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A short history of the Western Command, a static command in the United Kingdom. In addition, known details of the key appointments held between 1930 and 1950 are included.
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The History & Personnel of Western Command

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Western Command

Western Command was one of the five home commands of the British Army, formed in February 1905, prior to the First World War. In addition, there was Irish Command, that was responsible for the whole of the island of Ireland. Headquarters, Western Command, were located in Chester. In 1907, they moved to Watergate House, Chester, where the headquarters remained until 1938, when a new purpose-built, headquarters opened at Queen's Park, Chester.

When formed in 1905, the command comprised four sub-formations:

- North-Western Coast Defences;
- Western Coast Defences;
- Lancashire Grouped Regimental District;
- Welsh Border Grouped Regimental District.

In 1907, the Lancashire Grouped Regimental District was redesignated as No. 3 District on 27 November, and it gained Cumberland and Westmorland from Northern Command. On the same date, the Welsh Border Regimental District became No. 4 District.

In 1920 following the First World War, Western Command was reconstituted, and reorganised, into three areas. These were:

- East Lancashire Area;
- Welsh Area;
- West Lancashire Area.

In 1930, Western Command covered Wales, and the English counties of Cheshire, Shropshire, Herefordshire, Monmouthshire (including Beachley, Gloucestershire), Lancashire, Cumberland and Westmorland. In addition, The Isle of Man, and the Coast Defence Garrisons of Berehaven, Queenstown, and (for purposes of technical training only) Lough Swilly in the Irish Free State (as the new country became Ireland or Eire in 1937) were part of this command. The Irish garrisons had joined Western Command when Irish Command was abolished in 1921.

In 1936, Staffordshire was transferred to West Lancashire Area from the disbanded North Midland Area. In 1940, the areas were reorganised. The Wales Area split into two new areas, and a new area formed in the midlands. The five new areas in existence from 1940 until 1943 were:

- Central Midland Area (Worcestershire, Warwickshire and Herefordshire);
- South Wales Area;
- North Wales Area (including Shropshire);
- East Lancashire Area (Cumberland, Westmorland, East Lancashire & part of Cheshire);
- West Lancashire Area (West Lancashire, Staffordshire, part of Cheshire & the Isle of Man).

On 14 August 1941, the Regimental Depots ceased to train recruits, and new Infantry Training Centres were opened at command level. These new Infantry Training Centres were:

- No. 18 I.T.C. at Carlisle for the King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster), the Border Regiment and the Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire);
- No. 19 I.T.C. at Formby for the King's Regiment (Liverpool), East Lancashire Regiment and South Lancashire Regiment;
- No. 20 I.T.C. at Shrewsbury for the North Staffordshire Regiment and King's Shropshire Light Infantry;
- No. 21 I.T.C. at Brecon for the Royal Welch Fusiliers, South Wales Borderers and the Welch Regiment;
- No. 22 I.T.C. at Warwick for the Royal Warwickshire Regiment and the Leicestershire Regiment;
- No. 23 I.T.C. at Worcester for the Worcestershire Regiment and South Staffordshire Regiment;
- No. 24 I.T.C. at Chester for the Cheshire Regiment, Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, Middlesex Regiment and Manchester Regiment.

In 1944, the command reduced from five to two districts; the two districts being:

- Mid-West District (H.Q. at Shrewsbury) responsible for Wales, Shropshire Staffordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire and Herefordshire;
- North West District (H.Q. at Preston) responsible for Lancashire, Cheshire, and part of Derbyshire.

In 1961, a further reorganisation saw the creation of three combined divisions and districts:

- 42nd (Lancashire) Division/North West District (H.Q. at Preston);
- 48th Division/West Midland District (H.Q. at Shrewsbury);
- 53rd (Welsh) Division/Welsh District (H.Q. at Brecon).

In 1968, further reductions in the size of the British Army saw the end of the Territorial divisions in the U.K., with each of the three districts losing their joint divisional responsibility as they became in effective brigades. Throughout all these changes, the headquarters of the command remained at Chester. Western Command was abolished with the other commands on 1 April 1972 with the creation of United Kingdom Land Forces.

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief

1st April 1936 – 12th August 1939

Lieutenant General Sir Henry Cholmondeley JACKSON, K.C.B., C.M.G, D.S.O.¹

12th August 1939 – 27th May 1940

Lieutenant General Robert Hadden HAINING, C.B., D.S.O., Col Comd't R.A., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*²

28th May 1940 – 9th June 1940 (Temporary)

General Sir Henry Cholmondeley JACKSON, K.C.B, C.M.G., D.S.O.

10th June 1940 – 24th November 1941

General Sir Robert GORDON-FINLAYSON, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., Col Comd't R.A., *p.s.c.*, *A.D.C.*

25th November 1941 – 7th September 1942

General Sir James Handyside MARSHALL-CORNWALL, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., Col Comd't R.A., *p.s.c.*

7th September 1942 – 19th March 1944

[Lieutenant General \(Temporary\) Edmond Charles Acton SCHREIBER, C.B., D.S.O., p.s.c.](#)

19th March 1944 – 1st February 1946

Lieutenant General (Acting) Daril Gerald WATSON, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*³

1st February 1946 – 1948

Lieutenant General Sir Brian Gwynne HORROCKS, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

15th March 1948 – 1949

Lieutenant General Sir Frank E. W. SIMPSON, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

¹ Created K.C.B. and knighted on 23rd June 1936 (H.M.'s Birthday Honours List); promoted General on 30th June 1939.

² Created K.C.B. in 1940 and knighted.

³ Created K.C.B. in 1945 and knighted.

Brigadier General Staff – (B.G.S.)

2nd September 1939 – 18th August 1940

[Brigadier \(Acting\) Francis Greville DREW, O.B.E., p.s.c.](#)

19th August 1940 – 8th March 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) John Albert Charles WHITAKER, p.s.c.

9th March 1942 – 21st June 1942

Colonel Charles George Cunningham BALFOUR-DAVEY, M.C., i.d.c., p.s.c.

22nd June 1942 – 16th May 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) Colin Bishop CALLANDER, M.C., Leicester R., p.s.c.

17th May 1943 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) H. E. RANCE, O.B.E., R. Signals, p.s.c.

16th April 1945 – 5th May 1946

Brigadier (Local) Bendyshe Brome WALTON, R. War. R., (s.c.)⁴

6th May 1946 – 1947

Brigadier (Temporary) C. P. JONES, C.B.E., M.C., R.E., p.s.c.

2nd January 1947 – 1948

Brigadier C. B. FAIRBANKS, C.B., C.B.E., (s.c.)

Chief of Staff

1st July 1947 – July 1948

[Major General John Charles Francis HOLLAND, C.B., D.F.C., p.s.c.](#)

⁴ Regranted rank of Acting Brigadier on 18th April 1945.

Brigadier i/c Administration25th July 1938 – 5th June 1939Brigadier (Temporary) Robert Francis Brydges NAYLOR, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.***Major General i/c Administration**6th June 1939 – 6th January 1941Major General (Acting) Robert Francis Brydges NAYLOR, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*7th January 1941 – 1944Major General D. P. DICKINSON, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., Col Welch R., *p.s.c.*2nd October 1944 – 8th February 1946Major General Arthur Roland SELBY, C.B., C.B.E., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*13th March 1946 – 30th June 1947Major General (Temporary) John Charles Francis HOLLAND, C.B., D.F.C., *p.s.c.***Brigadier A/Q**1st July 1947 – 1948Brigadier (Temporary) N. V. WATSON, C.B., O.B.E., *p.s.c.***Assistant Adjutant-General**September 1939 – 1944

Colonel G. E. WINGFIELD-STRATFORD, M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

1st January 1945 – 1946/7

Lieutenant Colonel (War Substantive) C. H. GURNEY, K.R.R.C.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General19th February 1940 – 1941

Brigadier (Acting) H. J. BROOKS, D.S.O., M.C., T.D., Hampshire R., T.A.

Assistant Quarter-Master-General

September 1939 – 1944

Colonel P. B. FRASER, D.S.O., O.B.E., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

1940 – 1941

Colonel D. A. BUCHAN, D.S.O., R.A., *p.s.c.*

12th December 1941 – 1944

Lieutenant Colonel R. H. M. LEE, Worc R.

24th May 1943 – 1944

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) H. ARBUTHNOT, Border R.

4th November 1944 – 1945

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) A. S. HEWSON, M.B.E., T.D.

28th December 1945 – 1947

Major P. S. WHITEHEAD, O.B.E., R.A., *p.s.c.*

British Advisory Staff, Polish Resettlement Corps**Commander**

21st August 1946 – 22nd February 1948

[Colonel George Herbert Norris TODD, M.C.](#)

23rd February 1948 – 1948/9

Brigadier (Temporary) J. JEFFERSON, *p.s.c.*

Brigadier Royal Artillery – (B.R.A.)

28th April 1939 – 20th March 1940

Brigadier (Temporary) Hector Murdoch Maxwell ROBERTSON, O.B.E., M.C.

21st March 1940 – 19th October 1941

[Brigadier \(Acting\) John PENROSE, M.C., g., y.](#)

20th October 1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) John Redmond BARRY, C.B.E., D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

1st December 1942 – 1944

Brigadier (Acting 26/10/42) George Noel Chadwick MARTIN, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

1st January 1945 – 18th June 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Edward Percy Noel JONES, M.C., R.A., *p.s.c.*

18th June 1945 – 13th April 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) C. H. M. BRUNKER, D.S.O., R.A., *p.s.c.*

14th April 1946 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) Godfrey de Vere WELCHMAN, C.B.E., D.S.O., *g.*

General Staff Officer 1st Grade

1939 – 1940

Colonel R. H. A. D. LOVE.

Chief Engineer

1938 – 21 February 1940

Brigadier H. B. W. HUGHES,

22nd February 1940 – 1941

Brigadier (Acting) E. F. W. LEES, D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

26th February 1941 – 27th February 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) John Howard STAFFORD, O.B.E., M.C.

1st March 1945 – 1947

Brigadier (Temporary) H. G. F. GREENWOOD, C.B.E., M.C.

10th June 1947 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) B. E. C. DIXON, C.B., C.B.E., M.C.

Deputy Chief Engineer

193x – 1939

Colonel J. H. STAFFORD,

September 1939 – 1942

Colonel N. S. HENSHAW, O.B.E., M.C., T.D., T.A.

22nd February 1940 – 1943

Brigadier (Acting) E. H. CLARKE, retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

20th May 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) R. SWIRE, M.C., A.M.I.E.E., R.E.

23rd June 1941 – 1942

Colonel L. C. REID, M.B.E., M.C., M.I.Mech.E.

23rd July 1943 – 1945

Colonel (Temporary) T. W. R. HAYCRAFT, R.E.

20th September 1946 – 1947

Colonel (Temporary) W. A. TURNER, M.C., R.E.

10th February 1947 – 1948

Colonel M. R. R. PRENTICE, C.B.E., *p.s.c.*

Chief Signal Officer – (C.S.O.)

193x – 1940

Lieutenant Colonel D. A. BROWN,

12th March 1940 – 1944

Colonel (Acting) H. G. HENDERSON.

(Promoted Acting Brigadier 25th February 1941)

9th April 1944 – 20th June 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) W. C. V. GALWEY, O.B.E., M.C.

21st June 1945 – 27th February 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) Guy Stuart O'Neill POWER, C.B.E., B.A.

23rd February 1946 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) W. O. BOWEN, C.B., C.B.E., M.I.E.E.

Assistant Chaplain-General

22nd March 1947 – 1948

Reverend V. J. PIKE, O.B.E., Chaplain to the Forces 1st Class

Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport – (D.D.S.T.)

6th December 1938 – 1st September 1939

Colonel Claud Lechmere St. John TUDOR, O.B.E., M.C.

2nd September 1939 – 30th June 1940

Colonel J. C. M. DORAN, C.B.E., D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

1st July 1940 – 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) G. C. G. BLUNT, D.S.O., O.B.E., A.M.I.Mech.E., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

28th August 1944 – 2nd August 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Hugh Ainsworth KELSALL, O.B.E., M.C., R.A.S.C.

17th August 1945 – 1947

Brigadier (Acting) H. C. De le BERE, O.B.E., R.A.S.C.

17th February 1947 – 1948

Brigadier (Acting) W. S. SEYMOUR, O.B.E.

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

1930x – 18 January 1940

Colonel H. H. BLAKE,

19th January 1940 – 1940

Major General (Acting) H. H. BLAKE, O.B.E., M.B.

1940 – 27th November 1941

Major General William Brooke PURDON, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., M.B., K.H.S.

28th November 1941 – 26th May 1946

Major General (Acting) Gilbert Alan BLAKE, M.B.

27th May 1946 – 1948

Major General (Acting) Rudolf William GALLOWAY, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.B.

Consultant Surgeon

12th March 1940 – 1942

Colonel (Temporary) Sir Charles G. GORDON-WATSON, K.B.E., C.M.G., F.R.C.S., R.A.M.C.

23rd September 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) Sir James M. S. WALTON, M.S., F.R.C.S., R.A.M.C.

1st December 1942 – 1943

Colonel (Acting) F. A. R. STAMMERS, M.B., F.R.C.S., R.A.M.C. (T.A.)

15th September 1942 – 1945

Brigadier (Local) D. FETTES, O.B.E., M.B., F.R.C.S.Edin, R.A.M.C.

Consultant Physician

8th March 1940 – 1941

Colonel (Temporary) H. L. TIDY, F.R.C.P., R.A.M.C.

1941 – 1942

Colonel R. C. PRIEST, C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., R.A.M.C.

1st March 1942 – 1945

Brigadier (Local) R. C. PRIEST, C.B., M.D., F.R.C.P., retired pay.

Assistant Director of Dental Services

193x – 1939

Colonel R. M. KING,

8th December 1939 – 1941

Colonel (Acting) J. P. DUGUID, A.D. Corps

17th October 1941 – 1943

Colonel (Acting) B. E. GENTLEMAN, A.D. Corps

20th February 1944 – 1944

Colonel (Acting) G. ap G. JONES, A.D. Corps

1st December 1944 – 1945

Colonel (Temporary) W. R. WOTTON, A.D. Corps.

30th August 1946 – 1947

Colonel (Acting) J. L. GIBSON, A.D. Corps.

Deputy Director of Dental Services

19th May 1947 – 1948

Colonel B. E. GENTLEMAN

Deputy Director of Ordnance Services – (D.D.O.S.)1st September 1939 – 1940

Colonel (Acting) H. A. SANSOM, R.A.O.C.

14th July 1940 – 1942

Brigadier (Acting) P. W. KIDD, retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

15 February 1942

Brigadier Frederick MORRIS Killed in plane crash en-route back from Middle East

26th August 1942 – 1943

Brigadier (Acting) L. H. ASTE, O.B.E., R.A.O.C.

26th June 1944 – 1947

Brigadier (Temporary) B. C. LESTER, C.B.E., R.A.O.C.

1st October 1947 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) G. O. CRAWFORD, C.B.E., R.A.O.C.

Assistant Director of Ordnance Services21st July 1940 – 1943

Colonel (Temporary) H. A. SANSOM, R.A.O.C.

11th March 1943 – 1945

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) J. C. HEWITT, R.A.O.C.

5th January 1946 – 1948

Lieutenant Colonel (War Substantive) D. J. RUSSELL, O.B.E., R.A.O.C.

Chief Ordnance Mechanical Engineer

13th September 1939 – 1940

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) C. W. B. DAVEY, A.M.I.Mech.E., R.A.O.C.

12th August 1940 – 1941

Colonel C. L. GRANSDEN, M.I.Mech.E, R.A.O.C.

29th June 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Temporary) D. C. McPHERSON, M.B.E., M.I.Mech.E., Reserve of Officers

Deputy Director of Mechanical Engineering – (D.D.M.E.)

29th June 1941 – 1943

Brigadier (Acting 15/01/42) D. C. McPHERSON, M.B.E., M.I.Mech.E., Reserve of Officers

10th March 1944 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) C. CAMPBELL, A.M.I.Mech.E., R.E.M.E.

24th July 1945 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) C. G. STEWART, A.M.I.Mech.E, R.E.M.E.

Command Paymaster

1937 – 1941

Colonel A. B. CLIFF, R.A.P.C.

25th August 1941 – 1943

Brigadier (Acting 01/10/41) G. H. CHARLTON, M.C., R.A.P.C.

6th October 1943 – 10th December 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Guy Allen Colpoys ORMSBY-JOHNSON, C.B.E., M.C., R.A.P.C.

11th December 1944 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) G. H. CHARLTON, M.C., R.A.P.C.

15th March 1946 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) I. P. BRICKMAN, C.B.E., R.A.P.C.

Deputy Director of Labour1st July 1940 – 1941

Colonel R. B. BUTLER, C.I.E., C.B.E., M.C., retired Indian Army

2nd May 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Temporary) B. W. W. GOSTLING, O.B.E., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

31st August 1942 – 1943

Colonel (Acting) F. J. SCOTT, M.C., retired pay.

8th October 1943 – 1944

Colonel (Temporary 30/10/43) G. R. PRENDERGAST, Reserve of Officers.

1944 – 1945

Colonel (Temporary) G. H. FANSHAWE, The Bays.

6th April 1946 – 1947

Brigadier (Temporary) H. H. BLANCHARD, O.B.E., P. Corps.

Post abolished by 1948

Command Education Officer6th November 1940 – 1942

Lieutenant Colonel S. G. SIMPSON, O.B.E., M.A., A.E.C.

(Promoted Acting Colonel 5th October 1941)11th March 1942 – 1943

Colonel (Acting) J. R. BIRCHALL, O.B.E., M.A., A.E.C.

16th August 1943 – 1945

Colonel (Acting) P. L. C. WEBSTER, B.A., A.E.C.

26th September 1945 – 1948

Colonel (Temporary) E. B. DEAKIN, D.S.O., M.C., A.E.C.

Command Welfare Officer11th March 1941 – 1945

Lieutenant Colonel W. H. M. MICHOLLS, M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

Assistant Director of Army Welfare Services25th March 1946 – 1948

Colonel (Temporary) B. Y. HAYES-NEWINGTON, Cheshire R.

Staff at 1937**General Staff Officer 1st Grade – (G.S.O. I)**7th September 1936 – 1938

Colonel Sydney Rigby WASON, M.C.

General Staff Officer 3rd Grade – (G.S.O. III)

Major C. TOPHAM, M.C., R.E.

General Staff Officer for Weapon Training (Class CC)

Major H. F. R. ATTWATER, North'd Fus

General Staff Officer 3rd Grade for Physical Training

Captain F. F. S. BARLOW, S. Wales Bord

Brigadier in charge of Administration16th October 1934 – 1937

Temporary Brigadier F. E. SPENCER, D.S.O., M.C.

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

Brevet Major A. J. K. PIGOTT, R Berks R

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

Colonel S. T. LACEY, M.C.

Staff Captains

Captain R. A. CURTIS, The King's R

Captain P. G. BOON, Dorset R

Colonel Royal Artillery

Colonel M. E. MASCALL, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Staff Officer, Royal Artillery (G.S.O. 3rd Grade)

Captain W. L. GIBSON, R.A.

Captains Instructor in Gunnery

Captain H. A. HOUNSELL, R.A.

Captain F. A. L. COOPER, R.A.

Chief Engineer

Colonel C. La T. T. JONES, D.S.O., M.C.

Staff Officer, Royal Engineers

Major V. F. CRAIG, M.C., R.E.

Staff Officer Royal Engineers (Electrical and Mechanical)

Captain J. B. GURNHILL, R.E.

Senior Surveyor of Works

Major (Surveyor of Works) H. B. J. HOGG, R.E.

Command Land Agent

Captain F. G. BATEMAN, M.B.E., ret

Chief Signal Officer – (C.S.O.)

Lieutenant Colonel D. A. BROWN, M.C., R. Signals

Assistant Chaplain-General

Reverend P. M. BRUMWELL, M.C., Chaplain to the Forces 1st Class

Assistant Director of Supplies and Transport

Colonel J. C. M. DORAN, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Deputy Assistant Director of Remounts

Captain E. HILTON-GARDNER, ret

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

Colonel B. JOHNSON, D.S.O., M.B.

Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Service

Major J. B. MINCH, M.B.

Assistant Director of Pathology and Hygiene

Lieutenant Colonel T. B. NICHOLLS, M.B.

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

Lieutenant Colonel H. A. SANSOM, R.A.O.C.

Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Services

Captain L. H. JACKSON, R.A.O.C.

Chief Ordnance Mechanical Engineer

Major C. W. B. DAVEY, A.M.I.Mech.E., R.A.O.C.

Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Services (Burscough)

Lieutenant Colonel J. P. EARP, M.C., R.A.O.C.

Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Services (Shrewsbury)

Captain P. W. F. BROWN, R.A.O.C.

Command Paymaster

Colonel A. B. CLIFF

Assistant Command Paymasters

Lieutenant Colonel C.E. GRESHAM, R.A.P.C.

Major C. D. VINT, R.A.P.C.

Assistant Director of Veterinary Services

(Appointment held by A.D.V.S. Northern Command)

Command Barrack Officer

Lieutenant Colonel C. T. BOYD, ret (Reserve of Officers)

Command Education Officer

Captain P. L. C. WEBSTER, B.A., A.E.C.

**Welsh Area &
General Officer Commanding 53rd (Welsh) Division**

General Officer Commanding

1st June 1936 – ??

Major General G. THORPE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant & Quarter-Master-General

Major H. E. CAREY, Beds & Herts R

Mid-West District

General Officer Commanding

1944 – 31st December 1946

Major General Christopher Geoffrey WOOLNER, C.B., M.C.**, *p.s.c.*

North Wales Area

3rd July 1939 – 14th December 1941

Brigadier (Temporary) Alan Parry GARNIER, C.B., M.B.E, M.C., *p.s.c.*, *A.D.C.*

Cambrian Sub-Area**Oswestry Sub-Area**

29th November 1940 – 1941

Colonel L. CHENEVIX-TRENCH, C.M.G., D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers), *p.s.c.*

Welsh Border Sub-Area**Headquarters, Donnington Garrison****South Wales Area**

5th October 1939 – 1941

Brigadier (Acting) M. E. MASCALL, D.S.O., O.B.E.

North Wales District**Commanding Officer, North Wales District**15th December 1941 – 31st December 1942Major General (Acting) Lionel Howard COX, M.C., *p.s.c.***Cambrian Sub-Area**12th June 1941 – 1943/4

Honorary Brigadier F. LATHAM, D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

Shropshire Sub-Area23rd June 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) W. C. GREEN, M.C., S. Stafford R.

Welsh Border Sub-Area30th June 1941 – 1942Colonel O. H. TIDBURY, M.C., *p.s.c.***Headquarters Donington Garrison**

South Wales District**District Commander**5th December 1941 – 1942Major General Robert Cotton MONEY, M.C., *p.s.c.*1942 – 194416th January 1945 – 25th October 1945Major General (Temporary) Charles Alexander Phipps MURISON, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*, *p.a.c.***Carmarthen Sub-Area**24th May 1940 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) F. A. MACARTNEY, O.B.E., M.C., late Indian Army

Headquarters, Pembroke Dock Garrison**Severn Sub-Area**28th July 1940 – 1941Colonel Lord D. M. GRAHAM, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers), *p.s.c.*19th May 1941 – 22nd August 1943

Colonel William ROBB, D.S.O., M.C.

Headquarters Barry Garrison**Headquarters, Swansea Garrison**

Central Midland Area**Area Commander**24th May 1940 – 1941Colonel J. BLAKISTON-HOUSTON, C.B., D.S.O. retired pay (Reserve of Officers), *p.s.c.*15th December 1941 – January 1945Major General George Guy WATERHOUSE, C.B., M.C., *p.s.c.***Warwickshire Sub-Area**29th November 1940 – 1942

Colonel (Temporary 01/01/41) N. V. BLACKER, D.S.O., M.C, Reserve of Officers

Worcestershire Sub-Area12th August 1940 – 1941Colonel (Temporary 16/09/40) J. E. E. PACKARD, M.C., *p.s.c.*23rd May 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Temporary) W. A. STIRLING, D.S.O., M.C., R.A., (T.A.)

1943 – 1944Colonel Kevin John MARTIN, D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

West Lancashire Area**West Lancashire Area**6th July 1939 – 23rd September 1940

Brigadier (Temporary) William Havelock Chaplin RAMSDEN, D.S.O., M.C.

24th September 1939 – 18th August 1940

Brigadier (Temporary) Thomas Thelwall WADDINGTON, M.C., T.A.

19th August 1940 – 14th December 1941Brigadier (Temporary) Alastair Ian MacDOUGALL, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*, *A.D.C.***Lichfield Sub-Area**25th June 1940 – 1942

Colonel B. L. EVANS, T.D., T.A.

Chester Sub-Area7th July 1940 – 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) Vincent Tennyson Randle FORD, D.S.O. *, retired pay

Headquarters Mersey Garrison19th August 1940 – 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) Thomas Thelwall WADDINGTON, M.C., T.A.

Liverpool Sector14th August 1940 – 1942

Colonel C. W. M. FORD, M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

Birkenhead Sector25th November 1940 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) G. A. WADE, M.C., T.A. Reserve

Headquarters Isle of Man Garrison12th August 1940 – 1942Brigadier G. N. FORD, D.S.O., retired Indian Army, *p.s.c.*

West Lancashire District**General Officer Commanding**15th December 1941 – 21st June 1944Major General (Acting) Alastair Ian McDOUGALL, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*, *A.D.C.*

The undermentioned Brigs, (temp.) are granted the actg. rank of Maj.-Gen.: —

15th Nov. 1941: —

A. A. B. Dowler (8634). 38 infantry division

15th Dec. 1941:—

F. W. L. Bissett, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C. (10323), ret. pay (Res. of Off.).

J. A. Campbell, D.S.O. (3443) Lancashire & Border Area (East Lancashire)

A. I. Macdougall, D.S.O., M.C. (1481). West Lancashire District.

H. T. MacMullen, C.B.E., M.C. (10010) Maj Gen i/c Admin A-A Command.

R. M. Wootten, C.B., M.C. (15101). North Midland District

East Lancashire Area3rd July 1939 – 1940Brigadier (Temporary) C. F. DREW, D.S.O., *p.s.c.*25th November 1940 – 1941Brigadier (Temporary) G. T. RAIKES, C.B., D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers), *p.s.c.*

East Lancashire District**District Commander**15th December 1941 – May 1944Major General (Acting) James Alexander CAMPBELL, D.S.O.* , *p.s.c.***General Staff Officer 1st Grade**30th August 1940 – 1941

Brigadier (Acting) J. S. N. FITZGERALD, M.B.E., M.C.

Assistant Adjutant & Quarter-Master-General30th October 1939 – 1941Colonel R. B. COUSENS, D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers), *p.s.c.***Assistant Director of Medical Services**1939 – 1941

Colonel N. LOW, D.S.O., O.B.E., retired pay.

Lancaster and Barrow Sub-Area7th August 1940 – 1942/3

Brigadier (Temporary) Henry Alistair Fergusson CREWDSON, T.D., T.A.

Carlisle Sub-Area11th July 1940 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) T. J. CARROLL-LEAHY, D.S.O. M.C., retired pay.

Preston Sub-Area25th May 1940 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) E. L. MUSSON, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

Manchester Sub-Area30th August 1940 – 1942

Colonel E. P. LLOYD, D.S.O.

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