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"Airborne Engineers" records most of the events of airborne Sappers from the formation of 9 Independent Airborne Squadron in 1948 to the cessation of its independence in 1977 when it came under command of 36 Engineer Regiment. However, the participation of the Squadron in the Falklands campaign was of such significance that a chapter has been devoted to the activities of the Squadron in the Islands

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