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SCOTTISH COMMAND (HISTORY & PERSONNEL)

A concise history of the Scottish Command, a static command in the United Kingdom. In addition, known details of the key appointments held between 1930 and 1950 are included.

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Scottish Command

The origins of Scottish Command can be traced back to 1860 and the formation of a Scottish recruiting area for the British Army. In February 1905, the Command was formed with its headquarters based at Edinburgh Castle. There were two Areas, each with a Territorial Army division based within, namely the:

- Highland Area (51st Highland) Division);
- Lowland Area (52nd (Lowland) Division).

The accommodation at Edinburgh Castle proved insufficient for the headquarters, so it moved to 22, North Bridge, Edinburgh. The Command Pay Office was based nearby at 52, North Bridge, and the Command Audit Office at 28, North Bridge. In 1940, Scottish Command was reorganised into five areas, namely the:

- Edinburgh Area
- Glasgow Area
- South Highland Area
- North Highland Area
- Orkney and Shetland Defences.

On 15 January 1942, the Regimental Depots ceased to train recruits, and new Infantry Training Centres were opened at Command level. No. 8 I.T.C. at Perth for the Black Watch and Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders, No. 9 I.T.C. at Aberdeen for the Cameronians, Highland Light Infantry and Gordon Highlanders, No. 10 I.T.C. at Berwick for the K.O.S.B., Royal Scots and Royal Scots Fusiliers, and No. 11 I.T.C. at Fort George for the Seaforth Highlanders and Cameron Highlanders.

In 1944, the Command reverted to the two Districts, Highland District with its Headquarters at Perth and the Lowland District based at Glasgow.

General Officer Commanding- in-Chief1937 – 19 February 1940

General Sir Charles John Cecil GRANT, K.C.B., K.C.V.O., D.S.O.

20 February 1940 – 8 May 1941

Lieutenant General Robert Harold CARRINGTON, C.B., D.S.O., Col Comdt. R.A., *p.s.c.*¹

8 May 1941 – 15 June 1945

Lieutenant General Augustus Francis Andrew Nicol THORNE, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O.**, *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

12 May 1945 – 15 June 1945

Lieutenant General (Temporary) Noel Mackintosh Stuart IRWIN, C.B., D.S.O.**, M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

16 June 1945 – 31 January 1947

Lieutenant General Neil Methuen RITCHIE, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*²

1 February 1947 – 27 February 1949

Lieutenant General Sir Alexander Frank Philip CHRISTISON, K.B.E., C.B., D.S.O., M.C.*, *p.s.c.*, 4th Baronet.

27 February 1949 – 27 February 1952

Lieutenant General Sir Gordon Holmes Alexander MacMILLAN, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C.*

General Staff Officer 1st Grade25 July 1938 – 1940

Colonel A. L. COLLIER, M.C., *p.s.c.*

Brigadier General Staff – (B.G.S.)18 December 1940 – 1941

Brigadier (Temporary) T. N. F. WILSON, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

30 July 1941 – 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) E. S. B. WILLIAMS, *p.s.c.*

21 April 1943 – 24 October 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) William Henry GOSCHEN, Gren Gds, (*s.c.*)

25 October 1943 – 1944

Brigadier G. A. PILLEAU, M.C., The Queen's R., *p.s.c.*

26 October 1944 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Philip Geoffrey WHITEFOORD, O.B.E., M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

3 September 1945 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) Gilbert Minto ELLIOT, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

¹ Created K.C.B. and Knighted in 1941. Retired from the Army (age limit) in May 1941.

² Created K.B.E. on 5 July 1945 and Knighted.

Chief of Staff

1 May 1947 – 23 January 1948

Major General Neil McMICKING, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

24 January 1948 – 1949

Major General R. K. ARBUTHNOTT, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

Intelligence Section**General Staff Officer 1st Grade**

22 June 1940 – 14 December 1941

Colonel R. C. W. G. FIREBRACE, *p.s.c.*

Brigadier in charge of Administration

1939 – 1940

Honorary Brigadier J. L. WESTON, D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers), *p.s.c.*

Major General i/c Administration

23 October 1940 – 30 May 1941

Major General (Acting) Humfrey Myddelton GALE, C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*

1 June 1941 – 5 January 1945

Major General (Acting) Austin Timaeus MILLER, M.C.*, *p.s.c.*, A.D.C.

6 January 1945 – 30 April 1947

Major General (Acting) Neil McMICKING, D.S.O., O.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*

Brigadier A/Q

3 June 1947 – December 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) Edward Sebastian Burke GAFFNEY, C.B.E., *p.s.c.*

Deputy Adjutant and Quarter-Master-General27 May 1941 – 23 October 1941Brigadier (Temporary) George LAMMIE, M.C., *p.s.c.*24 October 1941 – 21 August 1942 (Died on Active Service)

Brigadier (Temporary) Arthur Gordon BARRY, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

Assistant Adjutant-General – (A.A.G.)1939 – 1940Colonel F. H. WITTS, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*25 November 1940 – 1941Colonel J. P. DUKE, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*8 December 1941 – 1945

Colonel (Temporary) F. C. V. D. CAILLARD, M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

14 May 1945 – 1946/7

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) L. WHITBREAD, O.B.E., R. Signals.

Assistant Quarter-Master-General6 December 1938 – 1940Colonel W. E. MAITLAND-DOUGALL, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*19 September 1940 – 1941Lieutenant Colonel J. V. FAVIELL, M.C., Lincoln R., *p.s.c.*24 December 1940 – 1943

Lieutenant Colonel (Acting) A. P. J. HIBBERT, O.B.E., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

27 July 1942 – 1944Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) G. W. AUTEN, Welch R., *p.s.c.*10 September 1943 – 1944

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) O. St. J. LOFTUS, R.A.C.

31 May 1944 – 1945Lieutenant Colonel W. T. SARGEAUNT, R.A.C., *p.s.c.*10 March 1946 – 1946/7

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) G. F. St. C. STOCKWELL, W. Yorks R.

Brigadier Royal Artillery – (B.R.A.)

18 April 1936 – 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) A. G. ROLLESTON, O.B.E., retired pay (Reserve of Officers).

16 March 1942 – 9 August 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) Eric Edward MOCKLER-FERRYMAN, C.B.E., M.C., p.s.c.

10 August 1942 – 4 September 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) William Henry Francis CROWE, M.C., R.A.

15 October 1944 – 19 April 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) Gerald Knocker DIBB, C.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*

20 April 1945 – 14 November 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) B. J. FOWLER, D.S.O., M.C., R.A.

15 November 1945 – 1946/7

Brigadier (Temporary) Robert Peel WALLER, D.S.O., M.C., *g.*

General Staff Officer 1st Grade Coastal Defence

1939 – 1940

Colonel E. Le G. WHITTING, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay.

25 June 1940 – 1943

Honorary Brigadier G. S. LOW, D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

21 February 1944 – 1945

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) T. A. McLOUGHLIN, T.D., R.A. (T.A.)

Chief Engineer – (C.Eng.)1 August 1939 – 1 September 1939**Colonel Victor Edward Gwynne GUINNESS**2 September 1939 – 1940

Colonel D. CREE, M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

7 August 1940 – 16 November 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Charles Constantine PHIPPS, C.B.E., M.C.

17 November 1944 – 1945

Brigadier (Acting) A. MASON, M.C.

1 June 1946 – 8 November 1947 (Died in Service)**Brigadier (Temporary) Brian Bingay EDWARDS, C.B.E., M.C.**22 January 1948 – 1949

Brigadier (Temporary) H. T. S. KING, O.B.E.

Deputy Chief Engineers1939 – 1940

Colonel E. N. EVELEGH, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

24 August 1939 – 1942

Colonel G. G. McLEAN, O.B.E., T.D., F.R.I.B.A., T.A.

7 August 1940 – 1943

Colonel D. CREE, M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

9 January 1941 – 31 May 1941

Colonel Ivan SIMSON, M.I.Mech.E.

3 June 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) Allister Colvin BAILLIE, M.C., R.E.

1 September 1942 – 1943

Colonel (Acting) T. F. HOOD, T.D., R.E., R.A.

20 July 1943 – 1944

Colonel (Temporary) H. de L. PANET, C.B.E., R.E.

28 April 1944 – 1945Colonel C. P. WORSFOLD, M.C., R.E., *p.s.c.*9 October 1946 – 1946/7

Colonel (Temporary) S. G. GALPIN.

Chief Signal Officer – (C.S.O.)1 September 1939 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) C. WHEELER, R. Signals
(Promoted Acting Brigadier 25 February 1941)

13 April 1942 – 1943

Brigadier (Acting) R. E. BARKER, C.B.E.

6 March 1944 – 8 March 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) Felton Arthur Hamilton MATHEW, O.B.E., M.C., B.A.

9 March 1946 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) Cyril KNOWLES, C.B.E.

Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport – (D.D.S.T.)21 November 1939 – 1940

Brigadier (Acting) D. W. CUNNINGHAM.

19 July 1940 – 31st December 1942

Brigadier (Acting) Arthur Beresford Philemon PEREIRA, D.S.O.

1 January 1943 – 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) P. L. SPAFFORD, O.B.E., A.D.C.

29 December 1944 – 31^t December 1946

Brigadier (Temporary) Henry Basil Bacon BUTLER, O.B.E.

1st January 1947 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) H. A. KELSALL, O.B.E., M.C.

Deputy Director of Medical Services – (D.D.M.S.)1939 – 1940

Colonel A. IRVINE-FORTESCUE, D.S.O., M.B., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

15 February 1940 – 11 December 1944

Major General (Acting) John Alexander MANIFOLD, D.S.O., M.B.³

12 December 1944 – 1946/7

Major General (Acting) Joseph WALKER, C.B.E., M.C., M.B.

26 January 1948 – 1949

Major General Kenneth Alexander Macdonald TOMORY, O.B.E.

³ Promoted substantive Major General on 1 March 1941 and awarded the C.B. on 1 January 1943. Retired in 1944.

Consulting Surgeon29 September 1941 – 1946

Colonel W. ANDERSON, M.B., R.A.M.C.

(1 March 1942 promoted Local Brigadier)

Consulting Physician18 March 1940 – 1942

Colonel (Temporary) A. W. STOTT, F.R.C.P., R.A.M.C.

1 June 1942 – 1946

Brigadier (Local) D. S. STEPHENSON, M.B.E., F.R.F.P.S.

Assistant Director of Dental Services21 January 1941 – 1941

Colonel (Acting) B. W. TYSON, A.D. Corps.

17 October 1941 – 1945

Colonel G. F. CHARLES.

14 December 1945 – 1946/7

Colonel (Temporary) E. H. C. CAUTE, A.D. Corps.

Assistant Director of Ordnance Services – (A.D.O.S.)1939 – 1940

Colonel R. A. CARDEW, retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

Deputy Director of Ordnance Services – (D.D.O.S.)1 August 1940 – 1941

Brigadier (Acting) J. W. COYLE, M.C., M.I.Mech.E., R.A.O.C.

7 November 1941 – 8th January 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Kenneth Farquharson FARQUHARSON-ROBERTS, O.B.E., R.A.O.C., o.

9 January 1944 – 25 September 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Arthur Isaac NIXON, O.B.E., R.A.O.C.

26 September 1944 – 1948

Brigadier (Temporary) Wallace Edward Colin PICKTHALL, C.B.E., R.A.O.C.

Chief Ordnance Mechanical Engineer15 September 1939 – 1941

Lieutenant Colonel G. H. ANDREWS, O.B.E., M.I.Mech.E., retired pay

15 July 1941 – 1942

Lieutenant Colonel (Temporary) J. H. BUTTERS, A.M.I.Mech.E., R.A.O.C.

Deputy Director of Mechanical Engineering15 December 1941 – 1943

Brigadier (Acting) J. H. BUTTERS, A.M.I.Mech.E., R.E.M.E. (from 1 October 1942)

5 November 1943 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) W. R. MacDONALD, R.E.M.E., T.A.

15 August 1946 – 1947

Brigadier (Acting) Walter John Lindley SMITH, A.M.I.Mech.E., R.E.M.E.

15 December 1947 – 1948[Brigadier \(Temporary\) Reginald Arthur HOLT, O.B.E., R.E.M.E.](#)**Command Paymaster**1939 – 1940

Colonel T. L. ROGERS, O.B.E., R.A.P.C.

1940 – 1942

Colonel (Temporary 15/07/40) H. P. FENNELL, R.A.P.C.

18 June 1942 – 1944

Colonel (Acting 22/03/42) A. S. S. HERBERT, M.C., R.A.P.C.

27 October 1944 – 1945

Colonel (Temporary) O. P. J. ROONEY, O.B.E., R.A.P.C.

8 December 1945 – 1948

Colonel R. H. SMYTH, O.B.E., M.C., R.A.P.C.

Command Education Officer5 October 1940 – 3 September 1944[Lieutenant Colonel \(Acting\) Denis Patrick Joseph KELLY, O.B.E., M.C., B.A., A.E.C.⁴](#)

(Promoted Acting Colonel 20/11/41)

25 September 1945 – 1946/7

Colonel (Temporary 06/11/45) M. H. CORK, A.E.C.

⁴ Promoted Acting Colonel in post on 20 November 1941. On 4 September 1944, appointed Controller of the Army Education Corps and moved to the War Office.

Assistant Director of Labour**26 November 1940 – 1942**

Colonel (Acting) A. I. IRONS, D.S.O., P. Corps.

17 August 1942 – 1945

Colonel (Acting) L. LAMOTTE, D.S.O., Reserve of Officers

Command Welfare Officer**11 March 1941 – 1943**

Lieutenant J. R. S. LESLIE, C.B., T.D., General List

(Promoted Acting Colonel 11/03/41)

15 October 1943 – 1946/7

Colonel H. F. GRANT-SUTTIE, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., retired pay, *p.s.c.*

Highland Area

Area Commander

30 August 1939 – 30 June 1940

Brigadier (Acting) William Arthur GREY-WILSON, M.C.

Deputy Assistant Adjutant & Quarter-Master-General

At 3 September 1939

Major C. P. R. JOHNSTON

Retired Officer

At 3 September 1939

Colonel S. A. INNES,

Passive Air Defence Officer

At 3 September 1939

Lieutenant Colonel G. M. A. GREGORY,

South Highland Area

Commander, South Highland Area

1 July 1940 – 9 October 1941

Brigadier (Acting) William Arthur GREY-WILSON, M.C.

10 October 1941 – June 1944

Brigadier (Acting) Aubrey Ellis WILLIAMS, D.S.O.*, M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers), *p.s.c.*

Perthshire Sub-Area

19 September 1940 – 1942

Colonel W. E. MAITLAND-DOUGALL, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

Angus Sub-Area

21 August 1940 – 1942

Colonel B. A. CAMPBELL, C.B., T.D., T.A.

Fife Sub-Area

20 September 1940 – 1942

Colonel Gawaine Basil ROWAN-HAMILTON, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*, retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

North Highland Area

Commander, North Highland Area

1 July 1940 – 1941

Brigadier (Temporary) F. G. CHALMER, D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

6 March 1941 – August 1941

Brigadier (Acting) Walter Glencairn GLENCAIRN-CAMPBELL, O.B.E., p.s.c.

August 1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) I. C. GRANT, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Major General Ian Cameron GRANT,

Aberdeen Sub-Area

22 September 1940 – 1941

Colonel (Acting) G. P. GEDDES, D.S.O., T.D., T.A. Reserve

1941 – 1943/4

Brigadier (Temporary) James MUIRHEAD, M.C.

Sutherland Sub-Area

17 September 1940 – 1942

Colonel I. K. THOMSON, O.B.E., T.D., T.A.

Inverness Sub Area (Formed 1941)

27 August 1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) M. A. STUDD, D.S.O., M.C., p.s.c.

Orkneys Area

Commander

1939 – 29 March 1940

Brigadier (Temporary) Geoffrey Chicheley KEMP, M.C., *g.*

Orkney and Shetland Defences

30 March 1940 – 31 December 1942

Major General (Acting) Geoffrey Chicheley KEMP, M.C., *g.*

1 January 1943 – 24 May 1945

Major General (Acting) John Nuttall SLATER, C.B.E., M.C., *G.*

Brigadier Royal Artillery

22 October 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting 05/06/41) R. P. GATEHOUSE, M.C., R.A.

Shetland Defences**Commander**

24 January 1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Acting) J. C. CUNNINGHAM, M.C., A & S.H.

General Officer Commanding Lowland District

1945 – 1946

Major General Douglas Fitzgerald McCONNEL, C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.

Edinburgh Area

Area Commander

24 August 1939 – 1940

Brigadier (Acting) H. C. MAITLAND-MAKGILL-CRICKTON, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

6 January 1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) Arthur Christopher Lancelot STANLEY-CLARKE, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Lothian and Border District

Commanding Officer

1942 – 1944

Brigadier (Temporary) Arthur Christopher Lancelot STANLEY-CLARKE, C.B.E., D.S.O.

Commanding Officer, East Scotland District

14 April 1944 – 11 May 1945

Major General Noel Mackintosh Stuart IRWIN, C.B., D.S.O.**, M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

16 June 1945 – 21 January 1946

Major General Noel Mackintosh Stuart IRWIN, C.B., D.S.O.**, M.C., *i.d.c.*, *p.s.c.*

General Staff Officer 1st Grade

16 August 1941 – 1942

Colonel F. THORNTON, *p.s.c.*

General Staff Officer 1st Grade (Home Guard)

1 July 1940 – 1942

Colonel H. F. GRANT-SUTTIE, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers) *p.s.c.*

Border Sub-Area

31 July 1940 – 1941

Colonel J. L. WESTON, C.B.E., D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

15 December 1941 – 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) Alan Parry GARNIER, C.B., M.B.E., M.C., *p.s.c.*

Lothian Sub-Area

19 August 1940 – 11 December 1940

Colonel Francis Greville DREW, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*

8 March 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) C. G. STEPHEN, Black Watch

Glasgow Area

Redesignated in 1941 as West Scotland Area.

Area Commander – Glasgow Area

1 December 1939 – 16 June 1940

Brigadier (Acting) C. A. G. O. MURRAY, D.S.O., retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

17 June 1940 – 9 May 1941 (Died on Active Service)

Brigadier (Temporary) Frank Hole WITTS, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*, *A.D.C.*

11 May 1941 – 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) F. W. L. BISSETT, C.B.E., D.S.O., M.C., retired pay (Reserve of Officers), *p.s.c.*

August 1941 – March 1942

Brigadier (Temporary) Walter Glencairn GLENCAIRN-CAMPBELL, O.B.E., *p.s.c.*

March 1942 – 1945

Brigadier (Temporary) James Wilfred Lang Stanley HOBART, D.S.O., M.C., *p.s.c.*

Ayr Sub-Area (gone by mid-1941)

25 July 1940 – 1941

Colonel (Acting) G. E. ALLEN, T.D., T.A. Reserve

Clyde Sub-Area

18 June 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) D. CARNEGIE, O.B.E., T.D., H.L.I. (T.A.)

Dumfries Sub-Area

20 August 1941 – 1942

Colonel (Acting) H. F. d'A. LAW, D.S.O., M.C., Border R. (T.A.), Captain retired pay (Reserve of Officers)

Argyll Sub-Area10 October 1941 – 1942/3

Colonel William Arthur GREY-WILSON, M.C.

Stirling Sub-Area10 October 1941 – 1942Colonel H. J. D. CLARK, M.C., *p.s.c.***Galloway Area**15 December 1941 – 14th May 1943

Brigadier (Temporary) Edward Galway WARREN, C.B.E.

Stranraer Sub-Area1 August 1941 – 1942Colonel (Acting) J. D. McINDOE, O.B.E., M.C., retired pay, *p.s.c.*

General Officer Commanding-in-Chief

Brigadier General Staff – (B.G.S.)

Major General i/c Administration

Brigadier Royal Artillery – (B.R.A.)

Chief Engineer – (C.Eng.)

Chief Signal Officer – (C.S.O.)

Deputy Director of Supplies and Transport – (D.D.S.T.)

Deputy Director of Medical Services – (D.D.M.S.)

Consultant Surgeon

Consultant Physician

Deputy Director of Ordnance Services – (D.D.O.S.)

Deputy Director of Mechanical Engineering – (D.D.M.E.)

Command Paymaster

Assistant Director of Dental Services

Deputy Director of Labour

Command Education Officer

Command Welfare Officer

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