

Northern Command

Regular Troops in the Command

7th (Army) Bn. Royal Tank Corps (1)

Royal Artillery

XII Field Brigade, Royal Artillery (2)

(H.Q., 23rd, 40th & 91st (Howitzer) Batteries, Royal Artillery)

XX Field Brigade, Royal Artillery (3)

(H.Q., 41st, 45th (Howitzer), 67th (Middleton's Company) & 99th Batteries, Royal Artillery)

XXI Field Brigade (Army), Royal Artillery (4)

(H.Q., 'P' (Dragon Troop), 'Q' (Sanna's Post) (Howitzer), 'Y' & 'Z' Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Royal Corps of Signals (5)

Signal Training Centre, Royal Corps of Signals

Depot Battalion, Royal Corps of Signals

Training Battalion, Royal Corps of Signals

No. 3 Artillery Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

No. 4 Artillery Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

Northern Command Signal Company, Royal Corps of Signals

Royal Army Service Corps (6)

15th Company, Royal Army Service Corps

28th Company, Royal Army Service Corps

'H' Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Royal Army Medical Corps (7)

8th Company, Royal Army Medical Corps

Royal Army Ordnance Corps (8)

No. 9 Section, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Royal Army Pay Corps (9)

Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps

Corps of Military Police (10)

Company, Corps of Military Police

1. This battalion was based in Catterick. The 7th Battalion was reduced to a cadre after the Great War, and the formally disbanded on 24 May 1919. It was reformed on 21 May 1937 at Catterick. It came under command of the 1st Tank Brigade at Aldershot. In April 1939, it became the 7th Royal Tank Regiment. It saw service in the Western Desert.
2. This field brigade was based in Newcastle-on-Tyne at Fenham Barracks in Barrack Road in the City. It had been formed in 1900 as the 40th Brigade, Royal Field Artillery. On 31 January 1936 it moved north to Dunbar in Scotland.
3. Although designated as part of the 2nd Infantry Division located at Aldershot, this regiment was based at Marne Lines, Catterick Camp, as were all four batteries. It was under command of Northern Command for training and administration purposes. In 1938, it converted to an anti-tank unit, retaining the numeric designation. It became the anti-tank unit for the 3rd Division in Southern Command.
4. Another of the original brigades formed in 1900, this unit was based at Somme Lines, Catterick Camp. It was not part of any formation so was termed an army field brigade. In 1938, it was converted into an anti-tank regiment retaining its numeric designation. It became the anti-tank unit for the 1st Division at Aldershot.
5. The Signal Training Centre, Depot Battalion and Training Battalion were all located in Catterick Camp, the home of the Royal Corps of Signals until it moved to Blandford post-war. The No. 3 and No. 4 Artillery Signal Sections were also based at Catterick, with the Northern Command Signals based in York alongside command headquarters.
6. The units of the Royal Army Service Corps were stationed at Catterick Camp, except the 15th Company which was stationed in York.
7. This company of the Royal Army Medical Corps was based in York.
8. The section of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps was stationed at Catterick.
9. The detachment of the Royal Army Pay Corps was based as its title suggest.
10. This company of the Corps of Military Police was stationed at Catterick Camp.

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