

Ceylon Defence Force ⁽¹⁾

H.Q. Ceylon Defence Force ⁽²⁾

Regular Army

6th Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery ⁽³⁾

(H.Q., 14th Anti-Aircraft Battery, 15th & 18th Heavy Batteries, Royal Artillery)

31st Fortress Company, Royal Engineers ⁽⁴⁾

The Ceylon Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

Volunteer Units

The Ceylon Mounted Rifles ⁽⁵⁾

The Ceylon Planter's Rifles ⁽⁵⁾

The Ceylon Light Infantry ⁽⁵⁾

The Ceylon Cadet Battalion ⁽⁵⁾

The Ceylon Garrison Artillery (Volunteer) ⁽⁶⁾

(H.Q., 1st Heavy, 2nd Heavy, 3rd Anti-Aircraft & 4th Heavy Batteries, Ceylon Garrison Artillery)

The Ceylon Engineers

NOTES:

1. The Ceylon Defence Force was the title of the British troops stationed on the island.
2. The Headquarters, Ceylon Defence Force, were based in the capital of the British Colony at Colombo.
3. This was a regiment in the Regular British Army, and it manned coastal defence guns at Colombo and at Trincomalee, the latter being a major Royal Navy base on the east coast of the island. The guns were of 6" and 9.2" calibre.
4. The Fortress Company of the Royal Engineers manned searchlights for use in conjunction with the coast defence guns of the Royal Artillery.
5. The Ceylon Mounted Rifles and the Ceylon Planter's Rifles were both volunteer units based in Kandy. The other two units were based in Colombo.
6. The Ceylon Garrison Artillery were based at Buck Fort Road at Galle on the southern tip of the island, and also in Colombo.

SOURCES:

Websites

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