

Gibraltar Command ⁽¹⁾

Headquarters, Gibraltar Command

1st Gibraltar Brigade ⁽²⁾

Headquarters, 1st Gibraltar Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The King's Regiment (Liverpool)

4th (City of Dundee) Bn. The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)

Independent Company

2nd Gibraltar Brigade ⁽³⁾

Headquarters, 2nd Gibraltar Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Somerset Light Infantry (Prince Albert's)

4th Bn. The Devonshire Regiment

Artillery

3rd Coast Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁴⁾

(H.Q., 4th & 41st Coast Batteries, Royal Artillery)

19th Coast Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁵⁾

(H.Q., 26th, 27th & 40th Coast Batteries, Royal Artillery)

18th Defence Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁶⁾

(H.Q., 973rd, 974th & 975th Defence Batteries, Royal Artillery)

15th Anti-Aircraft Brigade ⁽⁷⁾

Headquarters, 15th Anti-Aircraft Brigade & Signal Section

13th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁸⁾

(H.Q., 228th H.A.A. Battery, 1st A.A. 'Z' Troop and 1st Radar Direction Finding Battery, Royal Artillery)

82nd (Essex) Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽⁹⁾

(H.Q., 156th, 193rd & 256th H.A.A. Batteries and Gibraltar Defence Force H.A.A. Battery, Royal Artillery)

3rd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery

(H.Q., 9th, 114th & 126th L.A.A. Batteries, Royal Artillery)

3rd Searchlight Battery, Royal Artillery

Royal Engineers

1st Fortress Company, Royal Engineers
32nd Fortress Company, Royal Engineers
170th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers
172nd Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers
178th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers
179th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers
180th Tunnelling Company, Royal Engineers
1st Tunnelling Company, Royal Canadian Engineers
3rd Tunnelling Company, Royal Canadian Engineers
711th Artisan Works Company, Royal Engineers
575th Army Troops Company, Royal Engineers
1 General Construction Company, Royal Engineers

Royal Corps of Signals

Gibraltar Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

Royal Army Service Corps

33rd (Local) Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Royal Army Medical Corps

28th Company, Royal Army Medical Corps

Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Gibraltar Detachment, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Royal Army Pay Corps

Gibraltar Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps

Royal Army Veterinary Corps

Gibraltar Detachment, Royal Army Veterinary Corps

Corps of Military Police

Section

NOTES:

1. Gibraltar (otherwise known to many servicemen as 'The Rock') was, and still is, a British overseas territory at the southern coast of Spain at the entrance to the Straits of Gibraltar, the gateway to the Mediterranean Sea. It was captured by the Royal Marines in 1704, and then ceded to Great Britain by the Treaty of Utrecht in 1713. Due to its strategic position on the sea lanes in and out of the Mediterranean, it was the home to a Royal Navy Dockyard and naval base. There was also a small army garrison based in Gibraltar. The territory has a Governor who in this period was usually a senior army officer (usually of General or Lieutenant General rank), who also acted as the Commander-in-Chief. The senior army officer was a Colonel who held the post of Assistant Adjutant and Quarter-Master-General in charge of Administration. In 1936, this Colonel held the rank of Local Brigadier. The Commander Royal Artillery and Deputy Director of Medical Services were also Colonel's appointments.
2. This brigade was formed on 13 March 1941 in Gibraltar for the defence of the colony. The two battalions and the independent company all came under command on the same day. The brigade was under command of the Fortress Headquarters. It remained stationed in Gibraltar throughout the war, albeit with a change of units. The 2nd Bn. Kings left on 17 November 1943 to transfer to the 2nd Gibraltar Brigade, with the 4th Bn. The Black Watch leaving on 25 April 1943. On 22 July 1944, two Category B infantry battalions, the 31st Bn. The Suffolk Regiment and 30th Bn. The Dorsetshire Regiment came under command until at least the end of August 1945.
3. This brigade was formed on 24 April 1941 on Gibraltar for its defence. It had two battalions under command. On 1 December 1943, it was redesignated as the 28th Infantry Brigade and converted from a static to an operational role. It left Gibraltar on 15 December 1943 to move to Egypt to join the 4th Infantry Division with a change in units. It served with that division in Italy and Greece.
4. This was a pre-war Regular Army regiment, formed by the redesignation of the Gibraltar Coast Defences. In January 1941, it was redesignated as the 3rd Coast Regiment. It remained in Gibraltar until the end of the war.
5. Formed in December 1942, this unit was originally designated as the Close Defence Regiment, but was redesignated to this title in March 1943. It was disbanded in Gibraltar in March 1944.
6. This regiment was formed in April 1941 by the conversion of the Mobile Defence Regiment. It disbanded in Gibraltar in March 1944.
7. In September 1941, this brigade was formed to take command of the anti-aircraft units stationed at Gibraltar. Brigadier LEARMONT was appointed to command the brigade, and he took under command all the anti-aircraft units then stationed in Gibraltar. With the reduction in the threat of air attack, the brigade was disbanded in February 1944.
8. In March 1941, this unit was formed at Gibraltar, but was disbanded in December 1942.