

Southern Command

Headquarters, Southern Command

2nd Cavalry Brigade (1)

Headquarters, 2nd Cavalry Brigade & Signal Section

3rd The King's Own Hussars

9th Queen's Royal Lancers

10th Royal Hussars (Prince of Wales's Own)

12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's)

'E' & 'F' Troops, Mobile Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

1st Tank Brigade (2)

Headquarters, 1st Tank Brigade & Signal Section

1st (Light) Bn. The Royal Tank Corps

2nd Bn. The Royal Tank Corps

3rd Bn. The Royal Tank Corps

5th Bn. The Royal Tank Corps

Royal Tank Corps

Royal Tank Corps Depot (3)

Royal Artillery

'L' Battery, Royal Horse Artillery (4)

IX Field Brigade (Army), Royal Artillery (5)

(H.Q., 19th, 20th, 28th & 76th (Howitzer) Batteries, Royal Artillery)

XII Field Brigade, Royal Artillery (6)

(H.Q., 6th Battery, Royal Artillery)

XXXIII Field Brigade (Army), Royal Artillery (7)

(H.Q., 101st, 113th (Howitzer) & 114th (Howitzer) Batteries, Royal Artillery)

6th Medium Brigade, Royal Artillery (8)

(H.Q., 18th, 19th (Howitzer), 23rd (Howitzer) & 24th (Howitzer) Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Survey Company, Royal Artillery (9)

Royal Engineers

58th (Chemical Defence) Company, Royal Engineers (10)
Detachment, Survey Bn. Royal Engineers (11)

Royal Corps of Signals (12)

Headquarters, Mobile Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals
No. 3 Squadron, Mobile Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals
No. 2 Artillery Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals
No. 5 Artillery Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals
No. 7 Artillery Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals
No. 9 Artillery Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals
Tank Brigade Signals, Royal Corps of Signals
Southern Command Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

Royal Army Service Corps (13)

10th Company, Royal Army Service Corps
13th Company, Royal Army Service Corps
23rd Company, Royal Army Service Corps
27th Company, Royal Army Service Corps
36th Company, Royal Army Service Corps
49th Company, Royal Army Service Corps
'G' Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Royal Army Medical Corps (14)

4th Company, Royal Army Medical Corps
20th Company, Royal Army Medical Corps

Royal Army Ordnance Corps (15)

No. 2 Section, Royal Army Ordnance Corps
No. 3 Section, Royal Army Ordnance Corps
No. 18 Section, Royal Army Ordnance Corps
Depot, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Royal Army Veterinary Corps (16)

No. 3 Section, Royal Army Veterinary Corps
Detachment, Royal Army Veterinary Corps

Royal Army Pay Corps (17)

Exeter Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps
Hilsea Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps
Salisbury Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps
Warwick Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps
Winchester Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps

Fixed Defences, Southern Command (18)

Portsmouth Defences (19)

Headquarters Royal Artillery, Fixed Defences, Southern Ports
Needles Fire Command, Royal Artillery
Culver Fire Command, Royal Artillery
Horse Sand Fire Command, Royal Artillery
Square Tower Fire Command, Royal Artillery

Hampshire Heavy Brigade, Royal Artillery (20)

57th (Wessex) Anti-Aircraft Brigade, Royal Artillery (21)

(H.Q., 213th (Portsmouth), 214th (Southsea), 215th (Gosport & Fareham) & 219th (Isle of Wight & Cosham) Anti Aircraft Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Hampshire (Fortress), Royal Engineers

Portland Defences (22)

Headquarters Royal Artillery, Fixed Defences, South Western Ports
Portland Fire Command, Royal Artillery

Dorset Heavy Brigade, Royal Artillery (23)

Dorset (Fortress), Royal Engineers

Plymouth and Falmouth Defences (24)

Headquarters Royal Artillery, Fixed Defences, South Western Ports

Rame Fire Command, Royal Artillery

Drake's Fire Command, Royal Artillery

Wembury Fire Command, Royal Artillery

Devon Heavy Brigade, Royal Artillery (25)

56th (Cornwall) Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery (26)

(H.Q., 165th (Cornwall), 201st (Cornwall), 202nd (Cornwall) & 203rd (Cornwall) Anti-Aircraft Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Devon & Cornwall (Fortress), Royal Engineers

NOTES:

1. The 2nd Cavalry Brigade was a Regular Army formation which was stationed at Tidworth, Hampshire. All three constituent regiments were also based at Tidworth.
2. The 1st Tank Brigade was formed in 1936 and comprised four battalions of the Royal Tank Corps. The brigade headquarters was located at Perham Down, together with the 1st (Light) Battalion and the 5th Battalion. The 2nd Bn. was based at Farnborough and the 3rd Bn. at Lydd in Kent, the former under Aldershot Command and the latter under Eastern Command for administration purposes.
3. The Depot of the Royal Tank Corps had been established at Bovington Camp in Dorset after the Great War.
4. This battery was based at Trowbridge in Wiltshire.
5. This field brigade was based at Bulford, with all five batteries also based there.
6. The XIX Field Brigade only comprised one battery at this time and was stationed at Larkhill. This unit was under command of the Commandant, School of Artillery for all purposes.
7. In 1936, four additional Regular Army field brigades were formed, with the 33rd Field Brigade being one of the four. The headquarters and three batteries were all based at Bulford. It came under command of 3rd Division to replace XXVI Field Brigade, which was absorbed into the School of Artillery.
8. All five batteries of this brigade were stationed at Larkhill. The brigade left the U.K. during 1938 as it was stationed at Delhi in India by September 1939.
9. The survey company was based at Larkhill.
10. As its name suggests, this company was based at Porton Down, and specialised in chemical warfare.
11. The detachment of the survey battalion was based in Bristol.
12. The Headquarters, Mobile Divisional Signals was based at Salisbury, with No. 3 Section stationed at Perham Down. The signal sections were based at the following locations, No. 2 at Larkhill, No 5 at Bulford together with No. 7 and the new No. 9 Section. The Tank Brigade Signals was now based at Perham Down. The Southern Command Signal Section was based at Salisbury with Headquarters, Southern Command.
13. The Royal Army Service Corps units were stationed across the command. The 10th Company, 27th Company, 36th Company and 'G' Company were all based at Bulford. The 13th Company and 49th Company were stationed in Portsmouth, and the 23rd Company at Devonport.
14. The two R.A.M.C. units were based at Netley and Tidworth respectively.
15. The No. 2 Section, R.A.O.C. was stationed at Tidworth, No. 3 Section at Bovington, No. 4 Section at Didcot, with the Depot located at Hilsea.
16. No. 3 Section, R.A.V.C. was stationed at Tidworth to support the 2nd Cavalry Brigade, with the Detachment based at Bulford.
17. The detachments of the R.A.P.C. were based as their title suggests.
18. The Headquarters, Fixed Defences, Southern Command was located at Portsmouth under command of a Colonel. The fixed defences were coastal artillery batteries built to protect the major naval ports of the United Kingdom. Most were constructed in the late 1800's, including forts built out at sea.
19. The Fixed Defence, Southern Ports covered Portsmouth, with two of the four fire commands located on the Isle of Wight (Needles and Culver), with the other two being Victorian forts built out in the sea approaches to Portsmouth.

20. The Hampshire Heavy Regiment was formed in 1924 within the Territorial Army. In July 1940, it was redesignated as the 527th (Hampshire), 528th (Hampshire) and 529th (Hampshire) Coast Regiments, Royal Artillery.
21. In 1932, the next batch of anti-aircraft regiments was formed, and this unit was one of this group. The Headquarters and 213th Battery were based in Portsmouth, the 214th Battery in Southsea, the 215th Battery in Gosport and the 219th Battery in Newport on the Isle of Wight. The regiment left the United Kingdom in August 1942 to move to North Africa. It served with the 8th Army in Italy until the end of the war.
22. The Portland Fire Command was based at Weymouth and covered Portland naval base.
23. The Dorset Heavy Regiment was formed in 1924 as part of the Territorial Army. In July 1940, it was redesignated as 522nd (Dorsetshire) Coast Regiment, Royal Artillery.
24. The Fixed Defences, South Western Ports was based at Plymouth, with all three fire commands covering the approaches to Devonport naval base.
25. The Devonshire Heavy Brigade was formed in 1924. In July 1940, it was redesignated as the 566th (Devon), 567th (Devon) and 568th (Devon) Coast Regiments, Royal Artillery.
26. This brigade was formed in 1932 by the conversion of the 51st Medium Brigade. The headquarters was based at Falmouth, having moved from St. Austell. The 201st Battery was based at Padstow, the 202nd Battery at Par, and the 203rd Battery at Penzance. These three batteries were the original medium batteries. The 165th Battery was based at Redruth, and it was formerly part of the Cornwall Heavy Regiment. The regiment remained in the U.K. until December 1941 when it sailed for India with the 165th, 201st and 202nd Batteries. It was initially deployed to Madras and later served with XXXIII Indian Corps. In July 1944, it was converted to a medium regiment, becoming the 86th Medium Regiment. It continued to serve in India, with a period as a training regiment until the end of the war. After the war, it was reformed as the 456th Heavy Anti-Aircraft Regiment, Royal Artillery, based at Redruth.