

Aldershot Command

Regular Troops in the District

1st Cavalry Brigade (1)

The Queen's Bays (2nd Dragoon Guards)

The Royal Scots Greys (2nd Dragoons)

4th Queen's Own Hussars

3rd Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery

(H.Q., 'D', 'J' & 'M' Batteries, Royal Horse Artillery)

'D' Troop, Mobile Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

1st Anti-Aircraft Group (2)

4th Anti-Aircraft Brigade, Royal Artillery

(H.Q., 16th, 18th & 20th Anti-Aircraft Batteries and 3rd Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, Royal Artillery)

6th Anti-Aircraft Brigade, Royal Artillery

(H.Q., 3rd, 12th & 15th Anti-Aircraft Batteries and 1st Light Anti-Aircraft Battery, Royal Artillery)

1st Anti-Aircraft Battalion, Royal Engineers

('A' & 'B' Anti-Aircraft Companies, Royal Engineers)

2nd Anti-Aircraft Battalion, Royal Engineers

1st Anti-Aircraft Group Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

2nd Anti-Aircraft Group Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

Unbrigaded Troops

2nd Bn. The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's) (3)

2nd Bn. Royal Tank Corps (4)

4th (Army) Bn. Royal Tank Corps (4)

Mechanical Warfare Experimental Establishment, Royal Tank Corps (4)

II Field Brigade, Royal Artillery (5)

(H.Q., 35th (Howitzer), 42nd, 53rd & 87th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

2nd Medium Brigade, Royal Artillery (6)

(H.Q., 4th, 7th (Howitzer), 8th (Howitzer) & 12th (Howitzer) Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Royal Engineers (7)

Regimental Headquarters and Mounted Depot, Royal Engineers

1st (Field) Squadron, Royal Engineers

8th (Railway) Squadron, Royal Engineers

10th (Railway) Squadron, Royal Engineers

Royal Corps of Signals (8)

'A' Corps Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

No. 2 Company, G.H.Q. Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

No. 1 Artillery Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

No. 6 Artillery Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

No. 11 Artillery Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

4th Tank Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

Aldershot Command Signal Company, Royal Corps of Signals

Royal Army Service Corps (9)

Royal Army Service Corps Training Centre

Training Battalion, Royal Army Service Corps

'A' Company, Royal Army Service Corps

'C' Company, Royal Army Service Corps

6th Company, Royal Army Service Corps

35th Company, Royal Army Service Corps

41st Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Royal Army Medical Corps (10)

1st Company, Royal Army Medical Corps

2nd Company, Royal Army Medical Corps

'A' (Depot) Company, Royal Army Medical Corps

'B' (Depot) Company, Royal Army Medical Corps

'C' (Depot) Company, Royal Army Medical Corps

Royal Army Ordnance Corps (11)

No. 1 Section, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

No. 5 Section, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Royal Army Veterinary Corps (12)

No. 2 Section, Royal Army Veterinary Corps

Royal Army Pay Corps (13)

Aldershot Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps

Woking Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps

Corps of Military Police (14)

Depot, Corps of Military Police

Bordon Detachment, Corps of Military Police

Deepcut Detachment, Corps of Military Police

NOTES:

1. This brigade was a Regular Army formation based in the Cavalry Barracks, Aldershot. The Queen's Bays were based in Willems Barracks, Aldershot between 1 October 1933 and 31 October 1937, when the 4th/7th Dragoon Guards replaced them. The Royal Scots Greys were based in Beaumont Barracks from 1 September 1935 until 31 October 1937. The 4th Queen's Own Hussars were based at Warburg Barracks between 1 September 1934 and 30 September 1938. The 12th Lancers replaced them in September 1938.
2. This brigade and all its constituent units were based at Frith Barracks, Blackdown, near Deepcut in Surrey. The 4th Anti-Aircraft Brigade had been formed in 1936 by the conversion of the 1st Light Brigade, Royal Artillery. The 6th A-A Brigade was formed in 1935 as part of the Regular Army. The 1st Anti-Aircraft Bn. Royal Engineers had been formed in 1922,
3. The 2nd Bn. The Royal Irish Fusiliers was amalgamated with the 1st Battalion in November 1922. In 1937, the 2nd Battalion was reformed stationed at Corunna Barracks in Aldershot with effect from 1 July 1937. Officially, the battalion reformed on 14 April 1938. It was not under command of any formation but was administered by the 1st Infantry Brigade. The battalion left Aldershot for Egypt on 30 June 1938.
4. Based at Farnborough, these two Regular Army units were based alongside the Mechanical Warfare Experimental Establishment.
5. Formed as the 2nd Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, the headquarters and all four batteries were based at Minden Barracks, Deepcut, which is just to the north east of Aldershot.
6. This medium brigade was based at Longmoor Camp, alongside the A3 near Liss in Hampshire. It was a Regular Army unit originally formed as the 2nd Medium Brigade, Royal Garrison Artillery.
7. The Royal Engineers units were all part of the Regular Army. The Mounted Depot and 1st (Field) Squadron were both based in Gibraltar Barracks, Aldershot. The two railway companies were based at Longmoor Camp.
8. All the units from the Royal Corps of Signals were based in Aldershot. The Royal Corps of Signals took control of Mons Barracks in Aldershot in 1926, with this becoming their base in Aldershot.
9. All the units of the Royal Army Service Corps were stationed in Aldershot. The R.A.S.C. had two barracks in Aldershot, Clayton Barracks (renamed in 1929 from Thornhill Barracks) where the companies were based, and Buller Barracks where the training centre and training battalion were based.
10. The units of the Royal Army Medical Corps were based in Aldershot.
11. The two sections of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps were based in Aldershot.
12. The section of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps was stationed in Aldershot.
13. The detachments of the Royal Army Pay Corps were based as their title suggests.
14. The Corps of Military Police was formed in 1926 by the amalgamation of the Mounted Military Police and Military Foot Police. On formation, it comprised five-hundred and eight personnel of all ranks. The Depot of the C.M.P. was established at Mychett Hutments, Aldershot. The two sections were stationed at Deepcut and Bordon.

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