

East Anglia Area

Regular Infantry Depots in Area

The Royal Norfolk Regiment	– Norwich
The Suffolk Regiment	– Bury St. Edmunds
The Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Regiment	– Bedford
The Essex Regiment	– Warley, Essex
The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own)	– Mill Hill, London

Regular Army Units in Area

17th/21st Lancers (1)

2nd Bn. The Essex Regiment (2)

27th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (3)
(H.Q., 21st/24th & 37th/47th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

32nd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (4)
(H.Q., 107th/121st & 115th/120th Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

5th Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery
(H.Q., 5th/17th & 20th/21st Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

2nd Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery
(H.Q., 1st, 8th, 17th & 26th Heavy Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Territorial Army Units in the Area

1st/7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) (5)

2nd/7th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) (6)

1st/8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) (7)

2nd/8th Bn. The Middlesex Regiment (Duke of Cambridge's Own) (8)

104th Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery (Essex Yeomanry) (9)
(H.Q., 414th (Essex Yeomanry) & 339th (Essex Royal Horse Artillery) Batteries,
Royal Horse Artillery)

147th Regiment, Royal Horse Artillery (Essex Yeomanry)
(H.Q., 413th (Essex Yeomanry) & 431st Batteries, Royal Horse Artillery)

58th (Suffolk) Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery
(H.Q., 229th (Suffolk) & 230th (Suffolk) Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

67th Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery
(H.Q., 231st (Suffolk) & 232nd (Suffolk) Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

The Suffolk Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery

The Suffolk (Fortress), Royal Engineers

250th (East Anglia) Field Company, Royal Engineers

NOTES:

1. This was a Regular Army armoured cavalry regiment, which was stationed at Colchester. At the outbreak of war, it had only recently returned to the U.K. from India. The regiment had no tanks or transport of any kind, its troops being armed with only rifles and revolvers. On 30 May 1940, it came under the command of the 1st Motor Machine Gun Brigade, based in the United Kingdom. On 12 October 1940, the brigade was redesignated the 26th Armoured Brigade, and later joined the 6th Armoured Division, with which it fought throughout the rest of the war.
2. Based at Brentwood in Essex, this was a Regular Army battalion. It mobilized and was sent to France to come under command of the British Expeditionary Force. On 4 May 1940, it came under the command of the 25th Infantry Brigade. Following evacuation from France, the battalion remained with the brigade until 1944, when it transferred to the 56th Infantry Brigade. It later served in North West Europe with the 49th Infantry Division.
3. This was a Regular Army regiment, formed in 1900 as the 27th Brigade, R.F.A.. The regiment was under the command of Home Forces and based in Colchester. It was deployed to France in November 1939, to come under command of I Corps. Following return to the United Kingdom, the regiment remained in the country until leaving for India in May 1942. On arrival, it joined the 25th Indian Infantry Division, with which it served in Burma.
4. Another Regular Army regiment, based in Brighton. It had been formed in 1936 as the 32nd Field Brigade, Royal Artillery. The regiment went to France in November 1939 to join the B.E.F.. On its return, it was re-equipped until leaving for India in March 1941. The regiment joined the 8th Indian Infantry Division, and served with that formation in Iraq. In September 1943, the unit was converted to a Heavy Regiment.
5. This was a first line Territorial Army battalion, with its headquarters based at Hornsey. This battalion was deployed to France in December 1939, to come under the command of II Corps. It later came under command of the 51st (Highland) Infantry Division.
6. A second line Territorial Army battalion formed by the duplication of the 7th Battalion. The battalion was allocated to the 2nd London Division soon after formation, but later transferred to the 1st Infantry Division.
7. A First Line Territorial Army battalion. It was allocated to the 1st London Division, but was sent to France to join the B.E.F.. It came under command of the 44th Infantry Division. Later, the battalion joined the 43rd (Wessex) Infantry Division, with which it served in North West Europe.
8. This battalion transferred to the London District. In December 1940, it came under command of 61st Infantry Division. On 28 May 1942, it was redesignated as the 1st Battalion, and later served with the 15th (Scottish) Infantry Division in North West Europe.
9. This regiment was a first line T.A. regiment, with all three batteries being based at Ipswich. The regiment went to France and Belgium as part of the B.E.F. in October 1939. Following its evacuation from France, it served in the U.K. until December 1942 when it landed in North Africa, under command of 1st Army. The regiment went on to serve in Italy.

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