

## British Forces in Palestine & Trans-Jordan <sup>(1)</sup>

Headquarters, British Forces in Palestine and Trans-Jordan

### 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade <sup>(2)</sup>

Headquarters, 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment)

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Border Regiment

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)

### 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade <sup>(3)</sup>

Headquarters, 16<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Manchester Regiment

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Royal Ulster Rifles

### Force Troops

12<sup>th</sup> (Field) Company, Royal Engineers

No 2 (Wireless) Company, Royal Corps of Signals

14<sup>th</sup> Company, Royal Army Service Corps

17<sup>th</sup> Company, Royal Army Service Corps

No. 2/3 Cavalry Field Ambulance, Royal Army Medical Corps

Details, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Details, Royal Army Pay Corps

No. 1 Company, Corps of Military Police

## NOTES:

1. As the security situation in Palestine and Trans-Jordan grew worse, it was decided to reinforce the limited British Army resources in the Mandated Territory. Up to 1936, the British military presence in Palestine had been provided by the R.A.F. In 1936 the Arab revolt began in response to the immigration of Jews into the country leading to the deployment of army units to maintain internal security. Lieutenant General J. G. GILL arrived in Palestine and assumed the role as General Officer Commanding on 8 September 1936. Two brigades were sent out from the United Kingdom to provide the garrison for the country. By April 1938, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Infantry Brigade had returned to the U.K., to be replaced by the 14<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade.
2. This was a Regular Army brigade, which was detached from the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. The brigade was commanded by Temporary Brigadier H. C. HARRISON, D.S.O., .i.d.c., p.s.c.. This brigade was destined to be still stationed in Palestine at the outbreak of the Second World War.
3. This was a pre-war Regular Army Brigade, stationed in North Palestine. It is probable that this brigade was formed in Palestine to command the units stationed in northern Palestine. It was commanded by Temporary Brigadier J. F. EVETTS, C.B.E., M.C., p.s.c.. Compared to April 1937, by April 1938, the three battalions under command of the brigade had changed. This brigade was still stationed in Palestine at the outbreak of the Second World War.

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