

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Division <sup>(1)</sup>

Headquarters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Division

### 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Guards) <sup>(2)</sup>

Headquarters, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Guards) & Signal Section

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Grenadier Guards

3<sup>rd</sup> Bn. Coldstream Guards

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Scots Guards

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Scots Guards

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

Headquarters, 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment)

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The King's Own Royal Regiment (Lancaster)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Norfolk Regiment

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry

### 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade <sup>(4)</sup>

Headquarters, 6<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The Royal Warwickshire Regiment

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire)

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. The King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The North Staffordshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's)

### Divisional Troops

Headquarters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Divisional Royal Artillery

VIII Field Brigade, Royal Artillery <sup>(5)</sup>

(H.Q., 'H' (Howitzer), 'V', 'W' & 'X' Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

XIII Field Brigade, Royal Artillery <sup>(6)</sup>

(H.Q., 2<sup>nd</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 44<sup>th</sup> & 82<sup>nd</sup> (Howitzer) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

XX Field Brigade, Royal Artillery <sup>(7)</sup>

(H.Q., 41<sup>st</sup>, 45<sup>th</sup> (Howitzer), 67<sup>th</sup> & 99<sup>th</sup> Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

IV Light Brigade, Royal Artillery <sup>(8)</sup>

(H.Q., 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> Light Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Headquarters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Divisional Royal Engineers

5<sup>th</sup> (Field) Company, Royal Engineers (9)

11<sup>th</sup> (Field) Company, Royal Engineers (9)

15<sup>th</sup> (Field Park) Company, Royal Engineers (9)

38<sup>th</sup> (Field) Company, Royal Engineers (9)

2<sup>nd</sup> Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals (10)

## NOTES:

1. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Division was a Regular Army field division, with its headquarters based in Aldershot as part of Aldershot Command. After the Great War, together with the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, this division formed part of the spearhead corps for deployment to meet the strategic needs of the UK across the empire. The establishment of the division was the same as the 1<sup>st</sup> Division, both formations being kept up to strength in view of their role to be deployed immediately at times of crisis.
2. The headquarters of this brigade was based at Horse Guards, London S.W. 1, under command of London District. The commanding officer of the brigade in January 1930 was a Colonel, who was also the Officer Commanding Coldstream Guards. The 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Grenadier Guards and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Scots Guards were both stationed at Wellington Barracks, next to Buckingham Palace. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Bn Coldstream Guards was based at Chelsea Barracks and the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Scots Guards was stationed at Windsor.
3. This brigade and all its constituent battalions were based in Aldershot. The 2<sup>nd</sup> Buffs were stationed in Blenheim Barracks, the 1<sup>st</sup> King's Own in Ramillies Barracks, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Norfolks at Oudenarde Barracks, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> D.C.L.I at Malplaquet Barracks. All these barracks were located in the Marlborough Lines, North Camp, Aldershot.
4. The brigade headquarters was based in Blackdown, alongside the 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. K.O.Y.L.I. at Dettingen Barracks and 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. North Staffordshire Regiment at Alma Barracks. The 1<sup>st</sup> Bn. R. Warwickshire Regiment was stationed at Inkerman Barracks, Woking; and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Loyals was based at Tournay Barracks, North Camp, Aldershot.
5. A Regular Army field artillery brigade, this unit was based in Brighton. It was under Eastern Command for administration purposes.
6. Another Regular Army field artillery brigade, this unit was based in Lille Barracks, North Camp, Aldershot.
7. This Regular Army field artillery brigade was based in Catterick. It was under Northern Command for training and administration.
8. This Regular Army light artillery brigade was based at Deepcut.
9. The four Royal Engineer companies were all based at Gibraltar Barracks, Aldershot.
10. The divisional signals were based at Aldershot.

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