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A CONCISE HISTORY OF:

ALDERSHOT COMMAND & SOUTH EASTERN COMMAND (HISTORY & PERSONNEL)

A short history of Middle East Command, a higher level formation of the British Army in existence from 1939 until 1967. In addition, known details of the key appointments held between 1939 and 1950 are included.

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Aldershot Command (South Eastern Command)

Prior to 1854, the British Army in the United Kingdom was stationed either at the Regimental Depots, or in garrison towns. Those stationed in garrison towns were based frequently in castles, forts or similar fortifications dating back several years. These includes London (the Tower of London), Hounslow, Woolwich, Dover, Windsor, Chatham, Dover, Portsmouth, Plymouth, Chester, York, Edinburgh and Dublin. Outside of these main garrison towns, most troops were quartered in billets in towns and villages, often living with civilians in their houses. This meant that troops were distributed widely across the U.K., with no sizeable formation in any one location. The only training facilities were located at Hounslow and Woolwich on the then outskirts of London.

The outcome of the Napoleonic Wars led to a review of the British Army, and as a result, in 1853 a summer camp was held on Chobham Common in Surrey for two divisions consecutively. These two camps proved to be a success, so the Commander-in-Chief, Lord HARDINGE, rode around the commons and heaths in north Hampshire to select a suitable, permanent training area. As the main threat to the U.K. at that date was France, it was important this new garrison and training area was located in the south of the country.

Lord HARDINGE selected Aldershot Heath, which was not used for farming due to the poor nature of the soil on the heathland. About ten-thousand acres were purchased in 1854 at the cost of £12 per acre. This grew later to twenty-five thousand acres in the north Hampshire area. The initial accommodation provided were tents, but in February 1855, construction commenced on two wooden, hutted camps; one to the north of the Basingstoke Canal and the other to the south, with one camp for each of two divisions (namely the 1st Division and 2nd Division). About one-thousand, two-hundred wooden huts were constructed, by a Mr. HEMMING, at a cost of £100,263. The first troops moved into their accommodation in North Camp in May 1855.

Construction then commenced on permanent, brick built barracks in the village of Aldershot. These were to house two brigades of cavalry, infantry and artillery. These were built between 1856 and 1859, and in 1891, they were called 'Wellington Lines' in honour of the Duke of Wellington. They comprised:

- Beaumont Barracks (South Cavalry)
- Warburg Barracks (East Cavalry)
- Willems Barracks (West Cavalry)
- Waterloo Barracks (East Artillery)
- Waterloo Barracks (West Artillery)
- Badajos Barracks (West Infantry)
- Salamanca Barracks (Central Infantry)
- Talavera Barracks (East Infantry)

A long, straight road was built to connect the permanent barracks at Aldershot with the South Camp and North Camp. Contractors, Haywood and Nixon, constructed the wooden huts built in 1855 at South Camp at a total cost of £163,000. In 1890, Parliament passed the Barrack Act to improve further the living conditions of the soldiers of the British Army. In consequence, the wooden huts of South Camp were replaced by brick barracks that became known as Stanhope Lines, constructed by a contractor called Henry Wells.

The barracks in Stanhope Lines were:

- Albuhera Barracks (Guards);
- Barossa Barracks (Guards);
- Buller Barracks (Army Service Corps);
- Clayton Barracks (Army Service Corps);
- Corunna Barracks (Infantry);
- Gibraltar Barracks (Royal Engineers);
- Maida Barracks (Infantry);
- Mandora Barracks (Infantry);
- McGrigor Barracks (Medical Staff Corps).

The McGrigor Barracks were built to house the medical staff working at the Cambridge Military Hospital, which opened in 1879.

The same contractor rebuilt North Camp over the same period, all being infantry barracks. Each barracks was designed to house one infantry battalion (or one artillery regiment), and comprised an officer's mess, serjeant's mess, regimental institute, and twenty, single storey bungalows for other ranks; the barracks housing twenty-five officers and six-hundred and sixty-eight men. The new barracks in North Camp became known as Marlborough Lines, named after John CHURCHILL, First Duke of Marlborough. The barracks were:

- Blenheim Barracks (Infantry);
- Lille Barracks (Artillery);
- Malplaquet Barracks;
- Oudenarde Barracks;
- Ramillies Barracks;
- Tournay Barracks.

In effect, a new military town grew up as during the 1890's, schools, the hospital, a reservoir, sewage works, gas works and power station were all built to serve the military in and around Aldershot. Sports grounds, including cricket and polo, were provided for the garrison, as was a swimming pool.

On the 8th March 1901, the Secretary of State for War announced to the House of Commons that six army corps were to be formed to command formations set abroad for service overseas. This was in response to the perceived poor performance of the British Army in the South African War, and earlier conflicts. The first three corps were to be based at Aldershot, Salisbury Plain and in Ireland. Aldershot became the home of 1 Corps, consisting of the 1st and 2nd Divisions, and a cavalry brigade.

As additional accommodation was required for the corps and its component units, additional barracks were required, so four were built at Deepcut and Blackdown near to Aldershot. All four were constructed in circa 1903, and comprised:

- Minden Barracks (Artillery);
- Frith Barracks (Artillery);
- Dettingen Barracks (Infantry);
- Alma Barracks (Infantry).

At the same time, further barracks were built at Longmoor for infantry and at Bordon for artillery units. This area had been used for training since the 1880's, but it was found that the ground at Longmoor was too wet for a permanent barracks, so the infantry units moved to Bordon. Between 1903 and 1906, the Royal Engineers moved sixty-eight huts by rail from Longmoor to Bordon. The new barracks at Bordon were called:

- Guadeloupe Barracks (Infantry);
- Louisberg Barracks (East and West – Artillery);
- Quebec Barracks (Artillery);
- Martinique Barracks (Infantry);
- St. Lucia Barracks (Infantry).

Even with this additional accommodation, one Guards brigade was stationed in London, another Guards battalion was stationed at Windsor, one infantry battalion was based at Inkerman Barracks, Woking; with one artillery regiment based in Brighton and another in Catterick in north Yorkshire. Leipzig Barracks at Ewshott housed one artillery regiment.

A training programme for the units and formations in Aldershot Command came into being in 1903, but one problem was the number of spectators who would come and watch the proceedings. A corps staff of twenty-two officers was formed, some dual rolled with the Staff College. In 1904, the title of the formation changed from 1 Corps to Aldershot Command, and then in the following year, Aldershot Army Corps.

With the outbreak of the Great War in August 1914, I Corps mobilised and moved to France to become part of the British Expeditionary Force. The Corps fought in the first battles of the war, including the retreat to the Marne following the Battle of Le Cateau. In late 1914, it participated in the advance to the Aisne until the war descended into trench warfare. In October 1914, the corps was involved in the First Battle of Ypres then to spend a period resting and refitting.

With the end of the Great War (First World War) Aldershot Command reverted to its peacetime role as the 'home' of the British Army. The 1st and 2nd Divisions returned to their homes in the U.K., but remained the British strategic reserve at times of crisis. Brigades from Aldershot were sent to Palestine in the 1930's when tensions escalated between the Arab and Jewish populations.

Once again, with the outbreak of war on 3 September 1939, I Corps was mobilised and the 1st Infantry Division and 2nd Infantry Division left for France. The command continued to perform the role of main reinforcement centre for the B.E.F. until it was evacuated from Dunkirk. With the threat of invasion present, Aldershot Command had only a subsidiary role until it was upgraded with the establishment of South Eastern Command as an operational formation. Aldershot then became the main base for the Canadian Army, as troops began arriving in early 1940. Aldershot was very much a transit camp during the war, although a lot of training bases remained in the town and its environs. Lieutenant General B. C. T. PAGET assumed command as the first General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South Eastern Command, with effect from 15 February 1941. The new command comprised three Areas, namely:

- Aldershot Area;
- Sussex & Surrey Area;
- Kent Area.

The Sussex & Surrey Area and Kent Area were merged on 20 December 1941 into the North Kent & Surrey Area. At around the date of formation, South Eastern Command assumed command of two operational formations, namely:

- IV Corps (which was located in Sussex);
- XII Corps (which was located in Kent).

The 29th Independent Infantry Brigade came under direct command of the South-Eastern Command on 1 April 1941 however, it left on 6 May 1941 to pass to War Office control for deployment to Madagascar as part of Force 121. South Eastern Command also gained command of the 8th Armoured Division, which transferred in from Southern Command on 30 May 1941. This formation remained in South Eastern Command until the threat of invasion had passed, when it was sent to Egypt. It left this command on 6 May 1942 to prepare to sail for Egypt.

On 30 November 1944, South Eastern Command was disbanded, and Aldershot District was formed under Southern Command. This now included Hampshire. Kent, Surrey and Sussex became part of the reformed Home Counties District in Eastern Command. In 1948, Aldershot District gained parts of Surrey from the Home Counties District.

With the departure of the Canadians in 1945, Aldershot became a base for the new National Service Army. This included the Mons Officer Cadet School, and no less than eight depots and training centres for Corps of the British Army. In addition, Aldershot became the depot for the Parachute Regiment, which had been formed during the Second World War.

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Aldershot Command

12th October 1933 – 11th October 1937

General The Honourable Sir J. Francis GATHORNE-HARDY, G.C.B., G.C.V.O., C.M.G., D.S.O.

12th October 1937 – 3rd September 1939

Lieutenant General John Greer DILL, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

3rd September 1939 – 7th March 1940

Lieutenant General Charles Noel Frank BROAD, C.B., D.S.O.

7th March 1940 – 15th February 1941¹

Lieutenant General Michael George Henry BARKER, C.B., D.S.O.

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, South Eastern Command

15th February 1941 – 25th December 1941

Lieutenant General (Acting) Bernard Charles Tolver PAGET, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

25th December 1941 – 9th August 1942

Lieutenant General (Temporary) Bernard Law MONTGOMERY, C.B., D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

10th August 1942 – 6th September 1942

7th September 1942 – 19th March 1944

Lieutenant General (Acting) John George Des Reaux SWAYNE, C.B.E., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

19th March 1944 – 24th September 1944

[Lieutenant General \(Temporary\) Edmond Charles Acton SCHREIBER, C.B., D.S.O., *p.s.c.*²](#)

25th September 1944 – 1st December 1944 (Temporary)

Lieutenant General (Acting) Eric Grant MILES, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

¹ On the 22nd April 1940, Lieutenant General BARKER was transferred to command I Corps in the B.E.F. in France. On 31 May 1940, he handed over command of I Corps to Major General ALEXANDER and returned to the U.K., where he resumed command of Aldershot Command on 7 August 1940.

² Created K.C.B. on the 8th June 1944.

General Staff Officer 1st Grade

16th March 1940 – 20th February 1941

Colonel (Acting) A. E. STOKES-ROBERTS, O.B.E., M.C., Hampshire R., *p.s.c.*

Brigadier General Staff – (B.G.S.)

24th July 1941 – 13th March 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) John Alexander SINCLAIR, O.B.E., R.A., *p.s.c.*

14th March 1942 – 7th May 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) Maurice Somerville CHILTON, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*

8th May 1943 – November 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Maurice Brian DOWSE, O.B.E., R. W. Fus., *p.s.c.*

Brigadier in charge of Administration

1st September 1939 – 1941

Brigadier (Acting) J. S. WILKINSON, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

Major General in charge of Administration

7th February 1941 – 13th August 1942

Major General (Acting) Reginald Henry LORIE, C.B.E., *p.s.c.*

14th August 1942 – 5th February 1943

Major General (Acting) Charles Harvey MILLER, C.B.E., *p.s.c.*

11th February 1943 – 27th July 1944

Major General (Temporary) Reginald Francis Stewart DENNING, C.B., *p.s.c.*

28th July 1944 – 21st December 1944

Major General (Temporary) George SURTEES, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*

Colonel, Royal Artillery

3rd September 1939 – 1941

Honorary Brigadier P. G. YORKE, D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

Brigadier, Royal Artillery – (B.R.A.)

15th February 1941 – 31st May 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) Fendall William Harvey PRATT, D.S.O., M.C., R.A., *G.*

16th September 1942 – 9th September 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) Charles Frederick Kelk MARSHALL, D.S.O.* , M.C.

10th September 1943 – 5th December 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) Edward Barrington De FONTBLANQUE, *p.s.c.*

6th December 1943 – November 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Maurice Andrew Brackenreed JOHNSTON, D.S.O., M.C.

Chief Engineer – (C.Eng.)

1st August 1939 – 3rd September 1939

Temporary Brigadier Richard Lawrence BOND, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

† September 1939 – 1941

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

15th June 1941 – 15th April 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) John Drummond INGLIS, O.B.E., M.C.

16th April 1942 – 9th May 1943

Brigadier (Acting) John Southam Wycherley STONE, O.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*

15th May 1943 – 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) M. LUBY, D.S.O., M.C.

Deputy Chief Engineer

19th September 1939 - 1942

Honorary Brigadier E. de L. YOUNG, retired pay

17th February 1942 – 1943/4

Colonel (Acting) C. P. WORSFOLD, M.C., R.E., *p.s.c.*

1st May 1944 – 1944

Colonel R. W. CARDEW, M.C., A.M.I.E.E.

Chief Signal Officer – (C.S.O.)

9th September 1939 – 1941

Colonel R. H. R. NEALE, M.I.E.E.

9th February 1941 – 1941

Brigadier (Acting) R. T. O. CARY, M.B.E.

27th March 1942 – November 1944

Brigadier (Acting) Francis Herbert DALLISON, O.B.E., M.C., R.Signals

Assistant Chaplain-General

1943 – 1944

Reverend A. T. A. NAYLOR, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.A., Chaplain to the Forces 1st Class

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

September 1939 – 1941

Honorary Brigadier B. L. BEDDY, D.S.O., retired pay.

23rd May 1941 – 30th August 1942

[Brigadier \(Acting\) Eric Stuart WHITE, D.S.O., \(S.C.\)](#)

31st August 1942 – 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) E. S. HACKER, M.C., A.M.I.Mech.E.

7th September 1943 – 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Arthur de Brisay JENKINS, O.B.E.

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

1st March 1937 – 28th February 1941

Major General Frederick Duke Gwynne HOWELL, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., K.H.S.

1st March 1941 – 8th November 1942

Major General (Acting) Oswald William McSHEEHY, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.B.

9th November 1942 – 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) James Buckley Aquilla WIGMORE, M.D.

1943 – 30th November 1944

Major General Oswald William McSHEEHY, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.B.

Consultant Physician

1941 – 1942

Major General A. G. BIGGAM, O.B.E., M.D., F.R.C.P., K.H.P.

Consultant Surgeon

1941 – 1942

Colonel (Temporary) C. M. PAGE, D.S.O., M.B., F.R.C.S., R.A.M.C.³

Deputy Director of Hygiene

10th December 1941 – 1944

Colonel (Acting) F. McKIBBIN, M.B., R.A.M.C.

Deputy Director Ordnance Services – (D.D.O.S.)

1st September 1939 – 1941

Colonel W. T. SHEPPARD, D.S.O., retired pay

1st February 1941 – 29th March 1942

Brigadier (Acting) George Alexander Neville SWINEY, O.B.E., M.C., R.A.O.C., *o.*

30th March 1942 – 20th October 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) Wallace Edward Colin PICKTHALL, O.B.E., *e. o.*

20th October 1942 – 21st December 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Maurice Richard NEALE, C.B.E., M.C., R.A.O.C.

Chief Ordnance Mechanical Engineer

1st September 1939 – 1941

Colonel R. F. BARBER, D.S.O., M.I.Mech.E., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

Deputy Director Ordnance Services (Mechanical Engineering)

15th July 1941 – 30th September 1942

Brigadier (Acting 15/12/41) C. CAMPBELL, A.M.I.Mech.E., R.A.O.C.

³ Promoted Local Major General on 7 September 1942 whilst in post.

Deputy Director of Mechanical Engineering

1st October 1942 – 1943

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

5 May 1943 – 29 October 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Colin BULLARD, C.B.E., B.Eng., A.M.I.Mech.E., A.M.I.E.E., R.E.M.E.

Command Paymaster

1939 – 10th November 1942

Colonel L. J. LIGHTFOOT, O.B.E., Retired Pay (Reserve of Officers).

11th November 1942 – 10th October 1943

Colonel T. L. ROGERS, C.B.E., R.A.P.C.

11th October 1943 – 11th April 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Gordon Henry CHARLTON, M.C., R.A.P.C.

12th April 1944 – 1944

Colonel (Temporary) Francis Talbot BAINES, O.B.E., R.A.P.C.

Assistant Director of Dental Services

15th February 1941 – 1942

Colonel A. B. AUSTIN.

24th August 1942 – 10th August 1943

Colonel (Acting) Edward Honore Clarence CAUTE, A.D.C.

24th July 1943 – 20th April 1944

Colonel (Temporary 14/08/43) Arthur Frank SALSBURY, A.D.C.

21st April 1944 – 1944

Colonel H. L. McCALLUM.

Deputy Director of Labour

21st February 1941 – 1943

Colonel (Acting) The Marquess of Reading, M.C., Territorial Army Reserve

11th May 1943 – 1944

Colonel (Temporary) C. H. GAISFORD-St. LAWRENCE, O.B.E., M.C., Employed List.

Command Education Officer

1939 – 1941

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

15th February 1941 – 1942

Colonel A. R. McIVOR, M.B.E., B.Sc., A.E.C.

15th April 1942 – 1944

Colonel (Acting) H. H. JOSEPH, B.A., A.E.C.

Command Welfare Officer

11th March 1941 – 1943

Colonel (Acting) F. MEDLICOTT, M.P., General List.

26th January 1943 – 1944

Brevet Colonel G. B. CHETWYND-STAPYLTON, T.D., D.L., late Territorial Army Reserve.

Aldershot Area

General Officer Commanding Aldershot Area

21st May 1940 – 25th June 1940

Major General Geoffrey Taunton RAIKES, C.B., D.S.O.

25th June 1940 – 13th March 1941

Major General Dudley Graham JOHNSON, V.C., C.B., D.S.O.*, M.C.

13th March 1941 – 19 December 1941

Major General Roger EVANS, C.B., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

General Officer Commanding Aldershot District

20 December 1941 – 31 August 1944

Major General Roger EVANS, C.B., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

1 September 1944 – 14 December 1944

Major General Charles Wake NORMAN, C.B.E., *p.s.c.*

General Officer Commanding Hampshire and Aldershot District

15th December 1944 – 1945

Major General Henry Osborne CURTIS, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

1945 – 1946

Major General Robert Knox ROSS,

September 1946 – 1946

Major General Sir Noel G. HOLMES,

1946 – 1948

Major General Joseph Aloysuis BAILLON, C.B.E., M.C.

Railway Training Centre, Royal Engineers

1st September 1939 – 1941

Brigadier (Acting) W. G. TYRRELL, D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

1 January 1941 – 1942/3

Brigadier (Temporary) R. D. WAGHORN, R.E.

Headquarters Aldershot North

12th September 1939 – 1940

Brigadier (Acting) Bowcher Campbell Senhouse CLARKE, D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)⁴

Headquarters Aldershot South

12th September 1939 – 1940

Brigadier (Temporary) R. M. BIRKETT, D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

⁴ Born 19 April 1882, commissioned on 28 January 1903, retired on 1 December 1938.

Blackdown & Deepcut Sub-Area20th September 1939 – 1941

Brigadier (Temporary) H. W. D. McCARTHY-O'LEARY, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

23 September 1941 – 25 August 1942Brigadier (Acting) Humphrey Cecil Travell STRONGE, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*⁵**Farnborough Sub-Area**1st May 1941 – 1942/3Brigadier (Temporary) Sidney Thomas LUCEY, M.C., *p.s.c.***Bordon & Longmoor Sub-Area**22nd September 1939 – 1942/3

Brigadier (Acting) W. J. O'B. DAUNT, Reserve of Officers

⁵ Appointment reduced to rank of Colonel on 31 December 1941.

Surrey & Sussex Area

Area Commander

27 January 1941 – 19 December 1941

Brigadier (Acting) Henry Percival CURREY, *retired pay* (Reserve of Officers), *p.s.c.*⁶

General Staff Officer 1st Grade

11 March 1941 – 19 December 1941

Colonel George William SUTTON, C.B.E., D.S.O., T.D., Territorial Army

Assistant Director of Medical Services

1941 – 19 December 1941

Colonel A. S. HEALE, M.C.

Assistant Director of Ordnance Services

1940 – 19 December 1941

Colonel R. A. CARDEW, *retired pay* (Reserve of Officers)

North Sussex Sub-Area

1941 – 1942

Colonel H. A. J. PARSONS, M.C., *p.s.c.*

Dorking Sub-Area

18th July 1940 – 1942/3

Colonel (Acting) R. PAPWORTH, T.D., Territorial Army Reserve.

⁶ Awarded the C.B.E. on 2 June 1943, and reverted to retired pay on 21 December 1944.

North Kent & Surrey Area

Area Commander

20 December 1941 – 1942/3

Brigadier (Acting) Henry Percival CURREY, *retired pay* (Reserve of Officers), *p.s.c.*⁷

General Staff Officer 1st Grade

20 December 1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) R. E. H. HUDSON, R.A., *p.s.c.*

General Staff Officer 1st Grade (Home Guard)

20 December 1941 – 1942/3

Brigadier (Temporary) J. MacREADY, D.S.O., O.B.E.

Assistant Adjutant & Quarter-Master-General

20 December 1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) P. D. S. PALMER, Leicester R., *p.s.c.*

Commander Royal Engineers

20 December 1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel E. T. G. CARTER, O.B.E., A.M.I.E.E., R.E.

Assistant Director of Medical Services

20 December 1941 – 1942/3

Colonel A. S. HEALE, M.C.

Assistant Director of Ordnance Services

20 December 1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) G. C. GOLDING, R.A.O.C.

North Sussex Sub-Area

20 December 1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel F. R. H. MORGAN, D.S.O., Border R.

Maidstone Sub-Area

20 December 1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel L. D. BENNETT, M.C., T.D., Gordons (T.A.)

Dorking Sub-Area

18 July 1940 – 1942/3

Colonel (Acting) R. PAPWORTH, T.D., Territorial Army Reserve.

Gravesend Sub-Area

20 December 1941 – 1942/3

Colonel J. SCOTT, M.C.

⁷ Awarded the C.B.E. on 2 June 1943, and reverted to retired pay on 21 December 1944.

Adjutant, Headquarters, Gravesend Garrison16 February 1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant (War Substantive) M. S. TURNER, M.C., E. Surrey R.

Headquarters, Chatham Garrison**Commanding Officer**14 August 1941 – 1942/3

Colonel (Acting) G. V. PALMER, The Queen's R. (T.A.) (Lieutenant, Reserve of Officers)

Garrison Adjutant22 May 1940 – 1942/3

Captain (Temporary) H. R. HEWLETT, General List

Adjutant Headquarters, Sheerness Garrison1 March 1940 – 1942/3

Captain F. B. G. WYNES, late Indian Army

Adjutant, Headquarters, Margate Garrison20 December 1941 – 1942*Vacant***Adjutant, Headquarters, Canterbury Garrison**28 February 1941 – 1942/3Captain (Temporary) R. N. HOLMAN, M.C., *retired pay***Adjutant, Headquarters, Dover Garrison**10 March 1941 – 1942/3Captain T. L. WALL, M.B.E., M.C., *retired pay***Adjutant, Headquarters, Shorncliffe Garrison**3 December 1940 – 1942/3

Captain (Temporary) J. L. ROBBINS, R.A. (T.A.)

Kent Area

Area Commander

19th January 1941 – 19 December 1941

Brigadier (Temporary) James Salter DAVENPORT, M.C.

Assistant Director of Medical Services

1941 – 19 December 1941

Colonel D. S. SKELTON, C.B., D.S.O., *retired pay* (Reserve of Officers).

Gravesend Sub-Area

1941 – 19 December 1941

Colonel Noel Irwine WHITTY, D.S.O., *retired pay* (Reserve of Officers)

Maidstone Sub-Area

1941 – 31st October 1941

Colonel Sir Edward C. T. WARNER, Bt., D.S.O., M.C., *retired pay* (Reserve of Officers)

1st November 1941 – 3rd October 1943

Colonel (Acting) Lewis Duncan BENNETT, M.C., T.D.

Chatham Garrison

14th January 1941 – 4th May 1943

Colonel (Acting) Godfrey Vaughan PALMER, The Queen's R., (Lieutenant, Reserve of Officers), T.A.

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