

## Twitter Thread by Billy Bostickson ■■■&■■ ■

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### **Digital Operations Group (DOG) 77th Brigade**

**A pathetic digestive biscuit munching bunch of British Berks from civvy street whose badge dishonours the Chindits.**

**Sleazy Media Manipulators who usually fail to deliver "influencing activity & products" to counter narratives of others**



"If everybody is thinking alike then somebody isn't thinking"

Just about sums up their Covid-19 "narrative"

"Behavioural change is our USP [unique selling point]"

They fail every time, doubt they could even sell their asses to soldiers at Denison Barracks

<https://t.co/Dxf4wZazOS>

More on this pathetic bunch of Trolls scrounging a living from honest taxpayers' money to sell offal scraped off the Butcher's Apron

<https://t.co/X2ufOZtsxS>

<https://t.co/5rVrZWFSHG>

<https://t.co/1mF4zhjSiu>

<https://t.co/6dYaE0dPSF>

<https://t.co/9BQKCSk3u3>

<https://t.co/K5XB0AHsyD>

Why are these little British trolls all over Twitter lately?

The have been ordered to counter "Covid- 19 Myths"

One of these is Myth No.3 (see image)

2004-Factsheet-Russia-Myths-COVID-19\_en.pdf

<https://t.co/PxjOPJjWH0>

### Myth 3: COVID-19 is a weapon created by NATO

**Fact:** NATO is a defensive Alliance and serves to protect our almost 1 billion citizens. COVID-19 is a zoonotic disease. As confirmed by the World Health Organization (WHO), all available evidence suggests that SARS-CoV-2, the coronavirus causing COVID-19, has a natural origin in animals and is not a constructed virus. As the WHO makes clear, this new virus and disease were unknown before the outbreak began in Wuhan, China, in December 2019. A recent analysis of the genome sequence of SARS-CoV-2 found no evidence that the virus was made in a laboratory, or otherwise engineered.

Chief of the Defence Staff General Sir Nick Carter has revealed that 77 Brigade is involved in countering misinformation online relating to Coronavirus.

At the daily UK Government coronavirus briefing on the 22nd of April, Carter said that they had been tackling false information about the pandemic. Discussing military

77th Brigade specialise in "non-lethal" forms of psychological warfare, using social media including Facebook and Twitter to fight with information in response to external forces, like Russian misinformation.

are they doing it? The flood of inaccurate stories is so strong that both NATO and the European Union have established special offices to identify and refute disinformation, especially with coronavirus.

To this end, Defence Secretary Ben Wallace recently committed to supporting NATO's efforts to combat COVID-19 misinformation in a video conference with Allied defence ministers.

### 22nd April Defence chief says 77th Brigade is countering Covid misinformation

By Roger Young



Chris Hillier, Defence Secretary and General Sir Nick Carter speak to the press on 22nd April

The UK's chief of the defence staff General Sir Nick Carter has revealed the secretive 77th Brigade of the British Army is involved in countering coronavirus misinformation online.

Speaking at today's daily briefing, Carter said the unit, which was set up in 2015 to specialise "non-lethal" forms of psychological warfare and use the likes of Facebook and Twitter to "fight in the information age", had been tackling false information about the pandemic on the web.

The brigade is 2000 people strong and has its headquarters near Newbury in Berkshire, where troops are expected to deliver "tens of thousands" of messages through the use of dynamic narratives.

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BBC / via BBC

A British Army unit that specialises in using social media and internet data to carry out information warfare is helping the government fight online misinformation relating to the coronavirus, the UK's most senior military officer revealed on Wednesday.

General Sir Nick Carter, chief of the defence staff, said members of the army's 77th Brigade were "helping to quash rumours about misinformation, but also to counter disinformation".

Carter, who was speaking at the UK government's daily press conference dedicated to the coronavirus response, said officers were working alongside officials in the Cabinet Office's "rapid response unit" tasked with tackling misinformation and disinformation.



Military chiefs issued an official security warning to commanders at all of Britain's military camps after a Russian TV crew were seen filming at the 77th Brigade's base in Berkshire, with its aerial view above

Their weapons are not guns but computers and fake news instead of grenades. This unit attacks online social networks and seeds panic, hostility and hatred.



Footage from the Russian Channel One report shows the top secret cyber base. The Kremlin-funded Channel One, which boasts 250 million viewers in Russia and around the world, is widely considered as a branch of the Russian state



armymood.uk / via armymood.uk

Last year, Middle East Eye reported that Twitter executive Gordon MacMillan was also an officer in the 77th Brigade, though both Twitter and the Ministry of Defence denied any formal relationship.

The British Army is also deploying two "experts in countering disinformation" to NATO's COVID-19 Communications Hub, a government spokesperson told BuzzFeed News.

## Inside the British Army's secret information warfare machine

They are soldiers, but the 77th Brigade edit videos, record podcasts and write viral posts. Welcome to the age of information warfare

### So how does 77th brigade operate?

The British Army's secret cyber unit uses unconventional warfare to fight in the information age.

Nicknamed the "new Chindits" after the British and Indian forces which used unorthodox tactics during the Second World War, the 77th Brigade is now a key part of many military deployments.

Among its many functions, it carries out cyber attacks on terror networks, tackles propaganda online and engages in counter-guerrilla and counter-insurgency activities on the dark web.

The brigade currently has small teams in the Ukraine, where they are training government forces to protect computer systems from attack. Others perform a similar role in Iraq and North Africa.

Commanded by Brigadier Chris Bell, of the Scots Guards, the 1,200-strong unit is one of the most unorthodox formations in the Army although outwardly, its HQ, hidden in the Berkshire countryside alongside a garden centre, appears unremarkable.

Many of its members are computer science graduates head-hunted to join one of three specialist teams: cyber warfare, psychological influence and information operations.

A senior source said: "These people are real-life Jason Bourne, operating in the shadows."

A senior source said: "These people are real-life Jason Bourne, operating closely with special forces, the security services and human intelligence. They bring a skillset we have not seen before."

Their task is to Hoover up information and pick out the detail, while manipulating the enemy by digital and psychological means.

"These people are experts in tech - they can use a phone to intercept, track and monitor other users and their skills are being used to train Special Forces about the use of their phones."

- https://t.co/r6n1t1wYvG
- https://t.co/aLuzKktcZy
- https://t.co/zFmaD9yadQ
- https://t.co/UkSdag9U5H
- https://t.co/3N3XwF9Drj
- https://t.co/ZyKXL2uLzB
- https://t.co/OllpoVMcA
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- https://t.co/gzYiVWeTJf

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- https://t.co/gabsd7Carb
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- https://t.co/tB9WlCsuSH
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- https://t.co/sb1EZJ1ajT
- https://t.co/IGwFfq1EXP

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<https://t.co/74NebjrGxn>



<https://t.co/SlgDdC1OwL>

<https://t.co/D3WGpbix0z>

<https://t.co/9BQKCSk3u3>

The British Army's 77th Brigade HQ, a combined Regular Army and Army Reserve unit for non-lethal warfare and behavioural influence [51°27'13.7"N 1°16'57.8"W]

<https://t.co/u7SxTYnFMH>



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<https://t.co/mH7WYRCcrR>

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<https://t.co/5rVrZWFSHG>

<https://t.co/rYAfSRoH85>

<https://t.co/xfYaAtBPtZ>

<https://t.co/LA33AzTpiY>

What a nasty piece of "work"

<https://t.co/u2muAkOWpV>



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I have a strong interest in politics and international affairs and am a reserve officer in the British Army serving in 77th Brigade, which specialises in non-lethal engagement

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 blogged - Is #WikiLeaks a website with an agenda? And the rise of data journalism <http://fwd4.me/YZ9> #warlogs  
 7:24 AM · 26 Jul 2010

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 US military combats Wikileaks via Twitter as Admiral Mike Mullen, chair of joint chiefs, tweets <http://bit.ly/chDMll> (guardian)  
 12:15 PM · 27 Jul 2010

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 Wikileaks bloody hands Rt @channel4news Taliban to punish Afghan informers exposed in Wikileaks <http://bit.ly/9zhikj> #warlogs  
 11:27 PM · 29 Jul 2010

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Disgruntled former Wikileaks staffers to launch rival <http://fwd4.me/m9u> WSJ  
 5:34 AM · 5 Nov 2010

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 Michael White on how after "glib anti-Americanism", WikiLeaks turns fire on the bad guys at last [gu.com/p/2ygt4/tw](http://gu.com/p/2ygt4/tw) /@guardian  
 3:42 AM · 2 Dec 2010

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Alternatively, Hitchens: "The WikiLeaks founder is an unscrupulous megalomaniac with a political agenda" <http://fwd4.me/rq1>  
 4:33 AM · 7 Dec 2010

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Shameful RT @WillHeaven: The rush to smear Assange's rape accuser <http://bit.ly/i811XJ>  
 6:33 AM · 8 Dec 2010

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Good question: "So Mr Assange, why won't you go back to Sweden now?" <http://bit.ly/ejP2C6> /The Observer  
 3:39 AM · 19 Dec 2010

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Clinton addressing WikiLeaks during internet freedom speech. WATCH NOW: <http://wapo.st/VKmwN> /@washingtonpost  
 10:21 AM · 15 Feb 2011

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Great Sue lines: "Will you have more grease in your hair than the guy behind wikileaks" #glee.  
 1:20 PM · 4 Apr 2011

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 RT @psmith Murray asking awkward qs to Assange: who funds you, where are you based? Brings up private eye jewish conversation #fncsdebate  
 10:48 AM · 9 Apr 2011

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 Quite so RT @hurrypharry: Guardian Deputy Editor: Promoting Anti-Semites makes Wikileaks a disgrace to journalism: <http://bit.ly/gstEfv>  
 6:50 AM · 11 Apr 2011

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Double groan RT @psmith: Julian Assange: "The press conference will last 1 hour" #groan #lifetoshort #wikileaks  
 1:04 AM · 24 Oct 2011

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 The man is a nuisance. MT @RaymondSnoddy: Assange to make more friends by appearing before Leveson to complain about Guardian & More4  
 12:39 AM · 8 Dec 2011

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 Nuts. Assange supporter claims @Guardian is CIA tool & leading newspaper for calls to war" <http://bit.ly/jtQLQd> /@davidleigh3 #brand\_ed  
 4:32 AM · 8 May 2011

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Somehow not a surprise RT @hurrypharry Assange goes off deep end - blaming Jews and Guardian in Private Eye <http://bit.ly/eFnwvC>  
 10:52 PM · 1 Mar 2011

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 Quite RT @mjrobbins: Assange wins top journalism prize for finding USB drive & giving it to NYT/Guardian <http://lay.si/71> /@Guardian  
 5:17 AM · 3 Jul 2011

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 RT @CharlieBeckett: Stratfor Is a Joke and So is Wikileaks for Taking It Seriously - The Atlantic [theatlantic.com/international/](http://theatlantic.com/international/) ...  
 2:19 PM · 27 Feb 2012

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Knock knock MT @foreignoffice @WilliamHague: We will not allow Mr Assange safe passage out of the UK. No legal basis for us to do so.  
 9:14 AM · 16 Aug 2012

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Agreed. RT @OwenJones84: Assange has to face the allegations of rape. Anyone on the left who says otherwise is compromising their beliefs  
 1:20 AM · 16 Aug 2012

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 Weiser #BOS 726/971 @w\_mctt - 16 Aug 2012  
 Replying to @gordonmacmillan @GordonMacMillan @OwenJones84 They offered Sweden to question Assange in the Embassy. They said no. Why? Have they changed his yet?  
 12:13 PM · 16 Aug 2012

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 As #assange prepares to leave "soon", I'm guessing he has a cunning plan.  
 2:23 AM · 18 Aug 2014



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 Charlotte Heary @charlottheary - 18 Aug 2014  
 Replying to @gordonmacmillan @gordonmacmillan @BOS  
 12:13 PM · 18 Aug 2014

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Replying to @LoullaMae\_ES  
 Somehow not a surprise MT @LoullaMae\_ES Assange's session was a disappointment. Bad connection, terrible sound, & he rambled on #SXSW14  
 10:31 AM · 8 Mar 2014 from Haringey, England

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Despite gunning for Hillary...Assange denies WikiLeaks trying to influence election outcome [politi.co/2eJCsY9](http://politi.co/2eJCsY9) /@politico



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 This is damning. #WikiLeaks isn't what you think it is.  
 12:58 PM · 8 Nov 2016

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Ryan Gallagher @rj\_gallagher  
 I put together a short timeline comparing WikiLeaks' public statements on Trump with its leaked private comments on him. Useful for anybody trying to keep track of all the duplicity that's going on.  
 Show this thread  
 3:49 AM · 31 Jul 2018

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Odd self destructive and arrogant behaviour.  
 The New York Times @nytimes  
 Ecuador protected Julian Assange, even as he threatened to leak information about its government.  
 But after private photos of Ecuador's president were published, the embassy...  
 6:12 AM · 13 Apr 2019

**Gordon MacMillan** @gordonmacmillan  
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 Julian Assange lived here.



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 2:13 PM · 11 Apr 2019

77 Brigade is split into 6 separate 'columns' with "5th column" media operations unit, who crawl social media to plant stories, influence opinion & generally manipulate on behalf of the government, funded by 22 million quid to cover-up China's Lies <https://t.co/IhSR2L7i0f>



Cyber innovation at forefront of UK's approach to modern warfare

Defence Secretary Penny Mordaunt

<https://t.co/IKcp9hefoS>

announced £22 million in funding for Army cyber operations centres TO COUNTER THREATS FROM CHINA among others!

<https://t.co/Zy7zMDtVDI>

<https://t.co/xlXuvNvMin>



Teresa May appointed Mordaunt to replace Gavin Williamson over Huawei leak:

<https://t.co/0iT4nW4Ezg>

She speaks well here (0.56+):

<https://t.co/qCbCLz2laB>

So why the hell is money from British Taxpayers being used to fund Pro-China narratives on Twitter?

<https://t.co/cwDsVujZkz>



77th Brigade operates under principle of:

"Combining artificial intelligence with military analysts to help us better understand threats & exploit opportunities, in turn enabling us to get the truth out much more rapidly, quashing the noise of disinformation from our enemies"



"WHAT WE DO"

Audience, Actress & Adversary Anal..ysis

Information Activity & Trolling

Counter-adversarial Snooping Activity

Support to Corruption Across Government

Collecting media content (porn)

Inseminating Media Whores

Molesting & Trolling information environments (Twitter)

Stephen Lovegrove @SLOVEGROVEIMOD · May 24, 2015

Following @PennyMordaunt's £22m funding announcement for Army information and analysis centres, I was delighted to visit 77th Brigade today. Thank you to the @BritishArmy colleagues who showed me how they keep people in the UK and overseas safe from virtual and physical threats.

4 20 98

You Retweeted

Scratcher #DissolveTheUnion @Axles45 · Nov 12, 2016

Replying to @Emmacochrane9

These two clowns are from 77 Brigade, trying to cause division. That is what they get paid for state psychological warfare

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Tell them what you think of them:

<https://t.co/gOLjJHfLcT>

or even join them if you can't get a proper job:

<https://t.co/IXpBemU5Je>

complain about them in a tweet:

<https://t.co/Whqsi1a4RC>

EMAIL them with ZhengLi Shi's CV

<https://t.co/uHbPwz2ibg>

[77x-Recruiting-GpMailBox@mod.gov.uk](mailto:77x-Recruiting-GpMailBox@mod.gov.uk)

Time for a short video break from someone who also got annoyed with their abuse:

"77th Cyber Brigade their Bitchute for "Bitch Shoot" on the Internet Dissidents "Hate Speechers"

<https://t.co/sP86ObzDSA>

Problem with the State using a 1000+ soldiers to anonymous post online in a counter information operation is just how often the Government lies or spreads misinformation when it suits them.

Operations like this are used as propaganda tools to support the State & stifle dissent



Given that already Government can't be trusted to use its power as they misused departments to spread lies & bogus studies, this is clear misuse of UK military.

Listen to General Nick Carter confessing this misuse here specifically "conspiracy theorists":

<https://t.co/jEZtrjVo84>



The Government's nudge unit promoting bogus scientific studies saying 50% of UK population already had Covid19 and touting the Oxford Model of "herd immunity" as a "solution" was promoted by a PR Agency linked to the Ministry of Defence & Dominic Cummings.

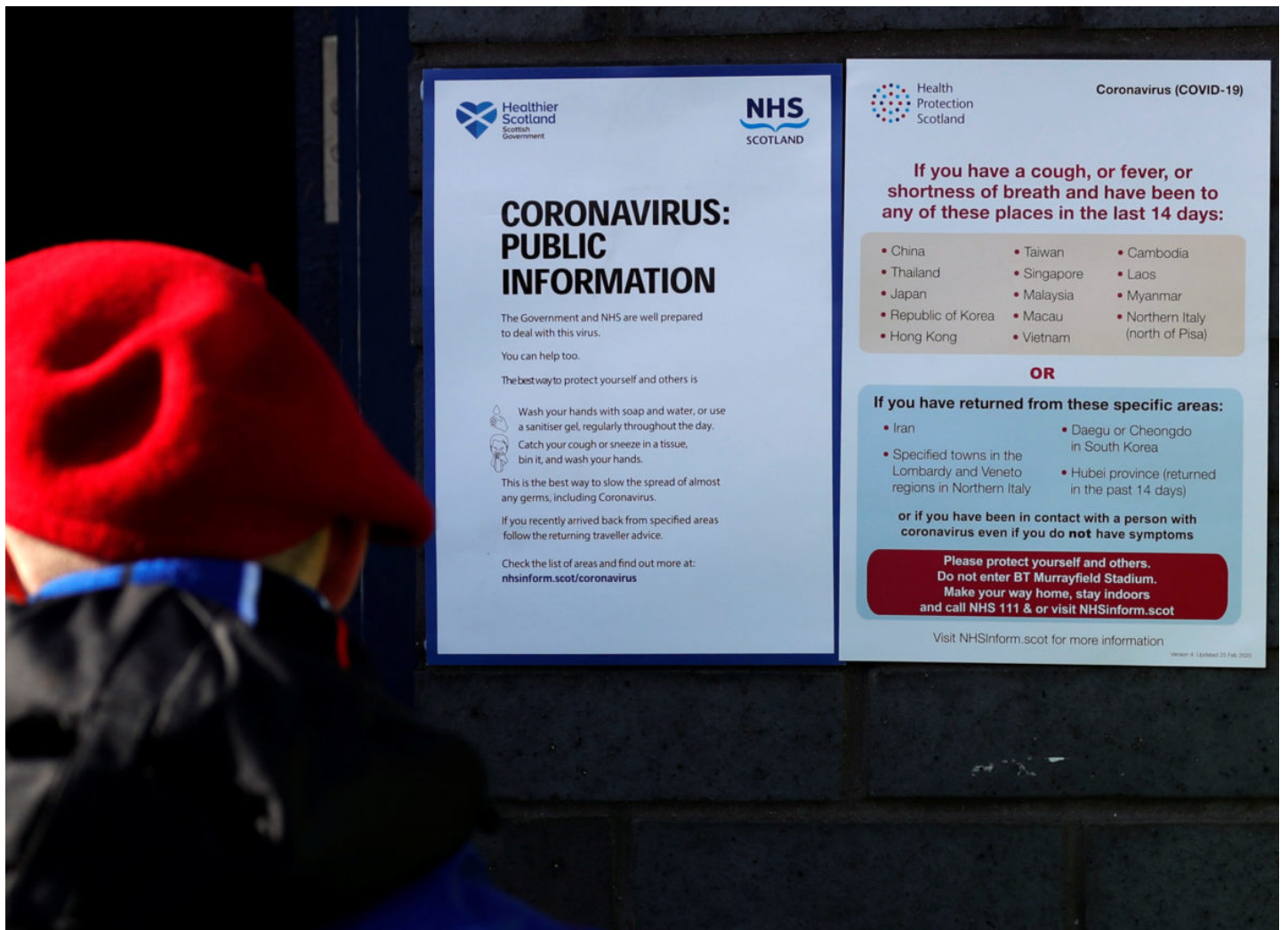
<https://t.co/Cki77BZDjI>

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Ex-Conservative MP & Ex- Minister of State for Armed Forces, Mark Lancaster, was or is unit's Deputy Commander. In an article On Conservative Home, he boasted of how British military was "transforming its traditional concept of the division" & creating "a new type of soldier"



Mark Lancaster is a reservist & serves as a Colonel in Royal Engineers & Deputy Commander 77th Brigade in July 2018

<https://t.co/VeHy9U04EF>

Minister of State for Armed Forces & MP for Milton Keynes until Nov 2019 but stepped down due to "death threats"

<https://t.co/oeJhFV0oeR>

<https://t.co/p2TORvZnjG>

some background info:

<https://t.co/MEOPV2gSsq>

and

<https://t.co/B7CBqK2jG0>

Tell him what you think of all this here:

<https://t.co/QqqDWMxsKo>

For the extremely curious:

<https://t.co/m2BljSHxYn>

<https://t.co/u7SxTYnFMH>

<https://t.co/XzCK9E66D6>

<https://t.co/QYZs246Ehb>

<https://t.co/WuIUbUp4EH>

<https://t.co/fQJINnx4BJ>

<https://t.co/S78jSSzs7P>

<https://t.co/Ck23UFmuhs>

<https://t.co/wSr0Q8eFn2>

<https://t.co/X6F7Rrqp9A>

Before I finish, a 3 part in-depth investigation into UK's criminal herd immunity project:

<https://t.co/Cki77BZDjI>

1. <https://t.co/cQnL2kBX7B>
2. <https://t.co/miKntK0YUL>
3. <https://t.co/OUyztj2Hq1>

There are other groups involved in UK psy-war of course:

British media (owned by 5 Billionaires)

<https://t.co/rJCvKv78qr>

sleeps in a bed sandwiched between intelligence services and the State, while the voyeur Billionaires watch and pleasure themselves:

<https://t.co/RwleerU3HU>

The 5 Billionaires

<https://t.co/rJCvKv78qr>

<https://t.co/rJCvKv78qr>

<https://t.co/WrE6BloKNu>

Data Sheets:

<https://t.co/YNhm0IX81E>

Expose here:

<https://t.co/IVNFm8Ls22>

Integrity Initiative:

Briefing note on the Integrity Initiative

<https://t.co/SlqDdC1OwL>

Finally, there is the Joint Threat Research Intelligence Group (JTRIG), a unit of the signals intelligence agency Government Communications Headquarters (GCHQ):

<https://t.co/HrnviLq6n8>

Though its existence was secret until recently, JTRIG quickly developed a distinctive profile

Edward Snowden revealed that the unit had engaged in “dirty tricks” like deploying sexual “honey traps” designed to discredit targets, launching denial-of-service attacks to shut down Internet chat rooms, pushing veiled propaganda onto social networks & warping discourse online.

Behavioural Science Support for JTRIG’S Effects and Online HUMINT Operations with precise and specific details of how they operate online:

<https://t.co/fk4turSQny>

A classified and leaked analysis of GCHQ UK Ministry Stakeholder Relationships Spreadsheets from the Intercept:

<https://t.co/OIBSHSr56M>

Tactics

one of the pressing stories that remains to be told from the Snowden archive is how western intelligence agencies manipulate & control online discourse with extreme tactics of deception & reputation-destruction

Time to tell a chunk of that story,

<https://t.co/6BnZe1V8uk>

Fight Back!

(Resources)

Old but useful:

The Shill handbook disinformation guide

<https://t.co/ieVfzIX4PF>

Dispelling Internet Disinformation Tactics – Debunking the Debunkers

<https://t.co/lr1oE9GoCc>