# **Lowland Area**

# Regular Depots in the Area

The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) — Milton Bridge

The Royal Scots Fusiliers – Ayr

The King's Own Scottish Borderers — Berwick on Tweed

The Cameronians (Scottish Rifles) — Hamilton

The Highland Light Infantry (City of Glasgow Regiment) — Maryhill, Glasgow

### Regular Troops in the Area

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Royal Scots Fusiliers (1)

2<sup>nd</sup> Bn. The Seaforth Highlanders (Ross-shire Buffs, The Duke of Albany's) (2)

12<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment, Royal Artillery (3)

(49<sup>th</sup>/91<sup>st</sup> Field Battery, Royal Artillery)

H.Q. Royal Artillery, Fixed Defences, Scottish Ports

Detachment, The Survey Battalion, Royal Engineers Scottish Command Signals, Royal Corps of Signals

# Territorial Army Troops in the Area

The Ayrshire Yeomanry (Earl of Carrick's Own) (4)

The Lanarkshire Yeomanry (5)

1<sup>st</sup> Lothians and Border Horse Yeomanry (6)

2<sup>nd</sup> Lothians and Border Horse Yeomanry (7)

57<sup>th</sup> (Lowland) Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery (8)

(H.Q., 225<sup>th</sup> (City of Edinburgh) & 226<sup>th</sup> (City of Edinburgh) Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

66<sup>th</sup> Medium Regiment, Royal Artillery (9)

(H.Q., 227<sup>th</sup> (Haddington) & 228<sup>th</sup> (Peebleshire & Midlothian) Medium Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Forth Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery

(H.Q., 160<sup>th</sup> & 161<sup>st</sup> Heavy Batteries, Royal Artillery)

Clyde Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery

(H.Q., 171<sup>st</sup> Heavy Batteries, Royal Artillery)

The Renfrewshire Fortress, Royal Engineers The City of Edinburgh (Fortress) Company, Royal Engineers 103<sup>rd</sup> (Glasgow) Army Troops Company, Royal Engineers 109<sup>th</sup> (Glasgow) Workshop and Park Company, Royal Engineers

#### NOTES:

- 1. This battalion was based at Edinburgh on ceremonial duties at the Castle. On the outbreak of war, the battalion mobilised and moved to Catterick to join the newly formed 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade. It served with this brigade throughout the war in Madagascar, India, Iraq, Sicily, Italy and North West Europe.
- 2. This battalion was based at Glasgow. Like the other Regular Army battalion based in the Lowland Area, the battalion mobilised at the outbreak of war, and moved to Catterick to join the newly formed 17<sup>th</sup> Infantry Brigade.
- 3. Originally formed in 1900 as the 40<sup>th</sup> Brigade, Royal Field Artillery, this was a Regular Army unit based at Dunbar. It served with Home Forces until February 1941, when it moved to Malta. In March 1942, the regiment moved on to serve with Middle East Forces. In November 1943, it converted into the 17<sup>th</sup> Medium Regiment.
- 4. A Territorial Army yeomanry regiment, based in Ayr, it was converted to artillery in February 1940 to form:
  - 151<sup>st</sup> (Ayrshire Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

In April 1940, the regiment duplicated to also form:

152<sup>nd</sup> (Ayrshire Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

The 151<sup>st</sup> Field Regiment joined the 46<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in September 1940 in the United Kingdom. In June 1942, it transferred to the 11<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division, with which it later served in North West Europe. The 152<sup>nd</sup> Field Regiment served with Home Forces until joining the 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division in June 1942. It served with that division in Tunisia, Italy and Austria through to the end of the war.

- 5. Based in Lanark, this Territorial Army regiment converted to an artillery regiment in February 1940 to form:
  - 155<sup>th</sup> (Lanarkshire Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery In April 1940, the regiment duplicated to form:
  - 156<sup>th</sup> (Lanarkshire Yeomanry) Field Regiment, Royal Artillery

The 155<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment served with Home Forces until March 1941, when it sailed for India. On arrival in India, it joined the 9<sup>th</sup> Indian Division moving to Malaya in August 1941. It transferred to the 11<sup>th</sup> Indian Division in October 1941, being captured with the fall of Singapore on 15 February 1942. The 156<sup>th</sup> Field Regiment served with Home Forces until May 1942, when it sailed for the Middle East. It joined 5<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in August 1942, remaining with that formation until the end of the war.

- 6. This yeomanry regiment was based in Edinburgh. It was allocated to the 48<sup>th</sup> (South Midland) Infantry Division in September 1939 as the division mobilized for service in France with the B.E.F.. It left the division on 27 April 1940 to come under the command of G.H.Q., B.E.F.. The regiment was then attached to the 51<sup>st</sup> (Highland) Infantry Division on the Saar Front. It was captured with the division at St. Valery on 12 June 1940. The regiment was later reconstituted and served with the 79<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division in North West Europe.
- 7. Formed in 1939 by the duplication of the regiment, this unit was based at Ladybank. It came under command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Motor Machine Gun Brigade on 12 June 1940 based in the United Kingdom. On 12 October 1940, it was redesignated as the 26<sup>th</sup> Armoured Brigade. This brigade served with the 6<sup>th</sup> Armoured Division throughout the rest of the war, in North Africa and Italy.

- 8. This regiment was based in the City of Edinburgh. It had been formed in 1920 by the conversion of the  $6^{\rm th}$  Battalion, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment). On 14 September 1939, the regiment was converted to become the:
  - 51<sup>st</sup> (Lowland) Heavy Regiment, Royal Artillery It served in France as part of the B.E.F., and later served in North West Europe.
- 9. Raised in 1939 as the duplicate unit of the 57<sup>th</sup> (Lowland) Medium Regiment.

**SOURCES:**