

Surrendering Foreign & Defence Policy

Introduction

Following my paper explaining the treachery in the EU Withdrawal Agreement by the government of Theresa May, I need to expand on one aspect that most people, including most MPs have no clue about. That is the matter of the EU army and our entanglement in it. The term used for a unified military defence force in the Lisbon Treaty is 'Common Defence'; thus a European army has been an agreed concept for many years, which Lisbon affirms, can be enacted at a date specified by the EU.

More people need to know that, despite the referendum vote to leave the EU, in the last two years the government has signed the UK up to closer integration and deeper commitments to the EU defence security apparatus. This is simply astonishing, but it is true. It seems that only *Veterans For Britain* really has a grip on this.

This paper simply seeks to explain what is going on. You need to know that we are already committed to integration in an EU military force and even submission to EU foreign and defence policy. Both Chequers and the Withdrawal Agreement formally sign us up to continue in this.

The Chequers Agreement

The Chequers draft agreement is the basis of the current withdrawal deal which the EU and May tell us is the only deal on the table. Chequers surrenders our key defence and security relationship partnerships according to Professor Gwythian Prins.¹ To sweeten the EU, May offered a '*tailored partnership*' in defence and security; i.e. the British armed forces were used as a bargaining chip in negotiations. As well as wrecking the police force, May is now wrecking the armed forces.

If the basis of Chequers is adopted, the autonomy of the British Armed Forces will be in jeopardy. The Five Eyes Intelligence Alliance (UK, US, Australia, Canada, New Zealand) will also be damaged and NATO threatened.

The Government's current withdrawal proposals actually cement UK involvement [in EU Defence integration].²

The EU defence plan

The EU has ramped up its plans for an EU defence force since June 2016, which is a key strategic part of its overall strategy to build '*ever closer union*' in a federal superstate, '*During the exit talks, EU Defence integration has been accelerating*'.³ The defence plans are convoluted

¹ Veterans For Britain, 'Chequers and Security', 13 November 2018.

² Maj. Gen. Tim Cross, Veterans for Britain, 'Defence Procurement and EDIDP', 19 November 2018.

³ Maj. Gen. Tim Cross, Veterans for Britain, 'Defence Procurement and EDIDP', 19 November 2018.

and interconnected (like so many EU strategies). These plans include the European Defence Action Plan and the Security and Defence Implementation Plan.

To one day create a true European army.⁴

Macron is calling for a new European army.⁵

By 2025 we need a fully-fledged European Defence Union.⁶

Government treachery

Theresa May has offered to take Britain into the European Defence Fund, which will subordinate British foreign policy beneath that of the EU as a bargaining chip.

Downing Street's commitment to military integration

Since it was expected that Britain would not be part of this EU force, the UK allowed the EU to initiate military integration plans at six EU council meetings since the Brexit vote in June 2016. Boris Johnson, Michael Fallon and Alan Duncan in the Foreign Office were happy to let the EU develop its plans for an army because they thought Britain was not going to be in the EU when it was finalised.

However, a DexEU Technical Note on External Security of 24 May (Par 25) reversed that position with the intent of being part of it by using Prerogative Powers in an international treaty after March 2019 (which does not need Parliamentary approval). The Government response to the Defence Select Committee report on future security partnerships published 22 September 2018 repeats this decision to subordinate the MOD to the EU.

The manipulation of civil servants

Civil servants were driving this integration policy even before this time, apparently without the knowledge of Ministers or Parliament. Alastair Brockbank (the No 10 defence advisor to Oliver Robbins) was secretly taped addressing European diplomats boasting of plans to hoodwink the leave voters with '*fluffy bits [language]*'⁷ while working with the EU to engineer our subordination on security. He says that there will be '*no gap*' between the situation before and after Brexit.⁸

The three key people engineering Britain's remaining in the EU are not even elected ministers but unelected officials: Olly Robbins, Alastair Brockbank and Angus Lapsley.⁹ These are the chief people selling our armed forces down the river. Former generals cannot understand how MPs are letting civil servants have this power; but it seems that most MPs simply have not been told that this is happening; this is a failure of democracy.

⁴ Angela Merkel.

⁵ Fox News.

⁶ Jean-Claude Juncker, 'State of the Union address', September 2017.

⁷ 'We are negotiating the detail of [future agreement] at the same time as we are discussing the political high level fluffy bits that will go into any declaration that gets made public.'

⁸ 'Kit Kat' tapes; speech at London School of Economics. A transcript of this is available at Veterans for Britain.

⁹ Director General Strategy and International, MOD.

Our commitments

The government has already committed Britain to numerous defence mechanisms and aims to commit to more. On 12 September 2017 the DExEU published a paper saying that Britain should sign up to be part of the EU security plans, a reversal of previous foreign and defence policy. This included the common defence structures: EU military staff and headquarters, EU controls over defence industry and procurement, and ultimately EU control of defence and foreign policy. This was after the vote to leave the EU.

Ministers have signed up to five separate EU council agreements transferring military powers to the EU, the preparation for a single EU military force. Chequers and the Withdrawal Agreement seek to keep us in these preparations. Britain is already in the financial, regulatory and decision-making structures of this EU army. We are also united in the EU's Defence Policy (CSDP) that undergirds all these.

Thus Britain is already signed up to be integrated with:

- The Co-operative Financial Mechanism.
- The European Defence Technological and Industrial Base.
- European Defence Agency.
- The Military Planning and Conduct Capability.
- Co-ordinated Annual Review on Defence.
- The European Defence Fund.
- The European Procurement Plan.
- The EU Defence Procurement Directive.
- Common Foreign and Security Policy.
- Common Security and Defence Policy.
- EU battle Groups.

The Withdrawal Agreement of Theresa May seeks to keep Britain in all these agreements. We are militarily closer to the EU now than we were before the Brexit vote. The Brexit deal puts the UK in the centre of the EU's military integration scheme while MPs and Parliament remain in ignorance. Britain's defence and foreign policy have already been subordinated to the EU.

British Army soldiers deployed in Exercise ALTHEA in August 2018 wore EU flag shoulder-flashes. This showed our troops involved in an EU-controlled mission under an EU command chain under the political control of a foreign nation. When will MPs wake up?

Britain's involvement in the EU military is not a partnership but subordination.

Alastair Brockbank has even suggested that EEAS officials would be planted within UK government departments after exiting the EU. *'[It is] so important for having both our people in Brussels but also having European External Action Service possibly in UK ministries to facilitate that exchange, ... something we are very interested in exploring'*.¹⁰

What is the result of this commitment?

Britain is no longer an independent military power, something that has undergirded the strength of the nation since the days of Cromwell. We no longer become a nation state but a vassal state that has no autonomy in self-defence.

¹⁰ 'Kit Kat' tapes.

Do Britons want to swear an oath of allegiance to Jean-Claude Juncker? That is effectively what this means for armed forces personnel.

I foresee a darker role for this army.

Historically individual nations in Europe had their own armed forces and in times of need grouped together, either in coalitions or under the auspices of NATO. There is no need for a European army regarding security and defence of Europe; none whatsoever.

I believe that this army is not being built to be chiefly used in defence against outside forces (who would that be exactly?).¹¹ I believe that its chief function will be domestic security. This will give the EU final power to force its will upon the populations of nation states. It will be an EU police force to brutally enforce the will of unelected despots in the EU Commission.

Facts to correct political liars who say that an EU army is a fantasy

It is a dangerous fantasy. The idea that there is going to be a European Air Force a European Army is simply not true.¹²

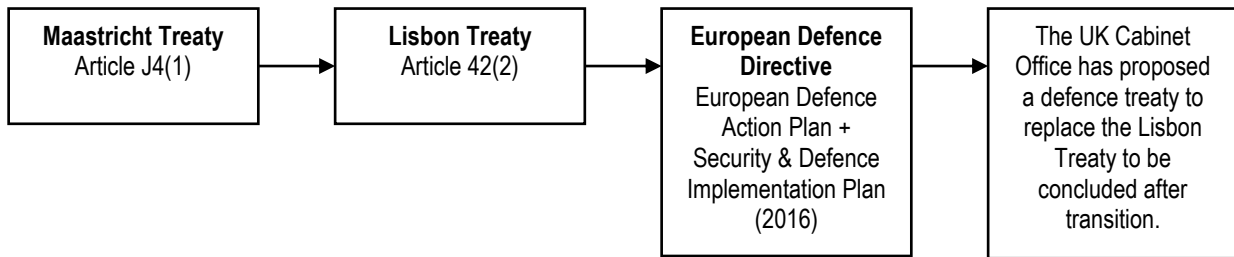
- Angela Merkel has recently confirmed it.
- Macron has confirmed it.
- France and Germany have signed up for it.
- The Lisbon Treaty authorises the concept of an EU army.
- The EU Commission has been avidly working on the preparation for it.
- Since June 2016 these preparations accelerated. Joint budgets, new political centralisation and new command centres were announced.
- ‘Common Defence’ is to be activated by 2025, enabled by the Lisbon Treaty article 42.
- Brigades are already jointly commanded.
- There are already combined military budgets.
- Foreign policy’s links to defence are already established.
- The EU influences the strategy of member state’s militaries through the European Security and Defence College (ESDC). Member states are obliged to train staff in EU Common Security and Defence Policy.
- The UK Defence Academy of the MOD already serves as a branch of the ESDC.
- The EU Commission is already considering removing the member state veto in Common Security and Foreign Policy.
- Britain is already an EU defence rule-taker.
- The European Intervention Initiative is not independent of the EU.¹³ It contributes to PESCO (Permanent Structured Co-operation). The UK is in this scheme. It is one of Macron’s ‘*Keys to European Sovereignty*’.

¹¹ Not Russia, a European armed force would have no capability to wage war with Russia. Macron even suggested that it was necessary to threaten the USA; equally stupid.

¹² Nick Clegg.

¹³ The House of Commons Library statement on this is wrong.

The legal precedents



Through these legal forms, plus a host of policy directives, Britain's foreign and defence policy, plus its military capabilities, are subordinated to EU control. If we leave the EU (i.e. no representation in the Commission, Council of Ministers or in the EU Parliament) our military will be dominated by the EU without any representation whatsoever.

This is nothing less than terrifyingly shocking; yet there is not a squeak about this on the BBC. This is nothing less than betraying the military triumphs of the past which made Britain a global power.

The blinding of Parliament

All this integration with the EU defence strategy has been deliberately hidden from MPs. We can list the obfuscation like this.

- The government began to agree to integration progressively after October 2016.
- MPs were given some information about this afterwards, not before (contrary to Parliamentary protocols), e.g. in select committee meetings.
- MPs were told that the commitments were of no importance to Britain.
- Information on the integration was incomplete.
- MPs were told that select committees would be able to assess and give conclusions on the integration, however, the commitments had already been made.
- MPs were told that the integration would benefit the UK.
- MPs were told that integration was to be negotiated; this was a lie, commitments had already been made with no further negotiation.
- The House of Commons has not debated any of this.
- MPs have not been given the opportunity to vote on this.
- DExEU ministers David Davis and Steve Baker knew nothing about the policy commitments of the UK government to military integration.

The upshot if nothing changes

- Britain becomes a rule-taker without representation in the EU defence strategy.
- NATO is threatened as the EU develops a separate military mechanism.
- The MOD is out of the loop regarding defence procurements, which must be in line with EU policy not national policy. [E.g. we would have to manufacture the rifle that the EU chooses, not our own army staff.]
- The MOD becomes part of a single market in defence.
- Loss of sovereign foreign policy autonomy.

- Loss of political power over defence mechanisms.
- Loss of political power over armed forces operational deployment.
- Damage to the Five Eyes intelligence network.

The withdrawal agreement and proposed defence agreement would keep the UK in EU defence even after the transition.¹⁴

Under this offer by the May Government, the EU will take increased control over vital UK national security matters. ... Astonishingly, these are new areas of control over the UK which the EU did not have before June 2016 – and they are in the most fundamental of all attributes of sovereignty.¹⁵

Conclusion

Defence, security and foreign policy can be argued to be the most important areas of government responsibility. These areas have been virtually ignored in all the debates and discussions about leaving the EU.

The fact that MPs, Parliament and the general public has no understanding what is going on is a grave neglect at best or a conspiracy at worst.

This is further proof of the treachery of the May government. The will of the people is overwhelmingly to leave the EU and regain our independent, sovereign status.¹⁶ The will of the political establishment is to ride roughshod over the people and stay within the EU by deception.

73 years after the close of WWII, we have come to the position whereby Germany will effectively be commanding British troops – and nobody is talking about it, either in Parliament or in the media.

In 1952 there was an attempted treaty to construct an integrated European military known as the 'Pleven Plan', although it was designed as a sub-division of NATO. This was flatly rejected by PM Winston Churchill. Today Theresa May has utterly capitulated to the unelected EU barons and committed Britain to a much worse defence and foreign policy proposal.

It has long been the objective of the global elite to destroy Britain as a global player. It has sought to break Britain down into minor regions that are ruled by the EU. The EU's strategy has always been the destruction of nation states to be merged into a centralised homogenous unit ruled by unelected despots. By capturing our foreign policy and defence capabilities, the elite have gone a long way to securing Britain's destruction.

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¹⁴ Veterans for Britain, 'Chequers dangers for UK Defence – briefing paper', 8 October 2018.

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¹⁶ New polls out today show overwhelming rejection of the Withdrawal Agreement.