

## Aldershot Command

### Regular Troops in the District

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Brigade (1)

8<sup>th</sup> King's Royal Irish Hussars  
11<sup>th</sup> Hussars (Prince Albert's Own)  
14<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Hussars

3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, Royal Horse Artillery  
(H.Q., 'D', 'P' & 'M' Batteries, Royal Horse Artillery)

'D' Troop, Cavalry Divisional Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Air Defence Brigade (2)

1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Aircraft Brigade, Royal Artillery  
(H.Q., 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Anti-Aircraft Batteries, Royal Artillery)  
1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Aircraft Searchlight Battalion, Royal Engineers  
( 'A' & 'B' Anti-Aircraft Companies, Royal Engineers)

Air-Defence Brigade Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

#### Unbrigaded Troops

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Royal Tank Corps (3)  
Mechanical Warfare Experimental Establishment, Royal Tank Corps (3)

X Field Brigade, Royal Artillery (4)  
(H.Q., 30<sup>th</sup> (Howitzer), 46<sup>th</sup>, 51<sup>st</sup> & 54<sup>th</sup> Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)

3<sup>rd</sup> Medium Brigade, Royal Artillery (5)  
(H.Q., 2<sup>nd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> (Howitzer), 10<sup>th</sup> (Howitzer) & 11<sup>th</sup> (Howitzer) Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

#### Royal Engineers (6)

Royal Engineers Mounted Depot, Royal Engineers  
1<sup>st</sup> (Field) Squadron, Royal Engineers  
8<sup>th</sup> (Railway) Squadron, Royal Engineers  
10<sup>th</sup> (Railway) Squadron, Royal Engineers  
59<sup>th</sup> (Field) Squadron, Royal Engineers

Royal Corps of Signals (7)

'A' Corps Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

No. 1 Artillery Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

No. 6 Artillery Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

No. 1 Tank Signal Section, Royal Corps of Signals

Aldershot Command Signal Company, Royal Corps of Signals

Royal Army Service Corps (8)

'A' (Depot) Company, Royal Army Service Corps

'C' Company, Royal Army Service Corps

'P' Company, Royal Army Service Corps

'Q' (Depot) Company, Royal Army Service Corps

'Y' (Depot) Company, Royal Army Service Corps

1<sup>st</sup> Company, Royal Army Service Corps

6<sup>th</sup> Company, Royal Army Service Corps

7<sup>th</sup> Company, Royal Army Service Corps

8<sup>th</sup> Company, Royal Army Service Corps

9<sup>th</sup> Company, Royal Army Service Corps

29<sup>th</sup> Company, Royal Army Service Corps

35<sup>th</sup> Company, Royal Army Service Corps

Royal Army Medical Corps (9)

1<sup>st</sup> Company, Royal Army Medical Corps

2<sup>nd</sup> Company, Royal Army Medical Corps

'A' (Depot) Company, Royal Army Medical Corps

'B' (Depot) Company, Royal Army Medical Corps

'C' (Depot) Company, Royal Army Medical Corps

Royal Army Ordnance Corps (10)

No. 1 Section, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

No. 13 Section, Royal Army Ordnance Corps

Royal Army Veterinary Corps (11)

No. 2 Section, Royal Army Veterinary Corps

Royal Army Pay Corps (12)

Aldershot Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps

Woking Detachment, Royal Army Pay Corps

Corps of Military Police (13)

Depot, Corps of Military Police

## NOTES:

1. This brigade was a Regular Army formation, and was based in Aldershot. The brigade occupied the three cavalry barracks in Wellington Lines, Aldershot, namely Beaumont, Warburg and Willems Barracks. The 8<sup>th</sup> Hussars had returned to Aldershot from Germany in 1929, to receive its first mechanized equipment with motorized transport being issued for the machine gun squadron. The regiment moved to Egypt in 1934. It gave up its horses in November 1935 when the first tanks were issued to the regiment. The 11<sup>th</sup> Hussars, known by their nickname of the 'Cherry-pickers', had converted from horses to armoured cars in 1929. The 14<sup>th</sup>/20<sup>th</sup> Hussars had been formed in 1922 by the merger of the 14<sup>th</sup> King's Hussars and 20<sup>th</sup> Hussars. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade, R.H.A. were based in Waterloo Barracks (West Artillery Barracks) in Wellington Lines, Aldershot.
2. This brigade and all its constituent units were based at Frith Barracks, Blackdown, near Deepcut in Surrey. The 1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Aircraft Brigade had been formed in 1920 as the first anti-aircraft unit in the Royal Artillery, with the 1<sup>st</sup> Anti-Aircraft Bn. Royal Engineers formed in 1922 as the first searchlight anti-aircraft unit in the Royal Engineers. Frith Barracks was purpose built to house the 1<sup>st</sup> Air Defence Brigade.
3. Based at Farnborough, these Regular Army units were based alongside the Mechanical Warfare Experimental Establishment. They were stationed in Pinehurst Barracks, which were rebuilt during the period from 1929 to 1934. On completion of the modernization of the barracks, they were renamed Elles Barracks after General Sir Hugh ELLES, the General Officer Commanding the Royal Tank Corps in the Great War.
4. In 1900, the 39<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Royal Field Artillery was formed, which became the X Field Brigade after the Great War. The headquarters and all four batteries were based at Minden Barracks, Deepcut, which is just to the north east of Aldershot.
5. This medium brigade was based at Longmoor Camp, alongside the A3 near Liss in Hampshire. It was a Regular Army unit formed as the 3<sup>rd</sup> Medium Brigade, Royal Garrison Artillery.
6. The Royal Engineers units were all part of the Regular Army. The Mounted Depot and 1<sup>st</sup> (Field) Squadron were both based in Aldershot. The two railway companies were based at Longmoor Camp. The 59<sup>th</sup> Company was at this time based on a temporary basis at Bordon in Hampshire.
7. All the units from the Royal Corps of Signals were based in Aldershot.
8. All the units of the Royal Army Service Corps were stationed in Aldershot. The R.A.S.C. occupied two barracks in Aldershot, the original Buller Barracks built in 1890 to 1895, and Clayton Barracks. Originally titled as Thornhill Barracks, Clayton Barracks were constructed between 1926 and 1928 to house the expansion of the R.A.S.C. in Aldershot Command. They were renamed in 1929 after Lieutenant General Sir Frederick CLAYTON, Colonel Commandant of the R.A.S.C.
9. The units of the Royal Army Medical Corps were based in Aldershot. The R.A.M.C. occupied McGrigor Barracks, Aldershot, where staff who worked at the Cambridge Military Hospital in Aldershot were also billeted.
10. The two sections of the Royal Army Ordnance Corps were based in Aldershot.
11. The section of the Royal Army Veterinary Corps was stationed in Aldershot.
12. The detachments of the Royal Army Pay Corps were based as their title suggests.
13. The Corps of Military Police was formed in 1926 by the amalgamation of the Mounted Military Police and Military Foot Police. On formation, it comprised five-hundred and eight personnel of all ranks. The Depot of the C.M.P. was established at Aldershot.

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