

BRITISH BATTLESHIP DEPLOYMENT 1939-1945

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1st Battle Squadron [Mediterranean Fleet Sep 1939 to Dec 1941]

Warspite	Sep-Dec 1939
Barham	Sep-Dec 1939
Malaya	Sep-Oct 1939
Ramillies	Sep 1939-Nov 1940
Malaya	Mar 1940-Feb 1941
Royal Sovereign	Apr-Aug 1940
Warspite	May 1940-Jun 1941
Valiant	Aug 1940-Dec 1941 [damaged]
Barham	Nov 1940-25 Nov 1941 [sunk]
Queen Elizabeth	May-Dec 41 [damaged]

1st Battle Squadron [British Pacific Fleet 1944-45]

King George V	Nov 1944-
Howe	Nov 1944-
Duke of York	Apr 1945-
Anson	Apr 1945-

2nd Battle Squadron [Home Fleet 1939-1945]

Nelson	Sep 1939-Jul 1941 (repairs Dec 1939-Jul 1940)
Rodney	Sep 1939-Jun 1941
Royal Oak	Sep 1939-14 Oct 1939 sunk
Royal Sovereign	Sep 1939-Apr 1940
Barham	Dec 1939-Aug 1940 (repairs Dec 1939-Apr 1940)
Warspite	Dec 1939-May 1940
Valiant	Feb-Aug 1940
King George V	Oct 1940-May 1943
Prince of Wales	Mar-Sep 1941
Renown	Oct 1941-Oct 1942
Duke of York	Dec 1941-Sep 1944
Rodney	Nov 1941-Nov 1942
Anson	Jun 1942-Mar 1945
Howe	Aug 1942- May 1943
King George V	Oct 1943-Feb 1944
Rodney	Oct 1943-Apr 1945
Nelson	Jan-Jun 1944
Renown	Apr-May 1945

3rd Battle Squadron [English Channel 1939]

Resolution (F)	Sep – Dec 39
Revenge	Sep 1939-Sep 1940

3rd Battle Squadron [Halifax, Nova Scotia Jan 1940-Jan 1942]

Resolution (F)	Jan-Sep 1940
Malaya	Nov 1939-Mar 1940
Valiant	Dec 39-Jan 1940
Royal Sovereign	Aug 1940-Jan 1942
Revenge	Sep 1940-Jan 1942
Ramillies	Nov 1940-Jan 1942
Malaya	Jul 1941-Jan 1942
Resolution	Sep 1941- Jan 1942

3rd Battle Squadron [Eastern Fleet Jan 1942-Sep 1945]

Revenge	Jan 1942-Sep 1943
Royal Sovereign	Jan 1942-Sep 1943
Ramillies	Jan-Jun 1942
Resolution	Jan 1942-Sep 1943
Warspite	Jan 1942- Sep 1943
Valiant	Jul 1942-Feb 1943
Ramillies	Sep 1943-Jan 1944
Queen Elizabeth	Jan 1944-Dec 1945
Valiant	Jan 1944-Aug 1944
Renown	Jan 1944-Apr 1945
Howe	Jun-Nov 1944
Nelson	Jul 1945-Jan 1946

Battlecruiser Squadron [Home Fleet 1939-1941]

Hood	1939- 26 May 1941 sunk [detached Western Med Jun-Jul 1940]
Repulse	1939- Oct 1941
Renown	1939-Aug 1940 [detached South Atlantic Oct-Dec 1939]

Force H [Gibraltar 1940-1943]

Hood	6-7.40
Resolution	6-9.40 [to Force M, West Africa]
Barham	8-9.40 [to Force M, West Africa]
Renown	8.40-8.41
Malaya	2-3.41
Nelson	7-9.41
Rodney	9-11.41
Prince of Wales	9.41 only
Nelson	8.42-11.43
Rodney	11.42-10.43
Renown	11.42-2.43
Duke of York	11.42 only
King George V	5-10.43
Howe	5-10.43
Valiant	6-10.43
Warspite	9.43 only

Force Z [Far East December 1941]

Prince of Wales (F)	sunk 10 Dec 1941
Repulse	sunk 10 Dec 1941