



Legion Database

Regiments of Today



1er R.E
(Regiment De Selection
et d'Administration)

Quartier Vienot
13400, Aubagne, France

The 1st RE under the order of the General Commanding the entire Legion has varied roles throughout the world. It is situated at Aubagne, about 15 miles from Marseilles and is the Headquarters of the Legion. When new recruits wish to join (which can be done at the 17 Recruitment offices of the Legion) they are sent to the 1st Regiment for Selection (see Selection). 800 Men, 4 Companies: C.C.S.R., C.A.P.L.E, C.O.M.L.E, C.T.L.E. (6eme DLB-F.A.R). The Legions Band and Museum are also situated at Aubagne.



1er R.E.C
(Regiment Etranger de Cavalerie)

Quartier Labouche
Orange (Vaucluse), France

Forms a major part of Frances "Force Action Rapid" Division. See regular oversea missions. 900 Men, 1 ECS, 1-2-3 Squadrons. (6eme DLB-F.A.R). This regiment maintains the AMX 10'.



2eme R.E.I
(2eme Regiment Etranger D'Infanterie)

Quartier Vallongue.
Nimes, France

The 2nd REI is an Infantry regiment. The regiment has two main functions and overseas action. 1200 men, 1 CCS, 1CEA, 4 Companies of Combat, 1-2-3-4. (6eme DLB-F.A.R). The major proportion of this regiment is form with mostly French men. The regiment has seen extensive service in, Africa and in Bosnia and the Gulf war.



2eme R.E.P
(Regiment Etranger des Parachutists)

Camp Raffalli
Calvi, Corsica, France

The only airborne parachute unit of the French Foreign Legion and considered being the most prestigious and professional of all the Regiments. The regiment is on full time alert for rapid action anywhere in the world. 1000 Men, there are 6 companies. 1 CCS, 1 CEA, 4 Companies of Combat (G.A.P 11th D.P). Within this regiment there is a unit which is considered to be the elite of the elite the "Les Groupe de Commandos Paracutistes" (Formerly Les C.R.A.P's Commandos de Recherche et D 'Action dans la Profondeur). The regiment has the winged dagger as its cap badge. It is tradition in the regiment to remain on the island for the first year of the first posting. It is also tradition for the whole regiment to march across the island from one side to the other, once a year, cover 200kms.

(In order to obtain the Silver Parachute Wings, at least six jumps must be made & one of them must be at night).



3eme R.E.I
(Regiment Etranger D'Infanterie)

Quartier Forget
Kourou, French Guyana,
South America

Since its arrival in French Guiana in 1973, some 5000 Legionnaires have completed a two-year posting there with the 3rd REI. The 3rd REI consists of 4 companies, three of which are based at the European Space Station at Kourou "Ariane", and the fourth at Camp Szuts, Regina. 600 Men, 4 Companies, 2 CIE de Combat, 1CCS, 1CEA, (Force d'Antille Guyana). The Legion's role in this area is to protect the space station and to man the surveillance posts between Brazil and Surinam and also to ensure the safety of the regional headquarters at Martinique. The regiment has the toughest assault course in the world, and which all Legionnaires train on as part of the jungle training.



4em R.E
(Regiment D'Instruction)

Quartier Capitaine Danjou
Castelnaudary, France.

The 4th R.E is the Training Regiment of the Legion. 404 Engages Volontaires, 321 Stagiares, 384 Permanents, 194 Sous Officiers and 45 Officiers, 5 Companies, 1CCS, 1CIE, 3CEV. There are two quarters situated at Castelnaudary the new Quartier Danjou was built in 1986. The old camp in Castelnaudary (Quartier Lepasset) is where many of the Legion courses take place, such as the Caporaux course (CME), the Sergeants course (CM1). The CT00 and CT1 and CT2 are written tests that are required after completing the CME, CM1 and CM2, if these tests are failed then it could mean a reduction in rank.



5eme D.L.M
(5eme Regiment Etranger)

Muroroa, Tahiti
Indian Ocean.

The 5th D.L.M maintains a French presence in the Indian Ocean, and is responsible for overseeing the nuclear testing grounds and for representing France in French Polynesia. 800 Men, 4 Companies, 1CT, 1CE, 1CEE, 1CEA. (Force Armee de Sud Pacifique).

(At the time that this database was completed the 5eme REI was in the process of disbanding, due the French Government's Termination of Nuclear Testing). The Regiment was disbanded in September 1999.

On the 11th January 2000 after 27 years at Muroroa the regiment was disbanded.



6eme REG
(Regiment Etranger Genie)

Quartier General Rollet
St Morice I'Ardoise
Avignon, France.

Formally 6eme R.E.G, the 1er REG was formed in 1999 at Albion. Engineers of the Legion, specialist units, and the Legion's main builders. (750 Estimated Men) Two Companies, CCS & Combat. (6eme DLB-F.A.R). The 6 REG formed a part of France's Force d'Action Rapide along with the 2 REI and the 1 REC.

Disbanded 1999.



13em D.B.L.E
(13eme Demi-Brigade de la Legion Etrangere)

Quartier Gabode
Djibouti, East Africa

Contains four units, its main role being to guarantee the independence of the French (Republic) of Djibouti. This Regiment is the only one, which is involved in actual desert duty. 900 Men, 5 Companies, 1 CCAS, 1CT, 1 Esc de Recon, 3 Companies of Combat. (Force Franchise de Djibouti). The regiment is re-inforced by a rotating company of the 2eme REP or the 2eme REI. The regiment is strategically positioned for instant access to the Indian Ocean and is close enough to facilitate Control of the Red Sea and the Suez Canal. Since the area is of Muslim faith the Legion also pays heed to the local traditions and work is done on Saturday and Sunday whilst Thursday and Friday Takes the form of a weekend. Every Legionnaire who serves in Djibouti receives a bounty of twenty thousand Francs on Completion of the tour of duty.



D.L.E.M
(Detachment De La Legion
Etrangere De Mayotte)

Mayotte, Comores
Indian Ocean

Supply of security for Mayotte, and other operational duties.
250 Men, 5 Companies.



2e
Regiment Etrangere du Genie (2 REG)

From 1st July 1999
Commanding Officer: Lt. Col Nebois
Received Colour on 30th September 1999
Based at Saint-Christrol (Vaucluse)



1e
Regiment Etrangere du Genie (1 REG)

Formed 1st July 1999