

## 12<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Division <sup>(1)</sup>

Headquarters, 12<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Division

### 42<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Brigade <sup>(2)</sup>

Headquarters, 42<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Brigade & Signal Section

83<sup>rd</sup> (Blythswood) Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(3)</sup>

100<sup>th</sup> Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(4)</sup>

111<sup>th</sup> Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(5)</sup>

18<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(6)</sup>

60<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(7)</sup>

### 63<sup>rd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Brigade <sup>(8)</sup>

Headquarters, 63<sup>rd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Brigade & Signal Section

56<sup>th</sup> (Cameronians) Searchlight Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(9)</sup>

57<sup>th</sup> (Glasgow) Searchlight Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(10)</sup>

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Brigade <sup>(11)</sup>

Headquarters, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Brigade & Signal Section

102<sup>nd</sup> Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(12)</sup>

66<sup>th</sup> Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery <sup>(13)</sup>

### Divisional Troops

12<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

## NOTES:

1. This division was raised on 1 November 1940 with the reorganisation of Anti-Aircraft Command. It formed part of III Anti-Aircraft Corps covering North-East England, Scotland and Northern Ireland. The General Officer Commanding the formation throughout its existence was Major General Gerald Arthur RICKARDS, D.S.O., M.C.. The division disbanded with effect from 30 September 1942 with the reorganisation of Anti-Aircraft Command.
2. This brigade was raised on 1 October 1938 in Glasgow as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Division. In November 1940, it transferred to the newly formed 12<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Division, with responsibility for the air defence of the Clyde estuary. Brigadier (Temporary) W. M. M. O'D. WELSH, D.S.O., M.C. commanded the brigade from 1 October 1938.
3. The 7<sup>th</sup> (Blythswood) Bn. The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment) was converted to become an anti-aircraft regiment in 1938. The Headquarters and three batteries were all based in Bridgeton, in South East Glasgow. The regiment left the U.K. in April 1942 to move to Iraq, where it joined the 10<sup>th</sup> Army and then PaiForce. In April 1943, it moved to Palestine, where it came under command of 9<sup>th</sup> Army. It was placed in suspended animation in September 1944 in North Africa.
4. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Regiment was formed in April 1939. All three batteries were based at Motherwell in Lanarkshire. The regiment left the United Kingdom in March 1943 to travel to the Middle East. It then served with the 8<sup>th</sup> Army in North Africa and Italy before being placed in suspended animation in August 1944.
5. Raised in October 1940, this regiment came under command of this brigade a month after formation. It served in the U.K. until June 1944, when it moved to France as part of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Army. It served in North West Europe throughout the rest of the war.
6. This regiment was formed in December 1938. The Headquarters, 54<sup>th</sup>, 99<sup>th</sup> and 139<sup>th</sup> Batteries were all based in Glasgow. The 56<sup>th</sup> Battery was based in Ardeer. The regiment left the United Kingdom in March 1942 to move to Persia and Iraq. It arrived in June 1942 to come under command of 10<sup>th</sup> Army. In February 1943, it came under command of the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, with which it was to serve for the rest of the war. As such, it travelled to Sicily, Italy, Palestine and North West Europe.
7. The 60<sup>th</sup> L.A.A. Regiment was raised in November 1940, joining this brigade on formation. It served in the U.K. until February 1942, when it sailed for India. It then served with various anti-aircraft formations in India until it was disbanded in September 1944.
8. This brigade was raised in August 1939, with its headquarters at Stirling.
9. This unit was formed in 1938 by the conversion of the 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles), a Territorial Army battalion of the regiment. It did not become part of either the Royal Artillery or Royal Engineers at this time, in effect remaining part of its parent regiment. The headquarters and three companies were based at 261 West Prince's Street, Glasgow. In August 1940, the regiment was absorbed into the Royal Artillery as the 56<sup>th</sup> (Cameronians) Searchlight Regiment, Royal Artillery. In February 1942, it was converted into the 125<sup>th</sup> (Cameronians) Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery. It came under command of 2<sup>nd</sup> Army in March 1944, and went on to serve in North West Europe for the rest of the war.

10. This sister unit of the 56<sup>th</sup> Searchlight Regiment, this unit was formed on the 1<sup>st</sup> November 1938 by the duplication of the 5<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> Bn. The Cameronians when it converted into a searchlight unit. The headquarters and three companies were based in South Glasgow. In August 1940, it was absorbed into the Royal Artillery as the 57<sup>th</sup> (Cameronians) Searchlight Regiment, Royal Artillery. In November 1940, the regiment transferred to the 63<sup>rd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Brigade based in West Scotland under command of the 12<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Division. In March 1943, it was converted into the 147<sup>th</sup> (Cameronians) Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery. This regiment served with Home Forces in the U.K. for the duration of the war.
11. Northern Ireland had no Territorial Army units prior to the Second World War. There was the Supplementary Reserve cavalry unit, the North Irish Horse, but with the Munich Crisis, it was decided to raise additional anti-aircraft units in the Province. These were made part of the Supplementary Reserve, but were similar in all respects to Territorial Army units. This brigade was formed on 1 December 1938, with its headquarters based at Belfast. In November 1940, it transferred to the command of the newly formed 12<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Division.
12. Formed in August 1939, this regiment was still equipping and training when war broke out. The headquarters and all five batteries were based in Antrim. It remained with this brigade through 1940, but in March 1943, it was sent overseas. It served with 9<sup>th</sup> Army from June to December 1943 in Palestine, continuing to serve in the Middle East until January 1944 when it was placed in suspended animation.
13. This regiment was formed in December 1940 with 175<sup>th</sup> and 176<sup>th</sup> L.A.A. Batteries from the 102<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Regiment, and probably the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> L.A.A. Batteries from the 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Anti-Aircraft Regiments. It left the Province in January 1943 to sail for the Middle East. It served with 8<sup>th</sup> Army in Italy from September 1943 until it was disbanded in April 1945.

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