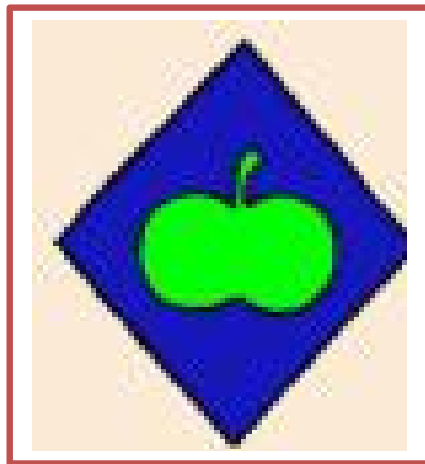


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# **NORTHERN COMMAND (HISTORY & PERSONNEL)**

A short history of Northern 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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## Northern Command

The division of the United Kingdom into administrative districts or commands in respect of the British Army appears to date from at least the 1830's. The Northern Command of the 1840's comprised the counties of Northumberland, Cumberland, Westmorland, Durham, Yorkshire, Cheshire, Derbyshire, Lancashire, Nottinghamshire, Flintshire, Denbighshire and the Isle of Man. The headquarters of the command were located in Manchester. The counties of Shropshire, Lincolnshire, Leicestershire, Rutland, Warwickshire, Staffordshire and Northamptonshire came under command during the 1840's. In 1850, the command was sub-divided into the North West Counties, North East Counties and Midland Counties, which in 1857 became the Northern Counties and Midland Counties Areas. In the 1860's, the Areas were disbanded, with Northern Command reverting to a unitary command. On 1 July 1889, Northern Command was again sub-divided, this time into the North Eastern Command based on York and the North Western Command based at Chester. Each was commanded by a Major General.

In 1905, the structure of the British Army in the United Kingdom was reorganised into six army corps based on the six commands. Northern Command was formed with its headquarters at York. It originally comprised the North Eastern Coast Defences, The Borders Grouped Regimental District, Yorkshire Grouped Regimental District and North Midland Regimental District. In 1907, Cumberland and Westmorland were transferred from the Border District to Western Command. In 1920, following the Great War, the command was reorganised with three Areas:

- Northumbrian Area;
- West Riding Area;
- North Midland Areas.

In 1936, the North Midland Area was disbanded with Staffordshire transferring to the West Lancashire Area, and the rest of the Area being absorbed by the West Riding Area. In 1940, a North Midland Area was re-established.

There was one Regular Army formation stationed in Northern Command, namely the 5<sup>th</sup> Division which was based at Catterick Camp in North Yorkshire. This formation had been disbanded in 1922 with the creation of the Irish Free State as it was based at The Curragh in Dublin. In September 1929, the British Army of the Rhine was withdrawn from Germany, which allowed the reforming of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division in Yorkshire. Each of the three Areas contained one Territorial Army formation, respectively the:

- 46<sup>th</sup> (North Midland) Division;
- 49<sup>th</sup> (West Riding) Division;
- 50<sup>th</sup> (Northumbrian) Division.

Each of the Area Commanders also acted as divisional commander for their respective formations.

The 46<sup>th</sup> Division and North Midland Area were disbanded in 1936 to allow the expansion of anti-aircraft defences in the United Kingdom. The headquarters of the area formed the headquarters of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Division, with several units from all three areas being converted into anti-aircraft units. The remaining units were absorbed by the 49<sup>th</sup> Division. In April 1939, when the order was given to expand the Territorial Army, the 49<sup>th</sup> Division formed a second-line division that took the designation of the previous 46<sup>th</sup> Division; and the 50<sup>th</sup> Division duplicated to form the 23<sup>rd</sup> Division. Both the 50<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Divisions consisted of only two brigades and were designated as motor divisions. The 50<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Divisions were both deployed to France in early 1940, the latter for training and labour duties. The 49<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was used to garrison Iceland whilst also sending two brigades to Norway. The 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division was also sent to France for training and labour duties in early 1940.

The Command had three separate Areas in September 1939, when the Territorial Army divisions were mobilised. These were the:

- North Midland Area;
- Yorkshire Area;
- Northumbrian Area

On the 14 August 1941, the Regimental Depots ceased to train recruits, and new Infantry Training Centres were opened at Command level. No. 4 I.T.C. at Brancepath for the Durham L.I. and Duke of Wellington's Regiment, No. 5 I.T.C. at Richmond for the Green Howards, East Yorkshire Regiment, and Manchester Regiment, No. 6 I.T.C. at Strensall for the West Yorkshire Regiment, Lancashire Fusiliers and K.O.Y.L.I., and No. 7 at Lincoln for the Lincolnshire Regiment, Sherwood Foresters, and York and Lancaster Regiment.

In February 1941, the Yorkshire Area was raised in status to become the West Riding District, now under command of a Major General. It comprised the Sheffield Sub-Area, Leeds Sub-Area, and York Sub-Area, each nominally a Colonel's command. On 10 October 1941, the North Midland Area was reformed as the North Midland District, with the Leicester and Northampton Sub-Area, Nottingham Sub-Area and Derby Sub-Area under command. A Yorkshire County Division was formed on 24 February 1941, which was disbanded on 1 December 1941. These County Divisions were raised in early 1941 as the threat of invasion to the U.K. mainland remained a possibility. They were static formations, without artillery or engineer support, and their main role was to man coastal defences, and to provide training for newly conscripted Army personnel. The German assault on the Soviet Union on 22 June 1941 all but removed the threat of invasion of the U.K., so by the end of 1941, most of these divisions had been disbanded.

As Northumberland had a coastline, on 24 February 1941 the Northumbrian Area became the Northumberland County Division. This was an operational formation, with infantry brigades under command. The division ceased to function on 1 December 1941.

In a similar vein, the Durham and North Riding County Division was formed on 12 March 1941. Again, on 1 December 1941, it was reduced from being an operational formation to a static one as the Durham and North Riding Coastal Area. It comprised the:

- North Riding Sub-Area;
- Durham Sub-Area;
- Middlesbrough Garrison;
- Sunderland Garrison.

A Lincolnshire County Division was formed on 24 February 1941, although it did not become operational until 27 March 1941. It ceased to function on 25 November, and was disbanded on 3 December 1941. An East Riding Coastal Area was formed on 1 January 1942 with under command:

- Pocklington Sub-Area;
- Hull Garrison;

The Catterick Area had under command the:

- Tyne Valley Sub-Area;
- Newcastle Garrison;
- Catterick Garrison;
- North Lincolnshire Sub-Area;
- South Lincolnshire Sub-Area.

The Areas were usually commanded by a Major General, and were similar in structure to a static division. The Catterick Area was commanded by a Brigadier, but it is not known why this occurred. Each Area had a General Staff Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Class (G.S.O. 1), two G.S.O. 2 and one G.S.O. 3. An Intelligence Section comprised a G.S.O. 3 and an Intelligence Officer. A G.S.O. 1 was attached for Home Guard duties, a G.S.O. for Air Defence, a Cipher Officer and a Staff Lieutenant. The Adjutant General's and Quarter-Master-General's Staff was usually headed by a Colonel, in-charge of Administration. There was a Deputy Assistant Adjutant General (Major), a Deputy Assistant Quarter-Master-General (Major) and four Staff Captains (Captains). Attached to the Staff was a Commander Royal Engineers (Lieutenant Colonel), Assistant Director of Medical Services (Colonel), a Deputy Assistant Director of Medical Services (Major), an Assistant Director of Ordnance Services (Lieutenant Colonel), and a Deputy Assistant Director of Ordnance Services (Major). The Sub-Areas were similar to brigades, usually with a Brigadier in command with a Brigade Major, General Staff Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class and a Staff Captain on the staff. The Garrisons usually had a Colonel in command, with a General Staff Officer 3<sup>rd</sup> Class and a Garrison Adjutant on the staff.

In 1944, the command reverted to the three districts, the Northumbrian District based at York (which absorbed Cumberland and Westmorland) and East & West Riding Area at Harrogate and the North Midland District at Arnold, Nottingham. Northern Command ceased to exist with effect from 1972 with the creation of United Kingdom Land Forces.

**General Officer Commanding- in-Chief**

17<sup>th</sup> October 1933 – 12<sup>th</sup> October 1937

Lieutenant General Sir Alexander WARDROP,

12<sup>th</sup> October 1937 – 8<sup>th</sup> June 1940<sup>1</sup>

General Sir William Henry BARTHOLOMEW, K.C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.

8<sup>th</sup> June 1940 – 2<sup>nd</sup> June 1941

Lieutenant General Sir Ronald Forbes ADAM, Baronet, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

3<sup>rd</sup> June 1941 – 26<sup>th</sup> February 1944

Lieutenant General Thomas Ralph EASTWOOD, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

27<sup>th</sup> February 1944 – 20<sup>th</sup> April 1944

21<sup>st</sup> April 1944 – 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944

Lieutenant General (Acting) Roderic Loraine PETRE, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

7<sup>th</sup> June 1944 – 27<sup>th</sup> February 1946

Lieutenant General Edwin Logie MORRIS, C.B., O.B.E., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

27<sup>th</sup> February 1946 – 30<sup>th</sup> January 1947

Lieutenant General Sir Alexander Frank Philip CHRISTISON, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C.\* , *p.s.c.*, 4<sup>th</sup> Baronet

6<sup>th</sup> March 1947 – 20<sup>th</sup> March 1949

General Sir Montagu George North STOPFORD, K.C.B., K.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*, *A.D.C.*

21<sup>st</sup> March 1949 – 7<sup>th</sup> May 1953

Lieutenant General Philip Maxwell BALFOUR, C.B., C.B.E, M.C.

7<sup>th</sup> May 1953 – 8<sup>th</sup> May 1957

Lieutenant General Sir Geoffrey Charles EVANS,

8<sup>th</sup> May 1957 – 11<sup>th</sup> May 1960

Lieutenant General Sir Richard GOODBODY,

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<sup>1</sup> Date of relinquishing appointment shown as 15 January 1940? on [www.ordersofbattle.com](http://www.ordersofbattle.com), which is believed to be incorrect. The London Gazette 34869 confirms date of 8 June, which coincided with his retirement.

**Brigadier General Staff – (B.G.S.)**

5 October 1938 – 4 September 1939

Brigadier (Temporary) Edwin Logie MORRIS, O.B.E., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

5 September 1939 – 23 February 1941

Honorary Brigadier Arthur Kenneth HAY, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers), *p.s.c.*

24 February 1941 – 2 March 1942

Brigadier (Acting) Charles Falkland LOEWEN, R.A., *p.s.c.*

23 March 1942 – 31 January 1943

Brigadier (Acting) Gerald Grimwood MEARS, M.C.\*, *p.s.c.*, R.A.

1 February 1943 – 14 October 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Gerald Knocker DIBB, C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*

15 October 1944 – April 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) James Robert Travers ALDOUS, M.C., *p.s.c.*

**Chief of Staff**

1<sup>st</sup> May 1947 – 24<sup>th</sup> January 1948

Major General Charles Miller SMITH, C.B.E., M.C., A.M.I.Mech.E, *p.s.c.*

25<sup>th</sup> January 1948 – 24<sup>th</sup> January 1951

Major General J. Y. WHITFIELD, C.B., D.S.O., O.B.E.

**General Staff Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

25<sup>th</sup> April 1946 – 1947

Brigadier (Temporary) H. R. R. CONDOR, O.B.E., R. Norfolk R., *p.s.c.*

18<sup>th</sup> January 1947 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) F. S. REID, C.B.E., *p.s.c.*

**Brigadier Royal Armoured Corps**

31 August 1942 – 19 October 1943

Brigadier (Acting) Leslie Skipp LLOYD, M.C., *p.s.c.*

**Staff Officer, Royal Armoured Corps, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

16<sup>th</sup> March 1946 – 1946/7

Colonel (Temporary) T. C. A. CLARKE, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.A.C.

18<sup>th</sup> January 1947 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) K. C. COOPER, D.S.O., O.B.E., R.T.R., *p.s.c.*

**Major General in charge of Administration**

1<sup>st</sup> April 1937 – 1940

Major General E. C. GEPP, C.B., D.S.O., *p.s.c.*

27 January 1941 – 31 December 1941

Major General (Acting) Douglas McArthur HOGG, C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*

1 January 1942 – 24 June 1942

Major General (Acting) Charles Alexander Phipps MURISON, C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c., p.a.c.*

1<sup>st</sup> July 1942 – 6<sup>th</sup> July 1945

Major General (Acting) Brian CUFF, C.B.E., *p.s.c.*

7<sup>th</sup> July 1945 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 1947

Major General (Temporary) Cecil Miller SMITH, C.B.E., M.C., A.M.I.Mech.E, *p.s.c.*

**Brigadier A/Q**

1<sup>st</sup> July 1947 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) H. P. GARDHAM, C.B.E., *p.s.c.*

**Assistant Adjutant-General**

1<sup>st</sup> April 1937 – 1940

Colonel The Honourable E. H. WYNDHAM, M.C., *i.d.c., p.s.c.*

20<sup>th</sup> October 1941 – 1945

Major (Acting) H. BOARDMAN, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

1<sup>st</sup> November 1945 – 1946/7

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) W. M. W. COLLINS, M.C., Dorset R.

**Assistant Quarter-Master-General**

1<sup>st</sup> October 1939 – 1940

Colonel C. E. G. SHEARMAN, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

21<sup>st</sup> January 1941 – 1942

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) A. E. J. CLARK, M.B.E., M.C., Reserve of Officers

8<sup>th</sup> April 1942 – 1945

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) E. R. VICKERS, D.C.M., M.M., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

30<sup>th</sup> September 1942 – 1943

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) F. T. CHAMIER, Cameronians.

19<sup>th</sup> January 1944 – 1945

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting 24/08/43) F. D. RICHARDSON, Rifle Bde.

1<sup>st</sup> July 1944 – 1945

Lieutenant Colonel A. N. VENNING, M.C., *p.s.c.*

8<sup>th</sup> April 1945 – 1946/7

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) J. SOMERVELL, M.B.E., Beds & Herts R.



**British Advisory Staff – Polish Resettlement Corps**1<sup>st</sup> November 1946 – 1948Brigadier (Temporary) Eric Herbert Cokayne FRITH, C.B.E., Somerset L.I., *p.s.c.***Brigadier, Royal Artillery – (B.R.A.)**1<sup>st</sup> August 1939 – 25<sup>th</sup> April 1940Brigadier (Temporary) Charles Edmund RYAN, M.C., *p.s.c.*17<sup>th</sup> May 1940 – 13<sup>th</sup> June 1940

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

14<sup>th</sup> June 1940 – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1941Brigadier (Temporary) William Wyndham GREEN, D.S.O. M.C., *g.*4<sup>th</sup> March 1941 – 7<sup>th</sup> December 1941

Brigadier (Temporary) Charles Walter MASSY, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.

8<sup>th</sup> December 1941 – 25<sup>th</sup> October 1942Brigadier (Temporary) Charles Brian WAINWRIGHT, *g.*1<sup>st</sup> December 1942 – 27 February 1944[Brigadier \(Temporary\) John Redmond BARRY, C.B.E., D.S.O., \*p.s.c.\*](#)28<sup>th</sup> February 1944 – 1945Brigadier (Temporary) C. M. VALLENTIN, M.C., *p.s.c.*15<sup>th</sup> April 1946 – 24<sup>th</sup> January 1947

Brigadier (Temporary) H. J. PARHAM, C.B.E., D.S.O.

25<sup>th</sup> January 1947 – 1948Brigadier (Temporary) J. L. MAXWELL, C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*

**Chief Engineer – (C.Eng.)**

2<sup>nd</sup> September 1939 – 17<sup>th</sup> December 1939

Colonel Victor Edward Gwynne GUINNESS.

18<sup>th</sup> December 1939 – 21<sup>st</sup> September 1941

Brigadier (Temporary) Alan George Bingham BUCHANAN.

22<sup>nd</sup> September 1941 – 16<sup>th</sup> June 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) Edgar James Bernard BUCHANAN, D.S.O.

30<sup>th</sup> August 1943 – 14<sup>th</sup> March 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) B. K. YOUNG, C.B.E., M.C.

15<sup>th</sup> March 1944 – 12<sup>th</sup> June 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Charles de Lisle GAUSSEN, M.C., *p.s.c.*

4<sup>th</sup> June 1946 – 1947

Brigadier (Temporary) W. D. M. CHRISTIE.

14<sup>th</sup> October 1947 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) C. C. SWIFT, O.B.E., M.C.

**Deputy Chief Engineer**

25<sup>th</sup> May 1936 – 1942

Colonel A. F. DAY

8<sup>th</sup> May 1939 – 1940

Colonel W. A. FitzG. KERRICH, D.S.O., M.C.

10<sup>th</sup> January 1940 – 1940

Colonel W. GARFORTH, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

27<sup>th</sup> July 1940 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) B. B. EDWARDS, O.B.E., M.C., R.E.

3<sup>rd</sup> March 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) H. W. T. PALMER, D.S.O., O.B.E., Reserve of Officers

19<sup>th</sup> October 1942 – 1944

Colonel (Acting) R. D. KEANE, B.A., R.E.

21<sup>st</sup> February 1945 – 1946/7

Lieutenant Colonel A. GUTHRIE, A.M.I.Mech.E., A.M.I.E.E.

10<sup>th</sup> November 1946 – 1948

Colonel (Temporary) W. H. TREAYS, R.E.

**Chief Signal Officer – (C.S.O.)**

14<sup>th</sup> February 1940 – 1940

Colonel G. H. WALTON, C.B.E., R.Signals, T.A.

2<sup>nd</sup> July 1940 – 31<sup>st</sup> January 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Fitz-Alan George DRAYSON, C.B.E., M.C. Retired Pay (Reserve of Officers)

1<sup>st</sup> February 1945 – 28<sup>th</sup> February 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) Alfred Cedric Cowan WILLWAY, C.B.E., T.D., R. Signals.

1<sup>st</sup> March 1946 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) James Ronald PATTEN, C.B.E., M.C.

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

4<sup>th</sup> September 1939 – 1940

Brigadier (Acting) C. F. COOKE, O.B.E.

30<sup>th</sup> November 1940 – 1942

Brigadier (Acting) J. T. RECKITT, M.C.

5<sup>th</sup> October 1942 – 1943

Brigadier (Acting) C. E. BROWNE, O.B.E., M.C., R.A.S.C.

8<sup>th</sup> July 1943 – 1944

Brigadier (Acting) P. A. ARDEN, C.B.E.

21<sup>st</sup> May 1944 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Temporary) R. J. O. DOWSE, A.M.I.Mech.E.

10<sup>th</sup> January 1947 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) M. F. FARQUHARSON-ROBERTS.

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

20<sup>th</sup> July 1937 – 9<sup>th</sup> August 1941

[Major General Robert Walter Dickson LESLIE, O.B.E., K.H.P.<sup>2</sup>](#)

10<sup>th</sup> August 1941 – 1942

Major General (Acting) C. M. FINNY, O.B.E., M.B., F.R.C.S., K.H.S.

15<sup>th</sup> April 1942 – 1944

Major General (Acting) P. H. MITCHINER, C.B.E., T.D., M.D., M.S., F.R.C.S., K.H.S.

26<sup>th</sup> February 1945 – 1946

Major General (Acting) E. A. SUTTON, C.B.E., M.B.

1946 – 1948

Major General J. J. MAGNER, M.C., M.B.

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<sup>2</sup> Awarded the C.B. on 1 January 1941.

**Consulting Surgeon**1941 – 1942

Colonel (Temporary 12/03/40) Sir Charles G. GORDON-WATSON, K.B.E., C.M.G., F.R.C.S., R.A.M.C.

7<sup>th</sup> September 1942 – 1945

Colonel (Temporary) A. H. WHYTE, D.S.O., M.B., F.R.C.S., R.A.M.C. (T.A.)

**Consulting Physician**1941 – 1942

Colonel (Temporary 18/03/40) A. W. STOTT, F.R.C.P., R.A.M.C.

12<sup>th</sup> August 1942 – 1945

Major General (Local) A. W. STOTT, F.R.C.P., R.A.M.C.

(Promoted Acting Major General 05/04/43)

**Assistant Director of Dental Services**1940 – 1941

Colonel R. M. KING

17<sup>th</sup> October 1941 – 1945

Colonel (Temporary) J. P. DUIGUID, A.D. Corps

17<sup>th</sup> March 1946 – 1946

Colonel W. R. WOTTON.

22<sup>nd</sup> December 1946 – 1948

Colonel (Acting) M. J. O'REILLY, R.A.D.C.

**Deputy Director of Ordnance Services – (D.D.O.S.)**4<sup>th</sup> December 1939 – 1940

Honorary Brigadier T. B. A. LEAHY, C.M.G., D.S.O., retired pay

10<sup>th</sup> July 1940 – 29<sup>th</sup> March 1942

Brigadier (Acting) Wallace Edward Colin PICKTHALL, O.B.E.

30<sup>th</sup> March 1942 – 5<sup>th</sup> May 1943[Brigadier \(Acting\) John Field Fraser OAKESHOTT, O.B.E., R.A.O.C.](#)6<sup>th</sup> May 1943 – 31<sup>st</sup> December 19431<sup>st</sup> January 1944 – 30<sup>th</sup> June 1945

Brigadier (Acting) Cyril Francis DOUGLAS-WHITE, O.B.E., R.A.O.C.

1<sup>st</sup> July 1945 – 1<sup>st</sup> December 1946[Brigadier \(Temporary\) James Guy DENNISTON, C.B.E., R.A.O.C.](#)2<sup>nd</sup> December 1946 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) G. C. H. HERON, O.B.E., R.A.O.C.

**Chief Ordnance Mechanical Engineer**1939 – 1940

Colonel W. J. P. RODD, D.S.O., M.I.Mech.E., retired pay.

16<sup>th</sup> June 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Temporary) Edward Roy CAFFYN, R.A.O.C.

**Electrical and Mechanical Engineering**5<sup>th</sup> August 1942 – 1946

Brigadier (Acting) J. H. GRAHAM, A.M.I.Mech.E., R.A.O.C.

31<sup>st</sup> October 1946 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) R. B. MAXWELL, M.I.Mech.E., R.E.M.E.

**Command Paymaster**20<sup>th</sup> February 1940 – 30<sup>th</sup> April 1941

Colonel H. GENGE-ANDREWS, R.A.P.C.

1<sup>st</sup> May 1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Acting 01/10/41) H. GOLDING, C.B.E., R.A.P.C.

11<sup>th</sup> August 1942 – 20<sup>th</sup> March 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) William John How BILDERBECK, O.B.E., R.A.P.C.

21<sup>st</sup> March 1946 – 1948Brigadier (Acting) Noel FORDE, R.A.P.C.<sup>3</sup>**Deputy Provost Marshal – (D.P.M.)**21<sup>st</sup> June 1945 – 1947/8

Brigadier (Temporary) Alexander Ronald FORBES, K.O.Y.L.I.

5<sup>th</sup> November 1946 – 1948

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) W. T. J. RUMSEY, Reserve of Officers

<sup>3</sup> Had been Command Paymaster for British Troops in China, and had been incarcerated as a Prisoner of War of the Japanese from 25/12/41 until August 1945. Promoted Acting Brigadier on 21 January 1946.

**Command Education Officer**5<sup>th</sup> October 1940 – 1943

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) S. S. POOLE, A.M.I.Mech.E., A.E.C.

(Promoted Temporary Colonel 20/05/42)

4<sup>th</sup> June 1943 – 1945

Colonel (Temporary) E. K. B. FURZE, D.S.O., M.C., A.E.C.

7<sup>th</sup> January 1946 – 1946/7

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) W. T. LUNT, M.B.E., B.Sc., A.E.C.

23<sup>rd</sup> January 1947 – 1948

Colonel (Temporary) R. A. RUSBRIDGE, M.B.E., R.A.E.C.

**Deputy Director of Labour**26<sup>th</sup> November 1940 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) C. C. DOWDING, D.S.O., M.C., General List

31<sup>st</sup> July 1942 – 1943

Colonel (Acting) S. M. MacGUIRE, M.C., P. Corps

1<sup>st</sup> January 1944 – 1944

Colonel (Acting) G. L. J. TUCK, C.M.B., D.S.O., Reserve of Officers

22<sup>nd</sup> January 1945 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) H. G. L. PRYNNE, C.B.E., M.C., T.D., P Corps.

5<sup>th</sup> April 1946 – 1946/7Colonel (Temporary) P. BOOTH, Oxf & Bucks L.I., *p.s.c.***Command Welfare Officer**26<sup>th</sup> October 1939 – 1945

Colonel F. F. DEAKIN, D.S.O., retired.

17<sup>th</sup> April 1947 – 1948

Lieutenant Colonel J. B. JARVIS, Oxf &amp; Bucks L.I.

## Yorkshire Area<sup>4</sup>

### **Area Commander**

17 February 1940 – 23 February 1941

Brigadier (Acting) Edward Mungo DORMAN, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

### **General Staff Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

6 August 1941 – 1942

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) L. G. MURRAY, M.C. retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

### **General Staff Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Home Guard)**

24 March 1941 – 1942

Colonel A. C. HUGHES, T.D., T.A.

### **Assistant Adjutant & Quarter-Master-General**

6 August 1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel J. E. E. PICKARD, M.C., retired pay, *p.s.c.*

### **Commander Royal Engineers**

1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel G. C. CAMPBELL, retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

### **Assistant Director of Medical Services**

1941 – 1942/3

Colonel G. F. DAWSON, M.C., M.B., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

### **Assistant Director of Ordnance Services**

1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) L. A. W. STOWER, M.C., Reserve of Officers

### **Garrison Adjutant, Headquarters, Harrogate Garrison**

28 October 1940 – 1941/2

Brevet Major C. C. GODWIN, O.B.E., retired pay

### **Garrison Adjutant Headquarters, Ripon Garrison**

13 September 1940 – 1941/2

Captain T. C. THEAKSTON, T.A. Reserve

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<sup>4</sup> Comprised the West and East Ridings and the Ainsty of York.

## West Riding District<sup>5</sup>

### **District Commander**

24 February 1941 – 11 March 1941

Major General (Acting) Philip James SHEARS

*Yorkshire Division*

1 December 1941 – 1944

Major General (Acting) Philip James SHEARS.

### **General Staff Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

6 August 1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) L. G. MURRAY, M.C. retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

### **General Staff Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Home Guard)**

24 March 1941 – 1942/3

Colonel A. C. HUGHES, T.D., T.A.

### **Colonel i/c Administration**

1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) V. A. H. DALY, M.C., *retired pay* (Reserve of Officers), *p.s.c.*,  
(Gentleman-at-Arms)

### **Commander Royal Engineers**

1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel G. C. CAMPBELL, retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

### **Assistant Director of Medical Services**

1941 – 1942/3

Colonel G. F. DAWSON, M.C., M.B., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

### **Assistant Director of Ordnance Services**

1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) L. A. W. STOWER, M.C., Reserve of Officers

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<sup>5</sup> Covered the same area as the Yorkshire Area, namely the West and East Ridings of Yorkshire, and the Ainsty of York.



**Leeds Sub-Area**

1 December 1941 – 1944

Colonel Gerald Eden Mynors WHITTUCK, M.C.\*, A.D.C.

**York Sub-Area**

1 December 1941 – 1942

Lieutenant Colonel D. H. G. McCRIRICK, Somerset L.I.

**Sheffield Sub-Area**

14 December 1941 – 1 October 1943

Colonel Llewilyn Arthur Augutus ALSTON, D.S.O., M.C.

## Yorkshire County Division

### **Divisional Commander**

24 February 1941 – 10 September 1941

Major General the Honourable Edward Frederick LAWSON, D.S.O., M.C., T.D.

11 September 1941 – 22 September 1941 (Officiating)

Brigadier (Temporary) Christopher Hugh GOTTO, D.S.O., M.C.

23 September 1941 – 19 November 1941

Major General E. C. HAYES

20 November 1941 – 30 November 1941

Brigadier (Temporary) Christopher Hugh GOTTO, D.S.O., M.C.

## Lincolnshire County Division

The Divisional Headquarters was formed on 24 February 1941, but did not become operational until 27 March 1941. The division ceased to function on 25 November 1941, and disbanded on the 3 December 1941.

### **Divisional Commander**

24 February 1941 – 25 November 1941

Major General Arthur Kenneth HAY, D.S.O., O.B.E., *p.s.c.* Retired Pay

## North Midland Area

1<sup>st</sup> September 1939 – 1940

Brigadier (Acting) E. O. SKAIFE, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*

18<sup>th</sup> July 1940 – 9<sup>th</sup> October 1941

Temporary Brigadier Alfred Henry HOPWOOD, C.B., D.S.O.\*, *p.s.c.*, Retired Pay (Reserve of Officers)

### **General Staff Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

6 August 1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) A. J. EDNEY, R.E.

### **General Staff Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Home Guard)**

1 April 1941 – 1942/3

Colonel G. C. B. PAYNTER, C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O., retired pay (Extra Equerry to the King)

### **Assistant Adjutant & Quarter-Master-General**

11 March 1941 – 1941/2

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) A. S. BELLINGHAM, retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

### **Commander Royal Engineers**

1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) G. PERRY, A.M.Inst.C.E., (Reserve of Officers)

### **Assistant Director of Medical Services**

1941 – 1942/3

Colonel J. E. ELLCOME, retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

### **Assistant Director of Ordnance Services**

7 January 1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) G. H. BARKER (Reserve of Officers)

### **Leicester Sub-Area**

1 April 1941 – 1941

Colonel R. S. ABBOTT, C.I.E., M.C. Indian Army Retired.

### **Catterick Garrison**

16 June 1941 – 1942

Colonel Archibald Bentley BEAUMAN, C.B.E., D.S.O.\*, retired pay (Reserve of Officers) *p.s.c.*

## North Midland District

### **District Commander**

10 October 1941 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Richard Montague WOOTTEN, C.B., M.C., *p.s.c.*<sup>6</sup>

### **General Staff Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

6 August 1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) A. J. EDNEY, R.E.

### **General Staff Officer 1<sup>st</sup> Grade (Home Guard)**

1 April 1941 – 1942/3

Colonel G. C. B. PAYNTER, C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O., retired pay (Extra Equerry to the King)

### **Colonel in charge of Administration**

1941 – 1942

Colonel F. C. A. TROUP, *p.s.c.*

### **Commander Royal Engineers**

1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) G. PERRY, A.M.Inst.C.E., (Reserve of Officers)

### **Assistant Director of Medical Services**

1941 – 1942/3

Colonel J. E. ELLCOME, retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

### **Assistant Director of Ordnance Services**

7 January 1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) G. H. BARKER (Reserve of Officers)

### **Nottingham Sub-Area**

1941 – 1942

Major F. R. YEO, M.B.E., M.M., retired pay, *p.s.c.*

### **Derby Sub-Area**

21 January 1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Acting) Hugh William Roberts HAMILTON, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

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<sup>6</sup> Promoted Acting Major General 15 December 1941 while in post.

**Leicester Sub-Area**

1941 – 1942

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

## Catterick Area

### **Area Commander**

December 1941 – 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) Archibald Bentley BEAUMAN, C.B.E., D.S.O. \*, retired pay (Reserve of Officers) *p.s.c.*

### **General Staff Officer 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

3 July 1941 – 1942/3

Major (Temporary) G. A. DRABBLE, Reserve of Officers

### **Deputy Assistant Adjutant & Quarter-Master-General**

1941 – 1942/3

Major H. LEWIN, retired pay

### **Commander Royal Engineers**

1941 – 1942/3

Lieutenant Colonel J. H. MOUSLEY, D.S.O., T.D., A.M.I.E.E., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

### **Assistant Director of Medical Services**

1941 – 1942/3

Colonel A. G. WELLS, D.S.O., retired pay

### **Tyne Valley Sub-Area**

1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) E. LAWRENCE, M.C, retired pay (Reserve of Officers), *p.s.c.*

### **Newcastle Garrison**

1941 – 1942

Colonel J. L. C. WHITE, M.C, retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

### **North Lincolnshire Sub-Area**

1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) P. GOTTWALTZ, M.C., S. Wales Bord.

### **South Lincolnshire Sub-Area**

1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) Christopher Hugh GOTTO, D.S.O., M.C.

## Northumbrian Area

### **Area Commander**

3<sup>rd</sup> July 1939 – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 1941 (Temporary)

Colonel Philip James SHEARS.

(Promoted Acting Brigadier 21<sup>st</sup> June 1940)

## Northumberland County Division

The Divisional Headquarters was formed on 24 February 1941, with three Independent Infantry Brigades under command. The division ceased to function on 1 December, with the Headquarters disbanding on 21 December.

### **Divisional Commander**

24<sup>th</sup> February 1941 – 30<sup>th</sup> November 1941

Major General R. C. MONEY,

Northumbrian District

### **General Officer Commanding**

1<sup>st</sup> January 1945 – October 1946

[Major General Robert Francis Brydges NAYLOR, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., \*p.s.c.\*](#)

October 1946 – March 1948

Major General John Yeldham WHITFIELD

## Durham and North Riding County Division

### **Divisional Commander**

12<sup>th</sup> March 1941 – 30<sup>th</sup> November 1941

Major General (Acting) Philip James SHEARS

## Durham and North Riding Coastal Area

### **Area Commander**

1<sup>st</sup> December 1941 – 1944

Major General Roderic Loraine PETRE, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

### **North Riding Sub-Area**

6<sup>th</sup> October 1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Acting) J. H. JEWSON, M.C., T.D., R. Norfolk R., T.A.

1943 – 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Archibald Bentley BEAUMAN, C.B.E., D.S.O.\*, retired pay (Reserve of Officers), *p.s.c.*

### **Durham Sub-Area**

1941 – 1942

Colonel J. N. LUMLEY, C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*

### **Middlesbrough Garrison**

### **Sunderland Garrison**



## East Riding Coastal Area

### **Area Commander**

1<sup>st</sup> January 1942 – March 1944

Major General (Acting) Gerald Ion GARTLAN, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

### **Pocklington Sub-Area**

24<sup>th</sup> February 1941 – June 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) Edward Mungo DORMAN, C.B., D.S.O., M.C., retired pay, (Reserve of Officers)

### **Hull Garrison**

20 October 1941 – 31 March 1942

Colonel (Temporary) Eric Lechmere STEPHENSON, D.S.O., M.C.\*\* , Dorset R.

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