

Home Counties Area

Regular Depots in the Area

The Depot, Royal Artillery	– Woolwich
The Queen's Royal Regiment (West Surrey)	– Guildford
The Buffs (Royal East Kent Regiment)	– Canterbury
The Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment)	– Hounslow
The East Surrey Regiment	– Kingston Upon Thames
The Royal Sussex Regiment	– Chichester
The Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment	– Maidstone

Regular Troops in the Area

Militia in the Area

Territorial Army Troops in the Area

21st Army Tank Brigade (1)

Headquarters, 21st Army Tank Brigade & Signal Section

42nd Royal Tank Regiment

48th Royal Tank Regiment

97th (Kent Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (2)

(H.Q., 385th (Duke of Connaught's Own Yeomanry) & 387th (Queen's Own Yeomanry) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

98th (Surrey and Sussex Yeomanry, Queen Mary's) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (3)

(H.Q., 391st (Surrey Yeomanry) & 392nd (Surrey Yeomanry) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

143rd Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (4)

(H.Q., 386th (Duke of Connaught's Own Yeomanry) & 388th (Queen's Own Yeomanry) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

144th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (5)

(H.Q., 389th (Sussex Yeomanry) & 390th (Sussex Yeomanry) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

The Kent and Sussex Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery (6)

The Cinque Ports (Fortress), Royal Engineers

The Kent (Fortress), Royal Engineers

No. 25 (Home Counties) Construction Section, Royal Corps of Signals

Nos 61 and 62 Line Sections, Royal Corps of Signals.

NOTES:

1. The 42nd Royal Tank Regiment was formed in November 1938 by the conversion of the 7th (23rd London) Bn. The East Surrey Regiment. The regiment was based at 27, St. John's Hill, Clapham Junction in South London. In April 1939, the regiment duplicated to form the 48th Royal Tank Regiment, which was based in Clapham Girl's High School, Clapham, London. These two units formed the brigade, together with the 44th Royal Tank Regiment, which was based in Bristol. The brigade remained in the United Kingdom until leaving for North Africa where it was part of the 4th Infantry Division. By this time, both the 42nd and 44th Royal Tank Regiment had left the brigade, however, the 48th Royal Tank Regiment fought with the brigade throughout the war in North Africa and Italy.
2. This regiment was formed in 1920 by the amalgamation of The Royal East Kent Mounted Rifles (The Duke of Connaught's Own) and The West Kent Yeomanry (Queen's Own). The Headquarters Battery was based at Maidstone, the 385th Battery at Canterbury and the 387th Battery at Bromley. The regiment went to France in May 1940, and then returned to Home Forces. It then sailed for Iraq in October 1941. In November 1941, it joined the 10th Indian Infantry Division, and remained with that division until the end of the war in Italy.
3. This regiment was formed in 1920 by the conversion of the Sussex Yeomanry, and the conversion of the Surrey Yeomanry, Queen Mary's Regiment in 1922. All three batteries were based in Clapham Park, London S.W. 4. This regiment went to France with the B.E.F. in November 1939. On its return to the U.K., it remained at home until September 1942 when it sailed for Egypt. The regiment later formed part of 8th Army Troops in Italy.
4. This regiment was formed in July 1939 by the duplication of the 97th Field Regiment. The Headquarters and 386th Battery were based at Ashford, and the 388th Battery at Maidstone. The regiment stayed part of Home Forces until joining 49th Infantry Division in April 1942. It remained with that division throughout the war.
5. Formed in June 1939 by the duplication of the 98th Field Regiment, this regiment comprised the two Sussex Yeomanry Batteries from the 97th Field Regiment. It was not titled in the same manner as its parent unit until February 1942. The Headquarters and 390th Battery were based in Chichester, and the 388th Battery was based at Brighton. This regiment had a long association with the Indian Army, joining the 5th Indian Infantry Division in the Sudan in December 1940. After serving in Egypt, the Regiment moved to Iraq with the 5th Indian Division. In August 1942 it transferred to the 31st Indian Armoured Division, with which it remained until the end of war.
6. A coastal artillery regiment, it was redesignated as three separate coast regiments in July 1940.

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