## **London District**

### Regular Depot in the District

The Guards Depot

- Caterham

## Regular Troops in the District

The Life Guards (1)

Royal Horse Guards (The Blues) (2)

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Coldstream Guards (3)

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Scots Guards (4)

1<sup>st</sup> Bn. Irish Guards (5)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Irish Guards (6)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. Welsh Guards (7)

'K' Battery, Royal Horse Artillery

### Militia in the District

5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Training Group

## The Officer Producing Group (8)

102<sup>nd</sup> Officer Cadet Training Unit (2<sup>nd</sup> County of London Yeomanry (Westminster Dragoons))

The Inns of Court Regiment

162<sup>nd</sup> (The Honourable Artillery Company) Officer Cadet Training Unit

163<sup>rd</sup> (The Artist's Rifles) Officer Cadet Training Unit

## Territorial Army Units in the District

# 22<sup>nd</sup> Heavy Armoured Brigade (9)

3<sup>rd</sup> County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters)

4<sup>th</sup> County of London Yeomanry (Sharpshooters)

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11<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Honourable Artillery Company), Royal Horse Artillery (10)
         (H.Q., 'A' & 'B' Batteries, Royal Horse Artillery)
12<sup>th</sup> Regiment (Honourable Artillery Company), Royal Horse Artillery (11)
         (H.Q., 'C' & 'D' Batteries, Royal Horse Artillery)
91<sup>st</sup> (4<sup>th</sup> London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (12)
         (H.Q., 361<sup>st</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> London) & 363<sup>rd</sup> (7<sup>th</sup> London) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)
92<sup>nd</sup> (5<sup>th</sup> London) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (13)
         (H.Q., 365<sup>th</sup> (9<sup>th</sup> London) & 368<sup>th</sup> (12<sup>th</sup> London) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)
139<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (14)
         (H.Q., 362<sup>nd</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> London) & 364<sup>th</sup> (8<sup>th</sup> London) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)
140<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (15)
         (H.Q., 366<sup>th</sup> (10<sup>th</sup> London) & 367<sup>th</sup> (11<sup>th</sup> London) Field Batteries, Royal Artillery)
53<sup>rd</sup> (London) Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery (16)
         (H.Q., 209<sup>th</sup> (London) & 210<sup>th</sup> (London) Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)
64<sup>th</sup> Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery (17)
         (H.Q., 211<sup>th</sup> (London) & 212<sup>th</sup> (London) Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)
52<sup>nd</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> London) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (18)
         (H.Q., 205<sup>th</sup> (13<sup>th</sup> London), 206<sup>th</sup> (14<sup>th</sup> London), 207<sup>th</sup> (15<sup>th</sup> London) & 208<sup>th</sup> (16<sup>th</sup> London)
         Anti-Tank Batteries, Royal Artillery)
62<sup>nd</sup> Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery (19)
         (H.Q., 245<sup>th</sup>, 246<sup>th</sup>, 247<sup>th</sup> & 248<sup>th</sup> Anti-Tank Batteries, Royal Artillery)
102<sup>nd</sup> (London) Army Troops Company, Royal Engineers (20)
151<sup>st</sup> (Great Western) Railway Construction Company, Royal Engineers (21)
152<sup>nd</sup> (Great Western) Railway Construction Company, Royal Engineers (21)
156<sup>th</sup> (Southern) Railway Stores Company, Royal Engineers (22)
216<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> London) Field Company, Royal Engineers (23)
217<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> London) Field Company, Royal Engineers (24)
218<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> London) Field Company, Royal Engineers (25)
219<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> London) Field Park Company, Royal Engineers (26)
221<sup>st</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) Field Company, Royal Engineers (27)
222<sup>nd</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> London) Field Company, Royal Engineers (28)
294<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers (29)
295<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers (30)
296<sup>th</sup> Field Company, Royal Engineers (31)
297<sup>th</sup> Field Park Company, Royal Engineers (32)
The Mobile Divisional Signals (1st County of London Yeomanry
         (Middlesex, Duke of Cambridge's Hussars)), Royal Corps of Signals (33)
The London Corps Signals, Royal Corps of Signals (34)
H.Q., Lines of Communication Signals, Royal Corps of Signals (35)
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No. 2 Company, Air Formation Signals, Royal Corps of Signals (36)

### NOTES:

- 1. This regiment was based at Hyde Park Barracks. The two Horse Guards regiments formed a composite Regiment which joined the 4<sup>th</sup> Cavalry Brigade, 1<sup>st</sup> Cavalry Division on 13 November 1939. The regiment fought with the brigade in Iraq and Syria.
- 2. This regiment was based at Windsor. It formed part of the composite regiment entitled the Household Cavalry Regiment.
- 3. The battalion was stationed at Chelsea Barracks, but was attached to 7<sup>th</sup> Guards Infantry Brigade. At the outbreak of war, the Battalion mobilized and joined the Brigade in France as part of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Infantry Division.
- 4. This battalion was also based at Chelsea Barracks. With outbreak of war, the battalion mobilized and joined the 24th Infantry Brigade (Guards) which was formed on 13 February 1940. The brigade was deployed to Norway on 2 March 1940. The Battalion remained with this brigade throughout the war, serving in Tunisia and Italy.
- 5. Both battalions of the Irish Guards were based at Wellington Barracks. This battalion also came under command of the 24<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade (Guards). It fought in Norway but left the brigade on 13 March 1944 in Italy.
- 6. Also based at Wellington Barracks, this battalion joined the newly formed 20<sup>th</sup> Independent Infantry Brigade (Guards) on 22 April 1940. The brigade was deployed to Boulogne on 22 May 1940, being evacuated the following day. In September 1940, the brigade was converted to an armoured brigade.
- 7. This battalion was based at The Tower of London. It also joined the newly formed 20<sup>th</sup> Independent Infantry Brigade (Guards) on 22 April 1940. The brigade was deployed to Boulogne on 22 May 1940, being evacuated the following day. In September 1940, the brigade was converted to an Armoured Brigade.
- 8. The Group had its headquarters at the R.H.Q. of the Welsh Guards at Birdcage Walk. The Inns of Court Regiment was based at Lincoln's Inn, comprising one squadron of cavalry and two companies of infantry, the R.H.A. Infantry Battalion at Finsbury Barracks and, the Artist's Rifles was based at Armoury House, Duke's Road, Finsbury WC1. The 102<sup>nd</sup> O.C.T.C. was based at Elverton Street, Westminster, having been re-designated from the 2<sup>nd</sup> County of London Yeomanry in September 1939. The 2<sup>nd</sup> County of London Yeomanry was converted back to an armoured regiment in November 1940. The Inns of Court Regiment was converted into an armoured car regiment in November 1940. The H.A.C. Infantry Battalion and the Artist's Rifles remained Officer Producing Units throughout the war.
- 9. The Brigade was a Territorial Army Brigade formed on 3 September 1939. The  $3^{\rm rd}$  C.L.Y. was a first line T.A. regiment, with the 4<sup>th</sup> C.L.Y. being a duplicate regiment formed by its parent regiment prior to the outbreak of war. The third regiment in the brigade was the 2<sup>nd</sup> Royal Gloucestershire Hussars. The brigade left the U.K. to move to Egypt in October 1941.
- 10. This regiment was a Territorial Army unit, which was based at Armoury House, City Road, Finsbury EC1. The regiment joined the 1<sup>st</sup> Support Group in August 1940 and later the 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Division, serving in the Middle East and Italy.
- 11. The 11<sup>th</sup> H.A.C. formed a duplicate unit in 1939, entitled the 12<sup>th</sup> H.A.C. It joined the 2<sup>nd</sup> Support Group in the U.K. in April 1940. The regiment joined the 6<sup>th</sup> Support Group in November 1940, which became part of the 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division. The regiment remained with the division, serving in Italy.
- 12. This regiment was a first line T.A. regiment, formed in 1916 as the 4<sup>th</sup> London Brigade R.F.A. All three batteries were based at Lewisham in South East London. The regiment joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Division in September 1939, serving with the division throughout the war.

- 13. This regiment was another first line T.A. regiment, formed in 1916 as the 5<sup>th</sup> London Brigade R.F.A. The H.Q. and 365<sup>th</sup> Batteries were based at Kennington Lane, London SE 11, with the 368<sup>th</sup> Battery being based at Woolwich. The regiment also joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Division, in this case in December 1939. The regiment served with the division until the end of the war.
- 14. This regiment was a second line regiment formed in June 1939 as the duplicate of the 91<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment. The three batteries were all based Lewisham, SE 13. The regiment went to France and Belgium with the B.E.F. in November 1939. Following its return to the U.K., the regiment stayed in the country until July 1942 when it sailed for India. In India, it joined the 7<sup>th</sup> Indian Division, serving with the division until the end of the war. The regiment was entitled (4th London) in February 1942.
- 15. Formed in May 1939 as a duplicate of the 92<sup>nd</sup> Field Regiment, the headquarters of the regiment was located at Clapham Common. The 366<sup>th</sup> Battery was based at Kennington Lane, London SE11 and the 367<sup>th</sup> Battery was based at Woolwich. The regiment was deployed to France in November 1939. After the fall of France, the regiment returned to the U.K. before being sent to North Africa in November 1942. In September 1943, it was re-designated as the 140<sup>th</sup> Medium Regiment.
- 16. The regiment and all three batteries (H.Q., 209<sup>th</sup> & 210<sup>th</sup>) were based in Barnsbury, London. The regiment was sent to France in October 1939. It returned to France in 1944 with the 4<sup>th</sup> Army Group Royal Artillery.
- 17. Formed in 1939 as a duplicate of the 53<sup>rd</sup> Medium Regiment, this regiment was based alongside its parent unit in Barnsbury. This regiment did not go to France, being deployed to Egypt instead in January 1941. It fought with the 8<sup>th</sup> Army in Egypt, Libya, Tunisia, and Italy before returning to the U.K. in January 1944. It then served with 5<sup>th</sup> Army Group Royal Artillery in North West Europe from June 1944 onwards.
- 18. This regiment was formed in 1938 by the re-designation of the 63<sup>rd</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> London) Field Brigade, Royal Artillery. The Headquarters Battery and all four batteries were based in Brixton, London. In September 1939, the regiment joined the 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in France. It served with this division throughout the war.
- 19. This regiment was formed in 1939 as a duplicate of the 52<sup>nd</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> London) Anti-Tank Regiment. All five batteries were based in Stockwell, south west London. The regiment came under the command of the 2<sup>nd</sup> London Division in November 1939. It remained in the U.K. joining 2<sup>nd</sup> Army in March 1944. It served in North West Europe with 2<sup>nd</sup> Army until the end of the war.
- 20. A Supplementary Reserve unit, this company was based in Bethnal Green. The company was sent to France to join I Corps Troops.
- 21. Both these companies were based at Paddington Station as their title suggests.
- 22. A Supplementary Reserve unit, which was based at Lambeth.
- 23. This field company had been part of the 56<sup>th</sup> London) Infantry Division until 1936. It was based at Bethnal Green in London. This company was deployed to France under command of G.H.Q. Troops in 1939.
- 24. This field company was also based in Bethnal Green and was formerly part of the 56<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division. It was also deployed to France in 1939, but formed part of III Corps Troops.
- 25. A Territorial Army field company, also based in Bethnal Green.
- 26. The field park company was also based in Bethnal Green.
- 27. This company was based in Chelsea, and was sent to France with the B.E.F., where it came under command of I Corps.
- 28. Also based in Chelsea, this company was sent to France where it came under the command of II Corps.

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- 29. This Field Company was formed in 1939 as a duplicate of the 216<sup>th</sup> Field Company. It was based at Barnet.
- 30. Also formed in 1939, this second line unit was also based in Barnet.
- 31. The third of the three second line Territorial Army field Companies formed in 1939, this company was also based in Barnet.
- 32. The Field Park Company was also based at Barnet.
- 33. The 1st County of London Yeomanry was converted transferred to the Royal Corps of Signals in 1920 as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cavalry Division Signals. It was redesignated as the Mobile Divisional Signals in 1938, and became the 1<sup>st</sup> Armoured Divisional Signals in 1939.
- 34. The London Corps Signals was based at Putney Bridge.
- 35. This Supplementary Reserve unit was based at Clapham Park.
- 36. Another Supplementary Reserve unit, this unit was based at Putney Bridge.

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