

## Aldershot Command

### Regular Troops in the District

1<sup>st</sup> Army Tank Brigade (1)

4<sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

7<sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

8<sup>th</sup> Royal Tank Regiment

1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Aircraft Brigade (2)

6<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery

(3<sup>rd</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Batteries, Royal Artillery)

1<sup>st</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Battery

1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Aircraft Battalion, Royal Engineers

('A' & 'B' Anti-Aircraft Companies, Royal Engineers)

1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Aircraft Brigade Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

### Unbrigaded Troops

1<sup>st</sup> King's Dragoon Guards (3)

12<sup>th</sup> Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) (4)

2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Tank Regiment (5)

2<sup>nd</sup> Medium Regiment (6)

(H.Q., 4<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

1<sup>st</sup> Field Squadron, Royal Engineers

### Militia in the District

5<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Depot, Royal Artillery

6<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Depot, Royal Artillery

### Territorial Army Units in the District

1. This brigade was formed in 1939 and was based in Aldershot. The 4<sup>th</sup> R.T.R. was the only equipped unit in the brigade. The 7<sup>th</sup> R.T.R. was formed on 21<sup>st</sup> May 1937 being based at Catterick in North Yorkshire, and the 8<sup>th</sup> R.T.R. was formed on the 16<sup>th</sup> May 1938 being based at Perham Down, near Tidworth on Salisbury Plain. The 4<sup>th</sup> R.T.R. was equipped with Matilda I tanks, and was sent to France first. The 7<sup>th</sup> R.T.R. followed in May 1940, together with brigade headquarters. The 7<sup>th</sup> R.T.R. was equipped with twenty-seven Matilda Mark I tanks and twenty-three Matilda Mark II tanks. The 8<sup>th</sup> R.T.R. did not get sent to France at all.
2. This brigade and all its constituent units were based at Blackdown.
3. Based at Aldershot, this Regular Army regiment was attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Light Armoured Brigade.
4. Equipped with Morris armoured cars, this regiment was based at Aldershot. It was sent to join the B.E.F. in France, being under command of G.H.Q., being tasked with reconnaissance duties.
5. This regiment was based at Farnborough and was attached to the 1<sup>st</sup> Heavy Armoured Brigade.
6. Formed as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Medium Brigade, Royal Garrison Artillery, this regiment was based at Longmoor. It moved to France in October 1939, coming under command of G.H.Q.. On return to the U.K., the regiment remained in the country until leaving for Iraq in March 1943. It later served in Iraq, Palestine and Italy.