

Highland Area

Regular Depots in the Area

The Black Watch (Royal Highland Regiment)	– Queen’s Barracks, Perth
The Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany’s)	– Fort George, Inverness
The Gordon Highlanders	– Bridge of Don Barracks, Aberdeen
The Queen’s Own Cameron Highlanders	– Cameron Barracks, Inverness
The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise’s)	– Stirling Castle, Stirling

Regular Troops in the Area

1st Bn. The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment) (1)

Territorial Army Troops in the Area

The Lovat Scouts (2)

The Scottish Horse (3)

1st Fife and Forfar Yeomanry (4)

2nd Fife and Forfar Yeomanry (5)

4th (City of Aberdeen) Bn. The Gordon Highlanders (6)

8th (City of Aberdeen) Bn. The Gordon Highlanders (7)

5th (Renfrewshire) Bn. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise’s) (8)

6th (Renfrewshire) Bn. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (Princess Louise’s) (9)

56th (Highland) Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery (10)

(H.Q., 174th (North Scottish) & 221st (Peterhead) Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

65th Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery (11)

(H.Q., 222nd (Fraserburgh) & 223rd (Banffshire) Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

54th (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment,
Royal Artillery (12)

(H.Q., 160th, 161st & 162nd Light Anti-Aircraft Batteries, Royal Artillery)

58th (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Light Anti-Aircraft Regiment,
Royal Artillery (13)

(H.Q., 172nd, 173rd & 174th Light Anti-Aircraft Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Orkney Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery

Fife Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery

The Orkney (Fortress) Company, Royal Engineers

NOTES:

1. This battalion was based at Fort George, near Inverness. It mobilized at the outbreak of war and was sent to join the 127th Infantry Brigade, 42nd (East Lancashire) Infantry Division in France. It served in France and later with the 42nd Support Group. It later served with the 43rd (Wessex) Infantry Division in North West Europe.
2. The regiment was based at Inverness. At the outbreak of war, it left for the Faroe Islands, where it formed the garrison for the islands. It returned to the United Kingdom in June 1942. It was sent to Canada in 1944, returning to see active service in Italy under command of the 10th Indian Infantry Division in 1945.
3. A Territorial Army yeomanry regiment based at Dunkeld. In February 1940, the regiment was converted into two artillery regiments, namely the:
 - 79th (Scottish Horse) Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery
 - 80th (Scottish Horse) Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery
 The 79th Medium Regiment remained in the United Kingdom until June 1944, when it joined the 4th Army Group, Royal Artillery in Normandy. It served with this formation until the end of the war. The 80th Medium Regiment left the U.K. in April 1943 bound for the Middle East. It served with the 8th Army in North Africa and Italy until the end of the war.
4. A Territorial Army unit based at Kircaldy and allocated as the divisional reconnaissance regiment to the 51st (Highland) Infantry Division in September 1939. It went with the division to France in 1940, but left in early June 1940. The regiment later served with the 28th Armoured Brigade, 9th Armoured Division, and then, when that division disbanded, with the 79th Armoured Division in North West Europe.
5. This regiment was formed as a duplicate of the 1st Fife and Forfar Yeomanry, and was based at Dundee. It remained in the United Kingdom, joining the 29th Armoured Brigade, 11th Armoured Division. It served with that division in North West Europe.
6. A First Line Territorial Army battalion, which was based at the Drill Hall, Woolmanhill, Aberdeen and equipped as a machine gun battalion. The battalion mobilized and deployed to France in early 1940 to come under command of G.H.Q. Troops. It came under command of the 1st Infantry Division when it deployed along the Escaut Line in May 1940, and was evacuated from Dunkirk at the end of the campaign. In November 1941, the battalion converted into an artillery regiment, becoming the:
 - 92nd (Gordon Highlanders) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery
 The new regiment came under the command of Home Forces until November 1943, when it joined the 9th Armoured Division. When the division disbanded in July 1944, for three months the regiment was part of Home Forces, until joining the 61st Infantry Division in October 1944. It left that division in June 1945, returning to Home Forces.
7. A second-line Territorial Army battalion, which was formed as the duplicate of the 4th Battalion, and like its parent unit, it was based in Aberdeen. In November 1941, the battalion converted into an artillery role, being redesignated as:
 - 100th (Gordon Highlanders) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery
 It was part of Home Forces, joining 76th Infantry Division for some ten months in 1942. In March 1943, the regiment sailed to India, where it joined the 2nd Infantry Division. In January 1944, it was equipped as an anti-tank/light anti-aircraft regiment, reverting to an anti-tank regiment in October 1944. The regiment ended the war in India with the 2nd Infantry Division.

8. This was a first-line Territorial Army battalion, based at 76, High Street, Paisley and equipped as a machine gun battalion. In early 1940, it was ordered to France where it came under command of G.H.Q. Troops. In November 1941, the battalion converted into an artillery role, becoming the:
- 91st (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery**
The regiment came under the command of Home Forces until March 1944, when it came under the command of 2nd Army. It served with VIII Corps for a period of time in North West Europe, before disbanding in January 1945.
9. A second-line Territorial Army battalion, formed when the former 5th/6th Battalion separated to form two battalions in 1939. The battalion was based at Paisley, with the 5th Battalion. In November 1941, the battalion converted into an artillery regiment, becoming the:
- 93rd (Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders) Anti-Tank Regiment, Royal Artillery**
The regiment joined the 48th Infantry Division, moving to 1st Army in August 1942, being deployed in North Africa with the 1st Army. It later served with the 8th Army, and in April 1945, it joined the 1st Infantry Division in Palestine, where it ended the war.
10. This regiment had been formed as the 56th (Highland) Medium Brigade, Royal Garrison Artillery. The Headquarters Battery and 174th Battery were based in Aberdeen and the 221st Battery in Peterhead. The regiment served with the B.E.F. as part of III Corps and following evacuation, remained under command of Home Forces until January 1943, when it joined the 76th Infantry Division, which was a reserve division in the U.K.. In September 1944, with the reorganization of the reserve divisions in the U.K., the regiment transferred to the 47th Infantry (Reserve) Division.
11. In 1939, the 56th Medium Regiment formed a duplicate regiment, entitled the 65th Medium Regiment. The H.Q. and 222nd Battery was based in Fraserburgh, with the 223rd Battery based at Banff. The regiment served with the B.E.F. in France in 1940. It returned to France with 4th Army Group, Royal Artillery in June 1944, serving with that formation for the rest of the war.
12. This regiment was formed in November 1938, by the conversion of the 9th Bn. The Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. The Headquarters and 160th Batteries were based at Dumbarton Castle, the 161st Battery at Alexandria (in Glasgow), and 162nd at Clydebank. It went to France with the B.E.F. and later joined the 9th Armoured Division in the U.K.. The regiment served in North West Europe with the 2nd Army from June 1944 onwards.
13. This regiment was formed in June 1939 as a duplicate of the 54th Anti-Tank Regiment. All four batteries were based in Clydebank. It also went to France with the B.E.F. and on return to the U.K. joined the 11th Armoured Division in May 1941. It served with that division for the rest of the war, including active service in North West Europe.

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