

5th Infantry Division ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, 5th Infantry Division

13th Infantry Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 13th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles)

2nd Bn. The East Lancashire Regiment

2nd Bn. The East Surrey Regiment

1st Bn. The Middlesex Regiment

14th Infantry Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 14th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Leicestershire Regiment

2nd Bn. The Hampshire Regiment

1st Bn. The Prince of Wales's Volunteers (South Lancashire Regiment)

15th Infantry Brigade ⁽⁴⁾

Headquarters, 15th Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Bn. The Northumberland Fusiliers

2nd Bn. The King's Regiment (Liverpool)

2nd Bn. The West Yorkshire Regiment (Prince of Wales's Own)

1st Bn. The South Staffordshire Regiment

Divisional Troops ⁽⁵⁾

NOTES:

1. The 5th Infantry Division was formed in 1906 in the United Kingdom. During the Great War, the division saw considerable action in France and Belgium right up to the end of hostilities. It was transferred to Southern Ireland, and had its Headquarters at the Curragh. With the creation of the Irish Free State, and the withdrawal of British forces from Southern Ireland, the division disbanded in December 1922. It re-formed in December 1929 as a Regular Army formation based in Northern Command. Its headquarters were located in Catterick, North Yorkshire, with the divisional commander acting as the Garrison Commander for Catterick. In 1930, Major General Walter Mervyn St. George KIRKE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., *p.s.c.* commanded the division, having been appointed on 13 December 1929. His staff comprised only three officers, a General Staff Officer 1st Grade, an Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master-General, and a Staff Captain. KIRKE rose the rank of General and Commander-in-Chief of Home Forces until his retirement in July 1940.
2. The brigade and all four constituent battalions were based in Catterick Garrison. Temporary Brigadier W. A. BLAKE, C.M.G., D.S.O., commanded the brigade.
3. This brigade and its three constituent battalions were all based in Catterick Garrison. It comprised three battalions that had recently returned from Germany where they were part of the British Army of the Rhine, which was withdrawn on 14 September 1929. Temporary Brigadier John Frederick Charles FULLER, C.B.E., D.S.O., *p.s.c.* was in temporary command of this brigade in 1930. He was promoted to the rank of Major General later in 1930, and retired from the Army three years later. Known as 'Boney' FULLER, he became a prolific author and commentator of modern warfare, and in particular armoured warfare. Many believe that he was the architect of what became known as 'Blitzkrieg' warfare as used by German in the early stages of the Second World War.
4. The headquarters of this brigade was located in York. The 1st Bn. Northumberland Fusiliers was also based in York, the 2nd Bn. King's Regiment and 1st Bn. South Staffordshire Regiment were both based at Lichfield, with the 2nd West Yorkshire's based at Strensall. Temporary Brigadier C. E. HEATHCOTE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O. commanded this brigade, having been appointed on 12 April 1928.
5. At this date, there were no divisional troops allocated to this formation, and in consequence, no commanders for the arms and services.

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