102 Logistic Brigade traces its origin to 102 Beach Sub-Area, Normandy, France. It was one of 3 such formations raised late in 1943 to run logistic support operations across JUNO Beach, from D-day until the MULBERRY artificial harbours were operational. Once the MULBERRY harbours were in use, there was no further requirement for the Beach Groups, which then dispersed to their original Lines of Communication roles. In 1993, 50 years after the original formation of 102 Beach Sub Area, Headquarters Combat Service Support Group (Germany) was established in Gütersloh, Germany and this has been the home of Headquarters ever since. In May 1996 the newly formed organisation deployed to the Balkans on Operation RESOLUTE as the United Kingdom National Support Element. In July 1999 the formation was re-titled Headquarters 102 Logistic Brigade and in October 1999 the Halberd was officially adopted as the formation tactical recognition flash.

102 Logistic Brigade maintains the capability to operate as a Line of Communication Brigade in support of a Division and has 5th core Regiments; 5th Regiment Royal Military Police (Gütersloh, Germany), 101st Force Support Battalion Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers (Wrexham, Wales), 6th Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Gütersloh, Germany), 7th Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Bielefeld, Germany) and 8th Regiment Royal Logistic Corps (Münster, Germany), providing all the necessary enabling functions to the rear of the fighting echelons.

The Brigade Headquarters regularly deploys overseas on both operations and exercises. The Brigade Headquarters has formed the core of Joint Force Support in Afghanistan from January to July 2008 and from June to December 2010; it is due to return to Afghanistan again in May 2012. In addition to this HQ commitment, units from the Brigade continue to prepare force elements and individuals in support of current operations, primarily in Afghanistan, but also in Iraq and on United Nations Operations in Cyprus, with 200 - 300 soldiers and officers deployed at any one time.

The Brigade is commanded by Brigadier Ewan McLay, late Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, who assumed command in Mar 2011.

THE HALBERD

The Halberd appears in Jeremiah as a symbol of strength, success and restoration. Its interpretation as a restorer of combat power following bloodshed, exhaustion and hunger reflects the operational role of 102 Logistic Brigade. The dual capability of the Halberd, both as a weapon and a hand tool represents the combination of artisan and technical skills, which complement the military training of Brigade personnel.