

South Midland Area

Regular Depots in the Area

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| The Royal Warwickshire Regiment | – Warwick |
| The Gloucestershire Regiment | – Bristol |
| The Worcestershire Regiment | – Worcester |
| The Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry | – Oxford |
| The Northamptonshire Regiment | – Northampton |
| The Royal Berkshire Regiment (Princess Charlotte's Of Wales's) | – Reading |

Regular Troops in the Area

1st Bn. The Royal Irish Fusiliers (Princess Victoria's) (1)

Territorial Army Troops in the Area

20th Light Armoured Brigade (2)

1st Royal Gloucestershire Hussars
1st Northamptonshire Yeomanry
2nd Northamptonshire Yeomanry

Unbrigaded Territorial Army Units

The Warwickshire Yeomanry (3)
2nd Royal Gloucestershire Hussars (4)
44th Royal Tank Regiment (5)
50th Royal Tank Regiment (6)

4th Bn. The Northamptonshire Regiment (7)

3rd Survey Regiment, Royal Artillery (8)
(H.Q., 'A' & 'B' Survey Batteries, Royal Artillery)
5th Survey Regiment Royal Artillery (9)
(H.Q., 'A' & 'B' Survey Batteries, Royal Artillery)

212th (North Midland) Field Company, Royal Engineers (10)
215th (North Midland) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers (11)
268th Field Company, Royal Engineers (12)
269th Field Park Company, Royal Engineers (13)

NOTES:

1. This battalion was based at Thame in Oxfordshire. The battalion was sent to France independently sometime before the German invasion of the Low Countries. It later came under the command of 25th Infantry Brigade.
2. This Brigade had just been formed on 3 September 1939, with three Territorial Army Yeomanry units under command. The 1st Royal Gloucestershire Hussars was a first line regiment based in Gloucester, with the 1st and 2nd Northamptonshire Yeomanry being based in Northampton, (the former being a first line and the latter a duplicate unit). The Brigade served in the United Kingdom (for a time as part of 6th Armoured Division) until it was disbanded in April 1943.
3. The Warwickshire Yeomanry was a first line Cavalry Regiment, based in Warwick. The Regiment was attached to the 6th Cavalry Brigade, with which it later served in Palestine.
4. This regiment was a duplicate unit formed by its namesake, however, this unit was based in Bristol. The regiment was attached to the 22nd Heavy Armoured Brigade, which had just been formed. The brigade was sent to Egypt where it fought in the campaigns until September 1942, being disbanded in January 1943.
5. The regiment was formed in November 1938 by the conversion of the 6th Bn. The Gloucestershire Regiment. The regiment was based in Bristol, being attached to the 21st Army Tank Brigade.
6. In April 1939, the 44th R.T.R. formed a duplicate regiment, which was entitled the 50th R.T.R.. This regiment was also based in Bristol. It joined the 23rd Army Tank Brigade (later redesignated as the 23rd Armoured Brigade) and saw active service in Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, Sicily, Italy and Greece.
7. This battalion was a Territorial Army unit, which was based in Northampton. The battalion had been under command of 162nd (East Midland) Infantry Brigade, 54th (East Anglia) Infantry Division. In 1938, it transferred to the 48th (South Midland) Infantry Division, and in 1939, was under command of the South Midland Area. On 6 November 1939, the battalion came under command of the 183rd Infantry Brigade, 61st Infantry Division.
8. This unit was based in Bristol and had been formed in early 1939 by the expansion of the 3rd Survey Battery, Royal Artillery. It left the United Kingdom in November 1939 to serve with the British Expeditionary Force in France. Evacuated from Dunkirk, the regiment remained in the U.K. until moving to the Middle East in May 1943. It served with 8th Army in North Africa and later in Italy until the end of the war.
9. This regiment was formed by the duplication of the 3rd Survey Regiment. With the exception of service in France in 1940, its war career followed that of its parent regiment, serving in North Africa and Italy.
10. This was a first line Territorial Army company, which was based at Smethwick in Staffordshire. It had been part of the 46th (North Midland) Infantry Division until was disbanded between 1936 and 1938. The company came under command of the South Midland Area. .
11. This field park company was also based in Smethwick and had been part of the 46th (North Midland) Infantry Division until it was disbanded. The company then came under the command of the South Midland Area.
12. In 1939, this unit was formed as a duplicate field company, which was based in Olton, Birmingham.
13. Also formed as a duplicate unit, this field park company was also based at Olton, Birmingham.

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