

Nigeria Area (1)

3rd (West Africa) Infantry Brigade (2)

Headquarters, 3rd (West Africa) Infantry Brigade and Signal Section

7th Bn. The Nigeria Regiment
9th Bn. The Nigeria Regiment
12th Bn. The Nigeria Regiment

3rd (West Africa) Infantry Brigade Company (3)

3rd (West Africa) Light Battery, West African Artillery, R.W.A.F.F.

7th (West Africa) Field Company, West African Engineers, R.W.A.F.F.

3rd (West Africa) Field Ambulance

1st (West Africa) Auxiliary Group, The Nigeria Regiment

3rd (West Africa) Infantry Brigade Provost Section

4th (West Africa) Infantry Brigade

Headquarters, 4th (West Africa) Infantry Brigade and Signal Section

5th Bn. The Nigeria Regiment
6th Bn. The Nigeria Regiment
10th Bn. The Nigeria Regiment

4th (West Africa) Infantry Brigade Company

4th (West Africa) Light Battery, West African Artillery, R.W.A.F.F.

4th (West Africa) Field Company, West African Engineers, R.W.A.F.F.

3rd (West Africa) Field Ambulance

2nd (West Africa) Auxiliary Group, The Nigeria Regiment

4th (West Africa) Infantry Brigade Provost Section

Unbrigaded Units

8th Bn. The Nigeria Regiment
13th Bn. The Nigeria Regiment

NOTES:

1. The Nigeria Area was formed in September 1940 with the appointment of Major General E. B. B. HAWKINS. It continued to function as an Area until the 1st March 1943 when the area headquarters formed the divisional headquarters of the 81st (West Africa) Infantry Division. When the division left Nigeria in July 1943, it appears an Area headquarters was reformed.
2. This brigade was formed in Nigeria on the 10th December 1940 under command of Brigadier H. U. RICHARDS. It comprised three war raised battalions of the Nigeria Regiment. In May 1941 it was expanded to become a brigade group with the addition of newly raised supporting units. The brigade was under command of the Nigeria Area from formation until the 31st March 1943, when it came under command of the newly formed 81st (West Africa) Infantry Division which was concentrating in Nigeria in anticipation of deployment to the Far East. It left Nigeria by sea on the 28th September 1943 bound for India. It later saw active service in Burma with Special Force in 1944, only returning to the command of the 81st Division in March 1945.
3. This unit were formed as the reconnaissance units for the brigade group. It was redesignated as a squadron on the 1st August 1942, and was incorporated into the 81st (West Africa) Reconnaissance Regiment on the 31st March 1943.
4. This brigade was formed in Nigeria on the 24th February 1941 under command of Brigadier C. W. G. GRIMLEY. It comprised three war raised units of the Nigeria Regiment and was formed as a brigade group. It came under command of the Nigeria Area from its formation until the 1st November 1943, when it came under command of the 82nd (West Africa) Infantry Division which was then forming in Nigeria. It left Nigeria by sea bound for India on the 31st May 1944. The brigade fought in the Arakan with the division in late 1944 and into 1945. It remained to garrison Burma before returning to Nigeria in mid-1946.

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