Singapore Fortress (1)

Headquarters, Singapore Fortress

1st Malaya Infantry Brigade (2)

Headquarters, 1st Malaya Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

2nd Bn. The Loyal Regiment (North Lancashire) (3)

1st Bn. The Malay Regiment

1st Bn. The Mysore Infantry, Indian States Forces (4)

2nd Malay Infantry Brigade (5)

Headquarters, 2nd Malaya Infantry Brigade & Signal Section

1st Bn. The Manchester Regiment (6)

2nd Bn. The Gordon Highlanders

2nd Bn. 17th Dogra Regiment (7)

The Malaya Anti-Aircraft Brigade

Headquarters, The Malaya Anti-Aircraft Brigade & Signal Section

- 1st Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Hong Kong and Singapore Royal Artillery (8) (H.Q., 6th, 9th and 10th Anti-Aircraft Batteries, H.K.S.R.A.)
- 2nd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Hong Kong and Singapore Royal Artillery (9) (H.Q., 11th, 12th and 13th Anti-Aircraft Batteries, H.K.S.R.A.)
- 3rd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery (10)

(H.Q., 11th, 29th and 30th Anti-Aircraft Batteries, Royal Artillery)

- 3rd Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Hong Kong and Singapore Royal Artillery (11) (H.Q., 14th and 16th Light Anti-Aircraft Batteries, H.K. & S.R.A.)
- 5th Searchlight Regiment, Royal Artillery (12)

(H.Q., 13th and 14th Batteries, Royal Artillery)

35th Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery (13)

(H.Q., 78th, 89th & 144th Light Anti-Aircraft Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Fortress Troops

The Singapore Armoured Car Company

1st (Singapore Volunteer Corps) Bn. The Straits Settlement Volunteer Force

2nd (Singapore Volunteer Corps) Bn. The Straits Settlement Volunteer Force

7th Coast Regiment, Royal Artillery (13)

(H.Q., 11th, and 31st Heavy Batteries, Royal Artillery, and 5th and 7th Heavy Batteries, H.K.S.R.A.)

9th Coast Regiment, Royal Artillery (14)

(H.Q., 7th, 22nd & 32nd Heavy Batteries, Royal Artillery)

16th Defence Regiment, Royal Artillery (15)

(H.Q., 21st, 22nd & 30th Mobile Coast Defence Batteries, Royal Artillery)

The Singapore Royal Artillery (Volunteers)

30th Fortress Company, Royal Engineers

34th Fortress Company, Royal Engineers

35th Fortress Company, Royal Engineers

41st Fortress Company, Royal Engineers

The Singapore Fortress Company, Royal Engineers

The Singapore Royal Engineers (Volunteers)

The Malaya Signal Company, Royal Corps of Signals

NOTES:

- 1. The Singapore Fortress was an Army command responsible for the defence of Singapore Island. It was a Major General's command, and at this time the General Officer Commanding was Major General Keith SIMMONS. It was a static command, so had no operational role during the Malayan campaign. When however the Japanese drove the Allies out of Malaya back onto Singapore Island, this command remained in being taking responsibility for a sector of the island's defences. The Japanese invaded the island on 8 February, and the command surrendered with the general surrender on 15 February 1942.
- 2. This was a pre-war regular brigade that was stationed in Singapore. On 14 September 1940, it was redesignated from the Malaya Infantry Brigade to add the number 1 due to the formation of a second infantry brigade in Singapore. The commanding officer of the brigade from 1 September 1940 was Brigadier G. C. R. WILLIAMS. The brigade was captured with the fall of Singapore.
- 3. This battalion was one of the original battalions based on the island at the outbreak of the Second World War. It left the command of this brigade on 11January 1942 to transfer to the command of the 9th Indian Division.
- 4. A battalion of the Indian States Forces, this unit came under command of this brigade on 18 December 1941.
- 5. The second Malaya Infantry Brigade was formed on 8 September 1940 in Singapore. The two British Army battalions transferred across from the original Malaya Infantry Brigade. The first commander of the brigade was Brigadier Keith SIMMONS, but he was replaced by Brigadier F. H. FRASER on 29 December 1940 upon SIMMONS' promotion to Major General. The brigade was captured with the fall of Singapore on 15 February 1942.
- 6. This unit was equipped as a machine gun battalion.
- 7. This battalion joined this brigade on 29 August 1941 transferring from Taiping on the Malayan mainland. On 19 January 1942, it transferred to 'East Force' on mainland Malaya. The battalion was captured with the fall of Singapore.
- 8. A pre-war Regular Army regiment formed in 1938 in Singapore. This regiment was redesignated as the 1st Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, H.K.S.R.A. on 8 August 1940. It was captured by the Japanese on 15 February 1942.
- 9. This regiment was formed in January 1939. It was redesignated as the 2nd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, H.K.S.R.A. on 8 August 1940. It was captured on 15 February 1942.
- 10. A pre-war Regular Army regiment, which had been formed in 1934 as the 3rd Anti-Aircraft Brigade, R.F.A., and was based on Singapore Island pre-war. This regiment was redesignated as the 3rd Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, R.A. on 8 August 1940. It was captured by the Japanese on 15 February 1942.
- 11. On 1 September 1941, this regiment was formed in Singapore. It was captured with the fall of Singapore.
- 12. Formed on 13 May 1941, this regiment was also captured in February 1942.

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- 13. Raised in August 1939, the headquarters of this regiment were based in Oxford. The batteries provided protection for the R.A.F. airfields at Brize Norton, Abingdon and Benson. The regiment came under the command of the 64th Anti-Aircraft Brigade when that formation was raised in early 1940, its role to protect South-West airfields. In November 1941, the regiment left the U.K. to sail for Singapore, with the 78th, 89th and 144th Batteries under command. The 78th Battery had transferred in from the 24th L.A.A. Regiment, the 89th Battery was previously independent but based in Oxfordshire. The regiment arrived on 13 January 1942 equipped with 40 mm Bofors guns, to be captured with the fall of Singapore on 15 February 1942. The 78th Battery and two troops from the 89th Battery were diverted to Sumatra. All were captured, condemning their soldiers to three and half year's captivity with the Japanese.
- 14. The regiment was redesignated as 7th Coast Regiment on 14 December 1940. It was captured by the Japanese on 15 February 1942.
- 15. This regiment was redesignated as 9th Coast Regiment on 14 December 1940. It was captured by the Japanese on 15 February 1942.
- 16. This regiment was redesignated as 16th Defence Regiment, Royal Artillery in March 1941. It was captured by the Japanese on 15 February 1942.

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