

EXCLUSIVE: Camp Secret

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Hidden deep in the heart of the English countryside, is a top secret training camp, which is the nerve centre of the international war on terror.

SAS soldiers and recruits from the US's elite Delta Force learn counter terrorist and guerrilla warfare using state of the art military technology.

A member of the security forces who has visited the camp said that it is where they train, "the best of the best with the best".

And the source added: "They have the very latest kit there.

"It isn't only a question of physical exercises there is a very technological aspect to the sort of war these men are fighting now.

"We are talking real state of the art stuff - most of it makes James Bond look like an amateur."

The former Second World War military base looks like a council depot to a casual passerby.

But the body of a huge airliner and massive cranes picking up radio signals can be clearly seen from the perimeter fence - an incongruous sight to the cows grazing in the fields next door. The camp is accessed by a single track road, lined with tall, thick conifer trees, and is enclosed by a simple chain link fence topped by rows of barbed wire.

No signs warn you that you are approaching a military installation.

There are no Ministry of Defence Keep Out posters here. We are not revealing the location of the base except to say it is in a beautiful part of rural England.

But housed within the dozens of acres of land is a mock-up passenger airliner and a Tube train encased in a concrete tunnel deep in a hillside. Another train with three passenger carriages has been set up. And three massive cranes capable of handling a huge volume of encrypted radio traffic loom out of the trees.

Block houses used to train special forces in how to handle close combat and siege situations have been built.

Here the elite of Britain's and America's military forces are being prepared.

The train to nowhere and the plane without a runway are the talk of curious locals.

Some report hearing the distinctive "phut, phut" sound of weapons with silencers being fired.

The comings and goings at the base have increased recently - five years after the 9/11 horror in New York and more than a year since the 7/7 suicide bombings in London.

Our source said: "From the outside it doesn't look anything at all - but as they say appearances can be deceptive.

"After 9/11 and 7/7 it was crucially important that our special forces have the facilities to train in every aspect of counter-terror operations.

"The jet looks a bit funny at first, but then you realise it isn't actually a genuine airframe, it is in fact a mock-up.

"They have built a mock up of a Tube train which is half-hidden in a concrete tunnel that has been built into the side of a hill."