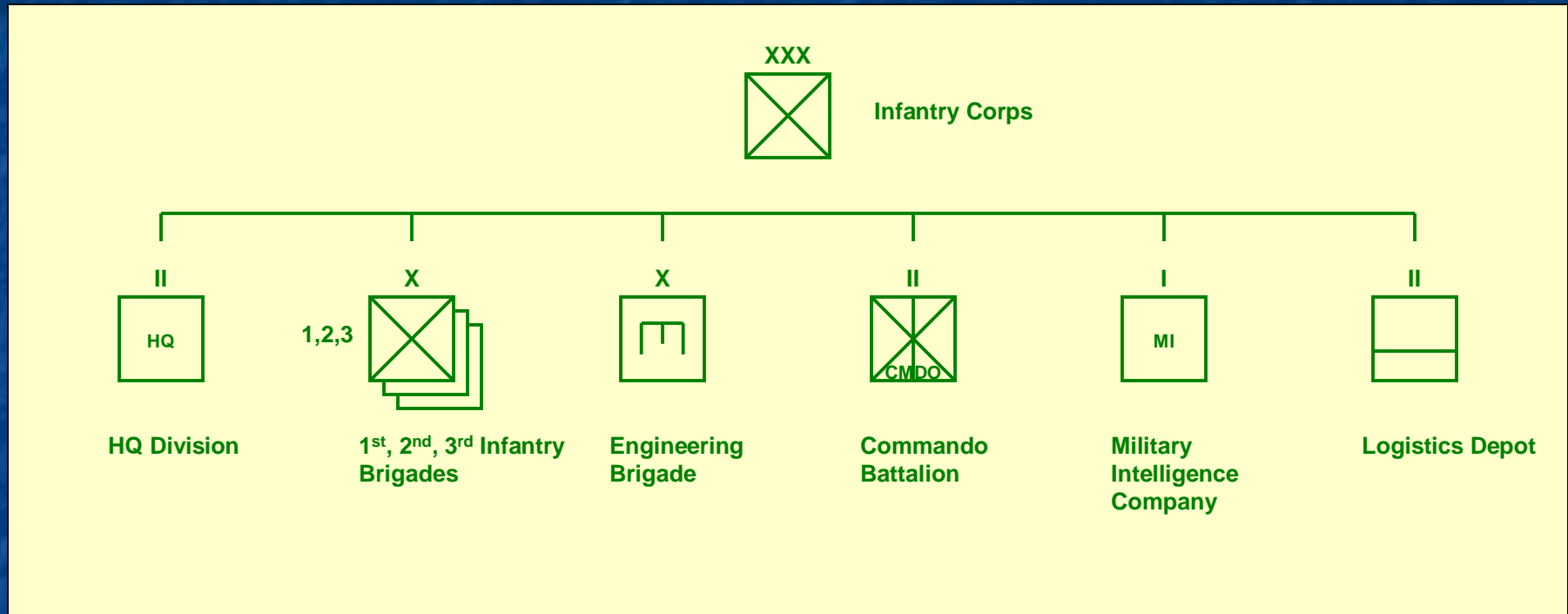
ANA Commando Training



USACE officer with ANA cadets



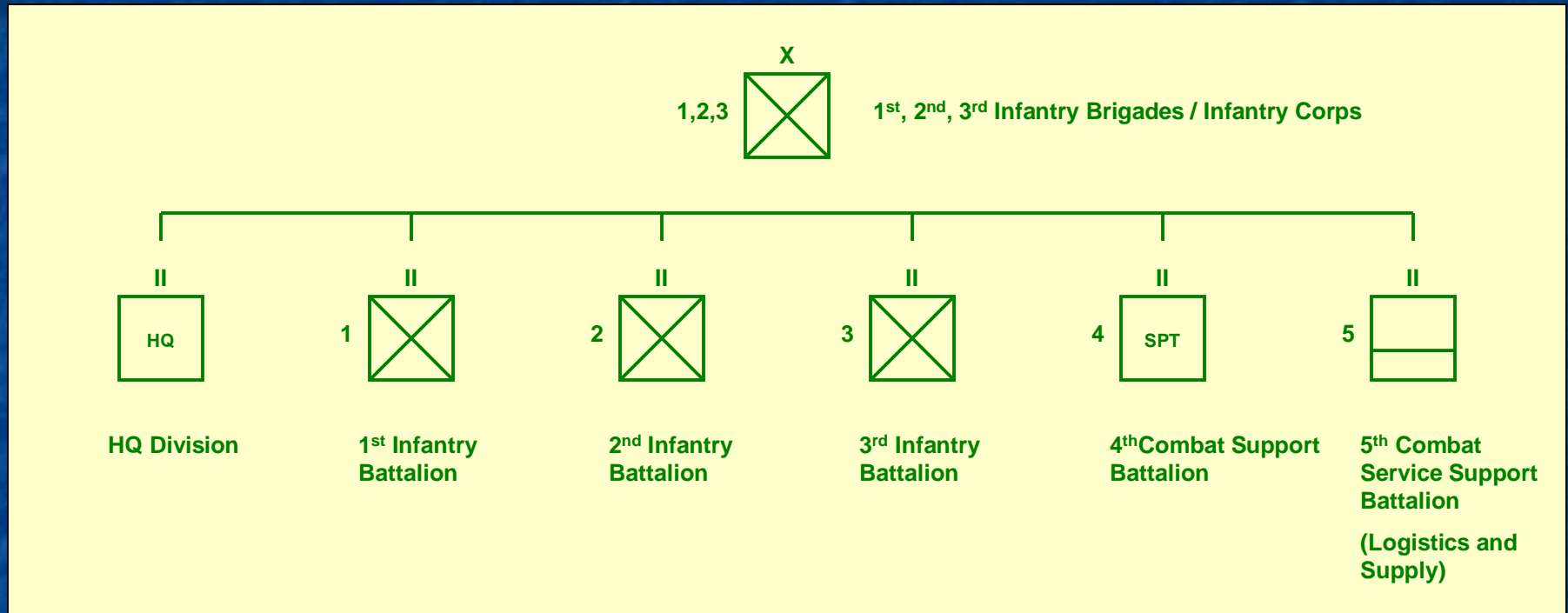
# ANA Corps Organizational Goal



Engineering Brigade includes Explosive Ordnance Disposal and Communications.

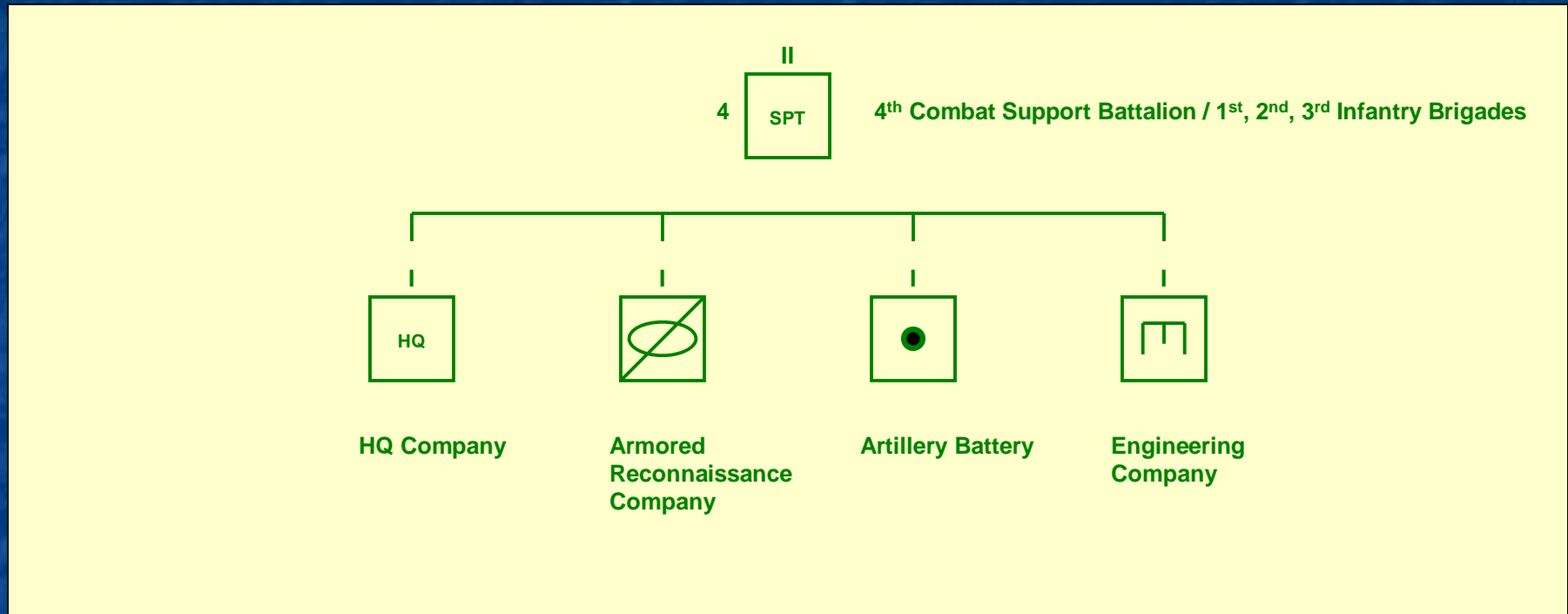


# ANA Infantry Brigade Organizational Goal





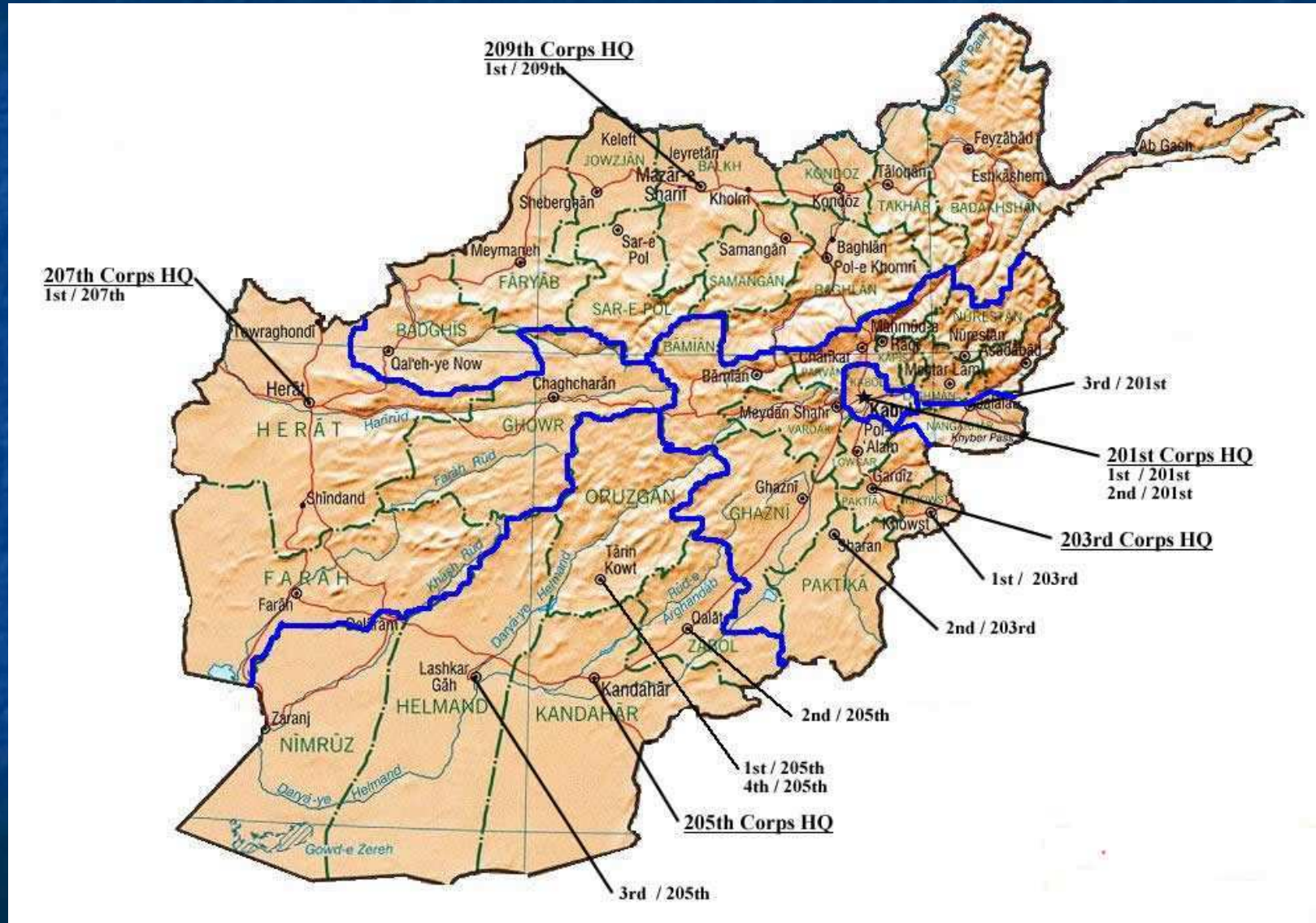
# ANA CS Battalion Organizational Goal



Engineering Company includes Force Protection, Demolition, Mine Clearance and Counter Mobility.

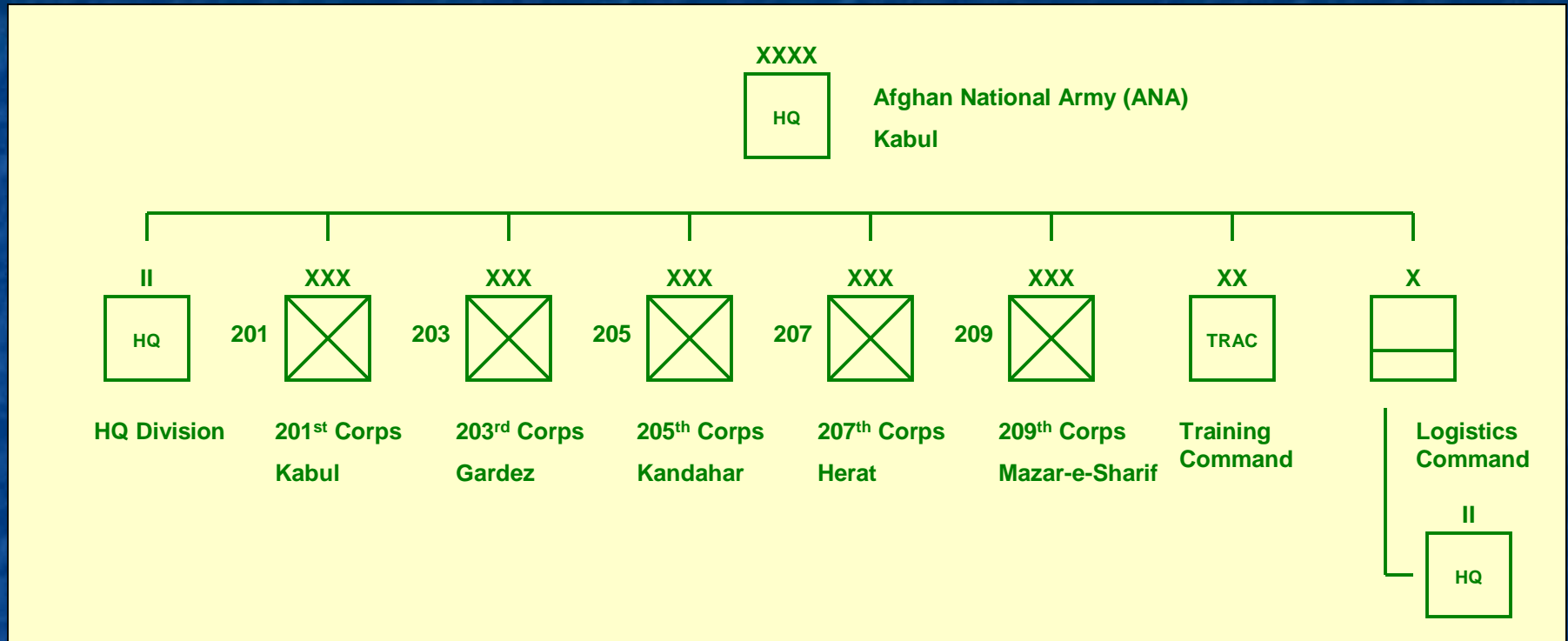


# Afghan National Army





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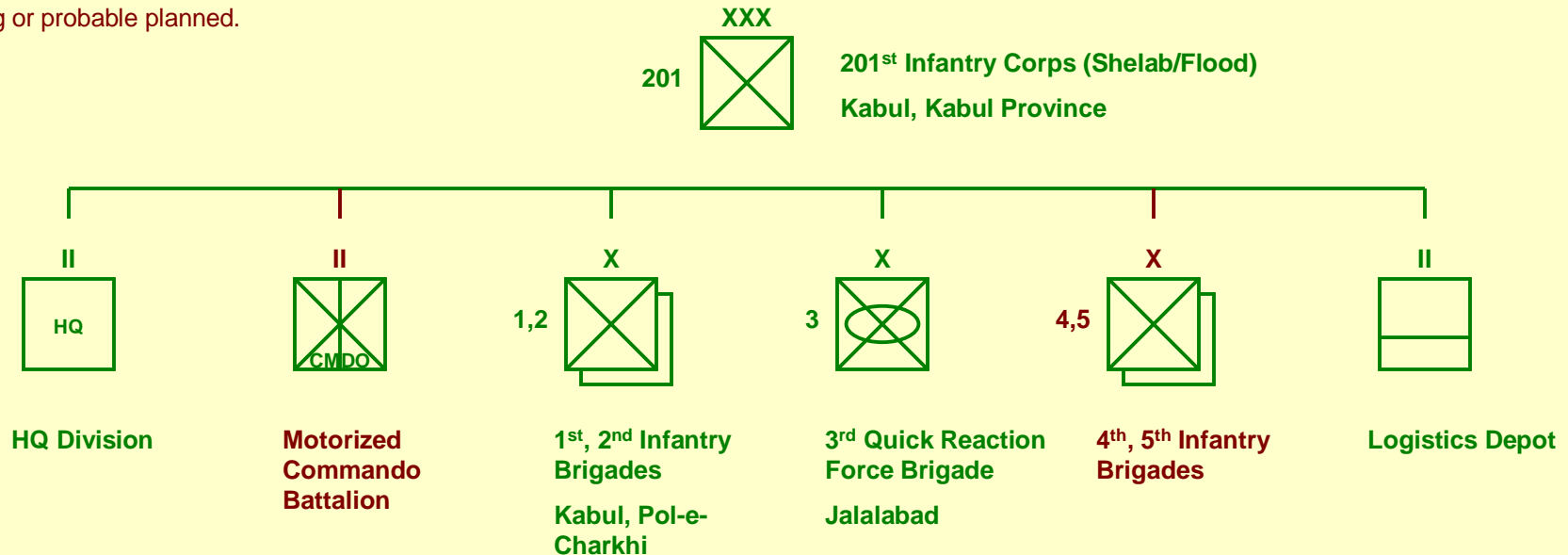






# 201<sup>st</sup> Infantry Corps / ANA

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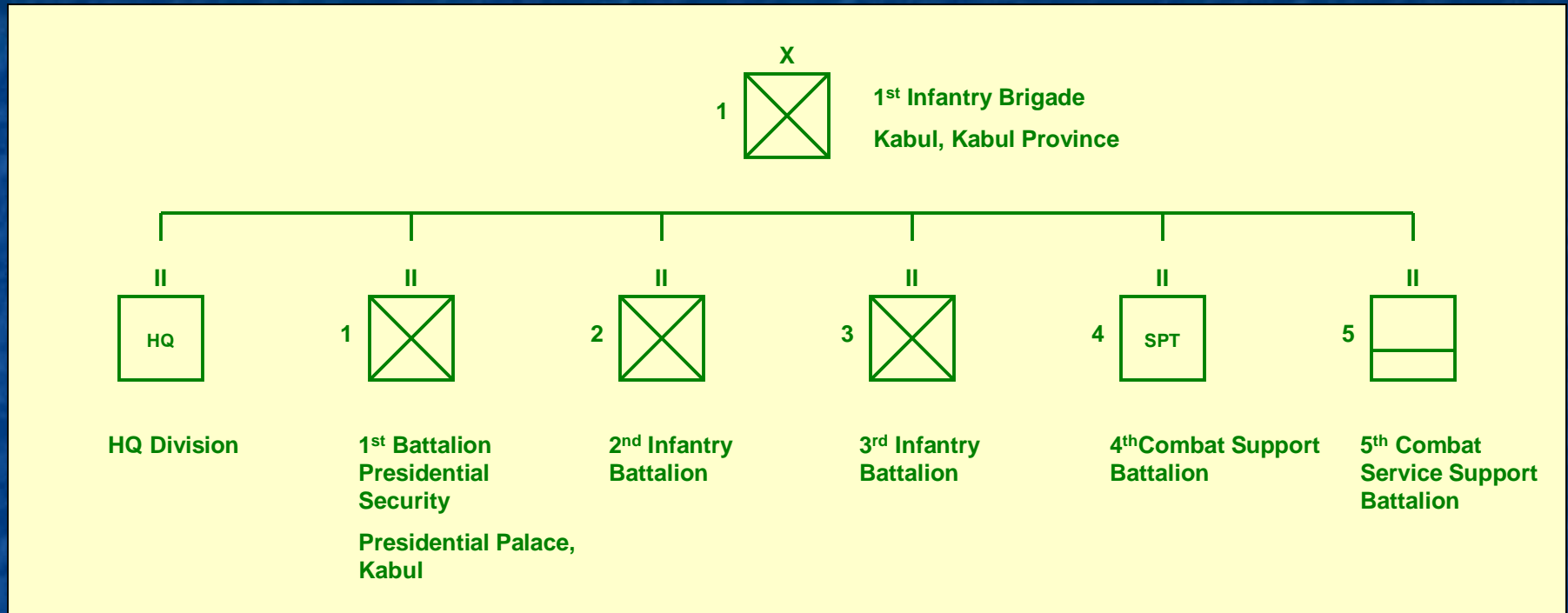
Commander: Major General Mangal.

Corps is fully staffed.

Two brigade bases have been built: one in Jalalabad, Nangarhar Province and the other in Kunar Province. An additional base is being built in Jalalabad; expected completion date is 13 OCT 2009.

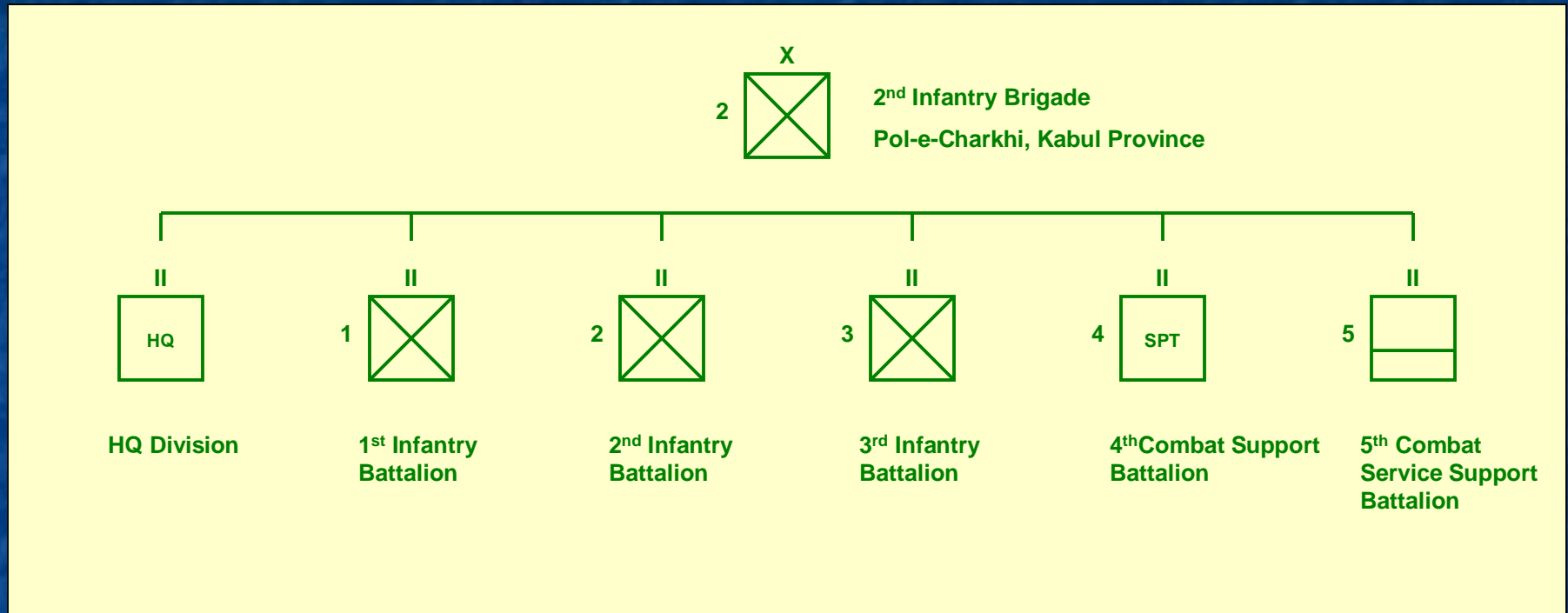


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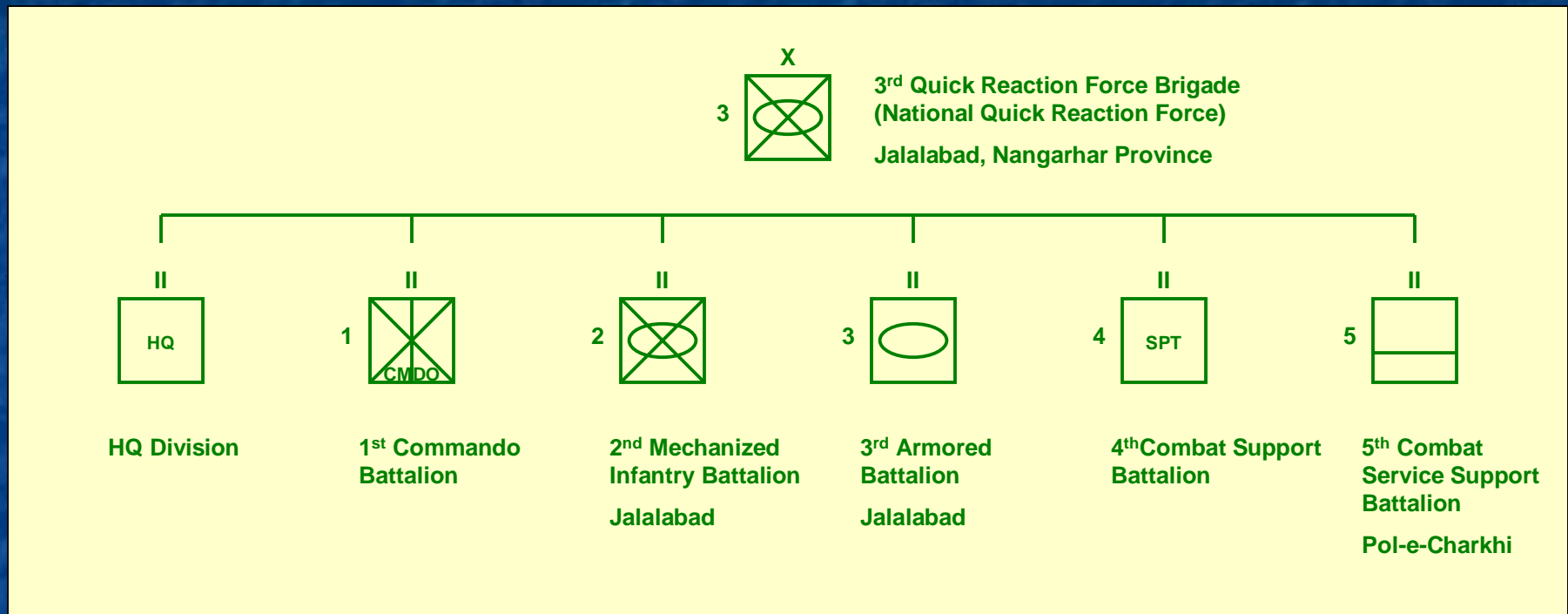


# 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade / 201<sup>st</sup> Infantry Corps





# 3<sup>rd</sup> Quick Reaction Force Bde / 201<sup>st</sup> Inf Corps



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Mechanized has M113 and BMP1 armored personnel carriers.

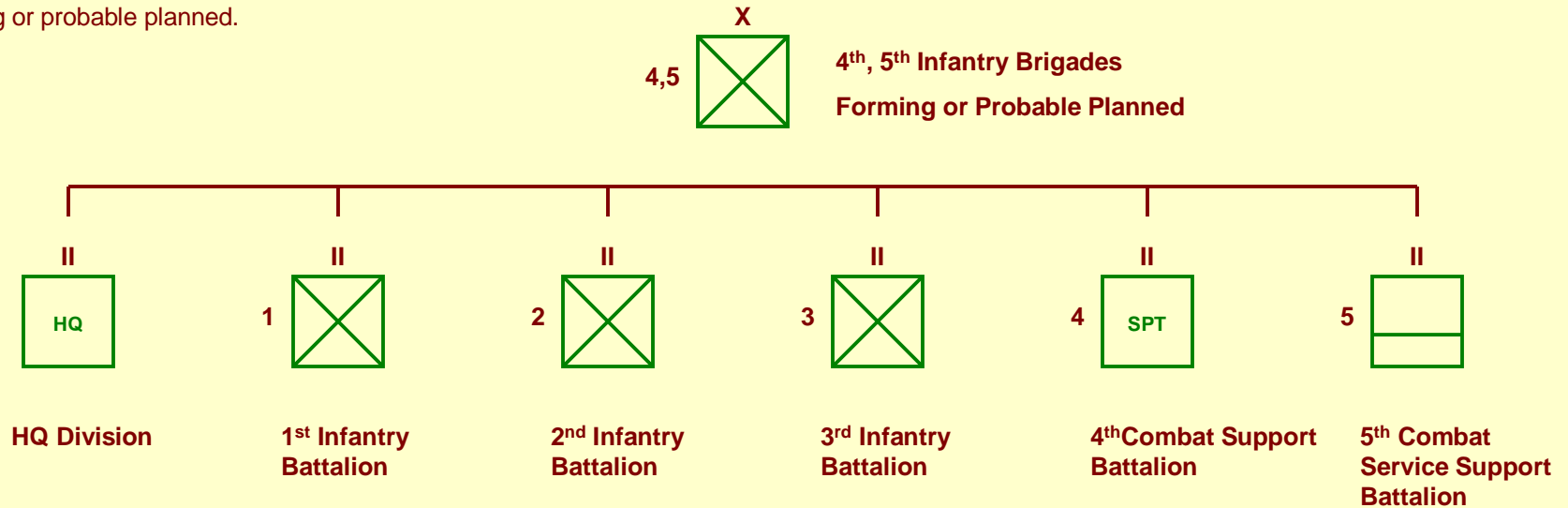
The 3<sup>rd</sup> Armored has T-62 tanks.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Combat Service Support is commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Shamsuddine.



# 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigades / 201<sup>st</sup> Infantry Corps

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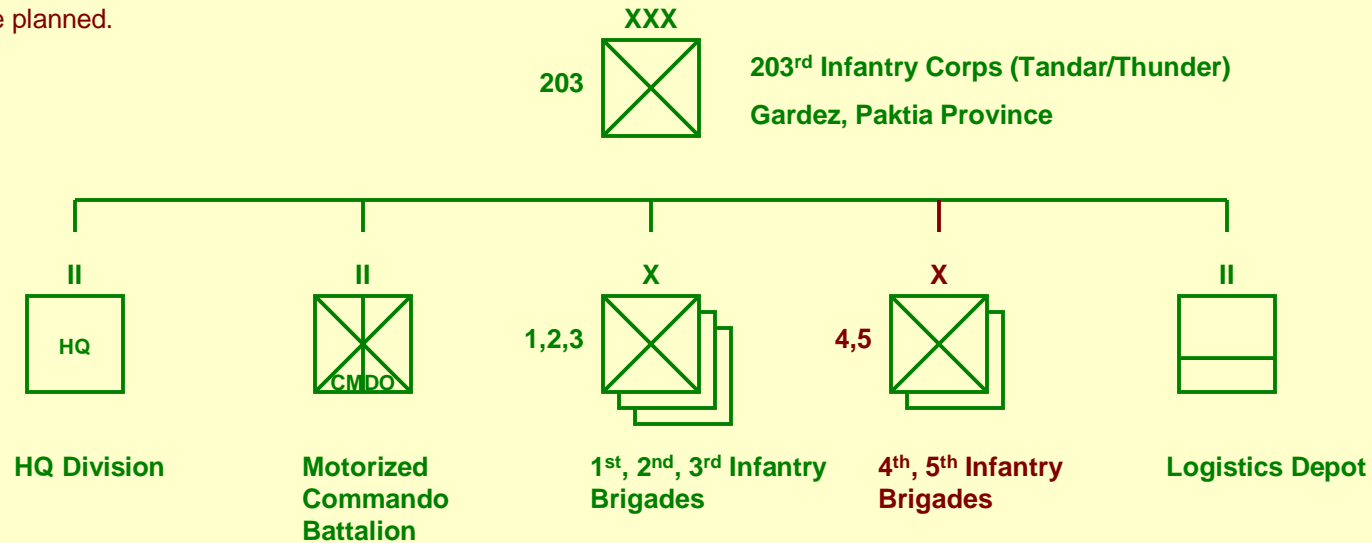


The 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigades are either forming or probable planned.



# 203<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Corps / ANA

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Commander: Major General Abdul Khaliq.

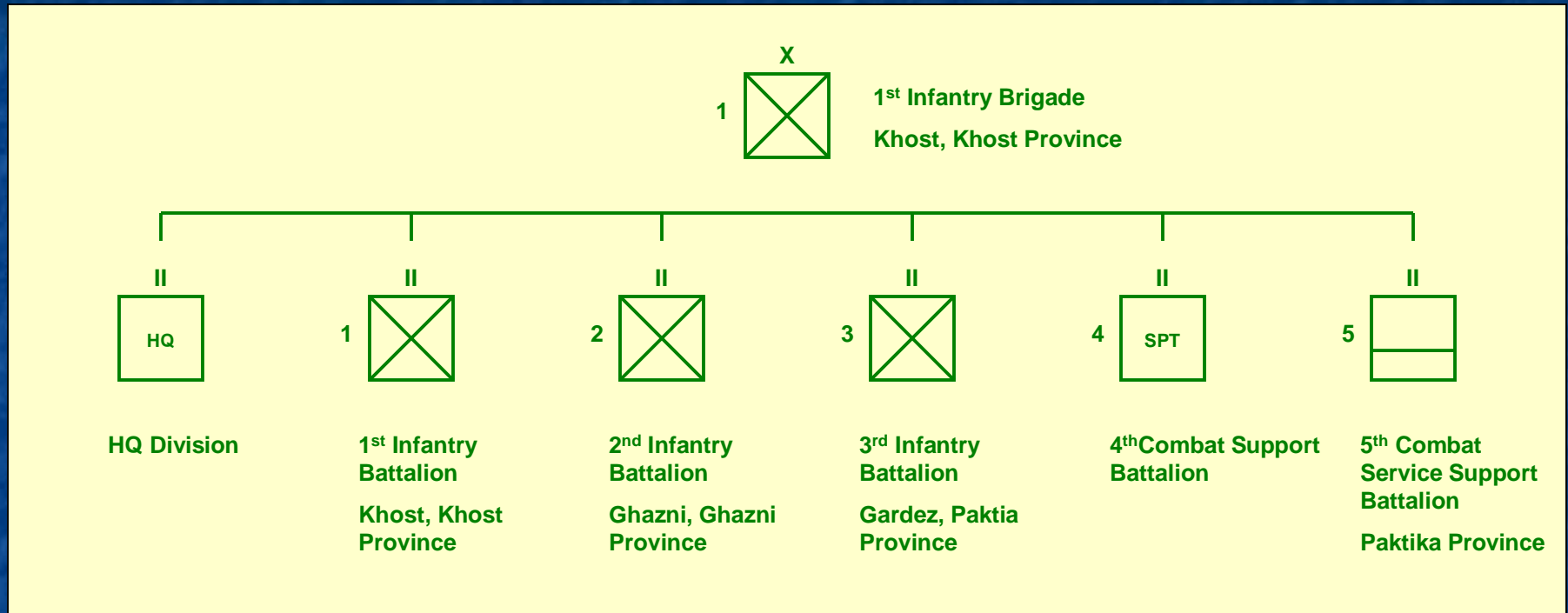
The 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade is located in Paktika Province.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade was added December 2007.

One brigade base has been built in Paktika Province.

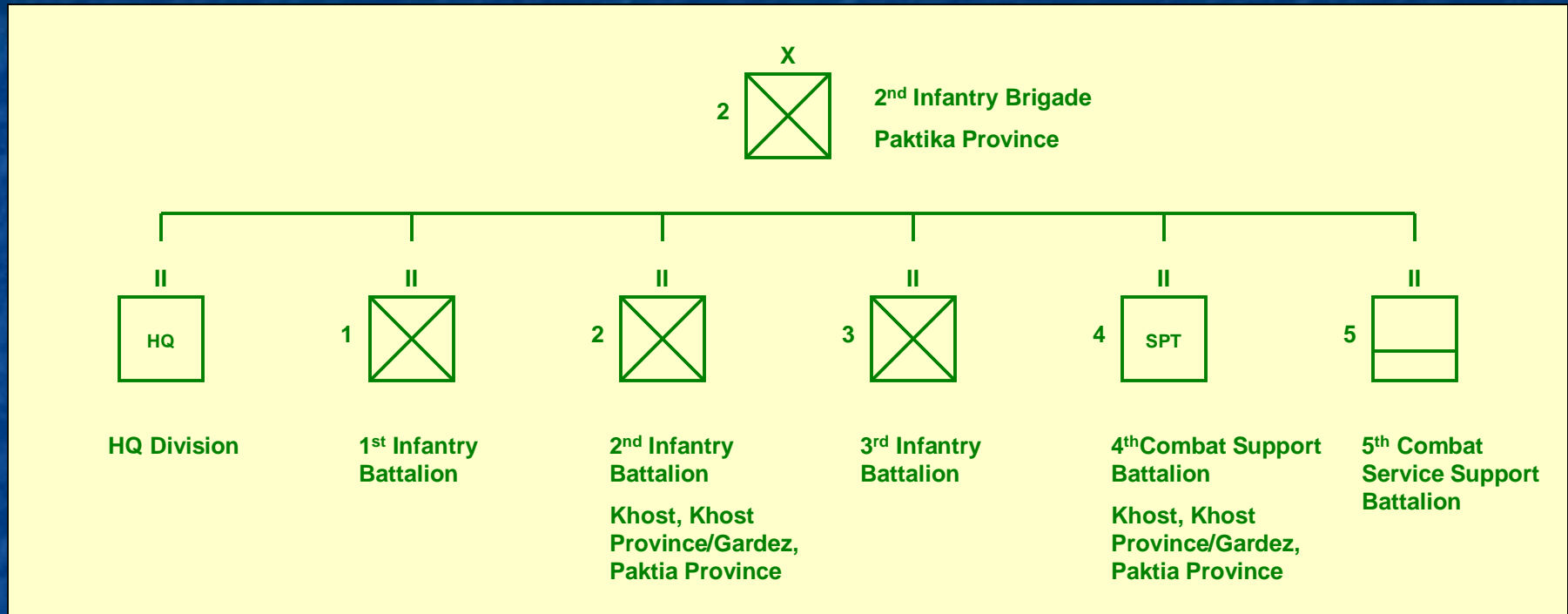


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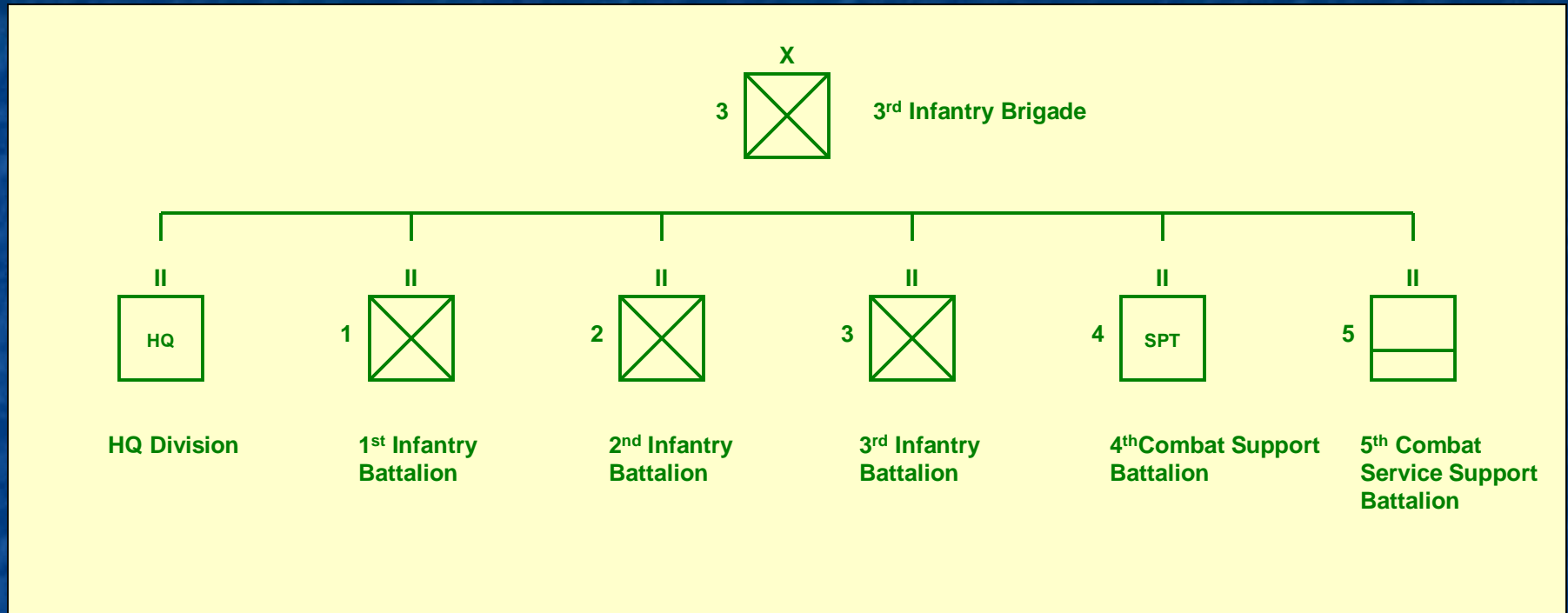
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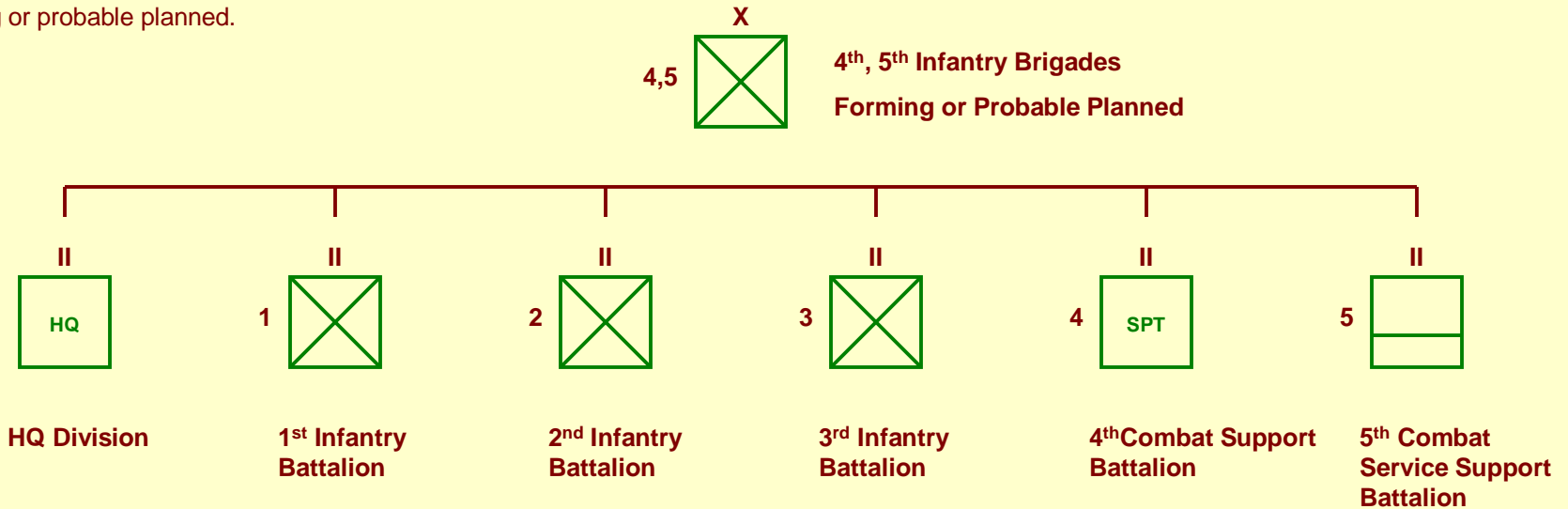


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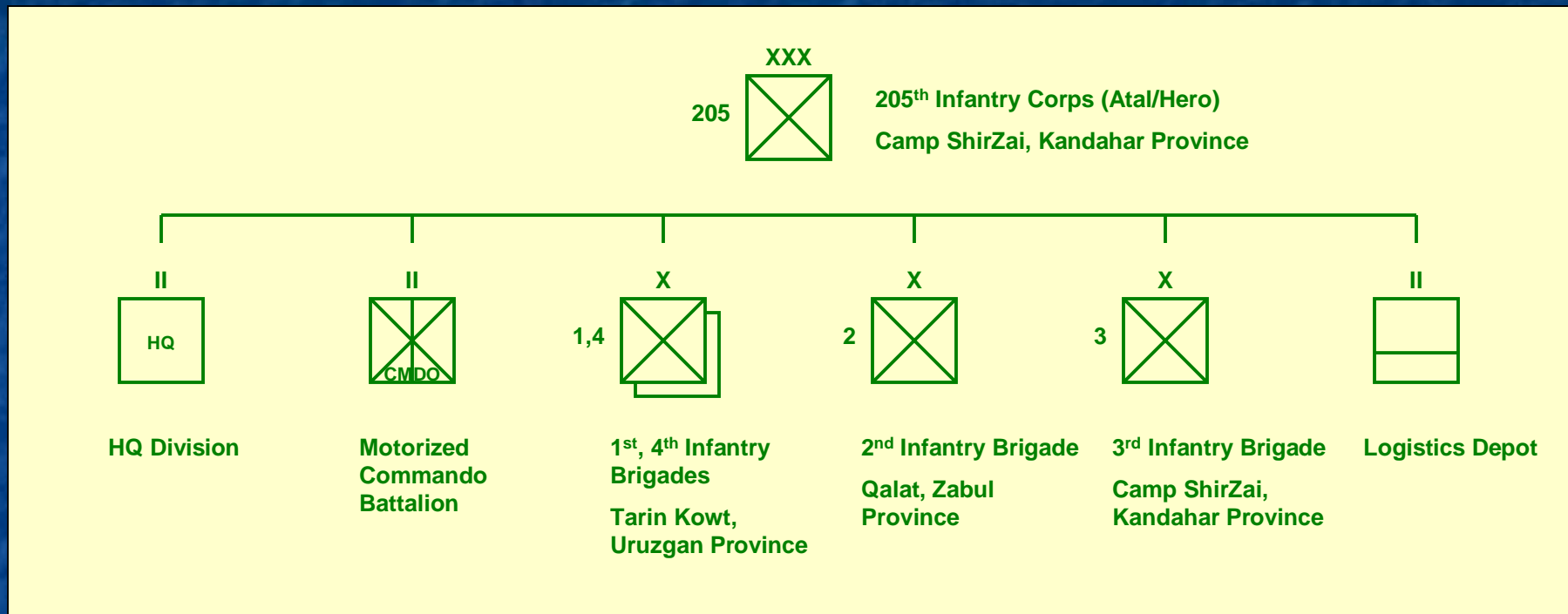
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# 205<sup>th</sup> Infantry Corps / ANA



Commander: Brigadier General Gul Aqa Naibi.

Location: Camp ShirZai, Kandahar Airfield, Kandahar, Kandahar Province.

Corps is fully staffed.

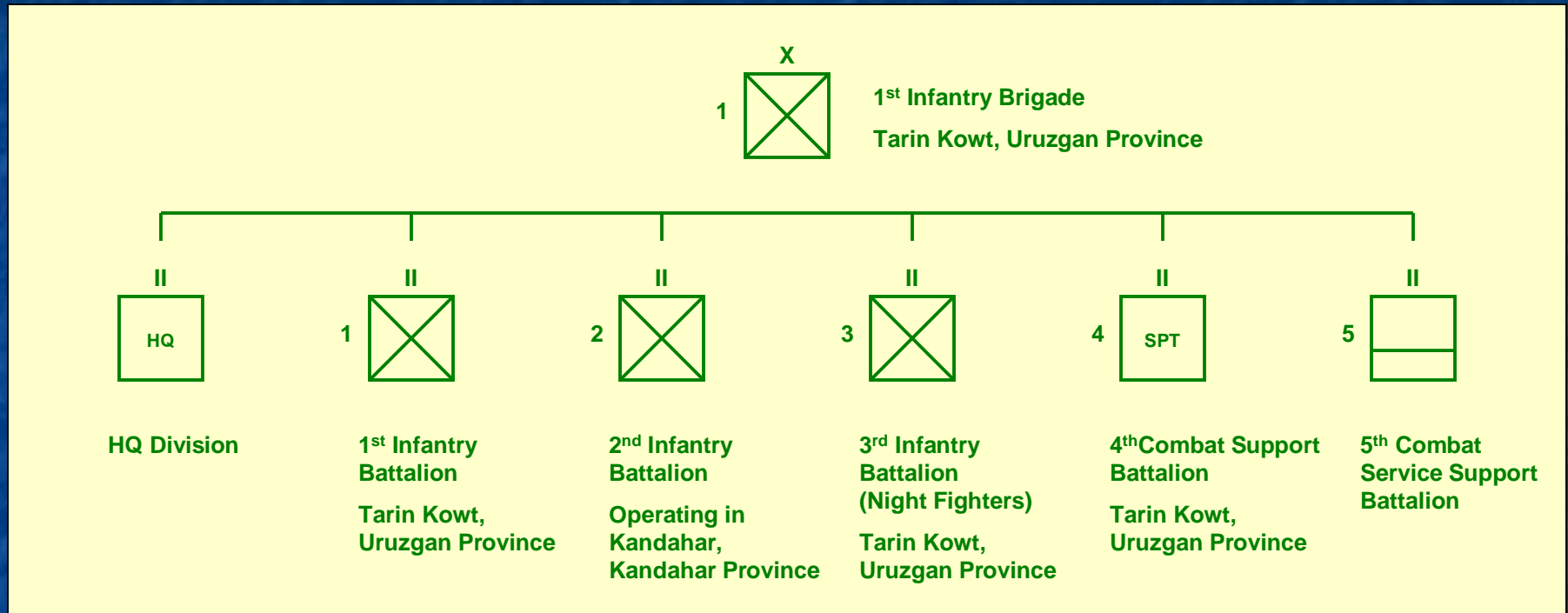
The Motorized Commando Battalion was formerly the 2/2/205<sup>th</sup>.

Two brigade bases have been built: one in Qalat, Zabul Province and the other in Camp Sharabak, Helmand Province.

Camp ShirZai has 3,000 ANA troops commanded by General Khair Muhammad.

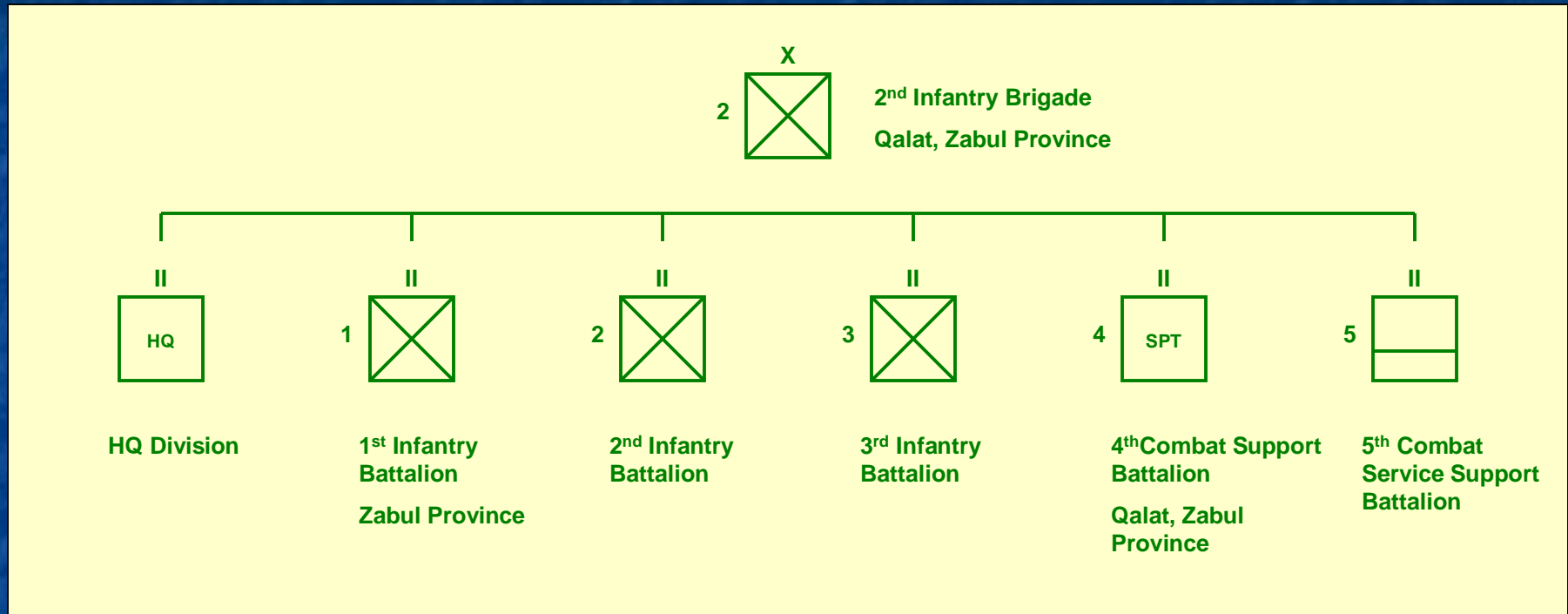


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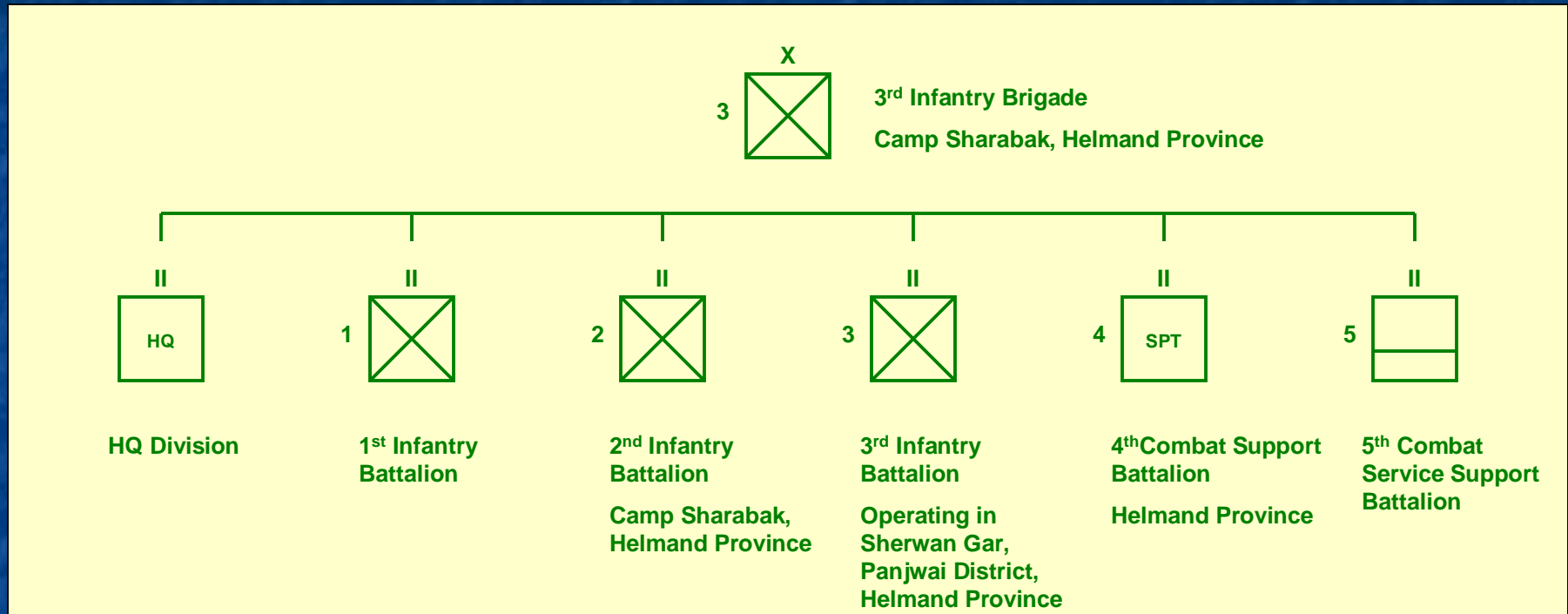
# 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade / 205<sup>th</sup> Infantry Corps



Commander: Brigadier General Abdul Rafik (former Mujahideen).



# 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigade / 205<sup>th</sup> Infantry Corps

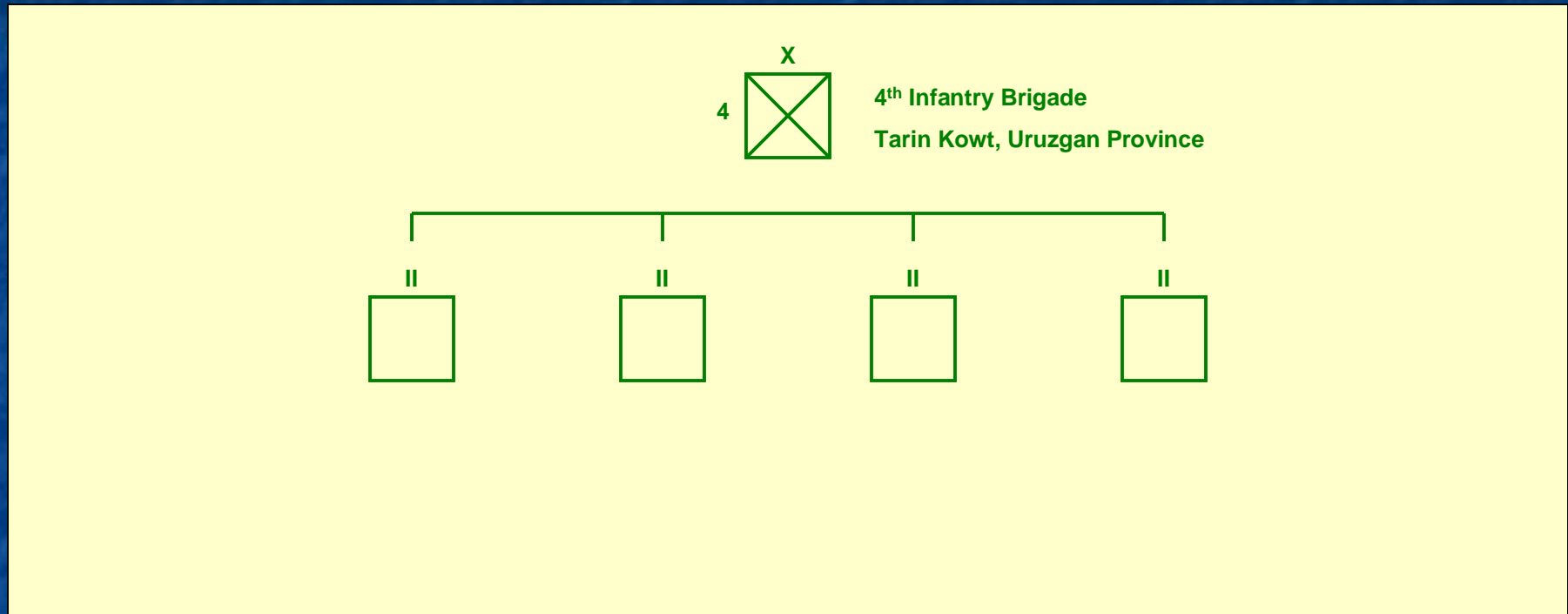


Commander: Brigadier General Muhayadin Ghori.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Support has three D30 122mm Howitzers.



# 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade / 205<sup>th</sup> Infantry Corps

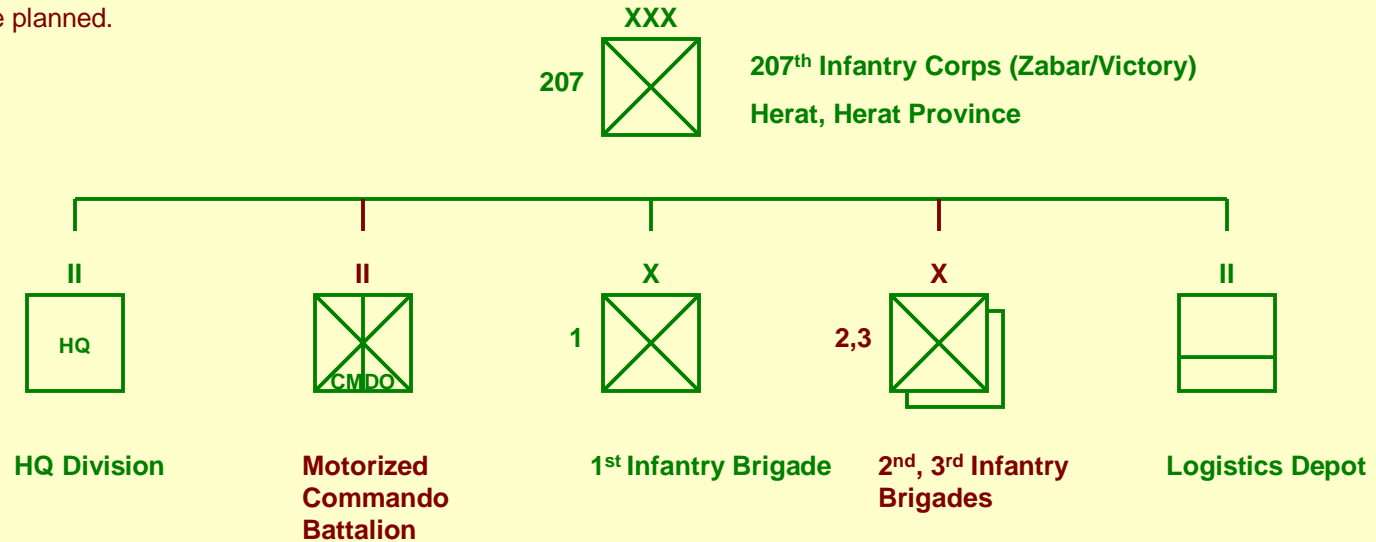


The 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry has four battalions of unknown type.



# 207<sup>th</sup> Infantry Corps / ANA

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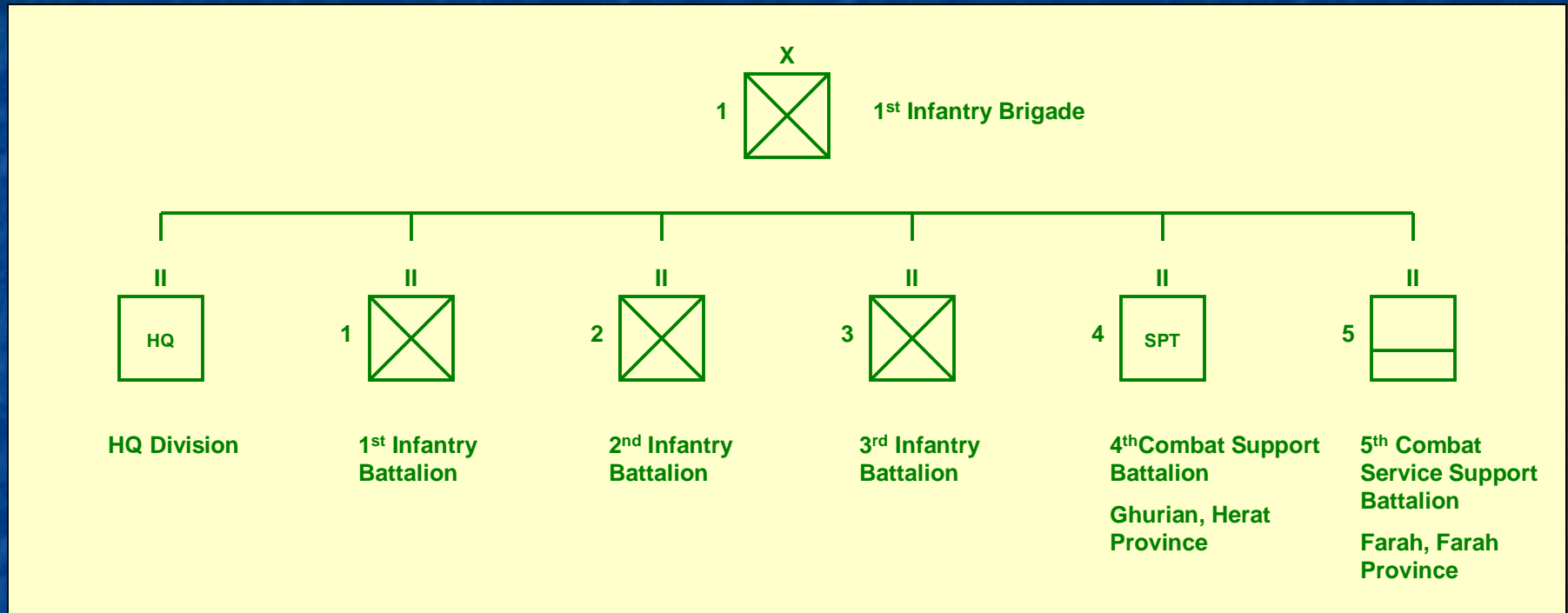


Commander: Major General Walizadah.



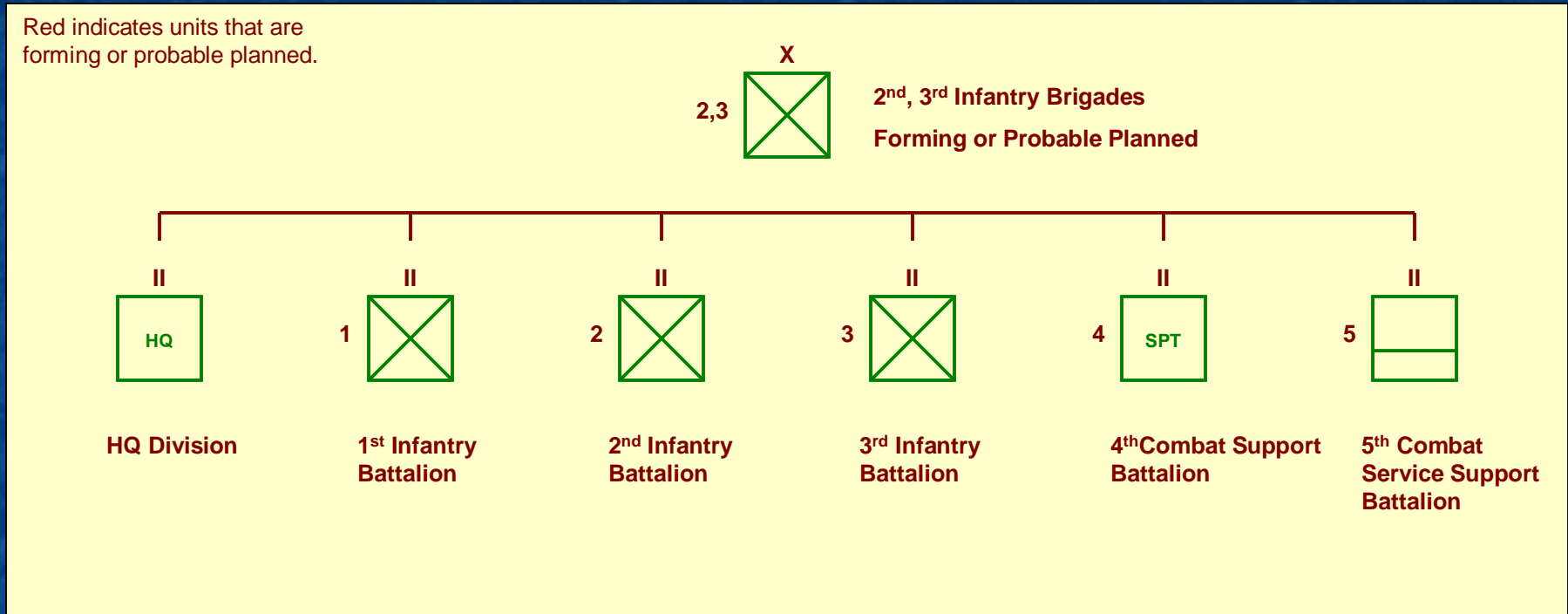


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# 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Brigades / 207<sup>th</sup> Infantry Corps

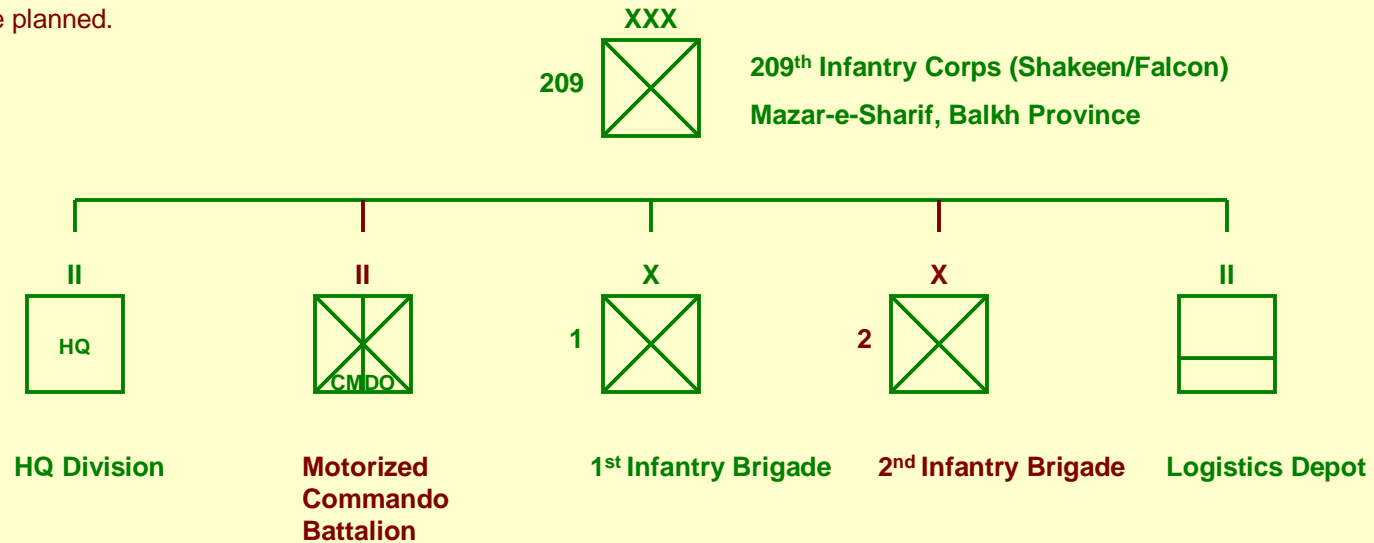


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# 209<sup>th</sup> Infantry Corps / ANA

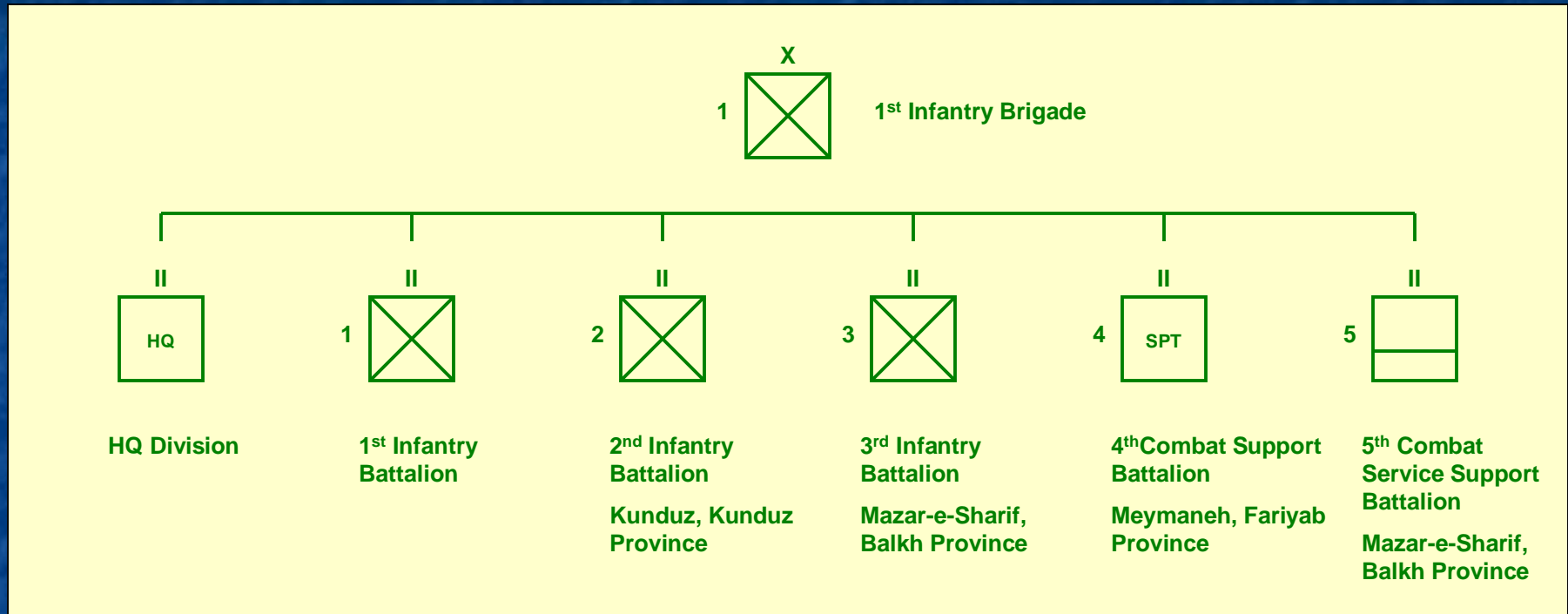
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Commander: Major General Marad Ali.



# 1<sup>st</sup> Infantry Brigade / 209<sup>th</sup> Infantry Corps



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry is operating in Sangin, Helmand Province.

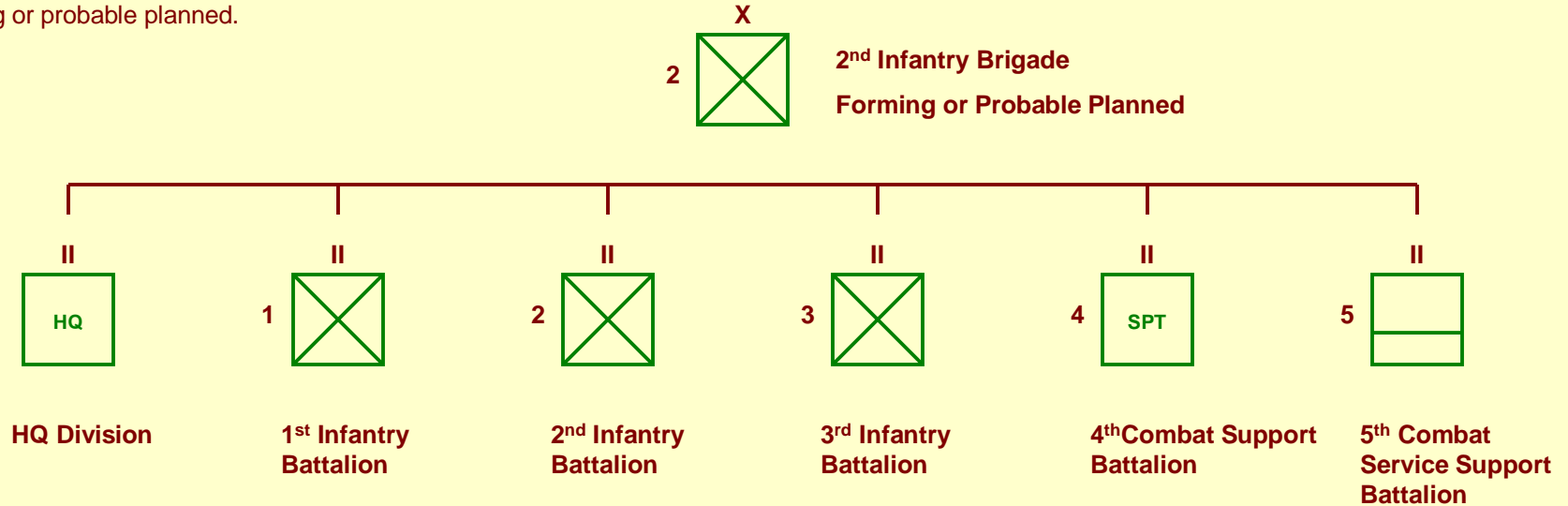
The 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry is operating in Shah Wali Kot, Kandahar Province.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Combat Support is currently an HQ company with infantry and artillery.



# 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigades / 207<sup>th</sup> Infantry Corps

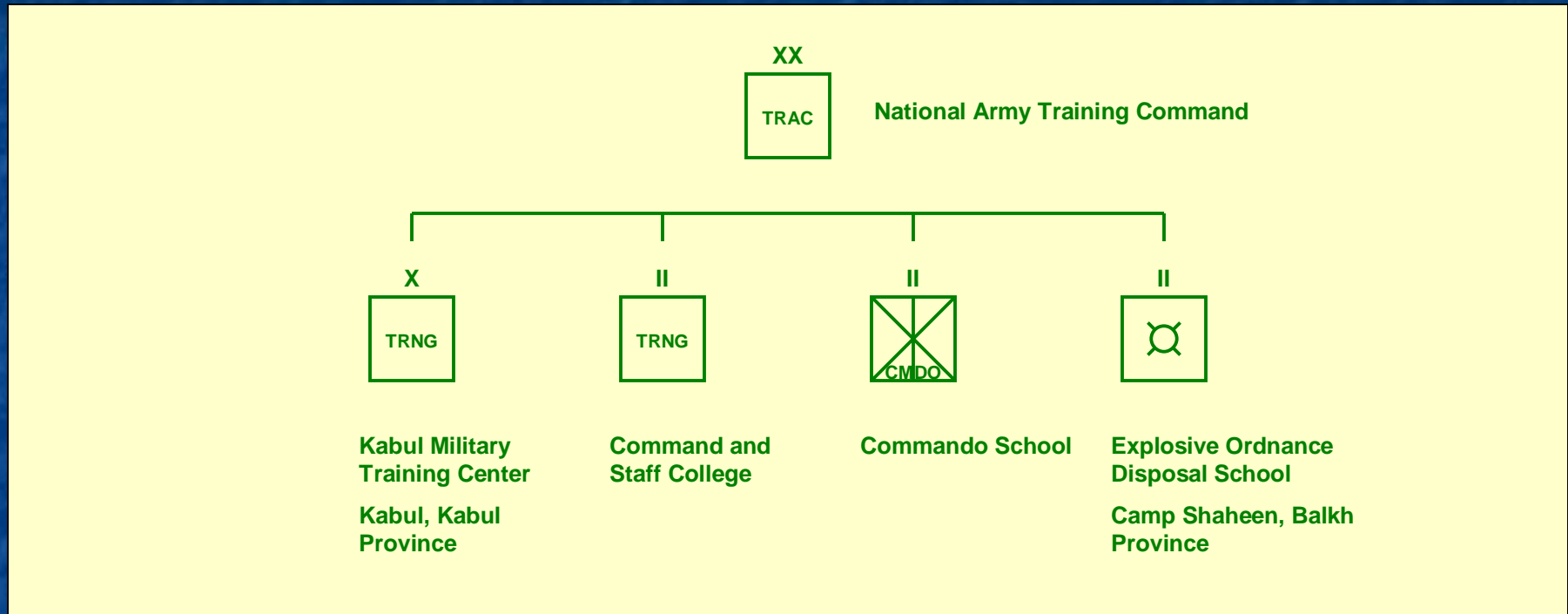
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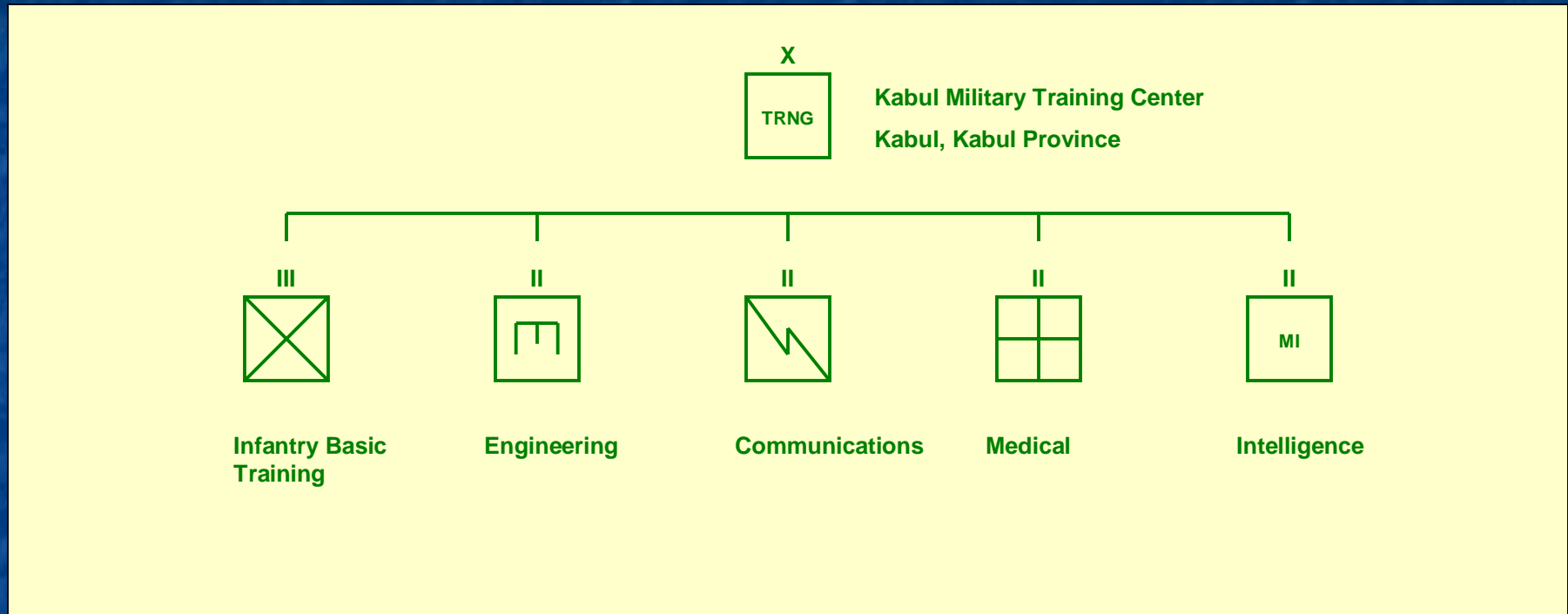


The Commando School opened Spring 2007. It has a US lead and Iraqi trainers.

The Explosive Ordnance Disposal School opened October 2007.



# Kabul Military Training Center / TRAC





# Afghan National Air Corps





# Organization and Equipment

## Organization

- 1,100 personnel as of 2007
- Includes 165 pilots
- Planned increase to 4,500 personnel by 2012

## Equipment

- **Fixed-wing**
  - 2 – AN-32
  - 2 – AN-26
  - 2 – L-39
- **US planned donations**
  - 186 aircraft by 2012
  - Transport helicopters
  - Other fixed wing aircraft
- **ANAC planned purchases (Dec 2007 – Aug 2008 time frame)**
  - 4 – AN-32 planes from Ukraine
  - 6 – Mi-17 helicopters from Czech Republic
  - 6 – Mi-35 helicopters from Czech Republic
  - 1 – Mi-17 helicopter from Slovakia
  - 10 – Mi-17 helicopters from UAE
- **Helicopters**
  - 7 – MI-17
  - 6 – MI-35
  - Recon Aircraft
  - Attack Helicopters
  - No jet fighters



Afghan L-39



# Major Facilities

## Kabul International Airport

- Afghanistan's largest airport
- Primary hub for international civilian flights
- Capable of handling military aircraft
- Has been used for cargo flights by US forces

## Bagram Air Base

- Largest military-only air base
- Primary center for Coalition forces cargo, helicopter and support flights
- Built in 1976
- 3,000m runway
- Can handle heavy bomber and cargo aircraft

## Kandahar Airfield

- Dual-use airport
- Serves civilian traffic to Kandahar
- Military support for Southern and Central Afghanistan



# Major Facilities (cont)

## Mazar-e-Sharif Airfield

- Dual-use airport
- Serves Northern and Central Afghanistan

## Herat Airfield

- Serves civilian traffic to Eastern Afghanistan
- Has housed military craft in the past

## Shindand Air Base

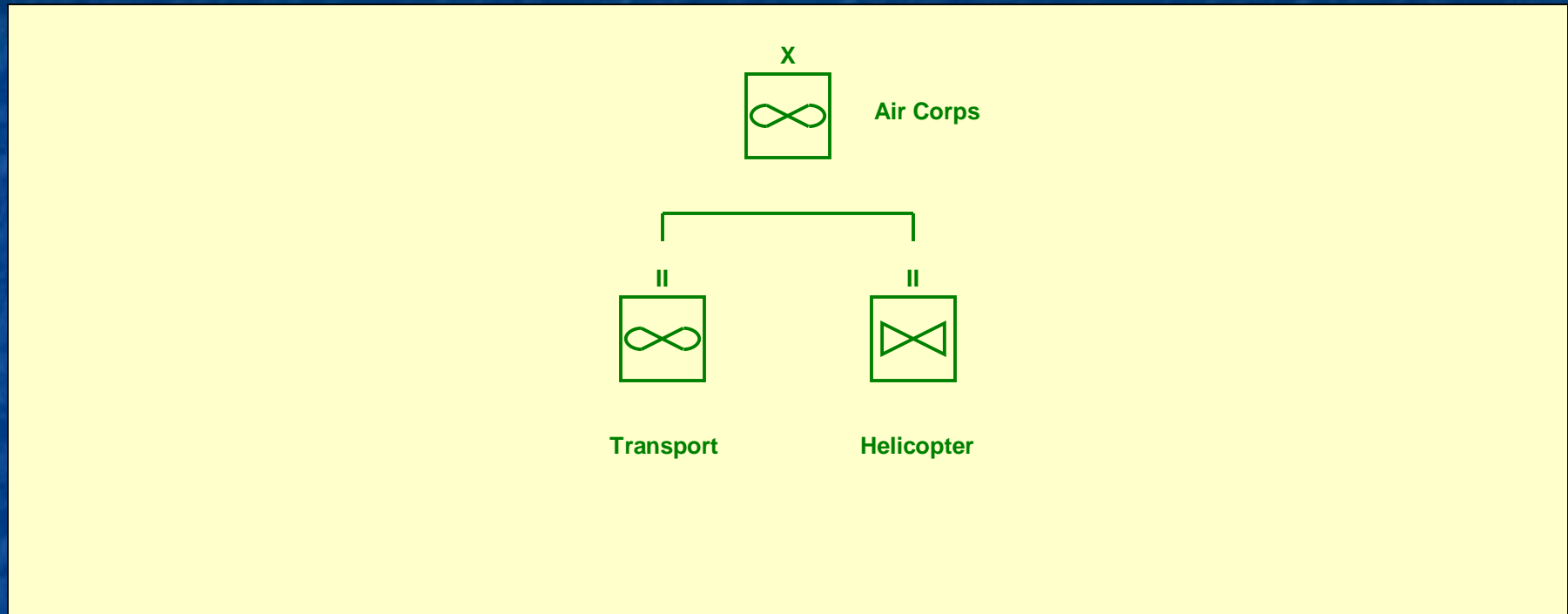
- Second-largest military base
- Located just south of Herat, Herat Province
- Contains significant military aircraft shelters and facilities



Afghan AN-32



# Afghan National Air Corps





# Afghan National Police



# Afghan National Police

## Components

- Afghan Uniformed Police (AUP)
- Afghan Border Police (ABP)
- Afghan National Civil Order Police (ANCOP)
- Counter Narcotics Police of Afghanistan (CNPA)
- Afghanistan Special Narcotics Force
- Afghan National Auxiliary Police (ANAP)

## Organization

- 75,000 policemen (Dec 2007)
- End-strength goal: 82,000

## Equipment

- Significant acquisition commenced Nov 2006
- Significant inflow Jan-May 2007
- 40% of forces properly equipped (Jun 2007)
- Plans exist to address remaining 60%



# Afghan National Police

## Training

- Emphasis changing from the ANA to the ANP
- 2,000 policemen trained per month

## Status

- Police Officers / Supervisors to receive significant pay raises in Jan 2008
- In development since Jul 2006: Three years behind the ANA
- Mostly partnered with Coalition forces
- Perform respectably when partnered with ANA forces
- When operating alone
  - Reflexive competencies not well-established
  - Behavior problems
  - Performance problems



ANP Station



# Afghan Uniformed Police

## Organization

- 40,600 officers (May 2007)
- End-strength goal: 45,000
- Reports to the Deputy Minister of Security

## Responsibilities

- Day-to-day activities at Provincial and District level
  - Maintain public order and security
  - Prevent and discover crime
  - Arrest suspects
  - Protect public and private property
  - Regulate road traffic





# Afghan Border Police

## Organization

- 7,900 officers (Jul 2007)
- End-strength goal: 18,000
- Reports to the Deputy Minister of Security
- Eight brigades
- Plans exist to reorganize into five border zones
  - Zones will correspond with ANA regional commands

## Responsibilities

- Secure borders and airports
  - Provide border security, surveillance and control
  - Prevent smuggling, drug trafficking and cross-border movement of insurgents
  - Maintain 13 border checkpoints
    - May be increased to 14 checkpoints
  - Conduct border patrols



# Afghan National Civil Order Police

Conceived after ineffective response by AUP to Kabul riots in May 2006

## Organization

- 557 officers (Jun 2007)
- End-strength goal: 5,000 by Dec 2008
- Reports to the Deputy Minister of Security
- 300-man SWAT unit deployed to Kabul

## Responsibilities

- Maintain civil order in seven largest cities
- Provide a robust, mobile police presence in remote, high-threat areas
- Rapid-reaction force to support other police in an emergency
- Respond effectively to urban unrest and rioting

## Training and Equipment

- Strong leadership
- Better training than AUP and ANAP
  - 16 weeks by German trainers at Mazar-e-Sharif
- Better equipment than AUP and ANAP
- Eventually have special weapons and tactics (SWAT) capability



# Counter Narcotics Police of Afghanistan

Conceived after ineffective response by AUP to Kabul riots in May 2006

## Organization

- 1,900 officers (May 2007)
- End-strength goal: 2,264
- Reports to the Deputy Minister of Counter Narcotics
- Contains the following units:
  - National Interdiction Unit
  - Central Eradication Planning Cell
  - Afghanistan Eradication Force

## Responsibilities

- Counter narcotics investigation and enforcement
- Conduct interdiction raids across country (NIU)
- Opium eradication planning (Central Eradication Planning Cell)
  - Intelligence
  - Targeting information
- Conduct ground-based eradication of opium poppy crops (Afghanistan Eradication Force)



# Afghanistan Special Narcotics Force

## Organization

- Elite paramilitary force
- Reports to the President and the Minister of Interior

## Responsibilities

- Interdiction missions against high-value targets in remote areas



# Afghan National Auxiliary Police

## Organization

- Strength unknown (Dec 2007)
- End-strength goal: 11,271
- Reports to the Deputy Minister of Security
- 700 ANAP active in Tarin Kowt, Uruzgan Province (May 2007)
- ANAP active in Sangin District Center, Helmand Province (Jul 2007)

## Purpose

- Temporary police force
- Located in 124 high-risk districts
- Initial focus on six southern provinces
- To be incorporated into the regular ANP by year-end 2008

## Personnel

- Hired locally on one-year contracts
- Paid US\$70 per month
- Training
  - 10 days of initial training
  - 1 week of additional training per quarter
- Equipment
  - AK-47
  - Standard ANP uniform with distinctive ANAP patch



# Afghanistan Ministry of Interior





# Afghan National Police





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