

Scottish Command

The origins of Scottish Command date back to 1860 and the formation of a Scottish recruiting area for the British Army. In February 1905, the Command was formed with its headquarters based at Edinburgh Castle. There were two areas, the Highland Area and Lowland Area. In 1940, it was reorganised into five areas, Edinburgh Area, Glasgow Area, South Highland Area, North Highland Area, and Orkney and Shetland Defences.

On the 15th January 1942, the Regimental Depots ceased to train recruits, and new Infantry Training Centres were opened at Command level. No. 8 I.T.C. at Perth for the Black Watch and Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, No. 9 I.T.C. at Aberdeen for the Cameronians, Highland Light Infantry and Gordon Highlanders, No. 10 I.T.C. at Berwick for the K.O.S.B., Royal Scots and Royal Scots Fusiliers, and No. 11 I.T.C. at Fort George for the Seaforth Highlanders and Cameron Highlanders. In 1944, the Command reverted to the two Districts, Highland District with its Headquarters at Perth and the Lowland District based at Glasgow.

General Officer Commander in Chief

1937 – 19th February 1940

General Sir Charles John Cecil GRANT, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O. (1)

20th February 1940 – 8th May 1941

Lieutenant General Robert Harold CARRINGTON, C.B., D.S.O. (2)

8th May 1941 – 16th May 1945

Lieutenant General Augustus Francis Andrew Nicol THORNE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.**

16th May 1945 – February 1947 (3)

Lieutenant General Neil Methuen RITCHIE, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. (4)

February 1947 – February 1949

Lieutenant General Sir Alexander Frank Philip CHRISTISON, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C. (5)

27th February 1949 – 27th February 1952

Lieutenant General Sir Gordon Holmes Alexander MacMILLAN, C.B.,
C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.* (6)

1. Retired from Army service in February 1940.
2. Created K.C.B. and Knighted in 1941. Retired from Army (age limit) in May 1941.
3. Date of appointment shown as 16th May 1945 on www.regiments.org and www.ordersofbattle.com and 16th June 1945 on www.unithistories.com. London Gazette does not give date, nor does biography.
4. Created K.B.E. on 5th July 1945 and Knighted.
5. Promoted General in 1947 and created G.B.E. in 1948. Retired in June 1949.
6. Created K.C.B. and Knighted in 1949. Created Lord MacMILLAN in 1951.

Brigadier General Staff – (B.G.S.)

19th June 1942 – 9th May 1943

Brigadier Robert Keith ARBUTHNOTT, D.S.O., M.C.

1944 – 1945

Brigadier Philip Geoffrey WHITEFOORD, O.B.E., M.C.

General Staff Officer (Grade I) – (G.S.O. I)

Lieutenant Colonel

Deputy Adjutant and Quartermaster General – (D.A. & Q.M.G.)

Brigadier

Deputy Assistant Adjutant General – (D.A.A.G.)

Major

Deputy Assistant Quartermaster General – (D.A.Q.M.G.)

Major

Brigadier Royal Artillery – (B.R.A.)

16th March 1942 – 9th August 1942

Brigadier Eric Edward MOCKLER-FERRYMAN, C.B.E., M.C.

Commander, Royal Engineers – (C.R.E.)

Brigadier

Commander, Royal Signals – (C.R.Sigs)

Lieutenant Colonel

Deputy Director of Medical Services – (D.D.M.S.)

1948 – 1949

Major General Kenneth Alexander Macdonald TOMORY, O.B.E.

Commander, Royal Army Service Corps – (C.R.A.S.C.)

Lieutenant Colonel

Deputy Director of Ordnance Services – (D.D.O.S.)

Brigadier

Commander, Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers –

(C.R.E.M.E.)

Lieutenant Colonel

Commander, South Highland Area

30th August 1939 – ??

Brigadier W. A. GREY-WILSON, M.C.

Commander, North Highland Area

6th March 1941 – ??

Brigadier W. G. GLENCAIRN-CAMPBELL, O.B.E.

Commander, Orkney and Shetland Defences

30th March 1940 – 1942

Major General Geoffrey Chicheley KEMP, M.C.

Commander, Edinburgh Area

6th January 1941 – ??

Brigadier A. C. L. STANLEY-CLARKE, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Commander, Glasgow Area

11th May 1941 – ??

Brigadier F. W. L. BISSETT, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

General Officer Commanding Lowland District

1945 – 1946

Major General Douglas Fitzgerald McCONNEL, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.